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**INSIDE COLUMN**

How to fix Blue-Gold

What do you expect to see on Saturday at the Blue-Gold Game: a scrimmage or a football game? Saturday marks the 80th annual Blue-Gold Game at Notre Dame Stadium. For the second year in a row, the game will be decided by a quirky point system rather than a traditional scoring method. Everybody knows that a touchdown is six points, seven with the extra point, and a field goal is three, but what about how many points a team receives for making a first down? Recording a sack? Stopping for the other team for a 3 and out? And don't even get me started on the points for an "explosive play?"

Two springs ago, the big question was: who's the quarterback? Evan Sharpley, Zach Frazer, Demetrius Jones, and highly recruited, freshman phenom Jimmy Clausen were all vying for the starting role in quarterback in a post Brady Quinn era. We all know how that story turned out. But what can we expect to see Saturday? Everyone that attends this Blue-Gold Game will be watching the first team offense play the first team defense on every single drive. Sure, popular back-ups like Dayne Crist and Jonas Gray will find some time on the field on Saturday, but it will be the starters playing the majority of the game. Where's the fun in that?

Now, don't get me wrong, after the second five regular season games ended last season, it's clear our starters need as much time together as they can get. But, at the spring game, I want to see the former "blue chip" prospects and the guys buried on the depth chart getting some playing time instead of the same old faces. Defenders of Charlie Weis' political system will say that last year's game was competitive. Jimmy Clausen ended up throwing a touchdown pass in the waning seconds to Duval Kamara to win the game for the offense. But how can there be a competitive fire for the players to go out and play a game if there are different rules for one afternoon?

Tens of thousands of Notre Dame faithful will flock to the stadium on Saturday with many questions in mind. Was the Hawaii Bowl dominance a fluke? Will the new faces on the coaching staff make that much of a difference? Can receiver John Goodman really throw the ball 65 yards? But the question everybody should be asking is: how many points was that last "explosive play" worth?

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Alex West at awest@hcc-nd.edu

**IN BRIEF**

An informational meeting for the new Economics Club will take place today at 6:30 p.m. in 209 DeBartolo Hall. All majors are welcome and pizza will be provided.

A documentary made by Notre Dame alums called "The Road to Fownda" will screen today at 6:30 p.m. in the Montgomery Theatre at LaFortune Student Center. It is free and open to the public.

Dr. Allan C. Carlson, president of Howard Center for Family, will be giving a lecture today at 7:30 p.m. in Room 140 of DellaRotta Hall on his book "Third Ways." He will discuss Family Centered Economics and why it disappeared.

The Creative Writing Program will host a tag team poetry reading today from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.

The 2009 "The Shirt" unveiling ceremony will begin at 4 p.m. Friday at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore. Shirts will be on sale after the ceremony.

There will be a panel discussion entitled "What direction is Catholic education heading?" on Sunday from 2-3:30 p.m. in the Coleman Morse Center student lounge. Students and faculty are invited to attend and participate in the conversation.

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

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"A giant cuttlefish, hypothetically."

"A dolphin, you know why."

"A giraffe, 'cuz think about how tall you'd be."

"Sarah Palin."

"Miss Piggy."

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

**OFEFFET**

Man punched in face after removing Cowboys flag

WASHINGTON — Police said a man was punched in the face after grabbing a Dallas Cowboys flag from a car in downtown Washington. D.C. Police Lt. Eric Hayes said someone snatched the flag from a car as it was stopped in traffic: Tuesday evening and apparently threw it to the ground. Police and witnesses said that by the time the man crossed the street, someone exited the car and struck him in the face before driving away.

Police said the incident may have been motivated by team loyalty, or the motorist might not have wanted anyone to touch his car. Police said a man was taken from the scene to be treated for a bruised forehead.

Man begs to be sent to jail, judge refuses

HOLLAND-BURG — A central Pennsylvania man begged a judge to send him to jail, only to have the judge tell him to borrow money to repay a convenience store $214 for gasoline the man allegedly stole in six separate trips. Jerome Banks, 42, wanted Blair County Judge Hiram Carpenter to jail him Tuesday. Banks said he's due to receive disability payments in about a year, but for now claims he's broke and can't repay the Sheetz store in Tyrone for gas he stole last June and July.

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Information compiled from the Associated Press.

Gold linens and flowers decorate the basilica in celebration of Easter.

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Student Senate

Online calendar needs revision

By SARAH MERVOSH

Student Senate passed a resolution to reevaluate the University's online calendar, currently located at agenda.nd.edu, and discussed specific improvements needed at Wednesday's meeting.

Campus Technology Chair Walker Anderson said the two primary issues with agenda.nd.edu are its accessibility and aesthetics.

Anderson said the Web site is relatively inaccessible to students because people have to go through Notre Dame's home page to get to it. Even then, there is only a small link to the calendar at the bottom of the Web site, he said.

"I think your revision is highly needed," Pasquerilla West senator Megan Carey said. Carey said she doesn't know how to get to the calendar directly and can only access it because it is placed in conjunction with another Web site she uses.

Anderson would also like to improve the appearance of the calendar because the current format of agenda.nd.edu is outdated and unappealing.

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Anderson would also like to improve the University calendar by making it more centralized.

"As of right now there is no one individual responsible for the maintenance of this site," he said. Anderson also discussed whether the calendar should be solely for campus-wide events that are open to the public, or whether it should also include events only for students.

Assistant vice president for student affairs Brian Coughlin said agenda.nd.edu currently posts events open to the general public because that was a criteria decided by the committee that created the site.

"Anything they were going to put on that calendar was going to be open to the general public," Coughlin said.

Anderson also said the improved Web site could be used for admission.

"Prospective students will go onto the calendar and see what's happening around campus and say 'Oh, that's cool. Gym Class Heroes is coming to the Notre Dame,'" he said. "This is going to change the public nature of the Notre Dame Web site.

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"They've lost revenue. And as a result, their full time and internship budgets have been decreased," Svete said. "Internships have dropped not because of the opportunity, but because of the pay." Sophomore Brittany Johnson has an internship this summer shadowing a pharmacist in a hospital, but has noticed the economy's effect on the internship market. Last summer, my internship was paid and this summer it's not paid, but I have to take what I can get because I need pharmacy experience," Johnson said. Johnson said she had to adjust her expectations to accommodate the state of the economy. I have to take the financial hit this year and not make any money this summer and hopefully get into pharmacy school," she said.

The summer job market for students is also suffering because people who got laid off have taken jobs that are typically filled by college students. Svete said. "It’s a domino effect. When people are getting laid off from companies they’re going out and filling some of these jobs that are hourly rate," Svete said. "Those jobs at the mall aren’t there anymore." Svete's advice to students who can’t find an internship or job for this summer is to consider volunteering, which shows work ethic and versatility. A volunteer position will also provide a reference for future employment. As long as students can articulate what they gained from their summer experience, "employers don’t care if you’ve made $2,000 in a summer or $10," Svete said. Troubles finding internships and jobs may have led students to consider other summer options and utilize more of the University’s resources. The Undergraduate Research Opportunity Program (UROP), which provides financial support to students wishing to do independent research, according to their Web site, has seen an increase in applications. We had almost twice the number of UROP applications this year than last year," Director of the Institute for Scholarships in the Liberal Arts Agustin Fuentes said. UROP has not been able to meet the demand because while applications are increasing, endowments are down due to the economy, Fuentes said. "Everyone’s endowment is down. But ours isn’t that bad," he said. Fuentes said he doesn't foresee having to cut down on the number of grants given this year but hopes that next year, UROP will be able to give at least what it gave this year. "We’re going to do everything that we can to make sure that doesn’t impact our support for students," he said. According to Sarah Barr from the Office of International Studies, applications for study abroad programs this summer were strong, but acceptance rates were low. "We received a greater percentage of declines from admitted students than we typically do," Barr said. "I think the reality of paying for the program posed many students to decline." Svete said the Career Center can help students find summer opportunities. The Career Center has access to more than a million companies on their database and to the entire Notre Dame alumni network, which is "incredible" and "amazingly supportive," he said.

"Our underclass students can come in and meet with a counselor," he said. "We can find out what alumni are in your field and help you contact them." Svete urged students to be creative, and not to let the difficult economic times bring them down. "You’ve got to deal with some rejection, you just can’t get dis-couraged," he said. "Realize it's not you, it's the economy." "I'm not trying to sugar coat this. It's tough out there," Svete said. "But [Notre Dame students] are still the most flexible candidates that I've worked with in 23 years. And I've been in the Ivy League. I've been across the East coast. We're going to be okay," he said.

