Jenkins to meet Obama invite supporters

Fifteen leaders from student groups to meet with University president and present letter, petition

By LIZ O’DONNELL

Fifteen students, representing over twenty student groups, are scheduled to meet with University President Fr. John Jenkins at 3:30 p.m. today to present a petition and letter in support of his invitation to President Barack Obama to speak at Commencement on May 17.

Before laying out his agenda, Schmidt took time to address the controversy that has been fueled by President Obama's invitation to speak at Commencement.

"This issue is going to go way beyond P resident Obama's invitation to President Barack Obama to speak at Commencement on May 17. A student involved in organizing the meeting, College Democrats President Henry Vasquez, said that the Progressive Leadership Council, which is composed of leaders of progressive campus clubs, got over twenty student clubs to sign the letter supporting the invitation. "It's mostly a symbolic gesture of support," Vasquez said. He and senator Michael Angulo gathered the support of the clubs - including the Progressive Student Alliance, College Democrats, Feminist Voice, the Notre Dame NAACP chapter, Students for Environmental Action and the Black Cultural Arts Council (BCAC). The letter states: "As Notre Dame students, we strive to be a concerned community that recognizes the complexity of the many issues that face our nation and our world. We respect diverse viewpoints on issues and we also believe in concerned and genuine dialogue."

The letter also states that as "students concerned with the issues of social justice," the supporters look forward to hosting Obama and "continuing our University's mission to 'create a sense of human solidarity and concern for the common good that will bear fruit as learning becomes service to justice,'" citing the University mission statement. A petition - started by BCAC - gathered signatures from students, faculty and outside supporters over several weeks. Kail Thomas, incoming president of BCAC, said not only are there many student supporters, "there is avoid support among people outside the community for this petition." Thomas said his group decided to try to meet with Jenkins in order to present the petition personally. He said Jenkins' office was receptive to their request to meet.

Gender Studies marks 20 years

Department hosts reception; faculty members reflect on program’s history

By AMANDA GRAY

Started in 1989 - 17 years after women gained admittance to the University Notre Dame's Gender Studies program will celebrate its second decade this weekend with events beginning Thursday.

"Gender Studies has made Notre Dame a welcoming place for hundreds of students and faculty over the past 20 years," Director of Gender Studies Eileen Hunt Botting said.

Profs. talk Obama decision

By ANN-MARIE WOODS

Continuing the discussion over President Barack Obama's invitation to be Commencement speaker, the third installment of the Orestes Brownson Council lecture series addressed the role of Notre Dame students and American Catholics in the nation's political environment in LaFortune on Wednesday night.

Professor of Law Rick Garnett said the Church and state are impossible to disentangle when it comes to our beliefs. "Religion will matter to us and will effect what we believe," Garnett said. "Religion and politics always intersect with the city and are encouraged by the Bennett community. "I promise that we will do our part to continue in educating the student body of our rights but also of how to best establish a relationship with the city and how to ultimately understand the culture in which we live in," he said.

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Pedestrian struck by car Tuesday

Observer Staff Report

A car struck a pedestrian late Tuesday night on Notre Dame's campus, said Dave Chapman, assistant director of the Notre Dame Security Police (NDSP).

Chapman said the accident took place on Stepan Road, "near where old Juniper Road used to intersect with Stepan Drive." The victim had been walking on campus, he said. An EMS unit was sent to the University at 10:18 p.m., according to a WSJT report.

Chapman confirmed the victim was treated at a local hospital, but he said he could not comment on the extent of the injuries.

Because of privacy issues, Chapman said he cannot say whether the victim is a say of the University.
INSIDE COLUMN

Nuggets of wisdom

As I circled the Michigan Street Wendy's for the third time, I finally spotted the miniscule window in which I was supposed to pay for my order. The teller gave me a funny look, but made change for my five-spot. She handed me a greasy bag and a large drink. Large drink? I didn't order a large drink. I ordered a small iced tea.

Nevertheless, I pulled away from the teller window and turned south onto Michigan. I took a sip of my drink. Yech. Coke. I haven't had a Coke in years, much less a 44 oz. worth. Poking through the bag, I took stock of my order. Fries? Nuggets? Then it dawned on me. While I was circling Wendy's, someone had obviously paid for and driven away with my order, and I was driving away with his.

I couldn't be more delighted. Despite the disappointment of not getting my couple of burgers, I had the chance to probe the mind of a complete stranger and a fellow student. Each bite, each plunge into the unknown would illuminate the soul of a man or woman I would never lay eyes on.

I've always thought that someone's choice of junk food said a lot about their personality - what they find comfortable, whether they kept healthy, if they were safe and sensible or liked to probe the limits of gastronomic safety. People order junk food without thought of any dietary exceptions. I found this person's choice of food interesting. It says just as much about what people around you are eating as it does about your personality as the fact that they're eating at Steak n Shake at 4 a.m., take a look at their menu and order the exact same thing each time. Whether they're burned out after studying for a meal.

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University celebrates Earth Day with rally

By LAURA MCCRYSTAL
News Writer

More than 10 student groups and off-campus organizations converged for an Earth Day rally sponsored by Students for Environmental Action (SEA) at the Fieldhouse Mall Wednesday.

"You hear so much about energy and the Earth, so this is a hopeful event where people who care about the Earth can come together," senior SEA co-president Ann Kelley said.

SEA set up a table at the rally offering buttons, mini frisbees, stickers and reusable bags to students. Another table displayed photographs from SEAs wildlife photo contest, which McCabe said represented submissions from 20 Notre Dame students.

As students walked by the rally, SEA co-president Collin McCabe said he was happy to see that many of them stopped to talk to the various groups present.

"The goal of the Earth Day rally is partly a celebration of the Earth," he said. "Its more a showcase of environmentalism on campus and how [students] can get involved on and off campus and how they can do their part." McCabe alluded to a student group displaying information about recycling and gave out free hugs.

A vendor from the South Bend Farmer's Market also offered free samples of cookies to students.

As part of Earth Week, SEA is also sponsoring a film festival Thursday night and participating in a bike festival on campus.

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D'Arcy

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University's decision have referenced the document in public statements. But Jenkins wrote in a letter to University Trustees earlier this month that administrators have "tried to follow both the letter and the spirit" of the document's recommendations.

