CDC confirms swine flu case at ND

Student recoveries after experiencing symptoms last week; Health Services, officials investigate

By JENN METZ
News Writer

The University announced a case of swine flu at Notre Dame was confirmed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Tuesday.

The affected student, after falling ill almost a week ago, has recovered and is in good health. It is the first confirmed case of the disease — North American Human Influenza A (H1N1), commonly known as swine flu — in Indiana.

An e-mail sent to faculty, staff and students Tuesday afternoon alerted them of the presence of swine flu on campus. The student appeared to be unwell during an event at the University of Notre Dame, hosting by students from the University of Notre Dame.

“Mr. President, you can expect your two more years of service will be open in time for football season,” Angulo said.

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Devil’s Academy

Maybe you’re tempted to seek academic counseling at the Dean’s Office. Or, considering the magnitude of the decision, maybe you do so at the Grotto. But reconsider: As the economy tumbles and the planet warms, perhaps it’s time to ask the wicked one who’s steering the wheel toward our doom.

No, not Charlie — Lucifer.

Psychology: The pointless acquisition of vocabulary to describe your prior knowledge of the workings of the human mind and its development. In short, this discipline dresses up your intuition in historical corollaries. After mastering PowerPoint presentations on mundane topics. Instead of following imaginative recipes to bake pies, you will master the arduousness of plugging data into formulas and pie charts.

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Psychology: A remedial education program for affluent white suburbanites who lack a basic understanding of qualitative ideas such as “human suffering” and more specifically, “genocide” and “food.” Psychology: The language of their historical corollaries. After mastering these rudiments of the trade, the focus shifts to a group therapy session in which participants are assured that they bear no responsibility for the realities they have just discovered, that the best way to handle the Middle East is by continuing a suburban lifestyle heavily reliant on fossil fuels.

Offbeat

Blown-away Chihuahua reunited with owners

WATERFORD TOWNSHIP, Mich. — Tinker Bell has been reunited with her owners after a 70-mph gust of wind picked up the six-pound Chihuahua and tossed her out of sight. Dorothy and Lavern Uley credit a pet psychic for guiding them on Monday to a wooded area nearly a mile from where 8-month-old Tinker Bell had been last seen. The brown, long-haired dog was dirty and hungry but otherwise OK.

The Uleys of Rochester had set up an outdoor display Saturday at a flea market in Waterford Township, 25 miles northwest of Detroit.

Deputy quits after wife, mom-in-law take barrel of candies

LAKELAND, Fla. — A Polk County deputy has turned in his badge after his wife and mother-in-law took his patrol car out for a joyride. Officials said the 44-year-old deputy resigned Monday after serving 21 years with the sheriff's office. The arrest report said his wife and mother-in-law face charges of vehicle theft, theft of a firearm and impersonating a law-enforcement officer. His wife also faces charges of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

A third person riding in the back seat also was arrested.

Police arrest woman with barrel of bear candies

CASPER, Wyo. — Police arrested a 26-year-old woman after finding a barrel of delinquent bear candies in her hotel room that police believe had been stolen from a local restaurant. Officers responded to a 911 call at a hotel room where the woman was staying on Saturday evening. Officers determined that the call had been phoned by accident.

However, officers saw the barrel of candies in the room and recognized it as having come from Poor Boys Steak House.

In Brief

A Spring concert titled “Collegium Musicum” will take place today from 7 p.m. to 7:45 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. in the Beyes Organ and Choral Hall in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The program will include Renaissance and Baroque sacred music. Tickets are $3 and can be purchased at the door.

The DeBartolo Performing Arts Center will show the film, “The Choo,” Thursday at 9:30 p.m. in Browning Cinema. Purchase tickets online at performingarts.nd.edu, visit or call the Ticket Office at 574-631-2800.

The graduates of the Creative Writing MFA Program will give a reading from their final theses Friday in the LaFortune Ballroom at 7 p.m. The readings will be delivered in rapid succession. The event is open to the public.

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

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

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Athlete graduation rate ranked No.1 in nation

By IRENA ZAJICKOVA  News Writer

In addition to the various awards and accolades Notre Dame’s athletic teams have received this year, the athletic department was recently ranked first in the nation in graduation success rate (GSR).

Notre Dame’s 98 percent success rate is equal only by the United States Naval Academy. Fourteen of the university’s athletic teams were ranked in the top ten in the nation, which is the most of any university. It is also a record for Notre Dame, who had 11 athletic teams in the top ten last year.

Athletic Director Jack Swarbrick said being ranked number one in the country is a tremendous achievement. "We have the same reaction to winning the GSR as we do to win our women’s basketball team winning the Final Four in St. Louis or the soccer team, the women’s soccer team, winning the NCAA championship," Swarbrick said in a video available on Notre Dame’s Web site. "That’s our goal and when we count our national championships at this university we’re counting GSR performance as a national championship win."

According to John Heisler, the senior associate athletics director, the NCAA measures the GSR by studying each of the 119 Division I colleges and universities in areas of academic eligibility and retention of student-athletes. This means that when student athletes drop out or transfer due to academicians, the school’s GSR measurement will decrease.

Heisler said student athletes at Notre Dame succeed academically because of various support systems they have. "You’ve got coaches and people here who are supporting them, as well as Academic Services for Student Athletes," Heisler said.

Academic Services for Student Athletes provides help in many areas, including tutoring and making sure students are on track to graduate. Even since the organization has stepped up its efforts, the student athletes’ grade point averages have risen every semester.

"The whole notion of Academic Services for Student-Athletes is to keep them on track," Heisler said. "It’s a tremendously valuable service relative to our athletic department.

Student athletes at Notre Dame face many challenges in succeeding academically, including a lack of time to study and increasingly long training programs. "One of the challenges is probably just the time involved," Heisler said. "If you’re a varsity athlete, there’s just not enough hours in the day. Also, there’s just not much of an off season when it comes to athletics anymore."

Heisler said Notre Dame student athletes are aware of the rigors of the curriculum when they get here — and in many cases it even influences their decisions to attend — which is part of the reason they do so well. "I think if you come here even as a student athlete, you absolutely understand how difficult the work will be," Heisler said. "It’s a big part of why you come here."

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Students take leap of faith

Undergraduates voice their desires, decisions to become priests, sisters

By SARAH MERVOSH  News Writer

When asked as a child what he wanted to be when he grew up, instead of saying he wanted to be an astronaut or baseball player, senior Simon Carian said he wanted to be a priest. And unlike most, he never grew out of his childhood dream.

Carian, along with a few other Notre Dame graduates, will be joining the seminary to become a priest after graduation.

Fr. Ed Obermiller, a Holy Cross priest in the Office of Vocation, said he knows of at least four Notre Dame graduates, will be helping him in his preparation for priesthood. "Just having that existence of living in the dorm kind of gives you experience of being around the dorm kind of plays out," He said. "Especially in terms of the drinking culture and people’s attitudes.

"A priest has to be somebody who is approachable, somebody that you can trust, somebody who is respected also somebody who is very human. The sort of guy you might go and have a beer with," Carian said.

"This place really has helped me to grow in sort of the human element, which is so important for a priest," Carian said. "This is a tremendous value of having your faith integrated on the Notre Dame campus."

"Here at Notre Dame, you learn how to live, you learn how to be with friends and with normal people," Carian said. "And this is something that I would not have gotten if I had been in some other place but that’s not what would really fulfill me as a person," he said.

"It’s going to be difficult of course to leave this place. It’s beautiful and I have so many friends here. It’s going to be hard to say goodbye to," Schreck said.

"A priest has to be somebody who is not having a family," Carian said. "When you’re growing up you kind of want to have a family. When I was here I didn’t know what was going to make sure."

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Saint Mary’s announces
service award winners

By ALICIA SMITH
News Writer

The Office of the Provost awarded 20 Notre Dame faculty members with Rev. Edmund F. Joyce, C.S.C. Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Teaching and three faculty members with Dockweiler Awards for Excellence in Undergraduate Advising this month.

The awards are the only University-wide honors given to faculty members for work with undergraduate students, Associate Provost Dennis Jacobs said.

"It's a testimony to how valuable their work is," he said. "When a student goes on about how this professor influenced him or her life, that's a meaningful and valued nomination." Dennis Jacobs associate provost

"The awards recognize excellence in teaching and advising undergraduate students." The award recipients were chosen from nominations submitted by students and faculty members. Over 255 nominations were submitted for the two awards, Jacobs said.

The majority of the nominees come from students, who Jacobs said are best able to describe the impact professors and advisors have made on their lives. "When a student goes on about how this professor influenced his or her life, that's a meaningful and valued nomination." Dennis Jacobs associate provost

The other recipients of the Joyce Award included professors Carl Ackermann, Seth Brown, Noriko Hanabusa, Paul Heqlquist, Mary Catherine Hilker, Joshua Kaplan, Ias Kujii, Gary Lambert, Sylvia Lin, David O'Connor, David Racca, William Schmahl, Robert Sedlack, Miran Son, Dennis Snow, John Staud, Henry Weinfield, Michelle Whaley and Susan Youens.

A single selection committee appointed by the office of the provost chose the Dockweiler Award winners as individuals who "help shape a student's future, but not confined to a classroom interaction," Jacobs said.

The 2009 Dockweiler Award winners were math professor Frank Connelly, assistant dean for undergraduate studies Ana Preacher and associate director of international studies Juliete Masinga.

Jacobs said the University gives the Joyce and Dockweiler awards not only to honor professors and advisors, but also to set an example of excellence in teaching and advising.

"We want to provide exemplars," he said. "That by recognizing excellence and holding up an advisor who has really impacted students' lives, it inspires others to follow in their footsteps."

The winners of both awards receive a $1,300 cash prize and a plaque. During the May 17 award ceremony, they will also be called by name to stand for recognition.

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Men acquitted for 2005 bombings in London

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Three men charged in London's 2005 suicide bombings — Britain's deadliest terrorist attacks since World War II — were acquitted of the most serious offenses against them Tuesday in the latest terrorism case to frustrate prosecutors.

A jury found Waheed Ali, Sadeer Saleem, and Mohammad Shakkil guilty of conspiring with four suicide bombers who blew themselves up on three subway cars and a bus on July 7, 2005, killing 52 people. Ali and Shakkil were convicted of a lesser charge — conspiring to attend a terror training camp — and will be sentenced Wednesday.

The men were the only people ever charged in connection with the bombings.

Alleged Al-Qaida leader jailed

A uthorities described al-Baghdadi's capture last week, which was announced last week, as a 'very different problem':

The 9-year-old picked up a plastic bucket Monday and began to scoop, but it was hopeless. "This is a lot of rats," she told the Associated Press with a shudder, standing in water above her ankles. "In the night also.

Eight Oscars and $32 million in box office receipts have so far done little to improve the lives of the film's two impoverished child stars.

Rubina, and co-star Azharuddin Mohammed Ismail have been showered with gifts and brief visits of fame, but their day-to-day lives are little changed. In some ways, things have gotten worse: Azhar's neighborhood has grown crowded and tense, Rubina's house is flooded. And fame has brought both opportunity and shame.

"I can't imagine living here. We can hardly get to the water, welcomed the government's reversal on the report.

"We are in Day 99 of change, and by next month..." he said.

The families say the D.Y.

NYPD officers plead not guilty

Man pleads to helping a drunken woman get home, but has yet to deliver on the offers.

NYPD officers charged in the arrest of a woman who was charged with helping a drunken woman get home.

Rubina Ali, child star of the hit movie 'Slumdog Millionaire,' right, wades through sewage water that has flooded her shanty in Mumbai, India, Monday, June 14.

Associated Press

U.S. can't 'vouch' for cancer assurances

Resource Health Services page

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Council of Representatives

Architect presents on campus construction

By LIZ O’DONNELL
News Writer

The Council of Representatives (COR) discussed the future of construction occurring on campus as well as a potential spring concert in their meeting Tuesday night.

University Architect Doug Marsh spoke to the Council regarding the projects that will be completed within the next two to three years.

“We have quite a few projects happening this summer,” he said.