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older employees decided to postpone post-graduation job hunting, taking away positions from college graduates — the only alternative positions as their salaries can triple those for entry level positions.

Svete did not keep senior Zach Mady from securing an engineering position with Lockheed Martin in November 2008. The engineering market is dominated by older generations of people, Mady said. "There are a lot of entry level positions that are protected in the field than ever before," Svete said. Other fields that have shown promise during the recession are green energy, computer technology, software development, biotechnology and engineering firms with defense contracts, Svete said.

I interviewed with Lockheed Martin for a summer internship two years ago," Mady said. "They liked my work that summer so they retained me for another summer and again I did a service­-job. So, I actually applied before the summer was over. I had an offer in November and we signed the job," Mady said.

Green energy will be a booming field due to the stimulus, but students must be "geographically diverse" when it comes to considering their career options, Svete said, referencing a large solar panel manufacturing plant in Arizona. The alternative energy industry isn't the only "alternative" career path that has grown this year for seniors. According to Svete, the number of students who complete volunteer service after graduation could grow from an average of 200 for past years to 290 for this year, but postponing a conventional career by doing service isn't a career interruption — it's an enhancement.

"As a result, our graduates are much more versatile than graduates from other schools," Svete said. "Ethics and integrity are among the top-ranked traits that employers look for.

Other students, such as senior Jimmy Champlin, decided to attend graduate or professional school and look for permanent employment when the economy is hopefully more stable.

After considering the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program, Champlin opted for law school, because he felt that political science major would mostly limit him to government jobs.

That way I can push back needing a job three years," Champlin said. With an abundance of service opportunities and options for graduate school as well as an expected recovery of the economy, students should not reconsider their desired academic major to make themselves more attractive job candidates, according to Svete.

"Economies are cyclical and to make a short-term decision based on vocation rather than passion is the wrong decision," he said.

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

Colombian drug lord arrested in raid

BOGOTA — Colombia’s most wanted drug lord, a man nicknamed “Señor Gay” for his love of dogs, was arrested Thursday in a jungle raid involving hundreds of police officers, the defense minister said.

Daniel Rendon Herrera, alias “Don Mario,” was taken in shackles to the capital to await possible extradition to the United States.

Rendon Herrera allegedly commanded hundreds of armed men in a private militia and directed a criminal organization that sent hundreds of tons of cocaine to the United States.

President Alvaro Uribe described Rendon Herrera, 43, as “one of the most feared drug traffickers in the world.”

Rendon Herrera’s organization is responsible for 3,000 murders in the last 18 months, said Gen. Oscar Narzano, who directs the national police.

Iran scientists clone female goat

ISFAHAN, Iran — Iranian scientists have cloned a female goat, a major step toward creating more livestock, they hope will lead to a treatment for stroke patients, the leader of the research said Wednesday.

The female goat, named Hana, was born early Wednesday in the city of Isfahan in central Iran, said Dr. Mohammad Hossein Nasir e Isfahani, head of the Royan Research Institute.

“With the birth of Hana, Iran is among five countries in the world who can clone a baby goat,” said Isfahani, an embryologist.

In 2004, Iran became the first country in the Middle East to announce it had cloned a sheep. Two and a half years later, that animal is healthy, the institute said.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

EPA gives stimulus to hazardous sites

NEW BEDFORD, Mass. — For decades, the New Bedford Harbor was a dumping ground for industrial metals and other contaminants. But now that harbor and 49 other polluted and hazardous waste sites are a step closer to a major cleanup.

Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lisa Jackson on Wednesday singled out 50 sites, in 28 states, that will share $1 billion in federal stimulus money to continue cleanup operations.

“The EPA has an answer for these challenging economic times,” Jackson said at the harbor.

Many said they did not want to go to shelters or hed be there but that the city’s shelters were full.

“I don’t know where I’m going,” said Danny Valdez, 48, who lost his job as a painter and has lived at the so-called “tent city” with his girlfriend for the past 13 months. He said they didn’t want to stay in shelters because there are too many rules and they feel a “little like jail.”

**LOCAL NEWS**

Runaway prison inmate captured

San Antonio — A half-naked man who walked away from a work crew at the minimum security unit at the Indiana State Prison last week was captured Wednesday.

A prison Superintendant Mark Levenhagen said Steven Groves was taken into custody around 12:30 p.m. Wednesday at a library in Benton Harbor, Mich., about 40 miles from the prison.

The 26-year-old kokomo man is being held at the Berrien County Jail in Benton Harbor.

**IRAQ**

Study findings reveal civilian deaths

WASHINGTON — Study findings reveal fewer civilian deaths in the war in Iraq than previously believed, according to a new report issued Wednesday.

The study, based on the database maintained by Iraq Body Count, a private group that among other sources uses media reports including those of The Associated Press.

The authors concede the data is not comprehensive but maintain that the study provides a reliable gauge of how many Iractions have died in the six-year conflict.

The findings also provide further evidence of the brutal sectarian cleansing and retaliatory violence between Shites and Sunnis that pushed the country to the brink of civil war before ending a year and a half ago.

I think that a lot of the executions with torture had to do with trying to get people to move out of their houses,” said Michael Spagat, one of the study’s authors. “It had to strike fear into people’s hearts. A lot of it is just hatred and retribution.”

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Protests gather in a “tea party” demonstration in Lafayette Park, across from the White House on Wednesday. A thrown box of tea caused a lockdown at the White House.

The movement attracted some Republicans considering 2012 presidential bids. Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich planned to address a tea party in a New York City park Wednesday night. Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal sent an e-mail to his supporters, letting them know about tea parties throughout the state.

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**NATIONWIDE TEA PARTIES**

Protests sparked by anger at government’s spending; rallies held in many major cities

Associated Press

FRANKFORT, Ky. — Wrapped up by conservative commentators and bloggers, tens of thousands of protesters staged “tea par­ ties” around the country Wednesday night.

The rallies were directed at President Barack Obama’s new administra­tion on a symbolic day: the deadline to file income taxes.

Protesters even threw what appeared to be a box of tea bags toward the White House, causing a brief lockdown at the compound.

Shouts rang out from Kentucky to just passed tax increases on cigarettes and alcohol, to Salt Lake City, where many in the crowd boiced Republican Gov. Jon Huntsman Jr. accepting about $1.5 billion in stimulus money.

“I’m mad as hell,” said businessman Doug Durfee at a rally at the Iowa Capitol, where many of the about 1,000 people wore red shirts, declaring “revolution is brewing” and “I won’t stand for this anymore.”

“This country has been on a spending spree for decades, a spending spree we can’t afford.”

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**IRAQ**

Study findings reveal civilian deaths

Associated Press

RAGHDAD — Execution-style killings, not head-grabbing bombings, have been the leading cause of death among civilians in the Iraq war, a study released Wednesday shows.

The study, based on the New England Journal of Medicine, points to the brutal sectarian nature of the conflict. It showed deaths once roamed the streets hunting down members of the enemy sect.

Estimates of the number of civilians killed in Iraq vary widely.

The study was based on the database maintained by Iraq Body Count, a private group that among other sources uses media reports including those of The Associated Press.

The authors concede the data is not comprehensive but maintain that the study provides a reliable gauge of how many Iractions have died in the six-year conflict.

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Each year, the top Army
ROTC Cadet at Notre Dame is
selected to attend the Marshall
seminar, which takes place in

Cris said Notre Dame cadets are
traditionally among the
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being ranked as last year’s number one over of over 270 pro-
grams nationwide on the
Army’s physical fitness test,” he
he said.
Ballard is currently particip-
ing in the seminar, which begins Tuesday and concludes

Thursday.
This year’s seminar is
chairs by retired LT Gen.
Richard Timmons and retired

At the conference, Ballard
will have the opportunity to
participate in roundtable
discussions on issues that are
pertinent to current national
security.
This opportunity is some-
thing that Crist said he
believes will be an excellent
experience for Ballard.
As one of the top cadets in
the country, Cadet Ballard will
contribute significantly to
these important topics and
share his ideas with other
cadets and the cadre when he
returns,” he said.
Ballard will receive his com-
mision on May 16th. He will
graduate with honors with a
degree in Arabic this May.

“For Cadet Ballard to stand
so high among the best is a
credit to himself, the
University of Notre Dame, the
US Army, and our country,”
Cris said.