The letter, which has been circulated on the internet, was "private correspondence" between Jenkins and the Trustees, University spokesman Dennis Brown said. Brown confirmed the content of the letter as coming from Jenkins' office.

The letter from Jenkins states: "Because the title of the document is 'Catholics in Political Life,' we understood this to refer to honoring Catholics whose actions are not in accord with our moral principles. This interpretation was supported by canon lawyers we consulted, who advised us that, by definition, only Catholics who implicitly recognize the authority of Church teaching can act in 'defiance' of it." Jenkins also wrote that he consulted with other university presidents, whose bishops have come to the same interpretation.

D'Arcy's statement Wednesday was a summary of points he included in an April 15 letter to Jenkins, he wrote. D'Arcy said in the statement that the meaning of the sentence in the document is clear, and that the University's interpretation was wrong. He also said Jenkins should have consulted with him if there were questions about the document's interpretation.

"The failure to consult the local bishop who, whatever his unworthiness, is the teacher and lawyer in the diocese, is a serious mistake." D'Arcy wrote.

Sr. Mary Ann Walsh, a spokeswoman for the USCCB, told The Observer Wednesday that the interpretation of any USCCB document is clear, stating that interpretation of any USCCB statement falls to diocesan bishops.

Walsh said the statement was written in 2004 by the Task Force on Catholic Bishops and Catholic Politicians. She said the Task Force was dissolved after the statement was released, having been approved for publication by the full body of bishops at a June 2004 meeting.

"The Task Force was formed in 2004 and it was prompted by the heated public controversy over Democratic presidential hopeful John Kerry's church standing in light of his consistent support for permissive abortion laws," Walsh said.

"The discussion centered on whether Catholic politicians who take such a stand should take communion," she said.

The document states, in relation to the controversy that prompted its creation, that decisions to deny a Catholic politician communion based on political actions "rest with the individual bishop in accord with the established canonical and pastoral principles."

The statement also says the bishops will "counsel Catholic public officials that their acting consistently to support abortion on demand risks making them cooperators in evil in a public manner."

Brown said that Jenkins has been in correspondence with D'Arcy about matters related to the Obama invitation, but said they are "private communications."

"As we always have, we will continually to speak privately with Bishop D'Arcy on this matter," Brown said.

D'Arcy announced in a March 29 statement he would not attend the May 17 Commencement ceremony, writing: "Notre Dame must ask itself, if by this decision it has chosen prestige over truth."

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South African first lady undecided

Wednesday's national election. The real mystery lies in who will be the country's first lady.

In the French warship Liberté, authorities handcuffed or shackled and rushed from the ship in Paris four reporters as they left. Nivose, appeared to range from in age from 20 and a ladder. Alabama left a letter for relatives, writing that they keep their jobs.

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Man receives death penalty for slaying "Farkles.

Boston University medical student Phillip Markoff stands during his arraignment at Boston Municipal court Tuesday. Markoff is being held without bail.

Taliban strengthens grip on northwest

TheAnimation covers Swat and other districts in the Malakand Division, an area of about 10,000 square miles near the Afghan border and the tribal areas where al-Qaida and the Taliban have strongholds.

"The activities in the Swat do concern us. We're keeping an eye on it, and are working daily with the Pakistan military," Maj. Gen. Michael S. Tucker told Pentagon reporters in a 35-minute videoconference call from Afghanistan.

Supporters of the deal say it will allow the government to gradually reassert control by taking away the milita's rallying cry for Islamic law. Many residents are grateful that a semblance of peace has returned. A handful of officials are back in Swat.

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CELEBRATING TWENTY YEARS
In honor of the Twentieth Anniversary of The Shirt Project, The Shirt 2009 is gold. Throughout the design, both the type and images have been graphically distressed, symbolizing the old but enduring legacy of Notre Dame football created by Notre Dame’s loyal sons and daughters.

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Taken from the song, “Hike, Notre Dame,” Rise and Strike is a call to action. It commands the Notre Dame community to rise and strike our opponents, and it demands that we fight with force and ferocity. These three simple words urge both fans and players to wake up the echoes and shake down the thunder. There is no room for weakness or doubt in the Notre Dame community—only maximum effort is acceptable.

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GM to close most U.S. plants briefly

Slump in sales and large inventories could cause a nine-week halt in production

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Freddie Mac CFO found dead in Va. 

Associated Press

VIENNA, Va. — The chief financial officer of Freddie Mac, a major provider of mortgage loans to the government and giant of the mortgage giants at the heart of the financial crisis, was found dead in his basement early Wednesday morning in Washington, D.C., a law enforcement official said.

David Kellermann, 41, apparently hanged himself in his suburban Washington, D.C., home, a law enforcement official familiar with the investigation said. Authorities have not identified the cause of death, but the investigation was ongoing.

Kellermann was promoted last September when the government seized the mortgage giant and ousted its top executives. Neighbors said Kellermann had lost a noticeable amount of weight under the strain of the new job. Some neighbors said he appeared to be in good health but was not seen around the office recently. Neighbors said Kellermann had lost a noticeable amount of weight under the strain of the new job. Some neighbors said he appeared to be in good health but was not seen around the office recently. Neighbors said Kellermann had lost a noticeable amount of weight under the strain of the new job. Some neighbors said he appeared to be in good health but was not seen around the office recently.
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"It has created a safe and inspirational space for dialogue and discussion of issues pertaining to gender, sexuality and race on this campus." A reception will be held Thursday from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m., followed by a lecture by University of Chicago's Christine Brennan on "Matrophobia and the Women's Movement," according to the Web site. Friday there will be a panel discussion from 10 a.m. to noon on "The History and Future of Gender Studies at Notre Dame and beyond." To commemorate the 20-year milestone, several of the department's members reflected on the program's history of helping faculty and students in exploring gender and its related topics, like sexuality, social status and ethnicity.

When I taught 'Introduction to Gender Studies' in 1989, I was struck by the strength of the students' conviction that gender is an issue that directly impacts their life here at Notre Dame," said Abigail Palko. Palko said students in the program often express philosophical differences, but that they recognize the importance of gender in society.

"While they didn't all agree on the specific direction it should take, all of my students seemed to agree on a need for a kind of feminism that would improve gender-related issues for both women and men," she said.