Marsh highlighted projects that have already begun. He said they would complete the parking lot project next to The Morris Inn. The lot has been lowered to open views for Ryan Hall, which will also be completed in time for the fall semester.

Geddes Hall, the new home of the Center for Social Concerns and other campus offices, will be completed this summer.

“The area around Geddes will be all done and greened up like nothing had ever happened by the time you get back,” Marsh said.

Three dorms will undergo renovations while students are away for the summer. Breen-Phelps and Zahm will both be selectively renovated.

These dorms will receive new windows and new plumbing and will have their bathrooms gutted.

Lewis Hall will also undergo a renovation with a new patio and a barbecue built on the backside of the dorm.

After students return in the fall, there will be three projects that will be completed during the first semester.

Both the soccer teams and lacrosse teams will have new homes as of October. The new soccer stadium, Alumni Field is projected to be completed in September and the lacrosse field being projected to end in early October.

Stinson-Remick, the new engineering hall will be completed by Christmas, Marsh said the centerpiece of the hall would be the 8,500 square-foot "clean room" which will be used by researchers of nano-technology.

“It is an interesting, great time to be here,” Marsh said.

After Marsh finished his presentation, Pete Bruckbauer and Pat Garthland presented on the steps it would take to bring a large-scale concert to Notre Dame.

After considering a number of possible venues, Garthland said the best one to hold a large concert would be the football stadium, but it presents some foreseeable problems.

One of the biggest issues is availability. The athletic department has control over when the Notre Dame Stadium can and cannot be used.

“Between the football season, the time it snows, and the Blue and Gold game, the Stadium is only available for about a week and a half during the school year," he said.

Another area important to the outcome of the concert is its financing. Garthland spoke of possibly looking into corporate sponsorship as a means of paying for the concert.

After presenting this, Bruckbauer then presented a hypothetical idea for a concert. This plan included using NBC as a possible corporate sponsor.

“They could possibly broadcast the first ever concert from Notre Dame Stadium to the rest of America,” he said.

Also included in his plan was a list of bands that would be appealing for both alumni and students. Among these were Bon Jovi, Bruce Springsteen, U2, Dave Matthews Band and Coldplay.

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Fans of the Year
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GM forced to close over 1,000 dealers

DETROIT — General Motors Corp. told its dealers Tuesday that it will force 1,000 to 1,200 underperforming locations to close their doors as the automaker tries to thin dealer ranks to make the 2.6 million dealers that carry its brands profitable.

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The examiners are making their arguments to regulators, said these people, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they have been told not to discuss it. Among those who could be affected would be regulators who don’t fully understand the banks’ operations, they added.

But the companies face an uphill battle in convincing Fed officials, who privately released the results Friday, that the tests are not wide enough, the analysts said. They noted that the tests are supposed to ensure enough capital for the results to be widely accepted.

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**Student creates T-shirts in support of Obama**

By AMANDA GRAY
News Writer

Graduating senior Matt Degnan has decided to voice his opinion about President Obama’s Commencement speech by designing a T-shirt that reads, “Obama? Fine by me.”

Degnan began his defense of Obama in a Letter to the Editor entitled “Not on my campus” in The Observer on March 26. “The design actually evolved from a plea I made in a Viewpoint (letter) which was published a few weeks ago,” Degnan said.

“The original design said ‘Please don’t ruin MY graduation.’”

In the letter, Degnan addressed a Notre Dame alumnus, Kevin Keane, who threatened to protest Obama speaking at Commencement by displaying signs of aborted fetuses in an earlier Letter to the Editor.

After discussions with friends, the slogan changed to “Obama? Fine by me.”

“We felt that ‘Obama? Fine by me’ better represented a sense of respect, acknowledgement and tolerance,” Degnan said.

Degnan chose shirts over other mediums for the slogan because they put a face to the protest.

“A shirt actually ties you to what it says,” Degnan said.

“The same slogan on a poster has no identifiable point of view; no one knows who is making the statement. When students wear the shirt people know they support our graduation speaker.”

Around 80 shirts have already been sold, and another 200 have been ordered, Degnan said.

The T-shirts are being sold for $10 each and all of the proceeds will be donated to the American Civil Liberties Union, an organization founded to defend the civil liberties guaranteed to United States citizens through the Constitution and similar documents, according to the organization’s Web site.

“Personality has not received any negative responses to date,” Degnan said.

That’s not to say the shirts haven’t sparked debate.

“One person who bought a shirt was in class wearing it and a debate about the issue started because of it,” Degnan said. “I’m excited that it’s increasing dialogue on the issue.”

Students aren’t the only ones buying the shirts.

“One of the largest demographics of people buying the shirt is actually faculty members,” Degnan said. “I’ve sold shirts to people within the design, business, art history and physics departments, as well as administrators.”

Degnan urged all who support the shirt and its meaning to wear the shirts.

“I will also be selling shirts today,” Degnan said. “If you cannot get one, I encourage you to make one, do anything you can to show support.”

The shirts are available through www.viral-tees.com and are selling for $15 for those who would like a shirt but aren’t on campus.

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Tribune, the woman was taken back to Saint Mary’s College where her friends took her to the hospital for medical care.

The investigation will be continued, with possible charges for assault as a result.

The South Bend Police Department could not be reached for comment.

The Observer also reported Monday that four male Notre Dame students and one Saint Mary’s student reported they were robbed over the weekend.

The students reported an encounter with a group of men around 11 p.m. Saturday night on the 1200 block of East Chalfant Street, according to a South Bend Tribune report.

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The University agreed to pay for the necessary police protection during Commencement weekend.

SBPD will work with the United States Secret Service, St. Joseph County Police, Indiana State Police and Notre Dame to coordinate security for the president, including a motorcade.

Since Obama is not the first president to visit South Bend, Trent told The Observer some security guides are already in place.

If Obama follows a similar pattern that President George W. Bush did when he spoke at the 2001 Commencement, Trent said, “there’s already a traffic and security package that can be dusted off and revamped a little bit.”

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The anchor of the Eddy Street Commons will be a satellite store of the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore, which is run by Follett. The store will be set in the southeast corner of the development and take up approximately 20,000 square feet.

In addition to the bookstore, the development will feature two sit-down restaurants. The first is an Irish-themed restaurant and pub called Kildares, which will be situated on the first floor of the office building planned for the development.

The second restaurant is a seafood restaurant that will be located east of the bookstore. "These restaurants will be nice, sit-down restaurants with a great atmosphere and friendly pricing," Hakanen said. "These are places intended for people to go back to on a regular basis."

For other, quicker food options, Chipotle, a Mexican fast-food restaurant and Hot Box Pizza will also occupy the commons.

"Hot Box Pizza will offer a few tables, but it will mainly be a take-out place," Hakanen said. Kite Realty Group is the developer who bought and leased all the land for the project. For this reason, they are the ones responsible for the leasing.

Hakanen said the developers are currently talking with a number of other tenants, which include additional restaurants, retail stores and soft goods. Among those prospects are a number of local entities.

"They are also talking to a bank and a series of small specialty stores, things like jewelry stores, flower stores and a day spa," he said. "By the time they're done I'm quite sure there will be local entities involved."

Hakanen said the University doesn't have authority over who the retail space is leased to. "The developer provides the capital, is doing the work and taking the risk associated with this," he said. "They have the authority to lease within pretty broad guidelines."

The only influence Notre Dame had in selection of the retail space was a list of prohibited types of businesses. "Beyond that list, the developers have the authority to lease it as they need and to make it a viable center," Hakanen said.

There is also a variety of housing available in the Eddy Street Commons, the first of which are currently available in escrow. The housing units are called City Homes and will feature three levels of living, Hakanen said.

"The City Homes will be similar to the town homes offered at Irish Crossings, since they were built by the same builder," Hakanen said.

There are conventional condos that will wrap around the parking lot that will be called Legends Lofts, he said. These condos are currently for sale.

For shorter-term options, there will be apartments called the Foundry Apartments available for lease beginning this fall. These will be located above three retail buildings in the development.

"The first phase of these apartments will be available this fall, with the next two gradually being offered in 2010," Hakanen said.

Although the location of Eddy Street Commons is close to campus, Hakanen said he believes the occupants of these living spaces will primarily be professionals. "These are not marketed to students, they are intended to be for adult occupants," he said. "It will most likely be a combination of people who work for the University, alumni and other people who work in downtown."

One final area of the commons that will open for business will be two different types of hotels.

The first hotel that will be available for reservations will be a limited service hotel. Hakanen said they would work in conjunction with the hotel this spring, with a projected opening in summer 2010.

Construction of the full service hotel is currently delayed but will begin immediately once financing can be arranged.

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White House, Obama announce ND center

The University of Notre Dame will be home to one of 46 new multi-million-dollar Energy Frontier Research Centers (EFRCs) announced Monday by the White House in conjunction with a speech delivered by President Barack Obama at the annual meeting of the National Academy of Sciences.

The EFRCs, which will pursue advanced scientific research on energy, are being established by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Science at universities, national laboratories, nonprofit organizations and private firms across the nation.

The University of Notre Dame's EFRC is one of 16 to be funded by President Obama's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Peter C. Burns, chair of the University's Department of Civil Engineering and Geological Sciences, will be director of the new center. Burns said that this is a unique and important opportunity for scholars at Notre Dame and partner institutions to impact future energy challenges facing the nation and the world.

"Notre Dame's EFRC is titled "Materials Science of Actinides. The focus of this center, which includes participants from several other universities and national laboratories, is the elements that are the basis of nuclear energy (uranium, plutonium and other actinides). Research in the center will seek to understand and control materials that contain actinides at the nanoscale, which is about one-millionth of the size of the tip of a ball-point pen."

"As global energy demand grows over this century, there is an urgent need to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and imported oil and curtail greenhouse gas emissions," said U.S. Secretary of Energy Steven Chu. "Meeting this challenge will require significant scientific advances. These centers will mobilize the enormous talents and skills of our nation's scientific workforce in pursuit of the breakthroughs that are essential to make alternative and renewable energy truly viable as large-scale replacements for fossil fuels."

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“For me, this is very inconsistent, especially taking into account the sanctity of life,” she said.
Notre Dame Commencement speakers, Angulo said Notre Dame has a tradition honoring the nation’s leaders.
“It isn’t just like all of a sudden Jenkins said, ‘I really like Obama, we should get him,’” he said. “Notre Dame has a tradition.”
Angulo argued that no presidential visit on campus could have a social policy record that would fulfill all the requirements of the Church and Catholic Social Teaching.
“We need to look at the realities. Abortions don’t happen in a vacu­uml” he said. “Somehow we have
to deal with the situation we’ve got.”
He said the focus should be on Obama’s work to cultivate a soci­ety where abortions don’t happen, such as his work to reform the health care system and public education.
G errard said the issue comes down to whether or not one believes abortion is taking the life of human being.
“There’s one glaring hole in this holistic policy, and that’s abortion,” he said. “If you believe it ends the life of a human, then this takes on a whole new political debate.”
While he said there are many other social justice reforms that need to be undertaken to lower the number of abortions, G errard said the first step is changing the law.
“After the law passed, the numbers of abortions increased ten­fold,” he said.
Sosder said he does not believe the University invited Obama to create dialogue.
“Clearly Notre Dame is benefit­ing in some ways,” he said.
Personally, I don’t think the University needs to be in the busi­ness of promoting itself so much,” G errard said the invitation to Obama is not in the spirit of dialogue and the dialogue of the stu­dents on the matter will not influ­ence the president.
“If this is a speech, it’s a monolog­ue,” he said. “We, sitting around here talking about this, aren’t going to change the law.”
Angulo disagreed.
“Abortion is an issue,” he said. “We can vote them in. We can vote them out. We can elect people who will change the law. We can elect people who will change the law.”
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followed standing testing protocol when the student displayed typical symptoms of seasonal influenza — sore throat, chills, headache, body aches, cough and fever. She said the student was not “seriously ill” and is “doing well now.”
A culture sample taken from the student was sent to the Indiana State Department of Health in Indianapolis for analysis, and Notre Dame was informed Friday the sample was atypical for influenza A, which could indicate it was the swine flu. The culture was sent to the OIS director Kathleen Opel.