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iPhone
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“If Apple had a promotion
(what) every Notre Dame stu-
dent got an iPhone and they
took over Christmas break with
10,000 new iPhone users that
would be a problem,” Lati
mer said. “The growth has been
predictable enough that we can react
fast enough to that to make sure
there aren’t problems.
“We’re not going to get caught
off-guard,” he said.
One reason that iPhone users
should not have any problems is
because of the high number of
AT&T subscribers on campus.

There are 17 hidden cell phone
receptors spread across campus
and AT&T is on all 17, Lati
mer said.

Verizon also has receptors
throughout campus, although
they are slightly less prevalent
than AT&T, he said.

“Clearly, AT&T is the more
aggressive of the two,” Lati
mer said. However, he said Veri
son and AT&T have “roughly equiva
lent” coverage on campus.

Lati said the move towards
mobility, not specifically an
increase in iPhone usage, is driv
ing an increase in antennas on

campus.
Additionally, campus construc
tion continuously adds a need for
more antennas.
New buildings “lose the signals”
cell phone signals, he said.

“if you had great reception
one day and all of a sudden they build
a new law school between you and
the tower, you had all of a sudden
you don’t have great reception,”
Lati said.

Sprint and T-Mobile have no
cell phone receptors on campus,
which means that their cus
tomers do not get as good of serv
ice, he said.

But poor service for Sprint and
T-Mobile customers is not some
thing that he can control. Lati
mer said.

He said cell phone companies
might decide to invest in all poten
tial receptors on campus.
OTI can only encourage the companies
to do so, Lati said.

“there’s only so much money
to go around. And it takes active
lobbying and an ongoing partner
ship,” he said. “It’s up to us to
convince them to spend it on our
campus.”

Lati said Notre Dame is
"carrier neutral" because they
would like to have receptors from
all companies, but Sprint and T-
Mobile decided to not put recep
 tors on campus.

"The Sprint CEO is a Notre
Dame alum, and we just haven’t
been able to get them to blue,” he
said.

“We can’t say it enough. We
would love to have Sprint and T-
Mobile on campus, but they’re
not here. Yes, there are angry
students on campus. Yes, I feel
sorry for them. But I can’t control
that.”
In addition to lobbying for more
antennas on campus, Lati
mer said he plans to utilize the
increase in smartphone apps by cre
ating applications that could be
used by Notre Dame students on
all smartphone platforms.

“We as a University are go
ing to be a common thing now,”
he said. “I think that’s probably
going to be a common thing now.

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Wall Street rally shows economic hope

Signs of improvement spark purchase of stocks; some experts remain cautious

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Investors snapped up shares of consumer-products makers and financial companies Wednesday as they latched onto signs that the recession could be easing its chokehold on the economy.

Early caution gave way to a rally in the last hour of trading as investors looked for stocks that could benefit from a rebound. Technology stocks lagged after Intel Corp.'s profit warning and a rumored deal with IBM.

The Dow Jones industrial average ended with a gain of 278.79 points.

Money flowed into stocks like Procter & Gamble Co., which boosted its dividend, and American Express Co., which said it is leaving to write off less bad debt.

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SCM Tostal celebration to host Sara Bareilles

By ALICIA SMITH

Saint Mary’s College will welcome recording artist Sara Bareilles to campus today as part of the annual SCM Tostal celebration.

Creating an Irish-inspired spring festival, SCM Tostal will celebrate the end of the academic year. SCM Tostal will host several different activities to allow students to relax and take a break.

The College’s Student Activity Board (SAB) is responsible for planning the events held throughout SCM Tostal.

"SAB plans this event every year, but the activities throughout the day have varied from year to year," Michele Peterson, SAB president, said. "A few years ago we had fireworks and an outdoor movie. Last year, we had popular recording artist Colbie Caillat perform." SAB has been planning the event since last semester, according to Peterson.

"Things really started picking up about two months ago when our offer for Sara Bareilles was accepted," Peterson said. "When this happened, we were really able to start planning the rest of the day."

This year SCM Tostal has several new events to offer students. From face painting to a photo booth, SCM Tostal has something for everyone to enjoy. The special musical guest this year will be Sara Bareilles featuring Kitten, a band from Dayton, Ohio, as the opening act.

SAB worked with a booking agent from Indianapolis in order to get Bareilles to come to campus.

"We have a booking agent from Indianapolis who we contacted to find out which artists were available in our price range on April 16," Peterson said. "Once we figured out who we wanted, we sent in an offer, which was fortunately accepted."

SCM Tostal is held every year to offer students a chance to relax from the stresses of the end of the year. SCM Tostal is free of charge, and allows for some fun to mix up the daily routine.

"Students should go to the SCM Tostal because the end of the semester is always stressful and this gives students the opportunity to relax and have a little bit of fun," Peterson said. "Also, how often do you get to see a popular recording artist for free?"

SAB decided to make the tickets free so all students could enjoy SCM Tostal.

"We want everyone to go, regardless if they can afford a ticket or not," Peterson said. "They deserve it!"

The events in the student center will begin at 12 p.m. and will run through 4 p.m. Special desserts will be in the dining hall from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. The Bareilles concert will begin at 6 p.m. in the Angela Athletic facility.

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Vt. lawmakers to ease sexting laws

By MONTPELIER, VT — Parents, school districts and law enforcement have been grappling with what to do with teenagers who take sexually explicit photos of themselves with their cell phone cameras and send them to friends.

Vermont legislators are moving to get rid of one option: child pornography counts that result in lifetime listings on the state’s Internet sex offender registry.

Legislation passed by the Vermont Senate and pending in the House would remove the most serious legal consequences for teenagers who engage in “sexting.” The bill would carve out an exemption from prosecution for child pornography for 13- to 18-year-olds on either the sending or receiving end of sexting messages, so long as the sender voluntarily transmits an image of himself or herself.

The bill, however, would not legalize the conduct. Legislators believe prosecutors could still use laws against lawful and lascivious conduct and against disseminating indecent material to a minor.

State legislators, including Vermont’s, have been cracking down on sexual predators in recent years, but lawmakers here say they don’t want to increasingly tough penalties applied to those caught up in what many regard as a youth fad.

Do we want them tagged as sex offenders for the rest of their lives? And the answer is no," said Sen. Richard Sears, D-Bennington and chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee. "But at the same time, do we want a kid in jail if

We have tried various approaches against teenagers who used cell phones, e-mail or social networking Web sites to transmit naughty pictures of themselves.

Last month, a 14-year-old New Jersey girl was arrested for posting nude photos of herself on MySpace. She was charged with child pornography and distribution of child pornography for allegedly posting nearly 30 explicit pictures on the site. But it’s likely she’d avoid jail because she’s a juvenile, according to a prosecutor handling the case.

In Pennsylvania, 17 students involved in distributing photos of nude or scantily clad female classmates accepted a county prosecutor’s offer that their cases would be resolved if they participated in a five-week after-school program on sexual harassment and similar topics.

Three bailed and sued in federal court to stop prosecutors from filing charges.

In Ohio, a 15-year-old high school girl faced charges for sending racist cell phone photos of herself to classmates. She eventually agreed to a curfew, no cell phone and supervised Internet usage.

In Vermont, authorities have charged an 18-year-old from Morrisville, Isaac Owusu, with child pornography counts that result in lifetime listings on the In ternet sex offender registry.

"Our concern is that decriminalizing sexting is a blanket response that is too broad to a problem that is best handled on a case-by-case basis," Allen said.

Allen and others agreed that the real solution is educating teens about the risks of sexting.

Allen said his group’s “Think Before You Post” campaign was aimed at getting children to think about the practical consequences of sending sexual images that can be reproduced and end up living on the Internet forever.

Marisa Nightingale, senior advisor with the National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy, said that many teens who send sexting messages do so as a joke. "But you’re basically relinquishing control of how people see you in this very sensitive area, so it’s your sexuality," she said.

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EPA summit discusses bedbugs

Associated Press

Arlington, Va. — "Don't let the bedbugs bite!"

Doesn't seem so bad in a cheerful bedtime rhyme, but for some becoming a really big problem now that the nasty critters are invading hospitals, college dorms and even swanky hotels.

With the most effective pesticides banned, the government is trying to figure out how to respond to the biggest bedbug outbreak since World War II.

Bedbugs live in the crevices and folds of mattresses, sofas and sheets. Then, most often before dawn, they emerge to feed on human blood.

