Rhoades responds to life statement

Observer Staff Report

Bishop Kevin Rhoades praised Notre Dame for taking steps toward the “renewal of a culture of life,” in response to the University’s recent institutional statement that affirms its defense of human life.

“I am grateful to University President Fr. John Jenkins and to the Notre Dame Task Force on Life for the efforts they are making to serve the Gospel of Life,” Rhoades said in an Apr. 18 issue of Today’s Catholic, the weekly newspaper serving the Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend.

“I pray that their work will bear much good fruit,” he said.

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Students to go bald for cancer research

By LILY HOUGH
News Writer

Elise Jordan has placed a $20,000 price over her head and is preparing to go bald to benefit cancer research. Jordan will join more than 100 other Notre Dame students who have volunteered to have their heads shaved this week as a part of The Bald and the Beautiful fundraiser sponsored by the Sophomore Class Council.

Proceeds from the event, which raised over $26,500 last year which the Council hopes to double this year, will benefit St. Baldrick’s Foundation, a national non-profit that supports pediatric cancer research, Pankiw, a sophomore, said.

“Someone to do what Elise is doing takes a tremendous amount of bravery and compassion,” Pankiw said. “For someone to do what Elise is doing takes a tremendous amount of bravery and compassion.”

Jordan made the decision to go bald after her friends, “I’ve been nervous. There have been times this week when I look in the mirror and realize I’m not going to have my hair,” Jordan said. “But I know that it’s going to be going to a better cause.”

Jordan said she has been working with her family members, “I’m so nervous. There have been times this week when I look in the mirror and realize I’m not going to have my hair,” Jordan said. “But I know that it’s going to be going to a better cause.”

The daughter of a family physician in South Bend, Jordan said she has been “touched by cancer in a variety of ways ever since [she] was a little kid.”

When her mother shares her daughter’s story with her own chemotherapy patients, they are moved and find strength in it, Jordan said. Some are even planning to have their own head shaved with Jordan, whose audience, among

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Habitat for Humanity celebrates 16th house

By SAM STRYKER
News Writer

Notre Dame’s chapter of Habitat for Humanity celebrated almost a year’s worth of effort in the community at the dedication of the organization’s 16th home in the South Bend area Sunday.

South Bend resident Melissa Jones and her two sons are the new occupants of the Campeau Street residence.

Nathan Marsh, volunteer coordinator of Notre Dame’s Habitat for Humanity, said

turnout for the event was indicative of how important the project was for the local community.

Melissa and here family, along with members of her church, and Notre Dame alumni and students were all there today,” he said.

Marsh said the Notre Dame chapter is unique in that it is one of the few college campus chapters that builds and completes a house every year.

“We do all the fundraising and getting materials on site,” he said. “We also see to

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INSIDE COLUMN

Molly Madden

I’d like to start this inside column with a disclaimer. I am about to express the wish that if I were a boy I would date fellow Observer staffer Molly Madden. First of all, this is hypotheti-
cal as she is not interested in me nor I in her. Second of all, although you may truly desire to date Molly, after reading this article, it might not be possible for you — sorry to get your hopes up.

Avid fans of The Observer’s inside column may have noticed Molly Madden’s increasing self-deprecation over the past few months. Within her columns she has been able to respond within the viewpoint, I thought I’d take a chance in my inside column to point out the top 10 reasons why, if I was Notre Dame male, I would date Molly Madden.

First, Molly has very few inhibitions and is outgoing. When I first met Molly, she was training me for The Observer, and she instantly told me all about herself. And even offered to lend me a book on the Beatles — she loves them.

Second, Molly is hilarious. Because there’s a lot little she doesn’t want to share, she is funny even when she doesn’t want to be.

Third, it is very rare not to find Molly without a smile on her face.

Fourth, Molly is extremely witty and makes her appear cute and unique but much. She also prefers to buy her clothes each year.

Fifth, Molly is a true Domer. Though she doesn’t want to be.

Sixth, Molly (excuse me for this) would hook you up. I’m just saying.

Seventh, Molly without a smile on her face.

Eight, Molly doesn’t want to be.

Nine, she’s pretty busy so she’d be a cheap date. Unlike many girls, Irish through rain and shine.