The affected student did not display symptoms. She was immediately sent to the student health center for evaluation, where she was determined to be not seriously ill.
G errard said the case is currently under investigation and the stu­dent’s close contacts are being identi­fied and notified.
She said the one confirmed case at Notre Dame is “no cause for panic;” but rather encouraged tak­ing steps to prevent the spread of the illness.

“Notre Dame is a perfect place to spread disease.”
Freshman Erin Wurst said she would like to know where the stu­dent lives, if the student lives on campus.
“Notre Dame students to return to Puebla and one in Monterrey.
On April 24, Oel said, the Mexican government cancelled classes in all schools and universi­ties until May 6. The semester was effectively finished with that can­cellation, he said, and arrange­ments for students to complete final papers and exams are being finalized.
Oel said OBS has worked with Anthony Travel to arrange for the Notre Dame students to return to the United States by the end of the week.
It is not known how the student back at Notre Dame’s campus con­tracted the flu strain.

Students, faculty and staff were alerted in an e-mail Monday of the public health emergency notice issued by the Department of Homeland Security that said University Health Services “is pre­pared to handle any influenza out­break, if necessary.”

Information on swine flu is avail­able from the CDC at www.cdc.gov/swineflu and from
Health Services at uhs.nd.edu

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There are seven students in Puebla and one in Monterrey.

The swine flu, Moskwinski said, is contagious a day before symp­toms are displayed and up to seven days afterward. Symptoms show up 48 to 72 hours after being in contact with someone who has the swine flu, she said.
By the time of the student’s diag­nosis, the student had been going out regular activities on campus, Moskwinski said.

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When the staff in the Office of Residence Life and Housing made up our rules regarding living in a dorm and the financial aspects, it seems as if they decided to put themselves above their own laws. "The Office of Student Affairs is informing each resi-
dence hall that a proper atmosphere must be maintained in the dorms throughout
study days (Monday-Thursday) and exam days (Friday-Sunday)." No other activity, at any time, may
interfere with an environment of study and rest for all residents." Yet they decide to
send teams do room inspections at 9 a.m. (to my dorm) the first day of study
days. What gives? I am very confused.
Since I (and I assume the majority of stu-
dents of campus plan) to be fast asleep at
that time, should I expect to obey the edict set forth by the ORL hypocrisies, again
Office? If you are not allowing anything to interrupt my rest, and continue to sleep, myself and each
roommate will be charged a $100 penalty fee.
It is clear once again that the Office of Residence Life and Housing is doing anything but looking out for the students and putting our interests first.
The hypocrisy of this Office disgusts me. It's existence is totally dependent upon students, one would think that it would do its best to accommodate our needs. On the other hand, having other poor residents who are out of touch with the desires and mentality of college-age generation running this Office is not surprising considering the recent policies (I'm talking Fisher Zoo-

cope, no, not Obama) set forth by the
Defining 'Catholic'

I would like to respond to the points raised by Levi Checkett's "Liberal Catholicism" (April 27). I would like first to note what the term "Catholic" means, since I think Checkett misunderstands it. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says the Church is called Catholic because "in her subsists the fullness of Christ's body united with his head." One receives from Christ "the fullness of the means of salvation" (CCC 830). Secondly, she is Catholic or Universal because "she has been sent out by Christ on a mission to the whole of the human race.

What this Catholicity does not imply is the acceptance of divergent opinions on matters of defined doctrine, dogma, or the natural law. The term Roman Catholic is not an oxymoron; the Church, under the authority of the Bishop of Rome, still possesses the fullness of Christ's body and salvation, and this Church is open to all men of every race. Further, there are other kinds of Catholics beyond Romans: Maronite Catholics, Ukrainians, Armenians, and a host of others. These various Rites of the Catholic Church differ in their liturgy and disciplines (fasting regulations, canon law) but are in perfect unity in doctrine and dogma, under the teaching authority of the Pope and bishops united to him. Checkett gives the names of numerous individuals and events that he labels as "conservative" or "liberal." However, all of these individuals and events shared continually in essential matters of Catholic doctrine, dogma, and morality, with the possible exception of Merton near the end of his life (He came rather close to Buddhism).

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Personal Sacrifices

In response to fellow Kneeanite Mark Easley ("Christian Soldiers" April 27), I disagree with his logic and his conclusion that this organization was given access to millions of alumni names. It is time for Notre Dame to publicly condemn Mr. Terry, his organization and this mailing. The appearance of President Obama was given access to millions of alumni names, as well as the natural law. The term Roman Catholic is not an oxymoron; the Church, under the authority of the Bishop of Rome, still possesses the fullness of Christ's body and salvation, and this Church is open to all men of every race. Further, there are other kinds of Catholics beyond Romans: Maronite Catholics, Ukrainians, Armenians, and a host of others. These various Rites of the Catholic Church differ in their liturgy and disciplines (fasting regulations, canon law) but are in perfect unity in doctrine and dogma, under the teaching authority of the Pope and bishops united to him. Checkett gives the names of numerous individuals and events that he labels as "conservative" or "liberal." However, all of these individuals and events shared continually in essential matters of Catholic doctrine, dogma, and morality, with the possible exception of Merton near the end of his life (He came rather close to Buddhism).

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Excitement turned disappointment

When I first learned that President Barack Obama would deliver the Commencement address in May, I was excited. While I did not vote for President Obama last fall and many of my political views are not consistent with his, especially regarding the sanctity of human life, I nevertheless show the utmost respect for him as the president of our great country. Upon hearing of his selection, I was interested to hear the words of wisdom that he would undoubtedly share with my graduating class. When my parents expressed disappointment with the University's selection, I vehemently defended the University's choice to them and told them how strongly I believed that the Notre Dame administration's actions deserved support. However, in the few weeks, I have changed my mind.

The strongest contributing factor to my change of heart has been the dismay I experienced upon learning that the White House had requested that all university signage and symbols be removed when President Obama delivered an economics speech in the hall two weeks ago. This included an ancient monogram depicting the initials HFS that symbolize the name of Jesus. After reading about these events, I was deeply saddened that the respected leader of our nation made such demeaning requests so that the camera quality of Gaston Hall was maintained. This led me to question whether President Obama's presence was appropriate for the Commencement ceremony at our beloved University.

Now Mary Ann Glendon has declined her prior acceptance of the University's Lactate Medal, the first time the award has been declined after being accepted. I wish to applaud Mary Ann Glendon, who despite her prominent position and the effect she undoubtedly knew that her decline of the award would have on the University of Notre Dame, for making a difficult decision and having the courage to do what she believes is right. We could all learn a lesson from Mary Ann Glendon about the importance of standing up for what we know is right, even if it means standing alone.
Every year around this time, the Snite Museum on campus is proud to host an exhibit of artwork from students receiving either a bachelor’s degree or Masters in Fine Arts through the University. This event is the result of a yearlong process. Not all students choose to undergo such an extensive thesis project, but those that do produce some very impressive work.

The projects are essentially senior theses that the students begin to think about as early as the spring of their junior years. Throughout their senior year, the students work with faculty from the art, art history, and design departments on their projects.

During the year they complete several reviews that allow their faculty advisors to stay on track with the status of their projects and allow for feedback. At the end of the first semester, all the artists presented a mid-year review and were required to present a final review once their art was on display in the Snite.

The styles of art and projects within the exhibit are as different as the artists, ranging from the more traditional fine arts like oil painting to projects that encompass a combination of audio and visual effects. There are also several very impressive design projects which presage develop products for disabled consumers.

One such design project by Joey Curcio developed a new walker for children with cerebral palsy. In his artist statement, Curcio states: “It is discouraging for many medical products on the market today not to be able to solve the social vulnerabilities of their users, especially of children with disabilities.” This sentiment prompted Curcio in design the leap frog, a walker designed to be “aesthetically inspiring, playful, and empowering.” It has the capabilities to morph into several different configurations to be most helpful to children with cerebral palsy.

Another equally impressive project, Anna Jordan created the design plan for a campaign to raise awareness about Lupus. Students may have seen her posters around campus with the catch phrase “Lupus is…”

According to her artist statement, Jordan had Lupus as a sophomore and was interested in creating a “cohesive awareness campaign” which allowed students and the general population to become more aware of the disease. Her exhibit included the several large posters she designed for the campaign as well as a book of postcards she had other individuals with lupus experience fill out.

The project by CassidyRussell is an innovative piece of satire which mixes a mixture of dyed fabric with appliqué and embroidery hoops in order to contrast traditional women’s roles and the more modern conception of a woman. In her own words: “By using women’s clothing I am able to show both the importance of the individual in today’s feminism and the all of women, deal with similar, though not identical, injustices.”

There is a clear tension between the ideals of feminism from the past and the realities of the present. This tension is expressed through the tension the embroidery hoops create on the fabric. In all, the piece is a very interesting commentary on the expectations and frustrations of being a woman in society today.

Perhaps the most enticing and eye-catching piece of the exhibit, Christina Lewis created a design for a large mural that she hopes to promote Puerto Rican statehood. Promptly entitled “Hope for 51,” the mural encapsulates many of the important Puerto Rican histories through the use of bright colors and graffiti-like script. Lewis proposes the mural be installed on the old Spanish fort of San Cristobal in Old San Juan because of its iconic place within Puerto Rican history. Her artist statement reads: “I hope that my thesis project can become part of the grassroots effort to help push a statehood vote to a majority.”

Audrey Marier’s thesis was surely a daunting project, but the result is especially intriguing. The purpose of her project is to raise awareness about cancer and the “cool” factor of classical music among teenagers. Titled “IMMERSE!” it is an innovative, interactive event consisting of both live performances by college students as well as “epic versions of recorded music,” according to her artist statement. It was her concept to provide teenagers with a new way of experiencing classical music by providing animation coupled with cool facts about the music.

While you can see a basic representation of her project in the Snite gallery, Marier invites anyone interested to attend a 35-minute presentation in Jordan’s full dome theater, the Digital Visualization Theater. This is the first time that the DVT has done something so immersive. There will be a live performance of the show, with Marier, during the event. The performance will be on the night of the Fourth of July celebration, but also one of the most prolific events ever in South Bend.

If you’re looking for a unique Independence Day experience, and you’re willing to spend a few bucks, The Bob Dylan Show and Willie Nelson’s Fourth of July Picnic will be a display of American pride and culture that will likely never be reproduced.

Tickets go on sale this Saturday, May 2. You can be sure it will be advertised at the Coveleski Stadium Ticket Office, or through Ticketmaster. All tickets are $68.50 for adults, $34 for students, and children 14 and under get in free and seating is general admission. The Cove’s gates open at 5:00 p.m. and the show begins at 5:30 with fireworks to follow.

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By J.J. REES
Scene Writer

Before this article on food and dining in South Bend, I need to acknowledge that now (Tuesday night) is perhaps the worst time in my five years at Notre Dame to try to write an appetizing article. A case of swine flu was just confirmed at Notre Dame, and I can’t help but hear the buzzing from the low-flying plane with the abortion banner — with picture.

That being said, there’s never been a better time to get off campus for a meal!

In his 1973 film “ Sleeper ,” Woody Allen posited that cream pies and hot fudge will be known as the healthiest foods available 200 years from now. That future. Of course. It’s implausible. But like all comedy, there may be some roots of truth in Allen’s prediction, considering the short history of dessert. After all, dessert as we know it only emerged about two hundred years ago.

Today around Notre Dame, it’s not uncommon to switch restaurants between dinner and dessert, and with good reason. It’s almost impossible to have a big dinner and little dessert, or vice versa. And with so many options in the town, one visit for dessert can be an excellent way to experience the town. For your convenience, I’ve selflessly visited five of the most popular dessert spots, presented here.

South Bend Chocolate Company

Located in the heart of downtown, South Bend Chocolate (SBC) offers an assortment of foods, not limited to chocolate. The building is split into parts, with a gift shop, coffee shop area, bar, dessert station, and of course, chocolate. Although the sandwiches and wraps have a good following with the downtown lunch crowd, the obvious strength is the chocolate desserts. The chocolate in the form of trifles, covered cherries, turtles, and the rest is a truly phenomenal temptation. The ingenuity of the taste carefully prepared, like the fresh nuts and dark caramel.