Facing with rising numbers of complaints to city information lines and increasingly frustrated landlords, hotel chains and housing authorities, the Environmental Protection Agency hosted its first-ever bedbug summit Tuesday.

Organized by one of the agency's advisory committees, the two-day conference drew at least 300 participants to a hotel in Arlington, just across the Potomac River from Washington. An Internet site notes that the hotel in question has been closed due to reports of bedbugs.

One of the problems with controlling the reddish-brown insects, according to researchers and the pest-control industry, is that there are few chemicals on the market approved for use on mattresses and other household items that are effective at controlling bedbug infestations.

Unlike roaches and ants, bedbugs are blood feeders and difficult to lure by bait. It's difficult for pesticides to reach them in every crack and crevice.

"It is a question of reaching them," said缺席。T. Harold Hartian, an entomologist who has been raising bedbugs for 30 years, finding them in their own blood. He has the bites, he said, to prove it.

The EPA, out of concern for the environment and the effects on public health, has pulled many of the chemicals that were most effective in eradicating the bugs in the U.S. At the same time, the Approved Pesticides File has added new chemicals to the list. Some of those chemicals are still in use in other countries.

Increasing international travel, the EPA said Tuesday, may help bedbugs hitchhike into the U.S.

"One of our roles would be to learn from pest management systems in other countries," said Laura Ross, deputy director of the EPA's Pesticide Registration Division.

The EPA is not alone in trying to deal with the problem. An add-on to Rep. G.K. Butterfield, D-N.C., says the congressman plans to reintroduce legislation next week to expand grant programs to help public housing authorities cope with infestations.

The bill will be called the "Don't Let the Bedbugs Bite Act." It was clear something needed to be done," said Paul Holmer, vice president of the Butterfield's legislative assistant.

Bedbugs are not known to transmit diseases, but their bites can cause infections and allergic reactions in some people. The insets release an anticoagulant to get blood flowing, and they also excrete a numbering agent so the bugs don't often wake their victims.

Those often hardest hit are the urban poor, who cannot afford to throw out all their belongings or take other drastic measures. Extermination can cost between $400-$900.

So bedbug problems increase, said one participating pest-management specialist and bedbug expert at Virginia Tech, who until 2001 saw bedbugs only on microscope slides dating from the 1950s. Now she gets calls and emails several times a day from people at their 'ends.'

"I'll tell you how many people have spent the night in their bathtubs because they are so freaked out by bedbugs," Miller said. "I get these people over the phone that have lost their marbles."

Because the registration of new pesticides takes so long, one thing the EPA could do is to approve some pesticides for emergency use, Miller said.

Washington. An Internet site gives us a freedom and a passion for living that express violently opposed reactions among all who look upon this reality, and an inexhaustible openness to everything possible. The Presence has inspired innumerable initiatives that have transformed the world, and now in the Christian community. Christian faith and life present as the impetus for our work in the university and in society! For us faith is not an ethical code nor an ideology but a personal life. The Presence is the experience of a personal call to see reality, and that experience of life and freedom.

What then is at stake in this Commencement Day? Much more than merely defending values — even the most sacred — or affirming a Catholic institution’s “openness” to the world. At stake is our hope for the future of the university and the future of society.

For us hope begins from the recognition that with Christ we discover a new way to live life, to study, to do research, to be involved in politics and economics, to work in the world. In commencing from that Presence, we live hope not merely as a sentiment, a dream, or a project of power but as a certainty for the future that springs forth from an experience happening now.

With the certainty of faith that Father Sorin had after Notre Dame burned to the ground in 1879, let us recognize at the end of each day that we “built it too small ... so, tomorrow, as soon as the brakes cool, we will rebuild it, bigger and better than ever.”

What is the meaning of a Catholic university? 2:00-3:30 p.m., Sunday, April 19, 2009

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High school student killed in love triangle

Associated Press

CHANDLER, Ariz. — An 18-year-old high school student convicted with his 48-year-old math teacher in Arizona on a charge of second-degree murder after police said Tuesday. The couple, who had been living together for more than a decade, was blocked from high school campus grounds.

"He wanted to teach the victim a lesson," and stabbed him in the lower side with a kitchen knife, according to the court documents. The Valdivia later died at a hospital.

Police said Hofmann to the floor jumped on top of her and demanded to know how Balbuena had been cheating on him, according to the document.

Police spokesman Sgt. Joe Farazzo said Hofmann is being investigated for potential misconduct relative to her involvement with Valdivia.

A 2006 Chandler police report obtained by The Associated Press on Tuesday shows that police suspected Hofmann of having a sexual relationship with a then-17-year-old Balbuena.

Both Hofmann and Balbuena denied being in a sexual relationship, and police closed the case.

A New Commencement

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What is the meaning of Christian education, and even more fundamentally what is Christian life today? How do we live today the fruitful faith that led a handful of French missionaries a century and a half ago to found the University "will he one of the most powerful means for opening" to the world. At stake is our hope for the future of the university and the future of society.

For us hope begins from the recognition that with Christ we discover a new way to live life, to study, to do research, to be involved in politics and economics, to work in the world. In commencing from that Presence, we live hope not merely as a sentiment, a dream, or a project of power but as a certainty for the future that springs forth from an experience happening now.

With the certainty of faith that Father Sorin had after Notre Dame burned to the ground in 1879, let us recognize at the end of each day that we "built it too small ... so, tomorrow, as soon as the bricks cool, we will rebuild it, bigger and better than ever.”

What is the meaning of a Catholic university? 2:00-3:30 p.m., Sunday, April 19, 2009

Cohran-Morse Center Student Lounge ** FREE PIZZA **
As the year winds down and I pen my last column, there is no better time to look back at the year and see how our beloved campus has changed and evolved. Naturally, there is no better way to get a pulse of the campus than from viewpoint columns. So let's take a walk down memory lane.

The beginning of the year was dominated by basketball coverage. There were claims made by all sides in defense or advocacy of all things. At least on the one side, but not the very least, the anti-Christ. Letters poured, lines were crossed and feelings were definitely hurt. But, as is usually the case in Viewpoint, the pain fades quickly. Only to be replaced by new controversy, that is. In this case, it was the phantom snowball hurled at our own sacred football team during the season finale against Syracuse. Alumnae had a field day in the mass criticizing and dressing down the current body for its alleged poor sportsman ship. I only have to ask how many times those alumni watched their Notre Dame team lose to a 3-8 team at home, in the snow. Soon students again expressed outrage at the hypocrisy of that Notre Dame presence at that career fair, and felt that their third attempt (at least in my three years at Notre Dame) to ban the company would definitely succeed. However, because the economy actually managed to explode, job-seeking seniors were probably even less sympathetic than in years past.

While the Baytheon crew didn't make much progress, the pro-life club did. In fact, I would go so far as to say their January surprise, the multiple-page insert whose appearance we were warned of in those very pages, terrified a significant portion of the male population of not only babies, but possibly girls, and certainly future Observer inserts.

Unfortunately, I clipped out to study for the semester shortly before the new Obama situation blew up, so I've missed a lot of the action.

However, I have been trying to follow the ordeal from Facebook, which has proved interesting. After purging the message boards of the major anti-Obama group, I can only come to conclusion that this "Bill Franky" man to whom so many wall posts referred must be the real menace. Regardless, as I see it, the Obama group currently has a slight edge in membership over the anti-Obama group, so they are winning. What might be more telling, though, is that the group "Boycott Notre Dame Football If Obama Speaks at Commencement" has only six members, if one can't even manage to go up watching a 7-6 football team, how will they stop the President of the United States? These protesters are half as effective as their newspaper insert, no one will want to set foot on campus.

Nevertheless, these trolls are nothing in comparison with the more infamous, "I, hooked up with six guys" letter from last fall. To refresh, our friends Melissa confessed to having made out with no less than six Notre Dame staples in the first semester, and unfortunately had yet to hear back from any of them. Not only was the shock value high, as this was a completely surprising and unanticipated letter, it was also incredibly entertaining. However, some students were quite unsympathetic. They responded with sarcasm andreprache. I should begin as something of a joke, soon turned into a dialogue on gender and the notoriously sketchy Notre Dame hookup culture. All fun was lost. Speaking of gender issues, one subject lacking this year, and one I actually missed, was the quiet disappearance of "Monologues" from the Viewpoint agenda. What happened to it? Listening to the defense of the virgin against those who wished to exploit it was always funny, and somewhat scandalous for our paper; at least it expressed in this column.