History professor Gail Bederman said Notre Dame's Catholic affiliation promotes sustainability and labor unions. "Women's Movement," accord-

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meet. "This is something they wanted to happen, because this is an issue they discuss frequently," Thomas said. He noted that students often requested to meet with Jenkins to discuss their concerns — including those about sustainability and labor unions on campus — but students rarely ask to meet to show their support.

Vasquez said he too asked to meet with Jenkins to present the letter they had written, and Jenkins' office suggested he and Thomas' groups combine their meetings. Vasquez said his group thought it would be helpful to have a letter "to express some of the things we feel [and] to show a contrast to ND Response." ND Response is a coalition of 11 student groups that opposes the invitation to Obama. Jenkins recently rescinded a prior invitation to meet with ND Response after its leaders made several specific requests in a reply to his invitation.

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"Catholic colleges and universities tend to have more Gender Studies majors than non-Catholic schools, because issues of gender and sexuality are unusually controversial at these schools," Bederman said. "Gender programs give Catholic students excellent academic perspectives on how to combine their Catholic and secular beliefs," Rotting connected the University's overall mission with the department's academic goals.

"Gender Studies is important for Notre Dame because of the University's Catholic identity and mission," she said. "As a University named for Our Lady, we should be concerned with the study of the place of women in society, and learning how to elevate women's status and rights.

One major change over the last 20 years is the addition of men's rights into Gender Studies, philosophy professor Janet Kourany said.

"When Gender Studies was first popularized, departments examined women's roles in society, since the majority of college curricula focused almost exclusively on the role of men, she said.

But now that the university curriculum has become more inclusive of women we have moved beyond the old goal [of women's studies] and our courses and activities in Gender Studies are reflecting the fact that men have their gender issues too, that inter-connect in very interesting and sometimes unanticipated ways with women's issues," Kourany said.

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Vasquez said it was important to show that the majority of students support the decision.

"We know that there's much more support than opposition out there," he said.

Angulo said Jenkins "might feel isolated, like he made the wrong decision," based on the opposition. He hopes to convey that many students support the decision.

"There are a lot of students who are more moderate, who say, 'I'm pro-life, ... but you're not going to get anywhere if you just reject people out of hand,'" he said.

Angulo said, however, he is open to dialogue and even supports those dissenting the University's actions.

"We're going to be open to dialogue, you can dissent," Angulo said.

Angulo said the discussions going on around campus are a sign of the concerned nature of Notre Dame students.

"We consider ourselves a concerned community," he said. "We understand the complexities of all the issues going on in our country.

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The mystery college donor has struck again — this time at Binghamton University in New York, whose financial aid office phone started ringing off the hook as word of an anonymous $6 million contribution spread across campus.

Binghamton is the latest of at least a dozen universities to receive donations totaling more than $50 million in recent weeks. The gifts have arrived with the same, highly unusual stipulation: not only must the donor remain anonymous, but not even the college can know who it is or try to find out. The recipient colleges seem to have almost nothing in common except this: so far, all are led by women.

Binghamton announced the gift Monday, though it said the check came to its foundation office several weeks ago. "They said, 'we think you bet­ter come and look at this. We can't explain it,'" said Tim DeFleur, the university's executive vice president. "So, the gift came. The stipulation: not only must the donor remain anonymous, but not even the college can know who it is or try to find out."

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Why I love Notre Dame

Josie Jeffries is the reason I love Notre Dame.

For three years, I’ve worked in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions, and Josie’s sat beside me. Josie was working in the office for a long time. Back in the day, Josie ran the show but today, she does more administrative work — mailings, clerical work, whatever needs to be done to ensure the office runs as smoothly as she’s used to seeing it.

That’s not why I love Josie, though. I love Josie because whenever I walk into work, she smiles, stands up from her chair, and hugs me. It’s the sort of hug where she lingers for a few seconds and squeezes you a little tighter at the end, to let you know that’s really means it. She always, always beams, as if your arrival made her day. She doesn’t need to say it — you know that she loves to be part of the office. She loves what she’s doing. And everyone who works in that office is happier because of it.

Barring a sudden, depressing turn in my life prospects, this is my last column in The Observer. Forgive my sentimentalities.

This isn’t a perfect place. Far from it. We’re stricter on our women than our men. We go out of our way to reserve the games to Syracuse. We’re stricter on our women than our men.

But I chose Notre Dame four years ago because, unlike other places I visited, just about everybody on this campus loves being here. You can feel it from the moment you step on campus. The academics are great. Even the emphasis on social justice is a given. It’s the people that make this place what it is, and the people who have taught me the most enduring lessons of Notre Dame. People love love to be a part of this place, and love what they’re doing for it. I’ve seen it in professors like Jim McKenna, whose Last Lecture inspired this column and who teaches with such passion that each year, he gets hundreds of 22-year-old boys interested in the merits of breastfeeding and mother-infant co-sleeping. It’s Bill Kerry, whose English class inevitably turned into a series of life lessons, as if he couldn’t sleep at night without challenging us to think about how we ought to live our lives. It’s Susan Ohmer, Valérie Sayres, John McGrewy, Collins Mesemese; Fr. Paul Kollman, Bob Schmelch, Jack Cobol, Tom Kellenberg, Paul Wentlin, Jon Coleman and countless others who I haven’t had the privilege of taking.

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Dear Notre Dame,

I am writing in to inform you about an awesome event happening on South Quad. Last year, you may have read about some brave and noble scholars setting the Guinness World Record for the World's Largest Spoon Train with 126 people. This was a great deal of fun altogether, because spooning is one of the best things in the world. This year, we are going to attempt to shatter the old record in an amazing display of greatness on Thursday, April 23rd. This year, however, we are going to be a little bit more ambitious. All proceeds from this event will go towards research for cures of childhood dis-abilities and Alzheimer's Disease through Alzheimer's Association of Northern Indiana. It is a great organization and a great way to spend an afternoon. So I encourage you to please come out to South Quad at 3:30 on Thursday and spoon with hundreds of other spooning enthusiasts. Remember it's all for the children.

In spooning,

Joel Sharbrough
off-campus
April 19
In January, I learned from my Notre Dame planner that Americans eat approximately 100 acres of pizza each day, or 350 slices per second. Frankly, I wasn't surprised. What food could be so pervasive in our culture? And pizza?