The most popular dish is the cheesecake. The modernized sized slab is soft but not runny, and drizzled with chocolate and caramel with two turtles on the side. The thick and flavorful caramel is an excellent segment to the delicious textural cheesecake.

The fruit bar coupled with the chocolate crust, which was neither crumblly nor soggy. Well-prepared proportions and mixes are what rightfully maintain the company’s good name.

Ritter’s Frozen Custard

Not much can compete with a traditional ice cream stand on a hot day, besides frozen custard. Ice cream’s creamy cousin has found a good home in the seven-state chain Ritter’s. The nostalgic setup just north of Edison and Main serves new flavors every day. With shakes, malts and sundae business, Ritter’s is something that should be at least sampled.

Paletaeria y Neveria La Rosita

About ten minutes southwest of campus, La Rosita has certainly carved out a niche. This Mexican eatery serves desserts from homemade fruit bars to unique ice creams and sundaes. Besides the friendly staff (and patrons!), the best part of La Rosita is the deals — the two dishes we had (flan fruit bar and one scoop of ice cream) were both just a dol.

The fruit bar coupled with the bright room could be very refreshing on a hot day. The homemade butter pecan was tasty, but my best choice was trying the ice cream with the flavor of maney, a tropical fruit you won’t find around Indiana. This is a worthwhile place for anyone wanting to practice their Spanish or just cool off on a hot day.

Indulgence Pastry Shop & Café

This young, fresh eatery is one of the closest to campus, just a few minutes east on Edison. The café certainly worth a visit, if not just for the desserts, then for the likable offerings and quaint and cozy setup. Offering breakfast, salads, sandwiches, coffee, and Hershey’s doesn’t let Indulgence shy away from the elegant desserts, such as the popular chocolate dome, which is well presented with melted tastes, textures and consistencies. The welcoming atmosphere is perfect for days of studying and snacking.

Yesterday’s Food-Spirits & Movement

Without much question, the salt of sweets in South Bend is Yesterday’s, on Adams in Granger. The try of massive desserts trumps the already-large dinner selection. There’s no mistaking the restaurant’s style, with wall-to-wall decorations and Mickey Mouse chowmuh. Yesterday’s is certainly an experience to be had. The most popular dish, besides the thick whipped cream, is the no-bake peanut butter pie, which has a graham cracker crust and creamy filling that’s a must for any peanut butter fan.

Other favorites are the cheesecakes, like the soft turtle cheesecake with butter brickle sauce, and the pies, like the Bourbon Street pecan pie with cinnamon and chocolate chips or the tart and sweet key lime pie.

With so many places offering fantastic after dinner fare in South Bend, there are plenty of reasons to extend a meal out. Wherever your dinner takes you, keep in mind that there’s always room for dessert.

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By STEPHANIE DePREZ
Scene Writer

It’s finally here, kids: the Summer Movie Train. All aboard for what will prove to be an action-packed escape from school, bad weather, and the recession (unless you’re paying of course).

At the stop of the list this weekend’s big ticker, “X-Men Origins: Wolverine.” The first in what Fox Studios hopes to be a long chain of movies detailing the origins of the X-Men, this film reveals Wolverine’s dark past. Starring the ever-muscular Hugh Jackman, “Wolverine” is poised to come barreling through the weekend box office.

Another heavy hitter on the list is “Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince.” Older, darker, and more sophisticated, the usual suspects are back to tell the tale of the sixth Harry Potter novel. Expect more of the usual Warner Bros. magic as the studio continues to tell the wizard’s tale.

The summer wouldn’t be complete without Pixar’s annual contribution, and that would be “Up,” the age-old tale of a grumpy old man in a house lifted into the air by millions of balloons, and the Boy Scout who gets trapped on his porch. As usual, Pixar takes a concept too contrived and unusual to be ignored and hopes to spin it into a heart-warming, thought-provoking tale of family values. No reason why this shouldn’t be the case once again.

If the women get Wolverine, who do the men get to drool over this summer? That would be Megan Fox, back in “Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen.” She joins Shia LeBeouf in the continuation of the film from 2007.

Johnny Depp returns to the screen in the gangster film “Public Enemies,” with Oscar-winning actress Marion Cotillard, Christian Bale, and Channing Tatum, for good measure.

Geeks rejoice as “Star Trek” finally takes to the screen (again). From the mind of J.J. Abrams (creator of TV’s “Lost” and “Fringe”) comes the original tale of many Star Trek heavy hitters, with a hint of time travel. The release date was pushed back from December in order to capitalize on the summer movie audience, which is poised to eat it right up. Downside: no William Shatner.

All you animated junkies will also find your fix, “Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs” has arrived. Same animation, same laughs, same Srat.

Other notable openings include “Dance Flick,” a farce of any and all dance movies from yours truly the Wayan brothers. “Brothers Bloom” stars Adrian Brody, Mark Ruffalo and Rachel Weisz as con artists in this comedy. “Angels and Demons,” the prequel to “The DaVinci Code” opens this weekend, with the ever-trusty Tom Hanks. And who could forget “Bruno,” starring Sacha Baron Cohen (“Brat”) in a mockumentary of a flamboyant fashion designer who decides to take his work to America.

Choices abound this summer, and it’s so jam-packed with potential hits that you could easily find yourself haunting the local theatre for a week end as long as that pay check holds up, that is.

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Medals caught using drugs by IOC

Associated Press

LONDON — The IOC is still uncovering drug cheats eight months after the Beijing Olympics ended.

The International Olympic Committee said Friday that it has not yet given its blessing to fighting doping, said Tuesday's announcement had not been made available to the public.

Two fans seated behind the visitors' bench held up printed signs criticizing the lack of glass bottles and water bottles and the words "Torta's Attic" at Thursday night's Game 7 of the first-round series. Fans in the section were red with disgust from the near-empty stands. On Friday, the last time tickets were sold, Tortora squinted water at fans and tossed a water bottle into the crowd during the third period of the Capitals' 4-0 Game 7 win. The NHL announced that Tortorella would be suspended for five games.

"That's part of the thought process. I don't know what you're planning," Daniels said. Marlon Byrd started in center field Tuesday night. Andrew Jones, the 10-time Gold Glove center fielder with Atlanta, started in left.

Texas manager Ron Washington expects Byrd to be available Wednesday for Game 2 against Houston. Marlon Byrd is out. "He's test right now," Washington said. "Marlons playing in center field for the past three years and I think he had been doing a good job. ... This is my call. I don't have an exemption otherwise." Byrd, a five-time All-Star for Atlanta who hit only .158 with three home runs last season in his only year with the Los Angeles Dodgers, made the Rangers' roster after coming to spring training on a minor league deal.

"It's just something," Daniels said. Hamilton was hitting .232 with two home runs in six games. Byrd was hitting .351 with two homers and five RBIs.

Hamilton, who led the AL with 130 RBIs while playing 156 games last season, was hitting .242 with a .346 on-base percentage and an .845 slugging.

"I don't think he's doing anything different," Daniels said. "This is my call. I'm not going to play out of position and I think he had been doing a good job. ... This is my call. I don't have an exemption otherwise." Hamilton is coming off an .845 slugging.

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The All-Star center fielder got hurt as he ran into the out- field wall in the second inning. His elbow folded into the left side of his body and his rib cage while he was feeling for the ball. "Extreme pain, no matter what," Daniels said.

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The New York Yankees slashed prices on more than 40 percent of their front-row seats by up to 50 percent Tuesday and announced many of those who bought tickets closest to the field for $325-$2,500 will be eligible for additional free seats.

Those initiatives could help park previously unfilled areas that were an eyesore on television broadcasts during the opening homestand at the $1.2 billion ballpark.

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Associated Press

Fans failed to fill the seats of the new Yankee Stadium during a Yankees game last week against the Oakland Athletics. Empty seats have been common at the new ballpark, sparking a price reduction.

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Magic will host future All-Star game in new arena

Orlando, Fla. — NBA commissioner David Stern says the Orlando Magic will host an All-Star Game soon in their new arena.

Stern said before Game 5 of the magic series Tuesday that "without question, there is an All-Star Game in Orlando's future." Stern couldn't give a year the city would host but said he hopes it would be announced before the 2010 All-Star Game at the new Dallas Cowboys stadium.

Stern toured the construction site of the Orlando Events Center earlier in the day. The Magic's new arena is expected to open for the 2010-11 season.

Stern also said he does not see the All-Star Game moving out of the country anytime soon because there are too many NBA franchises trying to host the game.
Colon and Quentin lead Sox over M’s

Phillies bounce Nats behind Utley’s blasts

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Behind a strong start from Bartolo Colon, the Chicago White Sox won in an unusual way.

Colon pitched seven effective innings and Paul Konerko hit a two-run double, but the White Sox won in the first game of a doubleheader Tuesday.

The White Sox won despite having as many hits two as the Chicago Cubs.

"That’s a miracle," Chicago manager Ozzie Guillen said.

Colon bounced back after struggling in his previous start at Baltimore. The burly right-hander allowed only an unearned run and four hits, pitching out of a jam in the seventh. He struck out six and walked one in a game that took just 1 hour, 52 minutes — the fastest in the majors this season, according to the Elias Sports Bureau.

Bobby Jenks pitched around third baseman Josh Fields’ error in the ninth for his fourth save.

Chris Jakubauskas (1-3) was the hard-luck loser in his first career complete game, a two-hitter. He retired the side in order every inning except the fourth, walking one and striking out four in eight innings.

In his previous outing, Jakubauskas allowed six runs in 3 1/3 innings of a loss to Tampa Bay.

"I thought Jakubauskas was outstanding, especially coming off of the game last time, to rebound from that," Mariners manager Don Wakamatsu said.

White Sox reliever Matt Thornton pitched a perfect eighth and Jenks a scoreless ninth. With runners on first and second, he struck out pinch-hitter Mike Sweeney swinging and got pinch-hitter Wladimir Balentien on a fly to center.

The game was a makeup of Monday night’s rainout. Seattle right-hander Felix Hernandez was scheduled to face John Danks in the nightcap.

Colon (2-1) allowed five runs and eight hits in three innings of Thursday’s 6-2 loss at Baltimore, his shortest start since July 23, 2007.

Colon said the difference from his last start was pregame preparation.

"In the bullpen I felt warm. I felt prepared. In my last start in Baltimore I didn’t feel like I warmed up enough before I started the game, but today I felt good. I felt really good coming out of the bullpen," he said.

Colon cruised through the first six innings, but ran into trouble in the seventh. After a one-out walk to Russell Branyan, Jose Lopez reached safely on an error by second baseman Brent Lillibridge.

Rob Johnson followed with an RBI double, but Colon minimized the damage. Franklin Gutierrez fouled out and so did Yuniesky Betancourt — after just missing a three-run homer down the left-field line.

Jakubauskas, making his third start in place of injured Ryan Rowland-Smith, retired his first 10 batters. He walked Fields in the fourth, then allowed a single to Carlos Quentin. With two outs, Konerko doubled down the left-field line, scoring Fields and Quentin.

Phillies 7, Nationals 1

Chase Utley homered twice and drove in three runs, Pedro Feliz added a three-run shot and the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Washington Nationals 7-1 Tuesday night for their fifth straight victory.

Raul Ibanez also went deep for the Phillies, who won despite losing ace Cole Hamels early for the second consecutive start. The left-hander came out in the fifth inning after spraining his left ankle trying to field John Lannan's bunt.

Hamels, making his fourth start, appeared to be on his way to his 13th win. He allowed four hits and struck out four in 4 1/3 innings, leaving with a 3-0 lead.

The World Series MVP left last Thursday's start against Milwaukee with a bruised left shoulder after being hit by Prince Fielder’s line drive with one out in the fourth.

Chad Durbin (1-0) came on in relief of Hamels and allowed only Adam Dunn’s sixth-inning homer in 3 2/3 innings.

Durbin got plenty of help from the Phillies' defense. Utley had three hits and Ibanez led off the eighth with a homer to left-center, his seventh this season. He also had a go-ahead grand slam in the eighth inning of Monday night's 13-11 win.