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For five years I taught religion to seventh graders during the last class period, five days a week. It wasn’t easy. From the students’ perspective, Jesus and I were standing between their last class and the bus ride home. Seventh graders question everything. The rule is, the more they revel in questioning it, as a seventh grade teacher, your only choice, other than quitting, is to accommodate.

**The more sacred, ________________ the more secular, ________________.**

And answer session. After a short reading from the Gospels, we came to the dreaded moment. Three students were assigned each day to come up with an insightful question about the Gospel passage. They loved this moment. The room was a virtual frenzy as students tried to stump the teacher, and basically blew up the class book. I let the students get off the ground. Domanique inquires where Mary and Joseph stashed all the gold that the wise men gave them. Or, Clara asks, with a smug smile, “Since Jesus didn’t have a microphone when he was giving the Sermon on the Mount, how could the people at the bottom of the mountain hear him?” Go young to be watching Monet Python? But, almost every day, someone asked, in some form, the Big Question: “How do we know any of this stuff really happened anyway? It’s an impossibly frustrating question. Yet it occurred with such frequency that it was a burning question for them. How do we know that Jesus is real? To ask this question puts us in the place of the first disciples after the Resurrection. Recall, for example, the scene on the first Easter morning. Ten of the 11 remaining disciples are huddled together; in a locked room. We can certainly relate. When we fall, when we get scared, when we feel isolated, when we get self-absorbed, we have all the true words of the false and the fake from what gives us life. And so, we can relate to the powerful appearance of the Risen Lord: Jesus Christ as the One who is able to walk precariously, not to break, to breathe new life, fresh air, a Holy Spirit into us — like throwing open the windows on that first day great of Spring in a room that has been shut up for the winter.

On this Easter morning, this is what happens to Jesus’ closest companions — save one. Thomas is no where to be found. Where was he? All we know for sure is that while the others had locked themselves in, Thomas had not. The other disciples see Jesus, risen from the dead, and they tell Thomas the story. It’s as if Thomas is us, hearing, all these years later, the Gospel account of what the others got to see first-hand. But as he hears, that question wells up in Thomas’ soul, the same soul that wits up in your own, in the souls of all the seventh graders, in the souls of each of us from time to time: How can I be sure? Where is this Jesus, risen from the dead, in my life? And Thomas even comes up with a test, to stump his teacher. “If only I can touch his wounds, then I will believe.” It’s become the great test of all time focusing on the anti-Obama argument that Terry are bringing to our campus. As he now lives here, he might read this, so I implore him: talk about the conversation that we are having here. Particularly these last few weeks. As the debate heats up, what is the conversation that we are having here? What are we talking about? More than the President, we are talking about the soul of this University, the soul that is here to educate you, to teach you, to help you become a better person. This is what we are talking about. That’s fine. Disagreeing vehemently over you. Yes, you understand, and that’s fine. Disagreeing vehemently over you. Yes, standing up for your beliefs, and that’s fine. Disagreeing vehemently over you. Yes, hate corrodes the personality and the soul of each of us from time to time: How can I be sure? Where is this Jesus, risen from the dead, in my life? And Thomas even comes up with a test, to stump his teacher. “If only I can touch his wounds, then I will believe.” It’s become the great test of all time focusing on the anti-Obama argument that Terry are bringing to our campus. As he now lives here, he might read this, so I implore him: talk about the conversation that we are having here. Particularly these last few weeks. As the debate heats up, what is the conversation that we are having here? What are we talking about? More than the President, we are talking about the soul of this University, the soul that is here to educate you, to teach you, to help you become a better person. This is what we are talking about.

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**This week’s column is written by Fr. Louis DeVla, CSC. Director of Campus Ministry Bible Studies and ACE Chaplain. He can be reached at devla.2@nd.edu.**

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**Letters to the Editor: Because some people didn’t understand the first time**

ND Response wishes to emphasize its position on the presence and participation of outside groups in its planned events from now until Commencement. The University’s stance is clear: we want you to let a wave of hatred wash over you. Yes, hate corrodes the personality and the soul of each of us from time to time: How can I be sure? Where is this Jesus, risen from the dead, in my life? And Thomas even comes up with a test, to stump his teacher. “If only I can touch his wounds, then I will believe.” It’s become the great test of all time focusing on the anti-Obama argument that Terry are bringing to our campus. As he now lives here, he might read this, so I implore him: talk about the conversation that we are having here. Particularly these last few weeks. As the debate heats up, what is the conversation that we are having here? What are we talking about? More than the President, we are talking about the soul of this University, the soul that is here to educate you, to teach you, to help you become a better person. This is what we are talking about. That’s fine. Disagreeing vehemently over you. Yes, you understand, and that’s fine. Disagreeing vehemently over you. Yes, standing up for your beliefs, and that’s fine. Disagreeing vehemently over you. Yes, hate corrodes the personality and the soul of each of us from time to time: How can I be sure? Where is this Jesus, risen from the dead, in my life? And Thomas even comes up with a test, to stump his teacher. “If only I can touch his wounds, then I will believe.” It’s become the great test of all time focusing on the anti-Obama argument that Terry are bringing to our campus. As he now lives here, he might read this, so I implore him: talk about the conversation that we are having here. Particularly these last few weeks. As the debate heats up, what is the conversation that we are having here? What are we talking about? More than the President, we are talking about the soul of this University, the soul that is here to educate you, to teach you, to help you become a better person. This is what we are talking about.
Blog Pays Tribute to Campus Acts of the '90s

By Stephanie DePrez
Assistant Scene Editor

Where do you go for live music at Notre Dame? Legends, AcoustiCafe, the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center, and PEMCo, if it's in season. That's about it. Notre Dame wasn't always so short on selection. There was a time when live music abounded, campus groups played at parties and you could walk out of LaFortune and run into a guy asking you to join his band.

This is exactly what happened to Jim McNamee, whose band Pinch Point formed, played, recorded and broke up in the span of one semester under the Dome. Pinch Point is just one of many bands that had their heyday here in the '90s, using the Notre Dame college scene to channel and reinvent the indiepunk wave that swept the pre-millennium years.

There were more than 100 bands that formed here, practiced in off-campus basements and recorded demo tapes. And they are quickly being catalogued in one place, complete with band history, photos, and free downloads.

South Bend Power 90s (southbendpower90s.blogspot.com) is a blog dedicated to telling the story of the ND band scene of that late great decade. Started by Theodore Hennessy, '96, they "work to preserve, archive, and make available music that was played and recorded by the indiepunk college rock community in South Bend, Ind., during the 1990s." There are currently 29 bands posted, with many more to come.

Each entry provides a history written by the band members, photos of shows and rehearsals, and quite often a link to free downloads. It is an interesting trip to read up on the antics of bands that were boasting large campus followings long before our time. There was an entire indie band subculture at Notre Dame in the mid-nineties, with bands inspiring each other and challenging each other to write new, different material. There were even campus CDs released, compilations of work from the many bands playing here.

Most bands of the day seemed intent on recording their original work, and many made demo tapes. Those tapes have now been converted to mp3 files, so it's very easy to hear for yourself exactly what was heard blasting out of Cavanaugh in '94. The entries are blunt, genuine and, in true punk style, often quite irreverent. ("I think this was largely due to me being from the Confederate South and somehow feeling more and more isolated in the Yankee dominated world of South Bend. Could also have been the clichéd searching of a young adult trying to find his way in the world," writes Chad Shaffler of Tacklebox.) If nothing else, they are a witty travel log of how previous students from across the country dealt with finding themselves in the Midwest at a Catholic, conservative university in their last teen years.

The blog is constantly updated with new posts (each one from a different band). Often there are comments about what the band members are doing nowadays, from raising kids to using that engineering degree for writing adult fiction. A piece of Notre Dame culture is thoughtfully being preserved, and not just for those who lived it. The blog is almost a calling-card for our generation to take up a guitar and some drum sticks and made music about anything. Bands of yesteryear were flourishing, and the best technology they had to work with was cassette tapes. Imagine what campus bands could do today.

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What happened to Notre Dame's music scene? Throughout the 1990s Notre Dame students formed bands left and right, recording demo tapes, playing parties and local bars and clubs. Although Sweep the Leg Johnny and Chisel are the most famous indie bands formed by Notre Dame students, more than 20 other student groups emerged from 1989-2000 and created a sub-culture of live music at Our Lady's university that has virtually disappeared today.