The Americanization of the little original is an iconic staple in the modern diet, regardless of budget. Pizza is about as personal as a food can get. Most people know exactly how they like it and defend their preferences strongly. As with any debate at Notre Dame, the stances are further entrenched when hometown issues are introduced. Most Chicago and New York natives are set in their ways, but The Outliers - Saylor's (233-5935), The Tuscan Vineyard ($7) brings several ingredients together for an interesting new kind of pizza. Large tomato slices, crispy bacon, spinach and basil chicken are set on a creamy Alfredo sauce, all covered with a mozzarella, provolone, and asaggio blend. The asaggio adds a welcome hit of bite to the pizza, but altogether, the pizza surprisingly lacks the zest expected from such a diverse combination.

The Outliers - Saylor's (233-5935)

The Vine (234-9463)

The good starting point for pizza is an all-you-can-eat lunch, such as the buffet offered by Saylor's Pizza weekdays from 11 to 1:30. At only $6.50, this is one of the better buffet deals in town. Located about 10 minutes south of campus on Michigan, Saylor's tries most to emulate Pizza Hut.

On a rainy Tuesday, my company was chiefly locals (possibly employees) watching Maury's "Revenge of the Geek." The lack of customers was the reason for the diversity of interest. We ordered two pizzas (half onion & half mushroom, and mushroom & pepperoni) stayed out, unchanged and, aside from my contributions, uneaten. In their emulation of Pizza Hut, other dishes are offered in the buffet, like unattractive macaroni and cheese, pretty good breadsticks, herky-mashed potatoes, and slightly vinegary rib tips swished in barbecue sauce.

The pizza itself is a consistent, zesty, local-type offering. The crust is one of Saylor's strengths, although not for the health-minded. Its bready, buttery crust is only a fleeting reprieve from the lightly greasy pizza. Despite the four combinations it offers, it deserves mention because of the considerable deal.

On the other end of the spectrum lies gourmet pizza like Uptown Kitchen's 12-inch pizzas, or the five that The Vine has to offer: La Margherita, Tre Carne, Pesto, Quattro Stagions, and Tuscan Vineyard.

The Tre Carne ($7) offers a fairly traditional take on meat-lover's pizza, with pepperoni, bacon and sausage. The mozzarella cheese is runny and good initially, but after the first slice, there is too much of it to allow the flavorful taste of the meats to pervade. The bland sauce is executeive of tomato paste, but the doughy and somewhat thick crust adds to the taste. The best sensation of the small pizza is the combination of the hearty pepperoni and sauce.

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The Family Inn - Barnaby's (256-0928)

This down-home style restaurant has the feel of a big pub, with old-fashioned signs adorning the walls around the dimly lit bar and pick-up window. Trophies of local teams surround the ample seating area, and TVs play sports and family programming. The unique ordering method is easy to figure out, and perhaps even enjoyable for the customer. Barnaby's also offers appetizers, sandwiches and sides, and the square-cut pizzas range from $8 to $11 for an individual (10 pieces) or $16 to $22 for a large (14 inches, 16 pieces).

The pizza is very greasy, but it's the best kind of greasy. The cheese is fresh and browned in large spots. It is fairly unique in the area, with crust that is crispy, not bready, and thin, but not too thin. The sausage is rich and spicy. Collectively, the pizza provides great bites, with memorable blends of full-bodied cheese, warm sauce, robust sausage and almost flaky crust. Barnaby's pizza can induce aching third due to the acidic sauce, which is barely used, thankfully.

The Spin-off - Bruno's (Prairie 288-3320, Roseland 273-3990)

Fromaggio and Tuscan Vineyard.

In 1975, an employee of Rocco's started his own pizza place on Prairie Avenue. Today, Bruno's has eight locations and, most notably, delivers to Notre Dame from its Roseland branch. The original location is mostly staffed by family members, which is definitely a good sign in itself.

Each of the ingredients is remarkably good and fresh, but it seems as if the whole is not greater than the sum of its parts. The zesty sauce adds a delicious flavor to complement the slightly doughy taste. The homemade sausage is toasted, and justly so, though the bratwurst and Italian sausage has a significantly higher level of taste. Nevertheless, when eaten as leftovers, the sauce and sausage still add a flavorful supplement to the pizza.

The Winner? Me.
By STEPHANIE DEPREZ

"Everyone deserves the right to be... happy!" These are the words you will be humming when you exit Washington Hall this weekend after seeing the outrageous, enthralling, heartwarming tale that is "Assassins."

Led by the eternal gentleman John Wilkes Booth, the motley crew of every American who attempted to assassinate the President lays out their tales of justice, passion, and love.

The musical is extremely inventive, beginning with Booth (who whirls onto the stage and uses his tacitful charm and undying sincerity to spin the show’s web) and dipping into the personal story of each assassin (or almost-assassin).

The show moves in a take-no-prisoners fashion, plopping the audience into the middle of situations, with the only indication being the poster of the “current” president hung for all to see. (More of a figure for shooting practice, one supposes.) The characters often run into each other, blurring time and relationships in order to show the shared goals and setbacks each assassin faces. The way they interact is very amusing, and at times, becomes outright hilarious.

The show plays into whatever knowledge you might have retained from your high school U.S. History class. There are witty kernels of information that the well-versed American Studies major will get, but the overall presentation is easy enough to follow. If you’ve ever enjoyed an American history class, there is no excuse for missing this delightful romp through the underbelly of our society.

The cast is ready and rearing through the entire show. Each number, sincere and straight-faced, has elements that make it enjoyable. It’s easy to see the characters enjoying themselves—John Wilkes Booth is having a blast—and it’s overly impossible not to enjoy yourself, too. “Let them cry ‘dirty traitor,’ they will understand it later!” sings Booth, completely convicted in this decision to shoot the “tyrant” Abraham Lincoln.

It is the authenticity with which these characters approach their situations that makes this show so watchable. Every assassin is ready and willing to explain their decision, which they believe makes perfect sense. There is a beautiful duet between two characters who literally take a “shot at love.” John Hinckley, who attempted to assassinate Gerald Ford to bring fame to her lover Charles Manson, bear their souls and can’t help but garner sympathy, warped though it may be.