Ryan Zimmerman extended his major league-leading hitting streak to 17 games with a first-inning double off the left-field wall for Washington (41-15), which has lost five of six and owns baseball’s worst record.

Zimmerman’s streak is the longest for the Nationals organization but trails the franchise record of 31 set in 1999 by Vladimir Guerrero with the Montreal Expos.

The Phillies scored five times in the third on a two-run homer to right by Utley and Feliz’s shot to left. Utley led off the fifth with a solo drive to right, giving Philadelphia a 6-0 advantage.

Utley is 8-for-14 with five RBIs off Lannan (6-3), who gave up six runs — three earned — and nine hits in five innings.

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Hurricanes move into second round after Devils squander late lead, surrender two goals in final 1:20

WASHINGTON — Thanks to sage old Sergei Fedorov and a sage old Sergei Fedorov and a monumental comeback, the Washington Capitals are headed to the second round of the NHL playoffs for the first time in more than a decade.

Fedorov beat Henrik Lundqvist with 4:59 left in the third period, and the Capitals edged the New York Rangers 2-1 in Game 7 of their Eastern Conference quarterfinal Tuesday night, becoming

the 21st team in NHL history to win a series after trailing 3-1. It's also the franchise's first series victory since the 1997-98 season, when Washington made it all the way to the Stanley Cup finals. It must feel particularly sweet to reigning league MVP Alex Ovechkin and the 15 other players who were on the team a year ago, when the Capitals also trailed 3-1 in the first round, and also forced a Game 7 at home — only to lose to Philadelphia in overtime.

The Capitals will face the Carolina Hurricanes in the second round. New York's Nik Antropov and Washington's Alexander Semin traded first-period goals, Fedorov, playing in his 16th career Game 7, took a pass from Matt Bradley on his winner and, with Rangers Defenseman Wade Redden screening Lundqvist, sent a shot inside the far post.

The first player over to celebrate with the 39-year-old Fedorov, a past NHL MVP who won three Stanley Cups with Detroit? Ovechkin, who hopped on the back of his teammate and countryman. Ovechkin had scored in three consecutive games but was mostly silent Tuesday, two days after proclaiming Lundqvist "can't play every game like a god."

Lundqvist was pretty good in Game 7, and Capitals rookie Simeon Varlamov settled down after an early flurry of activity. Varlamov got a lot of help: Washington limited New York to one shot in the third period.

Things didn't start that way. The Rangers tested Varlamov twice in the opening 45 seconds, with Sean Avery taking a shot, then Antropov coming in 1-on-1 and unsuccessfully trying to stuff a backhand past the goalie's right skate.

The Capitals looked flat, and the Rangers took the game's first five shots. It didn't take long for New York to lead.

Brandon Dubinsky skated around Varlamov, keeping control of the puck and sending it through a Capitals player's legs back to Antropov, who scored his first goal since Game 1.

Ovechkin picked up the puck, then skated over it flinging it over the boards into the Capitals' bench area. Avery — like Antropov a late-season addition — earned a secondary assist.

The Capitals had no official shots until 13 minutes in, when Tom Poti's attempt from the point on a power play was easily kicked aside by Lundqvist. The hosts were held to fewer than three shots in a period for the first time all season.

But Washington's second shot found the net, basically by accident, to tie the game at 15:34. Nicklas Backstrom left the puck behind him for Semin, who ripped a shot right at New York's Ryan Callahan dived. The puck appeared to deflect off Callahan at least once, if not twice, and possibly off another New York player, fouling a sprawling Lundqvist as it flittered end-over-end above his left skate.

Capitals tough guy, Donald Brashear was out, suspended by the NHL for six games — for a hit that broke a bone in Rangers center Blair Betts' eye in Game 6. Hurricanes 4, Devils 3

The Carolina Hurricanes stole their thrilling first-round series from the New Jersey Devils in the final 80 seconds.

Jussi Jokinen and Eric Staal scored in a 48-second span late in the third period and the Hurricanes stunned the Devils 4-3 in Game 7 of their first-round Eastern Conference playoff series Tuesday night.

It was the second shocking loss for the Devils in the series. They lost Game 4 on a goal by Jokinen with 0.2 seconds to play.

This time they gave away the series in the final 1:20. Jokinen tied the game after scoring a great crossing setup by Joni Pitkanen. Staal then buried the Devils with a shot from the middle of the right circle with 31.7 seconds to play.

Carolina next plays top-seeded Boston. Tuomo Ruutu and Ray Whitney also scored for Carolina and Cam Ward was magnificent, making 32 saves in his first playoff start.

Brian Rolston, Jay Pandolfo and Jamie Langenbrunner each connected for New Jersey, while Martin Brodeur made 27 saves, and the Devils will be remembered as much for Carolina's comeback as the Devils' controversial loss.

For the Devils, it was their second straight first-round exit, and this one had to be tougher than last year's embarrassing loss in five games to the Rangers.

New Jersey was 1-20 away from advancing when its world-class skating defenseman Tim Gleason dived to keep in a puck at the point and slid it across to Pekkanen. He skated down the boards, faked a shot and found Jokinen low in the right circle for a shot that went behind Brodeur. Staal then slid across to attempt the save.

Staal won the game with a blast from the same circle that silenced the crowd of 17,625.

At the end, the Hurricanes jumped onto one another's arms while the Devils stood in their end in disbelief.

Until the late rally, Rolston's second-period goal in a game that was a blowout was the difference. It was the Devils' 2-1 lead on Carolina's Patrick Eaves in the Devils' zone.

Brodeur stood tall and made three saves on a two-on-one Carolina power-play advantage. All seemed set for New Jersey to advance — until the late collapse.

Whitney had tied the game 2-2 when he scored in the middle of the right circle with 62 seconds remaining.

Ruutu quieted the white-towel-waving Devils crowd — at least for a moment when he fired a shot from the right circle and beat Brodeur just 62 seconds after the opening faceoff.

Langenbrunner got the fans going again a little more than a minute later, with a shot skated around the net and sent a cross-ice pass to the captain for a slam dunk from the side of the net.

Linemates Brendan Shanahan and John Madden made excellent plays to set up Pandaloff's go-ahead goal. Shanahan took a hit by defensemen Cornelia and Dennis Seidenberg at the blue line while making the pass to set up Madden and Pandolfo on a 2-on-1. Madden centered the puck from the left circle and Pandolfo redirected it past Ward.
SMC TENNIS

Belles square off in MIAA tournament

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

It has all come down to this for Saint Mary's, as the Belles will spend the upcoming weekend challenging their conference for the top spot in the MIAA.

The Belles (9-9, 4-4 MIAA) earned their conference record to .500 after their final seasonal matchup against Olivet.

“We have had a decent year, but want to strive for better results,” Belles coach Dale Campbell said. “We know we have the ability, but we have to work harder and smarter to be up with the top teams in our conference.”

Junior captain Camille Gebert has probably been the most impressive Belle this season, going undefeated in her spot at No. 2 singles.

“I have seen our conference,” Gebert said. “We know what to expect. It is the first time that I have seen our opponents, so I am very excited.”

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NBA

Celtics edge Bulls 106-104

Pierce’s late run leads Boston after Allen fouls out in overtime thriller

Associated Press

BOSTON — Paul Pierce made three straight jumpers in the final 77 seconds of overtime and the Boston Celtics held on to beat the Chicago Bulls 106-104 on Tuesday night to take a 3-2 lead in their best-of-seven playoff series.

Rajon Rondo scored 28 points with 11 assists and eight rebounds, and Kendrick Perkins had 16 points, 17 rebounds and seven blocks for the Celtics. It was the third time in five games the teams have meted overtime, a surprising first-round struggle for the defending NBA champions.

Ben Gordon scored 26 and Joakim Noah had 11 points and 17 rebounds for Chicago, but Brad Miller missed the potential game-tying free throws with 2 seconds left in overtime.

The Bulls return home for Game 6 on Thursday night hoping to extend the series; Game 7, if necessary, would be in Boston on Saturday.

Pierce, who scored 19 of his 26 points in the second half and overtime, gave Boston a 102-101 lead with 1:17 left, then hit another with 37 seconds to play to make it 104-101 before Tony Allen fouled Gordon while attempting a 3-pointer with 28 seconds to play. Gordon hit all three free throws to tie it 104-all.

Pierce got the ball and dribbled down the clock before hitting a long 3-pointer over John Salmons with 3.4 seconds left.

The Bulls called a timeout and got the ball in to Miller, who had a surprisingly clear path to the basket but sailed a layup wide.

The Boston Garden crowd celebrated, but the referees immediately huddled, called a foul on Rondo and put Miller on the line with 2 seconds left.

With the building shaking, Miller missed the first, then tried to miss the second on purpose but failed to hit the rim.

It was another close call for the Celtics — this time with two of the Big Three on the bench. Kevin Garnett is out for what could be the entire playoff run with strained ligaments in his right knee, and Ray Allen — who hit the game-winning 3-pointer in Game 2 — fouled out with 5:27 left in regulation.

The Bulls scored the first seven points of the fourth quarter to open the first double-digit lead of the game. The Celtics scored nine in a row to make it a one-point game, 83-82, with 4:17 left, but it was easily back to Allen fouling out 18 seconds after hitting a key 3-pointer.

Boston tied it 91-all after another block by Perkins sent Rondo off on a fast break, and he found Pierce for the layup with 66 seconds left in regulation. The point guards traded mistakes, then Gordon hit a leaner from the right side to give the Bulls the lead with 16 seconds left.

But Pierce sank a 15-footer to tie it at 93 with 10.5 seconds left and send it into overtime.
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Best wishes in your future endeavors.
Vet says polo horses overdosed on meds

Although the Irish have had great success this year in the field events, some sprint events that people scoring in events like these resulted from just a few months ago.

"We would like to improve," Plane said. "But, unfortunately, we can't guarantee it."

Although the Irish have had great success this year in the distance events and some field events, the sprints that have hurt the Irish. In order to succeed this weekend, Plane said his squad would need to take advantage wherever they can to get points.

"Everywhere we can score, we need to," Plane said. "We will need to get a couple of people scoring in events like the 3000-meter and the 800-meter instead of just one."

Standing in the way of the Irish will be the best runners, throwers, and jumpers in the Big East. On the men's side, the main competition will come from Connecticut, Georgetown and No. 20 Louisville. The women will have to battle against the top Big East teams including Louisville, South Florida and Georgetown.

After the Big East Championships this weekend, the Irish have a trip down to Atlanta for the Georgia Tech Invitational before the NCAA Regionals in late May in Louisville, Ky. So far the Irish have 18 qualifiers on the men's and women's team combined for the NCAA Regionals. Notre Dame can add to these numbers with a strong showing at this weekend.

The conference championships begin Friday morning at 11 a.m. with the men's decathlon and women's heptathlon. The running and field events begin on Saturday morning with the finals concluding on Sunday.

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Associated Press

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Florida's top veterinarian on Tuesday blamed the deaths of 21 elite polo horses on an overdose of a common mineral that helps muscles recover from fatigue.

Florida's state veterinarian, Dr. Thomas J. Holt, said toxicology tests on the dead horses showed significantly increased selenium levels.

The horses from the Venezuelan-owned Lechuza Caracas team began collapsing April 19 as they were unloaded from trailers at the International Polo Club Palm Beach in Wellington before a championship match. Some died at the scene, others hours later.

"Signs exhibited by the horses and their rapid deaths were consistent with toxic doses of selenium," Holt said.

The team was preparing to play in the sport's U.S. Open and was seen as a top contender.

A Florida pharmacy that mixed a brew of vitamins and minerals for the team on order from its Florida veterinarian said Tuesday that the strength of selenium was incorrect. Jennifer Beckett, chief operating officer for Franck's Pharmacy in Ocala, Fla., would not say whether the incorrect amount was specified in the veterinarian order or was a pharmacy error.

"We continue to cooperate fully with the authorities as their investigations proceed," she said. "We cannot discuss further details."

Lechuza had no comment on the toxicology report.

The polo team had hoped to get a compound similar to a name-brand supplement known as Biodly. The supplement is used around the world but hasn't been approved by the Food and Drug Administration in the U.S.