The student body should be ashamed by this, especially in light of the thriving music scenes of other universities. The four members of alternative favorite Vampire Weekend met at Columbia. Two undergraduates at Harvard formed the band Chester French (playing tonight at Legends) and signed with Pharell Williams' Star Trak record label as seniors. MGMT went to Wesleyan. Duke University is so proud of DJMC Mike Posner (a current junior) that his EP is featured on the university's iTunes U page. In light of these statistics from similar schools, Notre Dame's lack of practically any student-based music culture is even more glaring.

The South Bend/Notre Dame bands of the '90s recorded their demos and albums on tape decks, in local studios, and wherever they could find recording devices. We live in the age of GarageBand and other easy means of music preservation. The technology has made it so that any person with a computer can press a button and make an mp3 file of themselves playing instruments and singing. MySpace and Youtube have only simplified the ways a band or an artist can get noticed. And yet the decline of Notre Dame's music scene persists.

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The tracks (and some artists have entire albums) even come with customized cover art.

All music available through the South Bend Power 90s blog
southbendpower90s.blogspot.com

Vanishing Act

Ellie Hall

Scene Writer

by Jordan Gamble

The Power 90s Playlist

1
Love South Quad Style — The Catatonics

2
Sunburn — Chisel

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Bottlerocket — decaf.

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Limit '96 — Streganona

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Abstractions — Sweep the Leg Johnny

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First Steps — Sweep the Leg Johnny

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She Said, He Said — Tweak

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Banana 6 — emily

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Dead Fish — Pinch Point

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Stained Glass Window — Victoria’s Real Secret

11
Beat Around the Block — Victoria’s Real Secret

Using a file-sharing site, Theodore Hennessey '96 shares the wealth of music that came out of Notre Dame's campus at the end of the last century. The collection is getting ever more comprehensive, but here is a sampling.

Sometimes the static overwhelms the vocals, but the tape-deck organic quality gives this music some extra character.

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Jeter knocks in Ransom in ninth to beat Rays

Marquis outpitches Harden in victorious return to Wrigley; offensive spurts, Laffey help Cleveland escape road woes

**MLB**

Jeter knocks in Ransom in ninth to beat Rays

**Assisted by:**

- Andy Pettitte
- Jorge Posada

**Outs:**

- Two runs
- Three

**Final score:**

- Rays: 2
- Yankees: 3

**Game summary:**

- Jeter knocked in Ransom in the ninth inning to give the Yankees a 3-2 win over the Rays.
- Andy Pettitte pitched a complete game, allowing just two runs on five hits.
- Jorge Posada drove in the go-ahead run with a single.
- Mariano Rivera earned his second career save.

**Game highlights:**

- Pettitte struck out 10 batters in his seven innings of work.
- Posada's hit came on a sacrifice fly.
- Rivera worked a perfect ninth inning for his second save in as many opportunities.

**Key players:**

- Pettitte: 7 IP, 2 R, 5 H, 10 K
- Posada: 1-for-3, 1 R, 1 RBI
- Rivera: 1 IP, 0 R, 0 H, 1 K

**Game date:**

- April 16, 2009

**Stadium:**

- Yankee Stadium

**Attendance:**

- 38,781

**Classification:**

- Division Series Game 2

**Series status:**

- Yankees lead 1-0

**Next game:**

- Game 3, Wednesday, April 15

**Comments:**

- Pettitte pitched well, recording 10 strikeouts.
- Mariano Rivera saved the game with a perfect ninth inning.
- Jorge Posada knocked in the winning run with a sacrifice fly.

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**Found at:**

- Associated Press
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- **LOST & FOUND**
  - Lost: Dental retainer in South Dining Hall for the week of March 29. Call 631-6147 to claim.

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**For Rent**

- 3-bedroom house: $1,050/month, 124 South Chittick Hall.

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**Personal**

- **UNPLANNED PREGNANCY?**
  - Do not go it alone.
  - We have many resources in place to assist you.

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**MLB**

Rachel Robinson, wife of baseball legend Jackie Robinson, speaks during a ceremony dedicating the new Jackie Robinson Rotunda at Citi Field Wednesday. Robinson's number 42 is the only number to be retired by all of Major League Baseball.

**Around the Dial**

**NHL Playoffs**

Columbus at Detroit
7 p.m., Versus
Calgary at Chicago
9:30 p.m., Versus
The Jaguars believe Jones-Drew who parted ways with him the ball more often. "He’s gonna get plenty of guy and it’s his time. We’re excit­ed about that."

Without doubt, FIU wouldn’t have wanted Thomas. Without the downs, Thomas wouldn’t have needed FIU. And so begins a surprising basketball marriage that got under way Wednesday when Thomas was introduced as FIU’s new coach, three days shy of the 1-year anniversary of his firing as coach of the New York Knicks. Thomas will not accept a salary in his first season, instead donating that money back to FIU, and will earn somewhere between $571,000 in the final four years of his deal. That doesn’t count the $12 million the Knicks will continue paying him over the next two years. "I did not come here for the money," Thomas said. "I’m very confident this is the most productive run of the 1-year anniversary of his"...

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sco red 12 consecutive playoff goals against the Flyers until Simon Gagne scored late in the third period with Pittsburgh leading 4-0. The Flyers didn't like it, either, ending the game with three players in the penalty box as they tried to send a message through some physical play that Game 2 on Friday night won't be so easy.

This time, the Penguins put the pressure on early, built a multiple-goal lead while not letting Philadelphia sustain any offensive momentum and leaned on Fleury to make the big saves when the Flyers did make a push. They also waited for Flyers mistakes, and there were plenty of them — the first of which was Philadelphia not holding a third-period lead Sunday at home against the Rangers. New York's 4-3 victory meant the Flyers opened the series in Pittsburgh rather than on their home ice, and it made a difference.

The Penguins also were disciplined, mostly staying out of the penalty box at the same time the Flyers took several careless penalties, including a hooking call on a tired Arron Asham that led to Crosby's power-play goal at 4:41 of the first period. Asham couldn't get off the ice during a line change, stayed out for an extended draw and drew a penalties as Crosby scored 15 seconds into the power play.

Crosby threw the puck down low to Evgeni Malkin, whose rebound deflected off Crosby's skate, the goal, the post and goalies Martin Biron's right skate before settling into the back of the net. The goal was upheld after a video replay confirmed Crosby didn't intentionally kick the puck.

Tyler Kennedy made it 2-0 at 1:39 of the second after Braydon Coburn turned the puck over in the neutral zone, allowing Jordan Staal to start an up-ice rush that ended with Kennedy chipping the puck into the top of the net.

Philadelphia, held without a shot for the first 10 minutes of the second, finally started pressing and put pressure on the Penguins to start the third of a Brooks Orpik elbowing penalty. Mike Richards put off a shot off the right post in the first minute of the third, but the puck deflected off Malkin and he quickly slapped it past Biron. Defenseman Mark Eaton scored four minutes later to make it 4-0. In his first goal in 34 career playoff games.

Richards hit the post again later in the third, but the puck rebounded to Gagne for the only goal by the Flyers, the first NHL in 15 years to have six players with 25 or more goals in a season.

Rangers 4, Capitals 3

With the score tied in the third period, the New York Rangers did what they do best — kill off a power play. Then Markus Naslund made 32 saves to help the second-seeded Capitals win.

Naslund led Brandon Dubinsky, who made a move that the Rangers thought was good enough to go in the neutral zone, a trip into the back of the net. Dubinsky then beat goalie Jose Theodore inside the near post with 8:17 remaining, lifting the Rangers to a victory over Alex Ovechkin and the Washington Capitals in Game 1 of the Eastern Conference series.

Scott Gomez had a goal and two assists, Nik Antropov and Naslund each had a goal and an assist, and Henrik Lundqvist made 32 saves to help the seventh-seeded Rangers take the early series momentum against the second-seeded Capitals.

Tomas Fleischmann, Viktor Kozlov and Alexander Semin scored the goals, and Ovechkin had a pair of assists for the Capitals, who will try to pull even when they host Game 2 on Saturday. Jose Theodore made 27 saves for the Capitals.

The Rangers, the NHL's best penalty killers during the regular season, shut down the Capitals and used their power-play advantage to score.

After a scoreless first period, the New York Rangers capitalized on two penalties in the second to take a 1-0 lead. The Capitals rallied to tie the score about a minute before clearing the puck out of the net.