Musicals often deal with a big “what if,” and the “what if” here is, what if all the assassins from American history met, influenced each other, and shared stories and ideals? It’s a maraud, twisted conversation, but you won’t help chuckling as you watch them carry on.

The individual plots of each assassination are sprinkled with facts and creative suppositions. What if John Wilkes Booth had begged Lee Harvey Oswald to assassinate John F. Kennedy? What if he knew that Kennedy’s assassination would bring interest (and glory) to every other assassination or attempted assassination before or since?

The show itself is well put together and finely executed. One innovation is putting the pit band on stage.

“It’s a smaller band, and it’s more exposed,” musical director Mark Wurzlbacher said. “We get to interact more than a typical musical. We’re somewhat of a character.”

The music itself is also a challenge.

“It’s definitely different from anything we’ve done before,” Wurzlbacher said. “All the stories are different but interwoven. It’s neat to get a different perspective on history.”

“Assassins” plays Friday and Saturday at 7:30 in Washington Hall. Tickets are $6 for students and $8 for adults.

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Horse Racing

Horse deaths linked to drug

Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Twenty-one prized polo horses that mysteriously died before one of the sport's top championships could be given a supplement that likely caused their deaths, the leader of the Venezuelan-owned team told an Argentine newspaper.

Juan Martin Nero, of Lechuza Polo, told the newspaper La Nacion for Wednesday's edition that the horses were given a supplement known as Biodyl, which contains a combination of vitamin B12, a form of selenium called selenite and other minerals.

It is made in France by a Belgian, Ga.-based animal pharmaceutical firm Merial Ltd. and can be given to horses to help with exhaustion. It is not approved for use in the United States, but is widely used elsewhere.

It remained unclear whether the Lechuza team used the brand name drug or a copy of it made by a compounding pharmacy in the U.S., which the Food and Drug Administration said could be illegal. Compounded pharmacies can, among other things, add flavor, make substances more potent or remove a certain compound that may have an adverse reaction in different animal species. They cannot legally recreate a drug that has been approved in the U.S.

Florida authorities have started an investigation to determine if the deaths were intentional or accidental, but so far nothing criminal has surfaced.

Toxicology tests are pending to determine whether anything in the drug caused the deaths. Authorities said it is not safe for human consumption.

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ESPN.com/USA Softball Poll

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Chicago Bulls head coach Vinny Del Negro, left, and general manager John Paxson, right, listen point guard Derrick Rose at the NBA Rookie of the Year presentation Wednesday. Rose joins Michael Jordan and Elton Brand as the third Bulls recipient.

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NBA

Goodell looking for remorse from exiled Vick

LEOMINSTER, Mass. — NFL commissioner Roger Goodell says Michael Vick has paid a significant price for doing an "egregious" thing and will have to show genuine remorse and that the experience has changed him in order to get a chance at resuming his career in the league.

Goodell appeared Tuesday night at Washington & Lee University, engaging in a panel discussion about leadership in sports and taking questions from the audience.

Afterward, Goodell said he has not kept up with Vick's legal issues since suspending him from the league after his conviction in a federal dogfighting case. Vick is serving a 23-month prison term and has a team of lawyers trying to settle his finances in bankruptcy court.

In Brief

Astros' Valverde to miss time with leg injury

HOUSTON — Houston closer Jose Valverde will likely miss a couple of days recovering after being hit on the leg by a grounder.

Valverde was bit near his ankle and strained his right calf trying to field the grounder by Orlando Hudson that hit him. Still, he remained in the game to get the last two outs and his first save in Houston's 8-5 win over the Dodgers on Tuesday night.

Manager Cecil Cooper, catcher Ivan Rodriguez and members of Houston's training staff tried to get him to leave the game after the injury, but the fiery closer, who led the National League with 44 saves in 2008, flatly refused.

He struck out James Loney and Russell Martin to end the game despite hobbling through those batters favoring his injured leg.

NBA Playoffs

Boston at Chicago (Series tied 1-1)

8 p.m., TNT

Teams showing interest in disgruntled Boldin

TEMPE, Ariz. — The Arizona Cardinals have received inquiries from "quite a few teams" about disgruntled wide receiver Anquan Boldin, and more conversations are anticipated as draft day approaches.

But general manager Rod Graves and coach Ken Whisenhunt repeatedly emphasized at the team's pre-draft news conference Tuesday that they would be happy to keep Boldin and eventually try to sign him to a new contract.

Bobby Carpenter says everybody in Dallas is aware of the expectations and gives us some insight into the life of Tony Romo.

"Quite a few teams have called but we have no offers from those teams," Graves said. "Anything can evolve from this point through draft day so that's where it is right now.

NCAA Softball

ESPN.com/USA Softball Poll

team points record

1 Florida (20) 500 46-3

2 UCLA 476 32-4

3 Washington 452 34-7

4 Stanford 409 37-6

5 Alabama 407 38-8

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1 Florida (20) 500 46-3

15 UC Santa Barbara 29

14 Loyola (Ill.) 32

12 Lewis 50

11 Ohio State 78

6 Penn State 158

5 BYU 164

2 Cal State Northridge 215

1 Northwestern (20) 400 15-0

24 Florida State 43 35-13

23 Texas 52 34-14

22 Cal Poly 88 31-9

20 LSU 109 27-13-1

20 Georgia Tech 115 35-11

18 Louisville 146 40-5

16 California 194 29-15

15 Tennessee 229 35-11-1

14 Oklahoma 237 34-13

13 North Carolina 246 42-7

2 Maryland 376 16-0

5 Duke 319 11-4

4 North Carolina 335 13-3

6 Princeton 287 11-2

7 Georgetown 271 11-4

8 Syracuse 257 12-3

9 Virginia 251 10-6

10 Penn State 219 9-4

11 Notre Dame 211 12-4

12 Boston U. 171 11-3

13 Ohio State 120 11-4

14 Stanford 127 10-4

15 Penn State 108 7-7

16 Dartmouth 103 7-5

17 Loyola (Md.) 77 10-5

18 Oregon 58 11-5

19 New Hampshire 46 10-6

20 Cornell 42 8-6

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Yankees struggle to sell costly seats

Associated Press

NEW YORK — At the new Yankee Stadium, the best seats in the house have turned out to be the emptiest.