Veterinarians often turn to compounding pharmacies like Franck's for medications that can't be found on shelves, but the dispensaries generally can only recreate unapproved drugs in limited circumstances, such as for health reasons.

The FDA and state authorities are investigating.

Biodly is a supplement made in France by Duluth, Ga.-based animal pharmaceutical firm Merial Ltd. It wasn't clear how close Franck's mixture came to the name-brand drug. Lechuza said what they ordered was supposed to contain vitamin B, potassium, magnesium and selenium.
A Coalition of Students Dedicated to Notre Dame, Her Catholic Identity, and Her Pro-Life Principles

Can the University’s Invitation to President Obama be Considered an Opportunity to Dialogue and Engage Him?

A commencement speech is a monologue, not a dialogue. Bestowing an honorary degree upon someone is a signal of approval and endorsement; it is not a neutral action. Giving President Obama the podium at the University commencement exercises does not constitute a foundation upon which Notre Dame can then critically engage President Obama in a dialogue about his position on life issues. There is no assurance that the relationship will develop beyond May 17.

Is Excluding Our Highest Officials the Appropriate Way of Converting Them to Our Ideals?

Opposition to honoring an official is in no way synonymous with excluding them. The Catholic community must work with our elected officials and for this reason we are open to debate with President Obama. But we realize that dialogue presumes participants. And if our university lacks conviction and considers even our highest honors mere functions of power and not substance, the result is not debate. Rather, we are de facto supporters of those with the highest title and most name recognition.

How Have the Actions of the Administration Been an Endorsement of Obama?

With regards to honorary Doctorate of Law:

The bestowal of an honorary degree traditionally is not done in the hope of engaging the recipient in dialogue; rather, it is an affirmation of their past actions and the values that underlie them. It is inconsistent with an institution’s identity to publicly honor and individual who is diametrically opposed to its fundamental moral principles. President Obama’s policies and actions in office are opposed to the Catholic Church’s teaching on life issues, especially abortion and embryonic stem cell research. As a Catholic institution, Notre Dame should not honor President Obama. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops 2004 statement “Catholics in Political Life” explicitly states: “The Catholic community and Catholic institutions should not honor those who act in defiance of our fundamental moral principles. They should not be given awards, honors or platforms which would suggest support for their actions.”

With Regards to Speaking at Commencement:

Attached to the front of the podium from which President Obama will address the class of 2009 is the seal of the University of Notre Dame. Just as an official seal on any letter or envelope signifies approval and affirms the legitimacy of its contents from that institution, so too does the Notre Dame podium tacitly imply approval of the one who speaks from it. The image of President Obama in Notre Dame doctoral robes standing at the podium before 2,000 Notre Dame graduates projects the image that his platform is acceptable to serious, reflective Catholics.

Why Must Abortion and Embryo-Destructive Stem Cell Be Relevant to the Worthiness of a Commencement Speaker and Honorary Degree Recipient?

The Catholic Church identifies abortion as an intrinsic moral evil. The protection of the human dignity of the most vulnerable and invisible members of our society is therefore given a privileged place among social justice issues.

President Obama has done many things to further the cause of social justice. If he shares our Catholic values in this respect, why can we not honor him for his social justice work?

Abortion is a social justice issue in the Catholic tradition. It is inappropriate for a Catholic institution to honor a public official who advances a social agenda that presumes a false dichotomy between abortion and other social justice issues. Through rescinding the Mexico City policy expanding federal funding of embryo-destructive stem cell research, President Obama has used his office to actively threaten unborn life around the world.

As Long As President Obama Avoids Speaking about Abortion and Embryonic Stem Cell Research, Why Is It Wrong to Honor Him as Commencement Speaker?

In honoring President Obama as commencement speaker, Notre Dame honors the whole person, not a narrowly designated subset of his views. He is held up as a role model for the graduates and as someone who has exceptional wisdom to offer. In putting President Obama on this pedestal, the University cannot simply bracket the views that are opposed to the Church’s most basic moral teachings.

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walked just 3 2/3 innings, giving up two runs and throwing 104 pitches with several Major League scouts watching. Control issues have plagued Elam throughout his Irish career, but scouts loved his low-90s fastball and sharp breaking ball enough to draft him in the third round of last year’s draft.

“Continuing to have the scoring spread out is going to be one of the keys to victory,” Coyne said.

A win would put Notre Dame at 15-4 overall and give them a chance at a very high seed in the NCAA Championships, which would allow them to play at home throughout the tournament.

The Irish will meet Cornell on Schaefer Field in Ithaca, N.Y. Saturday at noon.

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ment, and throughout the season, and added that she hoped it could continue against Cornell and throughout the NCAA tournament. “Defensively, we played great in the conference tournament,” Coyne said. “We had our best defensive performance of the year in back to back games. So if we can get defensive come out and play with similar intensity and focus, that would be awesome.”

Leading the Irish defense was senior defensive end Erin Goodman, who was named the most outstanding player of the championships, and was also named the Inside Lacrosse player of the week for her performance.

“It’s well deserved recognition for Goodman,” Coyne said.

She’s very relaxed and confident right now. I don’t think she has to change a thing about the way she’s playing.”

Offensively, the Big Red had six different players score at least one goal in the Big East championship game against Georgetown, something that Coyne said she’d like to continue.

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However, Corrigan believes that Notre Dame's performance in the GWLL tournament could have a significant effect on their seed.

"I think that's true and the converse is true as well," Corrigan said. "If we don't play well and we don’t do what we think we should do, we leave our fate in the hands of the committee and I don’t think we want to do that. I think we want to take care of our side of things. We're really just focused on playing better lacrosse."

Throughout the season, the Irish have done a good job of remaining focused on playing better lacrosse, which has helped them improve since the season began. Corrigan believes that this focus on improvement has helped the Irish succeed this year and that continued improvement will be key for Notre Dame to make a deep postseason run.

"There's nothing besides continuing to improve," Corrigan said. "We need to go to practice everyday to continue to improve. There's no magic formula for success. We have nobody coming back from injuries, we can't make any trades, so we have the guys we have and we need to keep working and keep improving. When we come back every Monday and when we watch video, no matter what happens, we continue to look at what we can do to improve. Hopefully we'll have another three to four weeks to continue to do that."

The Irish face off against Quinnipiac and begin their quest for a second straight GWLL title at 5 p.m. on Friday.

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"We have have hitters throughout our entire lineup that can change the game in one swing," Gumpf said. "Our hitters also have the strength and ability to come back at any time, even if we are down in a game."

Senior outfielder Beth Northway and junior infielder Christine Lux are tied for the team lead in hitting with .367 and .356 averages, respectfully. Also consistently making a name for herself at the plate is freshman third baseman Dan Miller, sporting a batting average of .343.

Our defense is putting in the hard work day in and day out to become a better defensive unit, and they are not satisfied with anything less than perfect," Northway said.

Defensively, the Irish (34-13, 12) are both behind the Irish in the conference standings, Gumpf's squad isn't looking past their opponents. "Both Providence and Georgetown are not teams to be underestimated," Lux said. "However, as long as we make sure to keep us in the ball game, we should come back with 3 solid wins."

Northway echoed her teammate's sentiments. "I think we just need to keep focusing on what we've been doing, continuing to get lots of extra swings in to stay comfortable at the plate, and defensively just keep working the fundamentals every day to stay sharp fielding," Northway said.

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**MEN'S LACROSSE**

Irish prepare for GWLL tourney opener vs. Quinnipiac

By MIKE GOTIMER
Sports Writer

After completing its first ever undefeated regular season in program history, No. 2 Notre Dame remains the lone unbeaten team in Division I Lacrosse. With the Irish's postseason yet to kick off this weekend at the Great Western Lacrosse-League tournament in Birmingham, Mich., Notre Dame (13-0, 5-0) could be poised to make its deepest tournament run since advancing to the National Semifinals in 2003. The Irish formula for success this season has come as a result of its balanced offensive attack and stifling defense. On the offensive side of the ball, seven Irish players have combined for a total of 19 hat tricks. On the other side, the Irish defense is anchored by senior goalie Scott Rodgers, who leads the nation with a 6.26 goals against average and was recently named a finalist for the Tewaaraton Trophy, which is awarded annually to the nation's top college lacrosse player.

Despite the potential deep postseason run for Notre Dame, Irish coach Kevin Corrigan insists that his team is focusing solely on Quinnipiac, who Notre Dame plays in the first round of the GWLL tournament and defeated 10-2 on April 18.

"I think right now we're simply not talking about anything but Quinnipiac on Friday," Corrigan said. "This team has done a great job all year of focusing on the task at hand."

Although the Irish finished undefeated in their final season as members of the Big East, they take on Cornell Saturday in Ithaca, N.Y. after completing its first ever undefeated regular season in program history. The No. 11/6 Irish (14-4, 5-2 Big East) are coming off of a 12-10 victory over Georgetown, which won the Big East Championship and earned the team an automatic bid to the NCAA Championships, which start May 10. The 16-team tournament will pit eight teams, including the Irish, who earned bids from winning their conference tournaments along with eight other at-large bids.

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**BASEBALL**

Flameout

Notre Dame falls to Illinois-Chicago in long, rain-soaked affair

By MATT GAMBER
Sports Editor

Steady rains tried to help the Irish put out the Flames, but the Illinois-Chicago offense ignited for five seventh-inning runs to beat Notre Dame, 10-5, at Frank Eck Stadium Tuesday.

The Notre Dame (25-17, 10-8 Big East) fell in its last game to Providence — in a doubleheader Wednesday, April 29, 2009 page 28

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**ND SOFTBALL**

Squad set for last three games

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Only three Big East match-ups stand between Notre Dame and the upcoming conference tournament. The Irish will take on both Providence — in a doubleheader — and Georgetown this weekend with hopes of improving their conference record before the tournament.

"Playing any Big East team helps us prepare for the tournament, because we know they will bring their best game against us," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said.

Gumpf said she is hoping for a strong offensive performance from her team this weekend.

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**TRACK AND FIELD**

ND ready to take on Big East

By ALEX WEST
Sports Writer

With the season winding down, the Irish men's and women's track teams are cranking up the intensity for the Big East Championship starting this Friday in Philadelphia.

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**CONTROVERSIAL COMMENCEMENT**

**STORY BY JENN METZ**

The words are carved in stone above the east doors of the Basilica of the Sacred Heart: "God, Country, Notre Dame."

What they mean for the University indicate what is at the heart of the controversy surrounding the 2009 Commencement.

The announcement that President Barack Obama would deliver the address and receive an honorary degree, continuing in a long tradition of presidential invitations, has brought the debate over Notre Dame's Catholic identity to a new height, perhaps unlike any other moment in its storied past.

Since the University and the White House announced Obama's commencement schedule March 20, Notre Dame, thrust into a national spotlight, has felt only the beginning repercussions.

University President Fr. John Jenkins has commended the country's first black president on his inspiring leadership during troubled times and said honoring Obama with a degree does not condone his pro-choice politics.

Student groups have mobilized, creating discussion at on-campus events.

National activists have camped out in South Bend, garnering support from some and angering others.

Local Bishop John D'Arcy will not be attending the ceremony.

Mary Ann Glendon became the first designated Laetare Medal recipient to accept, and then decline the prestigious award in its 133-year history.

As the nation's president, who marks 100 days in office today, takes pro-choice actions domestically and internationally, the pro-life movement has responded with renewed energy.

Obama will arrive in South Bend as groups of students, alumni and the American Catholic community question Jenkins' decision to confer an honorary Doctor of Laws degree upon a politician who does not agree with the Church's stance on the protection of life.

A document issued by U.S. bishops in 2004 has found its way to the center of the discussion, and its interpretation has set Jenkins at odds with nearly 50 bishops, including the leader of the Fort Wayne-South Bend diocese.

Conversations about the growing tension between the University's desire to remain a prestigious institution of higher learning while staying true to its Catholic mission will not end May 17.