The Capitals will rue the fact that they dominated a first period that ended scoreless. They couldn't catch the Rangers 14-4, and Ovechkin was active with six shots and six hits — including a trip into the back of the net with Marc Staal. The league's leading goal-scorer put on a nice move to get around Michael Rizsival, but his point-blank shot was saved.

Among the other highlights:

Rangers had boy Sean Avery, try ing a shot at the back of the Capitals, drew a holding penalty after running into John Erskine's face. Avery and Mike Green had more than their share of confrontations, and Avery shoved his stick into Theodore's face as the game's final moments.

Washington got on the board early in the second period when Ovechkin steadied a pass from Green with his stick and made a acing shot that was deflected by Fleischmann to Lundqvist's stick side.

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Less than a minute later, Sergei Fedorov was whistled for delay of game before clearing the puck out of the zone. The Capitals scored on the power play by Avery. With Gomez carrying the puck down the left side of the offensive zone and passed Green from behind near the blue line, Avery got a shot on goal that was deflected by Fedorov. Avery notched his 10th career goal.

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Wakefield takes no-hit bid into eighth inning

Lowell, Drew hammer home runs to support knuckleballer in effort to give bullpen a well-deserved rest

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OAKLAND, Calif. — When Tim Wakefield stopped by Terry Francona’s office Wednesday morning, he already realized the Boston Red Sox were swaggering. They had lost six of seven while struggling to hit, and their bullpen was gassed after pitching 11 innings the night before.

“I understand the circumstances of today,” Wakefield recalled telling his manager. “No matter what, don’t take me out.”

Francona never even had to consider it. His 42-year-old knuckleballer helped the Red Sox get a whole lot better with one of the best performances of his long career.

Wakefield took a no-hitter into the eighth inning in a masterful display of his unusual art, finishing with a four-hitter Wednesday in Boston’s slump-snapping 8-2 victory over the Oakland Athletics.

Wakefield (1-1) got within five outs of the first no-hitter of his 17-season major league career, nearly becoming the second-oldest pitcher to accomplish the feat after Nolan Ryan, who did it twice when he was older than Wakefield’s 42 years, 256 days.

Kurt Suzuki broke it up with a one-out single to left for the A’s, and Landon Powell had an RBI single later in the inning. Wakefield also gave up Matt Holliday’s run-scoring double in the ninth, but escaped one last jam before getting hugs and congratulations from each of his teammates.

“They were really aggressive early, and then something kind of clicked in the second or third inning,” Wakefield said. “I’m not disappointed. Obviously (a no-hitter) is something that’s great to try to get, but the most important thing was to preserve our bullpen.”

With an off-day Thursday, consider the bullpen preserved—and a potential early-season crisis avoided.

Mike Lowell hit a two-run homer in the second inning and J.D. Drew added a three-run single later in the inning. Overall, the Red Sox got a whole lot better with one of the best performances of his long career.

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“We had to mess up (the perfect game), but I thought something special was going to happen,” Lowell said. “We needed something like that, and Tim came through for us.”

Wakefield walked Mark Ellis to open the eighth, and Suzuki rapped a single to left. Fans of both teams gave a loud ovation to the knuckleballer, who stranded two A’s on base moments later.

“We hit the ball hard off him, and they made a few good plays,” Ellis said. “The way the ball moves, you think it’s going away, and all of a sudden it breaks back over the plate. A knuckleball is kind of a flip of the coin; some days it’s on. You don’t see it very often.”

Wakefield, who hadn’t won in seven games and five starts in Oakland since September 1999, threw his first complete game since May. Wakefield’s brilliance overshadowed Brett Anderson (0-2), Oakland’s 21-year-old rookie left-hander. He looked sharp in just his second major league appearance, allowing just five hits and two walks through seven innings.

“He’s throwing up zeros, and you’re trying to put up zeros,” Anderson said after commiserating with fellow A’s starter Trevor Cahill, who lost a 1-0 decision to Seattle’s Erik Bedard last Sunday. “We need some luck, but as long as we keep pitching like that, we’ll be fine.”

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Wakefield retired Oakland’s first 12 batters, mostly on harmless grounders and pop-ups. Suzuki reached first on an error by Lowell at third base to open the sixth, but Wakefield easily got out of the inning.

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- NOTRE DAME MARCH FOR LIFE -

Notre Dame Response Student Coalition wants YOU at Notre Dame’s campus on Friday, April 17 for the first Notre Dame March for Life. We will begin at 6 P.M. with prayer at the Grotto, followed by speakers and a march around campus.

April 17-18 is ND’s Blue-Gold Weekend. So, come to make a stand for the dignity of life, and enjoy the festivities on campus. This is a win-win for everyone, pro-life and football fans alike!

Please invite friends, acquaintances, enemies, and strangers so that all have the opportunity to join us.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!

In keeping with the respectful and prayerful nature of our campaign, please note that all signs, pamphlets, and publications must be approved by ND Response.
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Oliver Perez rebounded from a rough season debut and the New York Mets earned their first victory on Wednesday night. Carlos Delgado homered and Perez pitched six smooth innings to help New York end San Diego’s five-game winning streak. The Padres spoiled Monday night’s opener at the $800 million ballpark with a 6-5 victory over the mistake-prone Mets.

After giving up eight runs and five walks in 4 1/3 innings against Cincinnati last week, Perez (1-1) held the Padres to one run and three hits. The often-erratic lefty walked only two and struck out four.

Bobby Parrelli, J.J. Putz and Sean Green finished up as New York celebrated Jackie Robinson Day with a comfortable win.

One home run shy of 500, Gary Sheffield got his first start for the Mets, in right field. He went 0-for-2 with a walk and scored a run.

Making his first start in the outfield since May 16 last year against Milwaukee, Sheffield handled two fly balls without a problem. The 46-year-old slugger signed with the Mets on April 4, four days after he was released by the Tigers in a surprise move.

It wasn’t all good news on Wednesday for the Mets, however. No. 2 starter Mike Pelfrey has tendinitis in his pitching forearm and could miss his next scheduled start Sunday against Milwaukee.

San Diego threw the ball all over the place in the seventh inning — except over the plate. Three walks, two wild pitches and an ugly error helped New York score four runs on one hit, a bunt single by Luis Castillo.

Lake Gregerson opened the inning by throwing 10 straight balls before he was lifted for Edward Mujica. On the next pitch, Castillo dropped a nice bunt toward third that loaded the bases.

With pinch-hitter Ryan Church facing an 0-2 count, Sheffield scored when Mujica uncorked a wild high pitch. After Church struck out and Jose Reyes was intentionally walked, Daniel Murphy’s sacrifice fly made it 4-1 Mets.

Castillo scored from third on another wild pitch. Reyes stole second base on the same delivery and raced all the way around the bases when catcher Nick Hundley threw wildly toward the plate for an error in an attempt to get Castillo.

In the eighth, Delgado hit a leadoff homer against Luis Perdomo into the second deck in right field. It was a harsh welcome for Perdomo, who was facing his first batter in the majors.

Adrian Gonzalez homered in the ninth for the Padres, his second of the series. New York loaded the bases with nobody out in the fourth on singles by Murphy and David Wright, plus a walk to Delgado.

Carlos Beltran swings and misses in the Mets’ victory over the Padres Wednesday.
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Vanderbilt had different ideas, however, and scored three of the next four goals. The only Irish player to briefly halt their scoring drive was Abb, with her third goal of the game, in between goals from Byers and Sullivan. Dowing continued to score twice more in the final minutes of the game, as well as goals from Foote and Carey. Byers put up two more and Abb one to finish the game at 18:11.

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at this weekend’s events.

"We’re really excited to get some more kids qualified for the Big East (tournaments) and NCAA (Tournament),” Piane said. "That’s our goal. The kids who are running this weekend are doing so for that opportunity."

After a string of tournaments throughout the country, this weekend will be a breather for those three that have earned qualifications. This weekend marks the last chance for the Irish to pick up any more invitations for the Big East championships.

"The kids that aren’t running any more are right in a brutal stretch of meets,” Piane said. "We’re trying to get as many people qualified as possible, especially since a few people have been really close, (senior) Dan Clark, the example. The Mt. Saint Antonio College Relay is a great meet, with nearly 8,000 competitors, to get some people qualified.

Clark has missed the cut narrowly several times this season. He earned invitations to both the Big East and NCAA championships in his junior year.