The most expensive spots in America's costliest ballpark have become an embarrassment, packing a financial sting to the proud New York Yankees, as the Legends Suite section in the infield has been filled only once in the six games since the $1.5 billion stadium opened last week.

On most days, the seats that cost $500-$2,500 as part of season tickets and go up to $6,250 for individual games haven't been close to full. And as TV cameras pick up the patchy attendance with every pitch, it serves as a little tweak to the nation's richest baseball franchise.

"We're doing the best talking about seats," Yankees president Randy Levine said Wednesday. "We're not talking about seats."

"It's been pretty phenomenal," said the 29-year-old broker StubHub.com. Tickets in section 23, row 7, behind the home plate — an area that costs $2,500 as season tickets and $325 as part of season tickets. "I think they did very well this year if you combine it," Bird said. "I thought I thought T.J. started off strong, then went through a couple of games this season. He has said he will sit down with his agent and the Pacers told him not to show up before it comes up, but we'll see what happens."

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The Associated Press

Tinsley in limbo as Pacers ponder

INDIANAPOLIS — Jamaal Tinsley remains on Indiana's roster, but the Pacers still have no desire to let the troubled point guard play for them again.

Tinsley has been with the team since the 2001-02 season, but he has been hampered by injuries and off-court legal problems in recent years. The Pacers told him not to show up to training camp this season, and they did not allow him to play in an effort to improve their tarnished reputation.

The franchise has not changed, despite the Pacers' inability to complete a trade and get some value for a player who is owed $14.7 million the next two years, and the impending free agency of two other point guards. The NBA players' union filed a grievance for Tinsley in February, but team president Larry Bird and the franchise steadfastly refused to grant his request.

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Phelps to unveil new free technique

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Michael Phelps is following up his record performance at the Beijing Olympics by changing some of the swimming technique that carried him to eight gold medals.

"I haven't heard of 'If it ain't broke, don't fix it!' But Phelps isn't chasing the same old goals. As he shifts in focusing on shorter races, he hopes the new freestyle technique will increase his sprinting speed.

"I'll all have to see. I'm not saying anything until we unveil it," Phelps said with a grin when asked how he's tweaked the stroke. "It's a significant change. I did as soon as I take my first breath, it works," Phelps said. "When I got back in," he said, "I didn't feel like I could move."

Phelps will reveal the new technique when he returns to competition May 14-17 at the Charlotte UltraSwim in North Carolina, his first meet since Beijing. He plans to swim four events, including the 100- and 200-meter freestyle and the 100 butterfly.

"I'm going to try it this year. If it works, it works," Phelps said. "If it doesn't, I'll go back to the old stroke."

Phelps was in Manhattan on Wednesday for a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new store of longtime sponsor Omega. The watchmaker struck a photo of Phelps after a British tabloid published a photo of Phelps inhaling from a marijuana pipe. Kolloff dropped Phelps as an endorser, and USA Swimming suspended him for three months.

"This is something in his private life," said Omega president Stephen Urquhart. "Michael reacted very well. He went out, he apologized. This has no bearing at all on what he's done, his sporting activity, what he's done with the media. He's always been fantastic with us."

Judging by the throng of tourists holding their cameras above their heads to try to nab a shot of Phelps during the ribbon-cutting ceremony, he's still a big draw. Inside the store, Phelps signed a photo of the underwater view of his razor-thin victory margin in the 100 butterfly at the Olympics, where Omega is the official timekeeper.

Sporting a goatee, Phelps said he's lost the pounds he gained during his post-Beijing time off. He's altered his weight training as part of his goal to get stronger and faster for the shorter events. About seven weeks back into serious training, he joked, "I feel like I can swim."

"It was so fan-friendly," the former star pitcher said. "You could walk and talk with players. Just getting up-close with fans was one of my favorite things. I have so many memories, probably more there than anywhere I've been."

County and city officials will lease the complex for $1 per year, solely responsible for maintaining the grounds, according to the agreement. The tenant will collect revenue from local tourist taxes.

The lease will begin by at least May 1 and leaves open the possibility of a major league team to return.

"We expect a long relationship that will create opportunities for fans to see high caliber baseball in the historic Dodgertown venue," Vero Beach city manager James Gahbald said in a statement.

Officials had hoped to lure a major league team for spring training permanently.

They negotiated for months with the Baltimore Orioles, who have struggled to get a new stadium deal as their lease in Fort Lauderdale is about to expire. But negotiations broke down last year, ending when the county rescinded its offer to the Orioles.

At that point, Minor League Baseball president Pat O'Connor said he became involved in the process.

"The county asked me, with my connections around baseball, to help them brainstorm ways to secure a tenant for the facility," O'Connor said at the announcement in Vero Beach on Wednesday.
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Colts like their options in Saturday's draft

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Colts president Bill Polian is a draft master.

He took Peyton Manning over Ryan Leaf and Edgerrin James over Ricky Williams in his first two seasons with the Colts, providing the foundation for a perennial playoff team. He filled in other holes by choosing players such as Reggie Wayne, Dwight Freeney and Dallas Clark outside the top 10. Heck, he even chose players such as three-time Pro Bowl center Jeff Saturday and defensive captain Gary Brackett.

But for Polian, this will be a new experience.

Coaching Tony Dungy retired in January, turning the reins over to his hand-picked successor Jim Caldwell. The Colts have new defensive and special teams coordinators, which could force Polian to make a few changes when assessing talent. And the franchise's career receiving leader, Marvin Harrison, was released two months ago.

Plus, there were some glaring holes last season. Indy's run defense ranked among the league's worst after starting defensive tackle Ed Johnson was released in September. Brackett, a line-backer, missed the final month of the season after cracking a bone in his lower left leg, and Freddy Keiaho, another starting linebacker, has not been re-signed.

That means Polian has plenty of options this weekend. The Colts' first-round pick is No. 27 overall.

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of the inning but couldn't score.

"Bargar does an amazing job, and she always comes with her 'A' game," Miller said. "She had an awesome game today."

Sophomore Jody Valdivia ran into trouble in the first inning but got a bases-loaded strikeout to get out of the jam. From there, Valdivia cruised to a shutout and improved her ERA to 2.49.