Tenth, Molly is a keeper. Avid fans of The Observer’s inside column to study abroad, she is stay-

I will miss her dearly when I go away heat.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Carly Landon at clandon@nd.edu

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS THE MOST EMBARRASSING THING YOU HAVE EVER GOOGLED?

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

IN BRIEF

A session of “Peace of Mind: The Art of Mindful Relaxation” will take place today at 12 p.m. in the third-floor conference room of St. Liam Hall.

Visiting professor Robert Warrior will give a lecture titled “Curating ‘Beyond the Chief’: Hating Art and Words on Campus” today at 5 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium. The lecture will be followed by a discussion.

Colombian-born port Maurice Kilwein Guevara will read from his body of work tonight at 7:30 p.m. in the Hamme Notre Dame Bookstore.

The 2010 BFA/MFA Candidates’ Theses Exhibition begins Tuesday at 10 a.m. in the Snoughtyshalleries of the Suite Museum of Art.

The Food for Thought Film Series and Lectures will continue with a lecture titled “Sustainability: The Key to Today’s Food Revolution,” which will take place Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

In celebration of National Poetry Month, students and faculty will read from their poetry in a “Poetry Reading Tag Team” Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Hamme Notre Dame Bookstore.

The Sophomore Class Council’s charity event “The Raft and the Beautiful. University of Notre Dame Fights Cancer” begins Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the LaFortune Student Center.

To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obnews.nd@gmail.com
SMC promotes entrepreneurship

By ALICIA SMITH  Associate Saint Mary's Editor

In order to promote female entrepreneurship, Saint Mary's College created the Women's Entrepreneurial Initiative (WEI), a program designed to assist current female-owned and operated small businesses and create an interest in entrepreneurship among women. Sanan Vance, senior project director for WEI and professor at the College said.

In order to help execute the program, the College hired Martha Smith, a local business owner and program director for WEI. Smith has first-hand experience in entrepreneurship.

Vance said she hopes the program will become a helpful resource for local businesses.

Smith also wants to see the program reach out to female entrepreneurs.

"If hope the program will provide a forum or a home for business owners to come and network and obtain resources and information to run a smoother operation if they already have a business," Smith said.

Smith said she also wanted to see WEI create an interest in entrepreneurship.

Vance said the second part of the program was to focus on educating students about entrepreneurship.

"We also are very interested in our Saint Mary's women as well," she said. "So whatever we want to do is engage the Saint Mary's women with those women within the community, those women business owners. Also in addition to that we want to get students excited about starting their own businesses.

During the Spring 2010 semester, WEI offered a Small Business Consulting course where teams of students were paired with local female-owned companies. During the partnerships, students worked to create plans for better efficiency for the companies. According to Vance, one team of students was able to help a company create better efficiency with a computer program.

"They got it done, they got the computer to do what needed to be done," Smith said. "Saint Mary's senior Kathleen Mills was able to simplify a major computer issue at Nicholas J Salon and Spa in South Bend. Smith said Mills and her team of three other students were able to transform a computer task that originally took five hours into a 30 second job.

"There was a success story, one of the students solved a problem for a local business owner. (The company) had a situation with the computers and it was taking them five hours to do a job," Smith said. Smith owns two businesses of her own — a mini storage unit company and a textile company. Both businesses are in the Michiana area. According to Vance, Smith is a valuable asset to the program because she has the capabilities to assist in reaching out to the Latin women interested in entrepreneurship.

"I can relate to other women business owners," Smith said. "I sort of feel their pain and there's a kinship. Vance said the College has created a new course that will be supported by the grant. The New Ventures course will allow groups of students to create their own business. Vance will be teaching the course. Students will be responsible for creating their product or service, marketing it to the local community and running the company. Students will be required to take the course for two semesters, and at the end of the second semester they will create an exit strategy and close their company.

The money that students have earned from their own businesses will go towards paying the start-up loan they received at the beginning of the course. After they have paid off their loan, students will donate the money to local charities. Vance said New Ventures will be offered for the first time during the Fall 2010 and Spring 2011 semesters.

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SMEC to host Earth Week events

By KRYSTINA HARcourt  News Writer

The Saint Mary's Environmental Action Coalition (SMEAC) will be hosting a series of events and projects celebrating Earth Week, beginning today, in honor of environmental activism.