The Mt. SAC Relays kick off this evening at 5:30 p.m. One of the oldest and largest events in the country, the Mt. SAC Relays features thousands of athletes competing at the high school, collegiate and professional level in both track and field events.

Other members of the Irish teams will head to Purdue’s Dave Bank Invitational for competition Friday and Saturday. After the Big East championships next week, the team will head to the Georgia Tech Invitational as a final tune-up before the NCAA Championships at the end of May.

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stuck first in the top of the first. Second baseman Fontana reached first on a bunt single and was then home on third baseman Chris Lashmet’s double to put the Wildcats on the score-board.

Northwestern added another run off freshman lefty Ryan Byers in the third, but Notre Dame was fortunate to escape down only two. Barnes doubled in a walk, consecutive singles, and another walk, giving up five runs, before getting back to walk and out without. Richter, who was making his first career start, then settled down, facing a pop-out and striking out two to escape the inning.

The Irish never threatened Wildcat’s sophomore pitcher Eric Jokisch until the fifth, when junior first baseman Casey Marin and senior shortstop Jeremy Barnes started the frame with singles. Jokisch then induced two ground balls and a deep center fly to end the inning.

Jokisch held Notre Dame to just four hits and no runs over five innings pitched. The sophomore was accurate and efficient with his pitches, striking out three and making it through five innings on only 55 pitches.

"You have to tip your hat to Jokisch,” Notre Dame coach Dave Schrage said. "We knew we had a challenge with him on the mound... he’s one of the top pitchers in the Big Ten.”

The Wildcats struck again in the fourth inning for a lead when designated hitter Vercelli blasting a pitch from Irish reliever Todd Dillard into the bleachers in left field. "I started out 0-for-3, and my fourth at-bat I got aggressive,” Jokisch said. "I was looking slider, and it came up side,” said Vercelli. "To hit a home run (in a major league stadium) is a dream come true, and to hit two is a fantasy.

Northwestern coach Paul Stevens was thrilled with his team’s performance, much of which he attributed to their excitement at playing in a major league stadium.

"I can’t even tell you how excited I am,” Stevens said. "They were overwhelmed just walking through the line up after tonight all our hard work and persistence paid off.

Barnes and catcher Cameron McConnell led the Irish offense with two hits each. Richter took his pitches, striking out three and walking one to escape the frame.

The Irish return to action this weekend at home with a three game series against Big East opponent West Virginia.

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BASKETBALL

Brey hints that Harangody will declare for NBA draft

By CHRIS HINE
Senior Staff Writer

Irish junior Luke Harangody will announce today whether he will put his name in for consideration for the NBA Draft today or will definitely come back for his senior year at Notre Dame.

But at Wednesday night's basketball banquet, where Harangody received the team's MVP Award, Brey seemed to indicate that Harangody may opt for the draft, at least for now.

"We'll talk to you [Thursday] afternoon about how we're going to attack the next two months," Brey said. "Basically, it's a two-month project, taking you up to June 15. We'll talk in-depth about all of it, but it's going to be a two-month thing."

Harangody will make his official announcement in a press conference at 4:15 p.m. today in the Joyce Center.

He can declare for the draft and still return to Notre Dame for his senior season as long as he does not hire an agent. June 15 is the last day that players who have not hired agents can withdraw from the draft and return to school.

Harangody won the Big East Player of the Year award his sophomore season and was a first-team All-Big East selection this season, when he averaged 22.3 points and 11.8 rebounds per game and was named a second-team All-American by the Associated Press.

Former Irish forward Zach Hillesland received two awards at Wednesday's banquet. First he received the Notre Dame Club of St. Joseph Valley Rookie Student-Athlete Award and the Captains' Award.

Former Irish forward Ryan Ayers won the Best Defensive Player Award. Rising senior Jonathan Peoples and rising junior Tyrene Nash were co-recipients of the Most Improved Player Award.

Rising senior Tony Jackson won the Outstanding Playmaker Award. While former Irish guard Kyle McAlarney took home the team Irish Award.

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BASEBALL

ND offense comes up flat vs. Northwestern at U.S. Cellular Field

By MICHAEL BRYAN
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CHICAGO — Playing at a big-league stadium didn't help Notre Dame keep the ball inside the park Wednesday, as two home runs from Northwestern's Tony Vercelli led the Wildcats to a 5-1 victory at U.S. Cellular Field.

The regional rivals played the non-conference tilt at the home of the Chicago White Sox in front of a crowd of 2,101, with proceeds of the game benefiting White Sox Charities, which supports hundreds of Chicago-based causes from cancer research to youth education and athletics.

The Irish (20-13) fell behind early, as Northwestern (9-23) scored two runs in the first inning. The Wildcats finished with two runs in the second, one in the fourth and three more in the fifth for the win.

Junior right fielder David Mills slides into third during a 6-5 Irish loss to Oakland March 25. Mills went 1-for-3 in Notre Dame's 5-1 loss to Northwestern Wednesday.

The Irish offense was nowhere to be found Wednesday, as the Wildcats offense was too much for Notre Dame to handle.

"We didn't go to Jared's made a game out of it by mounting a feeble comeback in the second half, but we're on a Boat (ft. T-Lang) held on to secure the 21-13 sectional victory. Excellent weather conditions and unparalleled Rec Sports officiating ensured that both teams would have nothing to complain about at the end of the day.

"We really did a nice job out there moving the ball," Boaters captain Tim Lang said. "We all played team defense really well together, it was a team effort."

Jared's came out strong from the opening whistle as Chad Breeden, the undoubted heart of the team, outmaneuvered his opponents in the post for an easy basket. But the Boaters' defense quickly buckled up, preventing Jared's from taking any uncontested shots or easy lay-ins the rest of the way.

"We had all five of our guys show up, which is a plus, but I don't think it was enough," Jared's guard Andrew Cavanagh said. "I'm a big fan of that big guy [Kevin Ayers], we had to show them a little bit of Sturby, but unfortunately like Kevin said, he's always on the perimeter shooting."

The Irish are looking to nab a NCAA and Big East tournament qualifications this weekend at a pair of prestigious events. Notre Dame will compete at the 51st Mt. Saint Antonio College Classic from today through Saturday in Walnut, Calif., while other Irish athletes will stay closer to home at the Dave Bankin Track and Field Invitational in West Lafayette, Ind.

Several strong showings have left Notre Dame in a fine position heading into next week's Big East championships, but head coach Joe Plano said he is hoping that a few more athletes will qualify for the NCAA championships.

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ND WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish lose second straight

No. 9 Notre Dame can't come back vs. No. 12 Vanderbilt

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The No. 9 Irish got off to a rough start Wednesday, trailing 10-3 at the half, and couldn't recover, falling 18-11 to No. 12 Vanderbilt Wednesday afternoon.

No. 9 Notre Dame (11-4, 4-2 Big East) was outshot Vanderbilt (9-4, 2-2 SEC) 34-30, but wasn't able to get its shots into the net. Senior captain and Tewaaraton trophy nominee Jillian Byers and sophomore midfielder Kailene Abi had four goals apiece in the contest, but the Irish offense wasn't a match for the Commodores freshman goalkeeper Rachel Wells.

"This is a big game for us, and it's a big loss," Byers said. "We have to play with a sense of urgency from now on." Byers scored three goals to move her season total to 29, which is second in the nation.

Sophomore midfielder Kailene Abi handles the ball during Notre Dame's 14-12 win over Ohio State on Feb. 22.

BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

We Didn't Go to Jared's advances to Sweet 16

Cinderella run ends as Old School falls to Delivery Boys

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Sports Writers

We Didn't Go to Jared's made a game out of it by mounting a feeble comeback in the second half, but we're on a Boat (ft. T-Lang) held on to secure the 21-13 sectional victory. Excellent weather conditions and unparalleled Rec Sports officiating ensured that both teams would have nothing to complain about at the end of the day.

"We really did a nice job out there moving the ball," Boaters captain Tim Lang said. "We all played team defense really well together, it was a team effort."

Jared's came out strong from the opening whistle as Chad Breeden, the undoubted heart of the team, outmaneuvered his opponents in the post for an easy basket. But the Boaters' defense quickly buckled up, preventing Jared's from taking any uncontested shots or easy lay-ins the rest of the way.

"We had all five of our guys show up, which is a plus, but I don't think it was enough," Jared's guard Andrew Cavanagh said. "I'm a big fan of that big guy [Kevin Ayers], we had to show them a little bit of Sturby, but unfortunately like Kevin said, he's always on the perimeter shooting."

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