The Observer examines Commencement 2009 at the University that believes in "God, Country, Notre Dame" in this special In Focus Edition.
Student reaction mixed; groups take action

ND Response holds rally, March for Life on campus; Progressoive Leadership Council meets with Jenkins to offer support

By MADELINE BUCKLEY In Focus Writer

Since the University announced President Barack Obama would deliver the 2009 Commencement address on March 20, the outpouring of student response — both critical and supportive — has been steady and passionate.

The Observer reported having received 282 Letters to the Editor penned by students — 73 percent in support of the decision to host Obama, according to an April 27 editorial.

A recent count by The Observer shows 348 letters to the Editor authored by students with 74 percent in favor of the invitation and 29 against as of April 23. As Letters to the Editor from individual students poured in, two student groups sprung up to formally lead student response: ND Response, which is critical of the University's invitation to Obama, and the Progressive Leadership Council, formed from student groups on campus in support of the invitation.

Junior Mary Daly, a leader of ND Response, said the aim of the coalition is to "keep the dialogue going," and she said she believes the group has been successful in the past month.

"Our goal wasn't to get the invitation rescinded," Daly said. "But, maybe it's still closed, but our goal was more to create the dialogue, to challenge people to really think about the issue or issues surrounding the invitation to President Obama.

In the weeks following the University's announcement, ND Response held a prayer rally in front of the Main Building and the first March for Life on Notre Dame's campus. The group also started a Web site, NDRresponse.com, to continually update supporters of the coalition, Daly said.

"We kept the conversation alive," she said. "I think that is successful. We got people to think about what's going on on our campus and what affects the broader society.

Sophomore Khaia Thomas, incoming president of the Black Cultural Arts Council (BCAC), welcomed the idea of the ND Response and the Progressive Leadership Council to combat criticism of University President Fr. John Jenkins' invitation to Obama, but he also cited dialogue as a key aim of the coalition.

"At Notre Dame, we create dialogue," he said. "This issue has created dialogue.

Henry Vasquez, president of the Notre Dame College Democrats, and a leader of the Council, said the group seeks to show support for the University without politicizing the Commencement ceremony.

"The whole point is to stress that this is not a political issue," Vasquez said. "This is about being American citizens and supporting a leader of this nation and the pluristic [sic] nature of our country.

Thomas helped organize a peti­tion, which gathered about 150 signatures, for students to show support for Obama as Commencement speaker, and he met with Jenkins along with 14 other students as a gesture of support.

"The goal was to present [Jenkins] with the fact that there are people on campus, groups and coalitions that are in agreement with him," he said. "This is a historical moment on campus."

Prior to meeting with the Progressive Leadership Council, Jenkins extended an invitation to meet with ND Response, but he rescinded the invitation after the group made requests in reply, according to an April 17 Observer report.

The Observer reported that Jenkins withdrew the invitation because the requests were interpreted as "a set of demands as a precondition to the meeting," but Daly said The Observer's requests were misinterpreted.

With less than a month until the Commencement ceremony, both ND Response and the Progressive Leadership Council continue to make plans.

"We are hoping to have some event during Commencement weekend," Daly said. "We're just trying to keep the dialogue going. We're trying to get awareness on the issue of what it means to be a Catholic university."

The coalition is in the "process of securing official approval" to stage a demonstration on campus on the day of Commencement, according to the ND Response Web site.

Vasquez said he and several other student leaders of the Progressive Leadership Council organized a group to meet Obama at the South Bend Regional Airport when the president arrives on May 17.

There will be a group of volun­teers made up of some students, but mostly adults from the community at the airport to greet and welcome the president when the plane lands," he said. "And then they will go and do three hours of service."

As the groups continue to lead student response on both sides of the controversy, leaders from both ND Response and the Progressive Leadership Council said the ultimate aim of the dialogue is that it be constructive.

"All of our goals were positive goals and constructive goals," Daly said. "Not negative or destractive.

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In Focus Writer

Electronic petitions, mass e-mail campaigns, blogs, YouTube, videos — these are some of the primary mediums that have helped generate an eruption of controversy around the University's decision to invite President Barack Obama to the University's May 17 Commencement ceremony.

Here's a look at some of the Web sites that have played a pivotal role in furthering the debate over the Obama invitation.

Newman Society, this Web site is best to the largest of the petitions opposing the decision, having gathered over a quarter of a million signatures. The Cardinal Newman Society also has a vast e-mail database, which has been used to collect signatures. A recent e-mail from the group read: "Notre Dame still has not fielded a group to stop Obama on our campus. We are calling on all Catholics to stand up and be counted."

NDResponse.com is the official student-run response Web site. It has functioned as the primary means for the 11-group student coalition to communicate with supporters and the press. The five press releases published on the Web site have all been picked up by local and national media. The group is also using the site to count rosaries prayed in a campaign for "the conversion of Barack Obama" and promote their events.

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StopObamaNotreDame.com is the online homebase of anti-abortion activist Randall Terry's protest campaign, this Web site features everything the amateur protestor needs to stage a successful event. Directions on how to get the best media coverage, printable posters, contact information for University Trustees and multitude of YouTube videos featuring Terry are all available at the site.

NoteDameProtest.com is that's the address that will be plastered on two billboards on the Indiana Toll Road sometime before Commencement, if the supporters of this Web site have their way. Started by the Pro-Life Action League and Citizens for a Pro-Life Society, the site includes information about bus transportation coordination from Chicago and Detroit to Notre Dame on May 17 for interested protestors.

Facebook.com is the social networking tool has also played a role, with several groups, both for and against the decision, forming shortly after the announcement was made. "We Will Be Honored to Have President Obama at Notre Dame" claims over 7,500 members, while "Protest Obama at Notre Dame's 2009 Commencement Speaker" has some 5,000 members.

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Internet plays vital role in generating discussion, debate

By AARON STEINER In Focus Writer

Students and community members lead the first Notre Dame Right to Life March For Life on campus April 17.

Harold Cassidy, a New Jersey lawyer, speaks from the steps of the Main Building during an ND Response prayer rally April 5.

Members of BCAC gather signatures for a petition in support of Obama's visit to campus Commencement weekend in LaFortune Park April 6.
Bishops, alumni, Catholic groups voice opinions: professors say University a 'center' of American Catholicism

By AARON STEINER
In Focus Writer

Within hours of the May 20 announcement that President Barack Obama would speak at Notre Dame and receive an honorary degree at the May 17 Commencement ceremony, the Cardinal Newman Society launched what they termed a "national Catholic campaign" to protest the invitation, launching a Web site, NotreDameScandal.com, and petition.

At the time, some observers were surprised that a group would go to such lengths as to create a Web site in protest.

Last week, when a sixth Web site protesting the decision was launched, it was old news.

The invitation University President Fr. John Jenkins extended to Obama quickly provoked a response from around the country, one that has not died down in the past five weeks, and isn't likely to do so in years until Commencement, either.

As of press time, more than 50 U.S. bishops have made some type of comment about the decision, Fox News has interviewed Notre Dame students on live television twice, numerous Facebook groups have been formed, protests have been held at offices or homes of several Notre Dame Trustees, the White House has made note of the controversy, protests have been formed, petitions have been signed by students and alumni, and petition.

The controversy has even extended beyond the nation's borders — ND Response, a student group opposing the decision, earlier reported receiving messages from Europe, Asia and Africa.

One thing is certain: come May 17, the spotlight on Notre Dame will be intense.

Why the big fuss?

University professors say Notre Dame's role in American Catholicism is a primary factor in the response. Professor Gary Anderson, of the theology department, called Notre Dame the "symbolic center" of Catholicism in the U.S.

"Whether we like it or not, this is the spot where many Americans take their reading of the state of the Catholic Church," Anderson said.

Rick Garnett, professor of law, said Notre Dame "is the most important Catholic university in the country, and so what happens here is often important ... for the Church."

"It is not surprising that the invitation, and the reaction to it, has drawn so much attention," he said. Garnett cited two reasons.

"First, Catholics, like Americans generally, were closely divided during the last election," he said.

"Next, the Catholic Church is the most prominent and consistent advocate for the human dignity and rights of unborn children, and President Obama's positions and views are, in some instances, inconsistent with those rights."

That inconsistency has led to a large response, he said. Professor of political science Daniel Philpott said the debate shows how many Catholics feel about abortion.

"What the controversy at Notre Dame has revealed is that American Catholics, at least a good swath of them, still care a great deal about the right to life," he said.

While some argue the controversy should be non-political in nature, politics has taken a role in many arguments against the invitation.

A majority of Catholics support Obama last November in the general election, giving him 54 percent of the Catholic vote, however pro-life Catholics who oppose the University's decision cite Obama's recent actions in office — including overturning the Mexico City Policy and rescinding limits President George W. Bush put in place on funding new embryonic stem cell research — in their reasoning for protests.

"A lot of Catholics held their noses when they voted for Obama. This controversy, and what he has done since taking office, has brought those concerns to the fore," Appleby told the National Post in an April 6 article. "His decision on life issues and the way he has communicated them have been deeply dissatisfying to Catholics who voted for him." Philpott agreed.

"There was much talk after the last election about how the Catholic vote had been neutralized, how the life issue had been deferred, diverted, diffused and diluted. But this was illusion," he said, noting the response to Obama's political actions and now the University's decision as evidence.

The recent reaction to the Obama invitation — seen both here in South Bend and in print, online and broadcast media — has been loudly heard.

In addition to Cardinal Newman Society's online petition, the Pro-Life Action League, a Chicago-based organization, released a statement the same day as the announcement, asking Jenkins to withdraw the invitation.

Randall Terry, one of the more prominent activists behind the protest, moved to the area May 27 to start an on-the-ground campaign in South Bend.

In the weeks following the announcement, bishops from around the country voiced their opinions. Local Bishop John D'Arcy, whose diocese includes Notre Dame, released a statement

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A LOOK AT THE RESPONSE THE OBAMA DECISION HAS GENERATED

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| 248 | No. of student Letters to the Editor in support of the invitation as of April 23 |
| 49 | No. of statements local Bishop John D'Arcy has made regarding the invitation as of April 23 |
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The Obama Controversy

A number of prominent politicians have spoken or honored at Notre Dame in the past.

By JENN METZ

In his first public appearance after a failed assassination attempt, President Ronald Reagan, associated with the Irish after playing one of their best-known films on the film "Rocky," spoke at the 1981 Commencement.

Reagan was invited to win one for the private sector in his Commencement speech, calling for a smaller national government.

It wasn't until April 27, 1981 — just around Reagan's 100th day in office — that the real controversy over his selection became apparent. Indications that the president, after recovering from a gunshot wound to the chest, would still speak at the Notre Dame commencement were published in The Observer, an article that a university spokesman defended for being "too soft" on Reagan.

The next day, The Observer reported that Carter accepted the invitation then-President Fr. Theodore Hesburgh offered him on March 1, 1977. It was Carter's third trip to Notre Dame.

Carter's coming to the University, the United States president, on the occasion of the ten-year anniversary of the top-ten stories of the year at the University, was announced in a special Commencement address.

The Nation's Only Catholic President

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Mr. Cuomo's letter, published in the Saturday, March 30 issue of the Observer, asserted: "Both candidates' speeches, while not the same course as they may come across as, yet things will seem tame compared to the opposition sparked by the announcement of Moynihan. So, the administration will have to be careful with the situation, as it might come across as too light against President Bush. But it lets the president off too lightly."

In his speech, Cuomo attempted to clarify the position religion has in public affairs. He responded to criticism by bishops by defending his stance on abortion. "The Church is the same as it was yesterday and we have the help of the bishops," he said. "But if you were going to talk about the separation between church and state, the whole thing is more than a community of scholars, it is a community of human nature."

According to the article, Cuomo said Notre Dame should honor Obama because he is the president and shares the Catholic mission of wanting to make the world a better place. Cuomo said Obama should not avoid the controversy surrounding his appearance in his Commencement address, suggesting he say something like "I'm not asking you to agree with me. Thank you for giving me this opportunity to tell you about the values I believe in and talk about how much common ground we share" in his interview with the Times.

George H.W. Bush and Daniel Moynihan, 1992

The announcements were made in the March 30, 1992 edition of The Observer: both President George H.W. Bush and then-Sen. Daniel Moynihan (D-N.Y.) would be featured at the 147th annual Commencement.