"Jody did a great job too," Miller said. "In the second game we had more hitting to back Jody up, and that was the difference between the two games for us."

On offense, Irish sophomore shortstop Katie Fleury hit a double that brought in two runs, giving the Irish the first lead of the game. The Irish scored again as freshman Alexa Maldonado was brought home by senior second baseman Linda Kohan.

In the bottom of the sixth, the Irish had their offensive highlight of the night when Kohan hit a two-run homer, bringing home teammate senior second baseman Linda Kohan.

"In the first game we struggled offensively, that change-up threw us off," Miller said. "In the second game we picked it up."

Notre Dame will host conference rival Syracuse for a doubleheader Sunday at Melissa Cook Stadium.

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Kosinski said, "I also wanted to be more aggressive on court. I also want to do my best to help the team reach our goal of winning conference."

Sophomore Betsy Reed fell to Danielle Werley 6-1, 6-1 at No. 4 singles after teaming up with Peluso at No. 2 doubles to lose 8-0, against Garcia and Spagnuolo.

Peluso also lost at No. 5 singles 6-4, 6-1 to Mia Savagian, while sophomore Jessica Camp also fell to Himes at No. 6 singles.

The Belles will travel to Adrian Saturday and will look to get back on track in their last two regular season matches before heading to Kalamazoo next weekend for the conference tournament.

"Adrian is not one of the top teams in the conference," Campbell said. "Coming off a couple of tough losses like the one today and the Kalamazoo match, we hope it will give us a chance to breathe and work on a few things before heading to Kalamazoo."
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Thursday, April 23, 2009

Undergraduate Male Athlete of the Year:
1. Carl Andersen
   • Senior Carl Andersen, one of the top basketball players on campus, led Morrissey Manor to their second straight Interhall Basketball title and undefeated season with 17 points in the championship game. Carl's athleticism and ability to shoot it from anywhere make him a tough opponent and an impressive player to watch. In addition to playing basketball, broomball and volleyball, Carl also plays Interhall and CoRec football where he is one of the league leading wide receivers for both his Interhall and CoRec football teams.
2. Alex Klupchak
   • Alex Klupchak, a senior from O'Neill Hall, can be found most afternoons playing several hours of pick-up basketball at Ralls. Alex has a confidence and intensity that can be matched by few other players and his quickness and ability to both drive the lane and shoot from deep make him a constant threat. As captain and leading scorer of his CoRec and Interhall basketball teams, he led them both to appearances in the championship games, putting up 23 points in the Interhall Final. When not on the hardwood, Alex plays wide receiver on O'Neill's Interhall Football team and referees countless basketball and football games.
3. Casey McGuthin
   • Casey "Pistol" McGuthin is the captain and leading scorer for Soria's Interhall Basketball team where his driving ability and accuracy from deep behind the arc make him the Otter's number one threat. In addition, Pistol plays quarterback on the Otters' Interhall Football team and is the captain of the Little Giants flag football team who had an undefeated regular season, beating opponents by an average of 52 points.

Undergraduate Female Athlete of the Year:
1. Kathleen Stanley
   • Kathleen Stanley helped McGlinn Hall capture the Interhall Women's Basketball & Flag Football championships. McGlinn upset the top seeded Purple Weasels of PW in a 41-33 victory to win the Interhall Women's Basketball title. In addition, Stanley plays in multiple soccer leagues, Interhall Lacrosse, and was a member of DVD Late Night who made an appearance in the Collec basketball final.
2. Mary Ferri
   • Mary Ferri was a major component of Pasquerilla West's Flag Football team as their top wide receiver. She also led the Purple Weasels to the number one seed in the Women's Interhall Basketball tournament where they fell to McGlinn in the championship game. In addition, Mary was a key contributor on several CoRec teams including Flag Football, Basketball, and Broomball.
3. Jennifer Gargula
   • Jennifer Gargula plays quarterback for Welsh Family's Interhall Flag Football team that lost the championship game in the final minutes. Over the past three years, she has a perfect record in the regular season as the Whirlwinds' quarterback. Jeni also brings an unmatched intensity to the point guard position on the Whirlwinds' Interhall Basketball team.

Graduate Male Athlete of the Year:
1. Matt Hamel
   • After losing on penalty kicks in the GFS Soccer championship game, Matt Hamel helped the Insurance Waivers capture the Collec basketball title en route to an undefeated season. Hamel brings an unmatched intensity and determination to all sports as the leading scorer of the GFS basketball team, Flannel, and a strong defender on his Collec Soccer team. In addition to playing basketball, soccer, broomball and volleyball, Hamel is one of the top officials for both soccer and basketball.
2. Braden Turner
   • Braden Turner represents MSA in a variety of sports including basketball, flag football, and volleyball. He was captain of the MSA flag football team and a member of the MSA soccer team that lost in the finals on penalty kicks.
3. David Standa
   • As captain of his self-titled team, Dave Standa led his team to the GFS basketball title with a victory over CEGDS. Dave played GSU basketball on Team Flannel who made it to the semifinals before losing to the eventual champions. He is also a key contributor to his league leading Floor Hockey team, Threat Level Midnight, who has beaten their opponents by an average of 10 goals.

Graduate Female Athlete of the Year:
1. Susan Pinnick
   • Susan Pinnick represented the MSA program well, playing as many sports as she could. She was a member of MSA soccer team that lost the championship game on penalty kicks and a key component of her undefeated Collec soccer team. In addition, Susan played basketball, flag football, and volleyball.
2. Chrissy Vaughn
   • Chrissy Vaughn was the captain of the Mighty Mendoza GFS soccer team that won their league. She always brought enthusiasm and leadership to her team as a key contributor to their successful season.
3. Brittany Baron
   • Brittany Baron is the leader of MSA athletics as the captain of both their soccer and basketball teams. She was a member of the Collec championship basketball team, Insurance Waivers, and the GFS soccer runner-up as well as flag football and volleyball.