"We have been planning Earth Week for quite a few months now and have worked really hard to put together some great events and activities," SMEAC board member Ellen Hulsenmann said.

"Our goal is to make the environment fun and I'm really looking forward to all the great stuff we have planned."

The weeks events begin tonight at 5 p.m. with kickball and tie-dyeing on Library Green.

"It's a way for us to get people outside and enjoying the warm weather," SMEAC head of public relations Jamie Thordisen said.

Participants are allowed to bring their own items to tie-dye.

"People have brought socks, jackets and even sports bras," she said.

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stemmed from a recommendation by the University’s pro-life task force, which was created by Fr. John Jenkins in September. That statement said the University upholds the sanctity of human life from conception to natural death, and also clarified its position on charitable gifts in the principles on charitable activity.

The Catholic universities are in a unique position to promote the renewal of a culture of life in the society, Rhoades said. “Being actively pro-life in teaching and research, pastoral ministry and service, Catholic universities indeed contribute to the renewal of our society and to the promotion of the common good.”

Rhoades also said Notre Dame’s statement falls in line with Pope John Paul II’s encyclical, “The Gospel of Life.”

[“Pope John Paul II] called for ‘the renewal of a culture of life within Christian communities themselves’ and wrote of the specific contribution that Catholic universities should make in building a new culture of life,” Rhoades said. “I believe that the efforts that the University of Notre Dame is making in this regard are important for the Church and for society.”

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cial club status and add sexual orientation to the nondiscrimination clause. “The demonstration that happened in January was maybe the marker of my Notre Dame experience,” Mahon said. “It really kept up my faith in the Notre Dame student body that the response was really positive on campus.”

AllianceND officer junior Chris Collins said the discussions that followed the comic’s publication and several individual meetings with top administration officials, including University President Fr. John Jenkins, have been mostly productive.

“There have been a lot of discussions since the Mobile Party Comic Strip, and I’ve been to a few of them and from what I’ve heard they’ve all been very successful,” he said.

Senior and AllianceND officer senior Mary Kate Havlik said she helps “to facilitate the prospective club application process for all clubs,” but does not comment directly on AllianceND’s pending application.

Our primary concerns [when we met with Fr. Jenkins] were the non-discrimination clause and the approval of AllianceND as a club, both of which are ways we feel the University can show its acceptance of (LGBTQ) students and their allies on campus,” LeMay said.

LeMay noted Saint Mary’s College across the street from Notre Dame already has both a gay-straight alliance (SAGA) and has added sexual orientation to the nondiscrimination clause.

“The administration has definitely been made aware that Saint Mary’s, which is also a Holy Cross college, has both sexual orientation in the clause and a gay-straight alliance,” she said.

LeMay said the administration has cited concerns about the legal ramifications of adding sexual orientation to the nondiscrimination clause, noting partner benefits as one legal implication.

AllianceND officer senior Patrick Bears said the panel discussions and meetings with administration officials were a step in the right direction, but the actions were ultimately inconsequential.

“I’m not going to be critical for the University for actually trying to do something, it’s just they’re doing as little as they potentially can,” he said.

“They’re trying to do everything they can without actually doing anything about the club itself,” Mahon said she wanted to be optimistic about the club’s application, but also noted it was the eleventh time the club had applied for official status in the past 13 years.

“We want to be really optimistic, but we also recognize that it may not happen,” she said. “I think the biggest indication that we might not get it is the administration has been making really conscious efforts to meet with us to see how they can improve the framework that they use.”

Mahon said gaining official club status would be incredibly helpful to the group and boost its profile on campus.

“Right now it’s just some friends who meet and discuss. It would be really beneficial to have a set club, have a set time when we could meet, have a room where we can meet and to be able to advertise to students that these resources are out there,” she said.

Mahon said the club’s unofficial status had kept it underground for years, and many students who could benefit from the group’s resources might not know it exists.

“Right now, students that could really need the help or the resources sometimes don’t know what goes on,” she said. “It’s all word of mouth, so there’s a really possible chance that we’re missing people who could benefit from the club.”