Students had mixed reactions to the Bush announcement, according to a March 31, 1992 Observer report, because he would be speaking as both president and presidential candidate and his speech had the potential to be politicized. Many questioned, as then-governor professor David Keefe did, "the propriety an invitation during a campaign year," as it might come across as a campaign speech.

Others called Bush's acceptance an honor for the student body and the University.

That week, Viewpoint filled with letters to the Editor for and against Bush's appearance at Commencement, but the outcry seemed tame compared to the opposition sparked by the announcement Moynihan would be awarded the Laetare Medal.

"Moynihan's career uniquely combines academic, political and public service," then-University President Fr. Edward "Monk" Malloy said in a March 30 Observer report. "His passion for scholarship has made him sensitive to the realities of state, sensitive to the cry of the poor and commendably supportive of higher education."

The co-resident bishops and alumni especially reacted negatively to the news because of Moynihan's pro-choice voting record on abortion.

Fort Wayne-South Bend Bishop John D'Arcy, who will not attend the 2009 Commencement, took the same course of action in 1992, saying in a May 15 report his presence there "could be interpreted as an approval of Moynihan's position relative to the issue of pre-born life." Bush spoke to Notre Dame graduates about family values and community service during the Sesquicentennial Year Government exercises. The American family is an "institution under siege," Bush said in his address.

Today's crisis will have to be addressed by millions of Americans at the personal, individual level for governmental programs to be effective. And the federal government of course, must do everything it can do, but the point is, government alone is simply not enough," he said.

George W. Bush, 2003

After Notre Dame alumni, including those National Security Advisor Condoleezza Rice, recruited President George W. Bush to address the class of 2001 at Commencement. Another controversy erupted, again expressing the concern the University was neglecting its Catholic values and traditions with the invitation.

The Republican president, who received an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from Notre Dame, was protested against because his stance on capital punishment, labor and the environment and the military were seen in contrary to Catholic moral teaching.

A petition, signed by a group of faculty, students and alumni led by then-faculty member Peter Walke, gathered 667 signatures and Walshe organized a two-part demonstration to protest Bush's appearance as Commencement.

Walke, the author of the petition, said in a May 18, 2001 report the "petition object to a range of policies being pursued by President Bush. But it's the president off too lightly."

In his speech, Bush reported on the United States' commitment to the poor and said Notre Dame, as a Catholic university, "carries forward a great tradition of social teaching. It calls on all of us, Catholic and non-Catholic, to honor family, to protect life in all its stages, to serve and uplift the poor. This university is more than a community of scholars, it is a community of conscience."

Barack Obama, 2009

Eight years later, another president, this time a Democrat, will face a mixed crowd in the Joyce Center.

He will receive an honorary degree and address the graduates, adding another chapter to the University's history as a place where leaders come to speak on the issues facing the nation.

More lines will also be written, after Commencement May 17, about what President Barack Obama's presence on campus will mean for the debate over Notre Dame's identity as an American, Catholic university.

Madeline Buckley contributed to this report.

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Organizer and the so-called "destiny to be shaped by forces beyond our control" Obama said. "We are a people whose destiny has never been written for us, but by us." Obama added.

Obama told the graduates to pursue a life of service because you have an obligation to your country's problems as their own. He added: 

"Through service, I found a community that embraced me, a citizenship that was meaningful, the direction that I'd been seeking.

Barack Obama
United States President

Obama spoke specifically about service at the grassroots level. He said: "Through service, I found a community that embraced me, a citizenship that was meaningful, the direction that I'd been seeking."

Barack Obama said that he "began to notice a world beyond" himself. Obama said that service helped him to find his own identity. "Through service, I discovered how my own improbable story fit into the larger story of America."

Obama stressed the different paths of service that graduates could pursue.

"There are so many ways to serve, and so much that needs to be done at this defining moment in our history," he said.

"Don't need to be a community organizer or do something crazy like go to a war zone," he said.

Service is important not only for the individual, but also for the collective well-being of the nation, according to Obama.

"The future of this country — your future, my future, your children's future — depends on it," he added.

He cited the Foreign Service, the Peace Corps, the energy crisis, and localizing the lingering effects of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans as areas in which graduates could put their skills to use for the betterment of America.

"We need you," Obama said.

Obama ended by saying that the change will not happen overnight and that it will not be easy.

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ASU, G-Town also embroiled in controversy over awards

By MADALENE BUCKLEY
In Focus Writer

Controversy about commencement, honorary degrees and awards is not limited to the debate at Notre Dame.

Georgetown University was also in the headlines after the White House asked the university to decline to award the “logistical arrangements” of the event.

"It has always been our intention to recognize and honor President Obama's accomplishments during his visit."

Sharon Keeler
ASU spokeswoman

Several religious groups criticized this request, but a university spokesperson told CNN that “there are no plans” for the speech, consistent with what they’ve done for other policy speeches,” the spokesperson said.

Several pro-life and religious organizations group claimed the award bestowed by the Jesuit university violated the statement released by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), “Catholics in Political Life,” that states “Catholic institutions should not honor those who act in defiance of our funda­mental principles.”

But the headlined arguments out.

"The Church can survive and that it will not be easy."

Still, protesters say they plan to continue to make their opin­ions known, but that the controversy isn’t dying down yet.

"The Georgetown Law Center hosted a forum to discuss free exchange of ideas, but the statement said the school does not necessarily endorse the ideas.

"Georgetown is proud of its Catholic and Jewish identity and its core values of respect for and service to others,” the statement said.

"While students and faculty may invite speakers and host events, the views of the speakers are not endorsed by nor do they necessarily reflect the views of Georgetown."

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ASU graduate goes on service to Wesleyan grads

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President Barack Obama won't be delivering his first commencement address at the school where he speaks at Notre Dame and May 17. Obama gave the principal address at Wesley's commencement ceremony last year, filling in for Sen. Edward Kennedy.

In the 2009 speech, then-presidential candidate Obama called on the graduates to "shape the destiny of this generation" through service.

“This service, how we will keep so much needed work going, and the cause of justice everlasting, and the dream alive for generations to come,” Obama said.

Obama called on the graduates to "think in terms of where the future is going, and to take on the country's problems as their own," and said that it is easy for an individual to separate himself or her personal life from the country's problems. "If we look at war and recession; hunger and climate change; injustice and inequality; it is hard to keep up an illusion that these are things that happen somewhere else, that we can go about our work going, and not think about them at all."

President Barack Obama delivers the commencement address at Wesleyan University in 2008.

Obama spoke specifically about service at the grassroots level. He cited working to better education and to end poverty as examples of things people could serve America.

"At a time of war, we need you to look for an opportunity to serve. At a time of so much cynicism and so much doubt, we need you to step up to save our system.

Obama said that his life of service began during his first two years of college, when he said that he "began to notice a world beyond" himself. Obama said that service helped him to find his own identity. "Through service, I discovered how my own improbable story fit into the larger story of America."

Obama stressed the different paths of service that graduates could pursue.

"There are so many ways to serve, and so much that needs to be done at this defining moment in our history," he said.

"Don't need to be a community organizer or do something crazy like go to a war zone," he said.

Service is important not only for the individual, but also for the collective well-being of the nation, according to Obama.

"The future of this country — your future, my future, your children's future — depends on it," he added.

He cited the Foreign Service, the Peace Corps, the energy crisis, and localizing the lingering effects of Hurricane Katrina in New Orleans as areas in which graduates could put their skills to use for the betterment of America.

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Bishops issue statements

Bishop Thomas Olmstead, Phoenix, Ariz.

"I am saddened and heavy of heart about your decision to invite President Obama to speak at Notre Dame University and to even to receive an honorary degree. It is a public act of disobedience to the Bishop of the United States, ... I pray that you come to see the grave mistake of your decision, especially in the time of the pandemic."

Letter to Jenkins, March 25

Archbishop John Nienstedt, Twin Cities, Minn.

"It is a travesty that the University of Notre Dame, which is governed by many to be a Catholic University, has chosen to give its public support to such an anti-Catholic politician. I hope that you are able to reconsider this decision. If not, please do not expect to see your support."_letter to Jenkins, March 26

Archbishop Emeritus John Quinlivan, San Francisco, Calif.

"The invitation to the President of the United States to speak at Notre Dame is a trick to pull you back out of your appearance at Notre Dame either because he withdraws or the university withdraws its invitation. If this happens, will that further the pro-life effort in our country? If the president is forced to withdraw, will this put a stain on the Catholic Church and the Administration, or will it create mounting tension and deepen the hurt and double hostility? ... If the president is forced to withdraw, what is the fact to be used? Will it be used to link the church with racist, and other evil elements that do not represent our country? Will this action be seen as particularly unfair to those who are members of the United States who do not sincerely seek dialogue on major policy questions, but only accommodation?"

"America" Magazine, March 30

Bishop Robert Lynch, St. Petersburg, Fla.

"To think Notre Dame may have acted way too early and too generously is more alarm than that the rhetoric being employed is so uncivil and venomous that it weakens the still very powerful influence of Notre Dame. The fellow citizens, alienates young college-age students who believe the older generation is behaving like an angry child and they do not wish to be identified with that."

"America" Magazine, March 30

Bishop Alfred Hughes, New Orleans, La.

"As Catholics we need to enter into civil debate with (President Obama). However, we are not discoursing on which we disagree. We work together when we have a common ground to address, which we agree. But we do not supply a platform or grant an honor to someone who not only is so wrong on such a fundamental issue but is aggressively pursuing policies which exclude the human rights of the unborn."

Letter to Jenkins, April 1

Mark Weber, senior

"It is our responsibility, not our Commencement speaker's to continue to educate our Catholic identity and apply it beyond graduation. The role of a Commencement speaker is to welcome college graduates into the real world, arm them with knowledge of complex and evolving issues and inspire them to be passionate and influential citizens of a global community. ..."

Statement, April 22

Andrew Sanders, graduate student

"The direct taking of innocent human life and the promulgation of economic, foreign aid or entitlement policy are incommensurable, yet the University's honoring of President Obama says the exact opposite. And when it comes to the other accomplishments that are the real reason for the honor, I may have missed a part of Obama's as-yet-short presidential career."

Letter to the Editor, "Conglomeration," March 24

Andrew Nesi, senior

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Letter to the Editor, "The goals of higher education," March 25

Kelly Kaspansky, senior

"I hope this will be a moment when Notre Dame and the administration succeed in the celebration of a man who consistently supports many of the beliefs that the Church upholds and is actually honoring him at this year's Commencement. Not only has Notre Dame lost my respect, but they have also lost my intent to contribute to the University any time in the near future."...

Letter to the Editor, "Money talks," March 24

Seab Yeatts, third-year law

"To not turn our special day into a political circus. Now one will say, 'Notre Dame invited President Obama to speak, so the Church must think abortion is okay now.' People are much smarter than that. However, if you choose to hijack our graduation to make political points, I hope you do it with grace and with respect with the energy that you have left over from how embarrassing. It is our day, not yours. Show a little respect.

Letter to the Editor, "Don't nix our day," March 24

Kathleen Hessons, senior

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"I wish no disrespect to our president, but it has been a long road for me to come to this decision. After much prayer, I have decided not to associate myself with a university that offers an honorary degree to a politician who lauds abortion and, just within the past month, has issued an executive order that forces every American to pay for the murder of the unborn of the world. I never thought it possible, but Notre Dame is no longer my university."

Letter to the Editor, "Dissapointed by choice," March 25

Catherine Kelly, alumnus

"Your decision to invite President Obama to speak at Commencement is a slap in the face to Catholics and pro-life supporters who toil tirelessly and donate hard-earned money to fight the pro-abortion movement in this country."

Letter to the Editor, "Risking it all," March 25

"I have just thrown in the trash four Notre Dame T-shirts, a Notre Dame hat, sweatshirt and flag. Needless to say, I will never again set foot in the University. I will not associate myself with a university that offers an honorary degree to a politician who lauds abortion and, just within the past month, has issued an executive order that forces every American to pay for the murder of the unborn of the world. I never thought it possible, but Notre Dame is no longer my university."

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