Team of the Year:
1. Interhall Men's Basketball Champions: Morrissey Manor Basketball
   • By averaging 65 points a game, Morrissey Manor completed an undefeated season and claimed the number one seed in the Men's Interhall Basketball Championship. Led by senior Captain Carl Andersen's 17 points, they were able to defend their Interhall basketball title with a 69-62 victory over O'Neill Hall.
2. CoRec Flag Football Champions: Weapons of Mass Destruction
   • Weapons of Mass Destruction struggled in the regular season, but a 2-2 record was just enough to get them into the playoffs where their season took off. They upset both the number one and number two seeds en route to the Collec Flag Football Championship.
3. CoRec Basketball Champions: Insurance Waiters
   • Joe Marnell, Matt Hamel, & Joe DeMott led the Insurance Waivers to an undefeated season. Averaging 71 points a game to their opponents' 38, they captured the CoRec Basketball Championship over DVD Late Night with a 71-38 victory.

Game of the Year:
1. Men's Interhall Hockey Championship: Siegfried vs. Stanford
   • The #4 and Siegfried met the #1 seeded Stanford Griffins in the Interhall Men's Hockey championship after both teams had to go into OT to win their semifinal games. The Siegfried Ramblers pulled off the 3-1 upset over the heavily favored Stanford Griffins to take home the championship trophy.
2. Men's Interhall Football Championship: Siegfried vs. Keenan
   • The top-seeded Siegfried Ramblers defeated the seventh-seeded Knights of Keenan Hall 14-13 to capture the Men's Interhall Football Championship trophy and complete an undefeated season. Despite the inspired play of the Knight's wide receiver, James Zenker, Siegfried was able to seal the victory when they stopped Keenan's attempt at a two-point conversion with just over two minutes to play.
3. GFS Soccer Championship: Team MSA vs. Pick Up United
   • Forty minutes wasn't enough to settle the GFS Soccer Championship as the game went overtime tied 2-2. Top seeded Pick Up United pulled out the victory over third seeded Team MSA in Penalty Kicks 5-3.

Fan of the Year:
1. Zahn Hockey
   • Defending Interhall Hockey Champion, Zahn House, could always be found with a large contingent of fans including fans in costumes of all sorts. Even as the team started to struggle, their fan base stayed strong during the early morning hours at the JACC Ice Rink.
2. Welsh Flag Football
   • Welsh Fan was never short of fans, especially for Flag Football. Even Father Greg never missed a game. It's hard not to play well when you have the fan support that the Whirlwinds do, cheering them on to an undefeated regular season and an appearance in the Interhall Championship game.
3. Purple Rain
   • GFS Flag Football team, Purple Rain, always had a ton of support from their fans, even bringing a mascot. The fans for Purple Rain stayed strong even as the weather turned cold and rainy for the playoffs where the team lost in a hard fought semifinal game to Pat's Spawns.

Voting is open until midnight, Sunday, April 26th Check out http://web.recspports.nd.edu/recspy/index.php
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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY:

Frances Caple, 32, Daniel Johns, 34, Eric Mabius, 50, Jack Nicholson, 72.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: You have to back down or take no for an answer this year. You can

withstand criticism or bad advice, and you're far-reaching, original and passionate. You

are a force to be reckoned with. ★★★★★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You are far-reaching, intelligent and original. You are passionate,
caring and can be explosive. You can effectively combine your communication skills with

your claims.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Communication is a must if you want to stay in control.

Scorpio can be put on your position or listen in on the outcome of what someone else is

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**ND Women’s Tennis**

**Senior Tefft captains fourth-ranked squad into Championships**

**By ALEX BARKER**

Good leadership skills, a strong work ethic and a slew of natural talent are all qualities any coach would love to find somewhere on his team.

Irish coach Jay Louderback didn’t have to look past senior captain Kelsey Tefft before finding all three.

“If I had to describe Kelsey in one word, it would be committed,” Louderback said. “She has been our hardest worker and always puts extra time into being prepared to play. She has played with injuries but has done it for our team to succeed.”

A major key to success is

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**Team rebounds for home doubleheader split**

**By MOLLY SAMMON**

Notre Dame saw a pair of impressive streaks fall by the wayside in Game 1 of Wednesday’s doubleheader against North Dakota State, but the Irish came back to defeat the Bison in Game 2 and salvage a split.

The 2-1 North Dakota State (25-16) win in the opener ended a 10-game win streak for Notre Dame (32-14, 14-3 Big East), who responded with a 5-0 victory in the nightcap. Game 1 was the first nonconference home contest the Irish had lost since 2007, a stretch covering 15 games.

The first game was truly a battle of the pitchers. Each team only scored during one inning, thanks to excellent pitching from both the Irish and the Bison.

“They come to play, and they were not a team to take lightly,” freshman left fielder Dan Miller said.

Notre Dame struck quickly in the opener, as junior Heather Johnson’s first-inning sacrifice fly scored senior Beth Northway, who reached on a lead-off double.

The Bison didn’t get to Irish senior pitcher Brittney Bargar until the bottom of the seventh inning. North Dakota State scored twice on Bargar — who holds a sparkling 1.69 earned run average for the season — by taking advantage of an Irish error.

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**Irish take Game 2 from UM**

**Wolverines use seventh inning error to win twin billing’s opener**

**By ALEX BARKER**

After an untimely error cost them the first game of the evening, the Irish were able to ride strong pitching and a giant fifth inning to a split of their shortened doubleheader with Michigan on Wednesday night at Frank Eck Stadium.

Each contest only went seven innings as the first game had to be rescheduled because of a rainout Tuesday in Ann Arbor, Mich.

The Notre Dame (23-15, 8-7 Big East) comeback attempt in Game 1 was thwarted when a throwing error by junior second baseman Byun Inteokoff

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**Irish senior lefty Sam Elam delivers a pitch during Notre Dame’s 3-2 loss to Michigan in Game 3 of a doubleheader split Wednesday.**

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**SMC Tennis**

**Gebert notches only win in Belles 8-1 loss**

**By KATE GRABAREK**

Saint Mary’s will need to win its last two matches to secure a .500 conference record after falling at Hope, 8-1, Wednesday.

“Hope is really tough and I was ready for us,” Belles coach Dale Campbell said. “We fought really hard and tried our best and were really close in three or four matches.”

The Belles (17-9, 2-4 MIAA) stuck with their lineup changes from the Trine match at both singles and doubles, moving sophomore Frances Peluso up from No. 3 doubles to No. 2 and inserting her into the No. 5 singles slot.

Sophomore Mary Therese Lee filled in at No. 3 doubles against the Flying Dutch (14-5, 6-0).