The point, the administration has pointed to Core Council as a resource for LGBTQ students. But Collins said Core Council, of which both LeMay and Bears are also members, does not give students enough control.

“I think one of the key things is [AllianceND] gives students the ability to take part in the decision making process,” Collins said. “We would have our own funds and be able to set our own events, whereas with Core Council they’re all kind of set by [the Office of Student Affairs].”

LeMay said Core Council’s structure does not allow many students to join who would want to.

“I think AllianceND would be a important supplement to Core Council because Core Council is a closed group and only has eight student members,” she said.

Bears said graduate students are shut out of Core Council and that they do not have a gay-straight alliance for themselves.

“There’s no kind of outreach for them,” he said.

Bears also said it was not just students who felt that they needed to stay closed.

“There’s definitely fear among teachers regarding the subject material that they can teach and their personal lives and whether they have to remain closeted in order to keep their jobs,” he said.

Collins, who is the only officer in the group that will still be enrolled at Notre Dame next year, said the group will continue to apply for club status if they are denied later this month.

“If we don’t get status we will be applying again next year. I can pretty much guarantee that if we do get club status that would kind of be a whole different ball game,” he said.

Collins said AllianceND’s probationary first year would include hosting regular meetings and sponsoring a few events in conjunction with Core Council. Despite some setbacks, the AllianceND officers said the response on campus has been very positive since the publication of the offensive comic. Mahon said the work of many tenured faculty members who know their jobs are safe has been “phenomenal” in supporting the group.

Nevertheless, the group members did say they were concerned about some of the more hateful reactions they have received around campus.

“There have been a resurgence of the ‘Gay? Go to Hell’ T-shirts from two years ago, and from what I’m aware there have actually been more of them than there were just my sophomore year,” Bears said.

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**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Agents block opposition march **

HAWANA — Cuban security agents denied the wives and mothers of jailed dissidents permission to hold their weekly march Sunday, setting off a long, strange standoff under the hot Caribbean sun that ended with the women being led away by officials.

After seven years of peaceful — mostly uneventful — Sunday protests, officials first stopped the women, known as the “Ladies in White,” as they were gathering outside Havana’s Interior Ministry Saturday, and informed them they needed permission to hold future demonstrations.

The group, comprised mostly of the wives and mothers of some 75 dissidents arrested in a 2003 crackdown, had been the only one whose protests were tolerated by Cuba, and they had never requested or received permission before.

**Militants killed in fighting **

KABUL — At least 29 militants, including two commanders, have been killed over four days of intense fighting aimed at protecting supply routes through the heart of Afghanistan, the Interior Ministry said Sunday.

Elsewhere, a foreign soldier was killed by a roadside bomb in southern Afghanistan Saturday, the ministry said, the third foreign death that day following an earlier announcement of the loss of two Dutch marines in the southern province of Urugzan. The third soldier’s nationality and other details of the incident were being withheld pending family notification, it said.

**NATIONAL NEWS**

**Gates clarifies memo on Iran**

WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Robert Gates is disputing the characterization of a memo he wrote in January suggesting the U.S. needed to advance a long-term plan for dealing with Iran’s nuclear program.

Gates said Sunday that the memo should as no doubt the U.S. is prepared to act “across a spectrum,” but that the statement that he was suggesting the U.S. was prepared to attack Iran was false.

**Demonstrators square off in L.A.**

LOS ANGELES — A white supremacist group rallied against illegal immigration in downtown Los Angeles on Saturday as hundreds of counter-protestors gathered to shout them down. Both groups included about 35 minutes, was included in the march.

Police officers stood between the white supremacists and counter-demonstrators on the south lawn of Los Angeles’ City Hall, where about 50 members of the National Socialist Movement waved American flags and swastika banners for about an hour.

Five people, all of them counter-protesters, were arrested on suspicion of throwing items, police said.

The white supremacists shouted “Sieg Heil” before each of their speakers took the podium to taunt counter-protestors with racial, anti-Semitic and misogynistic epithets.

**LOCAL NEWS**

**Woman sued for not moving**

BEVERLY SHORES, Ind. — The federal government is seeking a fine of $10,000 against a woman who moved into a house in the Indiana resort community in July.

When the park was created in the 1960s, Congress gave people who lived in houses already built there the right to stay for 20 years. That later was extended.

A lawsuit filed Friday in U.S. District Court in Hammond says Deborah Pavel took over the right to live in one of those homes in 2002. The lawsuit says she was supposed to move out in August, but didn’t do so.

**MALTA**

**Pope meets with abuse victims**

**Benedict XVI makes visit to Malta, says Church will better protect children**

Associated Press

VALLETTA — With tears in his eyes, Pope Benedict XVI made his most personal gesture yet to respond to the clerical sex abuse scandal Sunday, telling victims that the church could have done more to protect children and bring abusive priests to justice, the Vatican said.

The emotional moment carried no new admissions from the Vatican, which has strongly rejected accusations that efforts to cover up for abusive priests were directed by the church hierarchy for decades. But the pontiff told the men that the church would “implement effective measures” to protect children, the Vatican said, without offering details.

Benedict met for more than a half-hour with eight Maltese men who say they were abused by four priests when they were boys living at a Catholic orphanage. During the meeting in the chapel at the Vatican’s embassy here, Benedict expressed his “shame and sorrow” at the pain the men and their families suffered, the Vatican said.

“Everybody was crying,” one of the men, Joseph Magri, 38, told Associated Press Television News after the meeting. “I told him my name was Joseph, and he had tears in his eyes.”

The visit — which came on the second day of Benedict’s two-day trip to this largely Catholic island — marked the first time Benedict had met with abuse victims since the worldwide clerical abuse scandal engulfed the Vatican earlier this year.

“Not a single adult should feel relieved until strong steps are actually taken, not promised, that will prevent future child sex crimes and cover-ups,” said Peter Isely, the group’s Midwest director.

Magro said the men, in their 30s and 40s, received a call Sunday morning to come to the embassy and that the pope spent a few minutes with each of them. He said the overall encounter, which lasted about 35 minutes, was “fantastic.”

Lawrence Groch, who led efforts to arrange the encounter, said the pope told each of the men: “I am very proud of you for having come forward to tell your story.”

**ISRAEL**

**Peres: Iran poses a threat to entire world**

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Iran is a danger to the whole civilized world, not just Israel, President Shimon Peres warned Sunday, setting an especially somber tone for his nation’s annual memorial day for fallen soldiers and civilians killed in wars and terror attacks.

Alluding to Iran’s nuclear program, Peres said the country’s leaders hoped to annihilate Israel. “On no account must we underestimate these threats,” he said. “Nor should our enemies underestimate our capabilities.”

Israel has been warning the world community to impose stiff sanctions on Iran to force it to abandon its nuclear program, but Israel has not taken the option of a military strike against Iran off the table.

Israel, the U.S. and others believe Iran is trying to build nuclear weapons. Iran insists its nuclear program is peaceful.

Speaking at the Western Wall in the Old City of Jerusalem before relatives of fallen soldiers, Peres added, “A threat to the peace of the Jewish people always carries the danger of turning into a threat to the civilized world as a whole.”

Israel considers Iran a strategic threat because of its nuclear program, long-range missiles and frequent ref- erences by its president, Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, to Israel’s destruction.

Just hours earlier in Tehran, Ahmadinejad addressed a military parade and warned, “Today, our armed forces have so much power that no enemy will harbor evil thoughts about laying its hands on Iranian territory.” He called on the U.S. and its allies to pull out of the region “and stop supporting Israel.”

Air raid sirens sounded across Israel after nightfall to mark the beginning of the solemn day, when relatives visit graves at military cemeteries around the country. Another siren at mid-morning Monday signals the begin- ning of state ceremonies at the ceme- teries.
ASA hosts world soccer tournament

Event brings cultural clubs together to raise disaster relief funds

By MEGAN DOYLE
News Writer

Teams representing Notre Dame’s cultural clubs met to throw their support behind a soccer tournament Saturday to raise funds for relief through the Haiti relief effort and the Chilean Red Cross. African Students Association (ASA) president Brigitte Githinji said.

“T he tournament was just a great way to fundraise without necessarily placing a close-up face of everyone,” Githinji said. “At the end of the day, the purpose of the tournament was to bring people together in celebration of Africa Week.”

The tournament was the kickoff event for Africa Week 2010, and the tournament entry fees as well as T-shirt sales throughout the week will form the basis of fundraising efforts for victims of the Haiti disaster.

The theme of world unity promoted both by Africa Week events, and the World Cup inspired the ASA and other multicultural clubs to serve with enthusiasm and collaboration among clubs and organizations that otherwise don’t interact,” Githinji said.

As South Africa prepares to make its first appearance as the first African nation to host the FIFA World Cup this summer, Githinji that a miniaturized World Cup was a natural project for the ASA.

The African Students Association, German Club and the HRC, Hermeticism, and Christianity collaborated to plan a world soccer tournament in order to raise awareness and participation in each of the cultural clubs. The event was a huge success, said president Kathleen O’Connor.

“Hopefully, we can keep the enthusiasm and collaborative spirit going as we continue with the rest of Africa Week 2010,” Githinji said.

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it that contractors work on time. We walk through the whole thing as students.”

Volunteer efforts were particularly bolstered by the success of the project, Marsh said. “We had a fantastic turnout of kids every Saturday and Sunday, for the first four or five weekends and when it was 10 degrees outside,” he said.

Marsh also said Melissa Jones, volunteer coordinator Habitat for Humanity.

“This will be great for neighborhood relationships. Part of what we work on is building community roots,” said Nathan Marsh volunteer coordinator Habitat for Humanity.

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supportive classmates, family, friends, and include children from Memorial Hospital’s pediatric oncology ward.

Jordan said the faces of those children in the crowd that spread throughout the campus was an emotional event.

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J ordan, whose hair runs about mid-way down her back, said she can’t remember her last dramatic haircut. While raised a Catholic and a natural girl, she said her main priority, Jordan said. “I guess I’d also be, for her and her peers, a lesson in vanity.”

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“I want people to know that you don’t need to shave your head to become involved with this cause. You can help in so many other ways. Make a donation to the website to show your support,” she said. “The sum of little things isn’t little. Everything makes a difference.”

And while she admits that her confidence will come in handy as she braces her new bald life, Jordan is adamant that it doesn’t require any super powers.”

“I think anyone can do it,” Jordan said. “Honestly, anyone has what it takes.”

The event, which kicks off Wednesday night and will wind down Saturday afternoon, will include meals sponsored by Fiddler’s Hearth, and hair dressers from Salon Rouge offering hair extensions and opportunities for students to donate hair to Pantene Great Lengths, an organization similar to Locks for Love that uses donated hair to make wigs for cancer patients, Pankiw said.

Thirty players from Notre Dame’s soccer team have also signed up to have their heads shaved Wednesday night, followed by 25 Welsh Family residents who have signed up for their exten-

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"Goldman can really only truly be effective in the marketplace if it maintains a strong reputation," Williams said.

"We believe it is something that's very important to our customers and they are willing to pay for it," said American Airlines spokesman Roger Frizzell.

"It's not right now."

"For U.S. carriers they totaled more than 30,000 employees."
Just think, the next time you find your name in *The Observer* it will be in an article, byline or letter to the editor. (And hopefully not the police blotter.)

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Rain to delay shuttle landing

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA warned space shuttle Discovery's astronauts Sunday to expect rain delays as they wrapped up their two-week mission and got ready to come home.

Discovery and its crew are returning from the International Space Station after stocking it with supplies, science experiments and extra spare parts, including a tank full of ammonia coolant. It took three spacewalks to install the tank.

Providing Florida's weather forecast, NASA Administrator Michael Griffin crossed much of the United States during re-entry, zooming in from the Pacific Northwest. For safety reasons, NASA typically prefers to bring space shuttle home from the southwest, up over the South Pacific, Central America and the Gulf of Mexico.

"It's a Lesson NASA learned the hard way in 2003, when Columbia shattered over Texas during re-entry. All seven astronauts were killed, but remarkably, no one was hurt on the ground by the wreckage."

Since then, only one other shuttle mission has ended with a continental flyover, back in 2007.

Before Discovery's April 5 liftoff, NASA altered the flight path to maximize the astronauts' work time in orbit without wearing them down.

The rare U.S. flyover — weather permitting — was going to provide a streaking light show for those beneath the flight path. For Monday's first landing opportunity at 8:48 a.m., Discovery could zoom over British Columbia and Alberta, swing down over Montana and the Dakotas, and pass over Sioux City, Iowa, the middle of Missouri. Then it would come down over the eastern border of Arkansas and Tennessee, then over northeastern Mississippi and Alabama, southwestern Georgia and almost directly over Jacksonville.

The second opportunity, 1½ hours later, would have the shuttle crossing over Washington state and passing over more of the heartland.

Sunday, April 19, 2010

S.F. crime lab center of unraveling scandal

Strict Neb. abortion law faces opposition

Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — It's been called a groundbreaking law, but a measure approved in Nebraska last week that changes the rationale for abortion bans probably won’t go into effect anytime soon — if ever.

Instead, abortion opponents are hoping it will be the most important case on abortion to reach the U.S. Supreme Court in recent memory. Even they acknowledge the ban on abortions at and after 20 weeks of pregnancy won't see the light of day unless the high court rules that it is constitutional.

Mary Spaulding Balch, legislative director for National Right to Life, said a court injunction will likely prevent its implementation of the law. The measure passed last week by Nebraska's nonpartisan Legislature and signed into law by Republican Gov. Dave Heineman is scheduled to take effect in October.

Lower courts have no precedent to support the law, which bases the new restrictions on the assertion that fetuses feel pain.

"This is a case of first impression," Spaulding Balch said.

The long trip to the high court — if it indeed lands there — combined with the time it takes for a ruling there could mean a final decision on the law is several years away.

First, a legal challenge must be posed. No one has stepped forward yet, but Dr. LeRoy Carhart, one of the nation's few late-term abortion providers, is considered a likely candidate.

Carhart, who practices in an Omaha suburb and is the target of the new Nebraska law, was a plaintiff in two of the biggest abortion cases of the last decade that reached the U.S. Supreme Court.

Carhart said in a statement that the passage of the law and another that requires women to get pre-abortion screenings for mental and physical problems has strengthened his commitment to protecting women's rights.

The Center for Reproductive Rights, which has close ties to Carhart, helped lead 2007 campaign to get Heineman urging him to veto the bills that it would be involved in a challenge of the ban on late-term abortions.

This bill is unconstitutionally and is the most extreme abortion law passed in this century in recent memory," the letter states. It reminds Heineman that the center has litigated cases in Nebraska and across the United States in its fight for women’s reproductive rights.

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SAN FRANCISCO — The tape recorder sitting on the desk at two police investigators sat in their car in a hospital parking lot with Deborah Madden on Feb. 26. "You're causing a huge nightmare for the city," said one officer.

Now the 60-year-old techni- cian and the obscure police crime lab where she worked for 29 years stands at the center of a scandal that has raised the possibility of dismissal of hundreds of criminal cases and jeopardized thousand- sands more. Police have accused Madden of smoking cocaine evidence from the lab, but she hasn’t been criminally charged in the case.

Forensics experts say Madden is not the first crime lab worker suspected of stealing drugs or other illegal, and San Francisco’s lab joins several other cities in suffering a loss of credibility.

A Houston man was awarded $5 million last year after spending 17 years in prison on rape charges overturned because of a discredited criminal lab.

Detroit shut down its crime lab in 2008 after outside auditors uncovered serious errors in the way evidence was handled.

"It’s real hard to build a good reputation and it’s very easy to destroy it," said Ralph Keaton, executive director of the American Society of Crime Laboratory Directors. "And it takes even longer to rebuild it."

The fallout from San Francisco’s lab scandal is still unfolding and experts say it could take years to clean up, especially if authorities fail to establish which criminal cases were compromised.

"I don’t think we have a full grasp on the magnitude of this yet," said Jim Norris, former San Francisco police investigator. "I told him the other day that this runs on trust that the lab results have been correct, but now people don’t think they are. So the whole system has already been compromised."

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The ripening fruit

Brooks Smith

Intellectual

With the debate on God terminating as smoothly and inconclusively as anyone could have hoped, I found myself completely at a loss for suitable subjects for snark. My own religious beliefs being exactly as absurd and unjustifiable as everybody else’s, I hoped to poke some mildly mean-spirited fun at the militant in the (athletic camps while carefully obscuring my own weak points with clever rhetoric.

As I reflected on the situation, I grew weak with shame. Was I just another Amélie Gillette (writer of The Onion’s “Hater” column), to make increasingly bland jokes at the expense of increasingly easy targets? No, I decided. I was a Serious Writer, with accompanying capital letters. After having some business cards printed (“Brooks Smith: Serious Writer/Math Enthusiast”), I sat down at the keyboard of my three-year-old, hence obsolete, Dell PC (down with Microsoft) and wrote the most personal, honest and original Viewpoint of my career on the subject of getting “old.”

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I have therefore titled this column “The ripening fruit,” not to invite comparisons to those unpleasant brown spots on bananas after you leave them sitting around for a few days, but as a metaphor for maturity. This is a column on aging gracefully.

I am a junior math and English major at Notre Dame. I can be contacted at brookss26@nd.edu. This column is an essay on the mating habits of Hungarians, if they don’t cut brown spots on bananas after you leave them sitting around for a few days, but as a metaphor for maturity. This is a column on aging gracefully.
As one of the organizers of the Hesburgh Library petition, I wish to clarify our platform concerning the Library's facilities. It seems most logical to shift the discourse away from simply remodeling part of the main Library toward an expansion of the entire library system. I suggest this should be accomplished in four phases, in order of priority:

1. We should construct a depository—a high-density, temperature-controlled warehouse that can hold millions of hooks. Notre Dame requires it for two reasons. In the short-term, we need a location where we can store materials without disrupting service whenever we renovate the Library. In the long-term, a depository is essential for expanding the collections. Though it has long been known that the stacks are approaching capacity, we have tried to circumvent the problem by reducing book acquisition, even as our competitors are increasing theirs. Next year, the University of Chicago will unveil a $42 million depository that can hold 3.5 million volumes, more than Notre Dame's entire collection. The British Library just opened a £26 million storage unit, while Harvard is planning further expansion of its depository. Top institutions understand that even with the growth of information technology, print holdings will always keep expanding.

A depository is thus a crucial investment, probably costing less than our new hockey arena ($50 million). Because it is a warehouse, it can be quickly constructed. It may not excite benefactors, but that hardly negates its absolute necessity. Even if we cannot find donors, its functionality could come directly from the endowment.

2. Our Library is often torn between the competing needs of group study and quiet research, which instead should have separate facilities. Collaborative study needs should be addressed by an information commons, which would be open to the entire University, though primarily serving undergraduates. It should be a state-of-the-art, 24-hour complex adjacent to the main Library that provides print materials, but specializes in digital resources.

In 2008, Loyola University Chicago opened a 67,000-square-foot facility connected to its main library, with 35 group study rooms, 216 computer workstations, technical support, library reference and an all-glass, lakefront façade. It cost $25 million, about what we spent on remodeling the Joyce Center. Consider that Loyola's donor base is comparatively small, while its endowment is one-seventeenth of ours.

Santa Clara University, with an endowment one-ninth of ours, recently invested $95 million in a new library complex, including a depository and a "learning commons" similar to Loyola's. While Notre Dame has postponed the Library's expansion every year since 2001 because of a lack of benefactor interest, Santa Clara garnished two-thirds of its $20 million each, demonstrating what expanded library advancement can accomplish.

3. An information commons should precede renovation of the entire Hesburgh Library, which will be the costliest step. Ohio State recently spent $120 million to renovate its main library. While remaining open to all, our modernized library should emphasize research and scholarship. To quote Professor Jeffrey’s letter to The Observer (“Library will be fine under proper custodian,” April 12), if it tries “to compete with Barnes & Noble in providing cute coffee bars and comfy couches, we are certain to lose.”

Therefore, the first two floors should be dominated by large reading rooms with enforced quiet, decor that is conducive to research (i.e. no IKEA sofas or amoeba-shaped tables) with reference material and scholar-librarians at hand. On the first floor, there should be a consolidated area for computers, scanners and copy machines, together with a new acquisitions section and a dissertation office.

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“Kick-Ass” is without a doubt the best superhero movie since “Spider-Man 2” (nothing can top a dude with eight arms). With awe-some action sequences and a strong comedic nature, this movie beautifully treads the line of thriller and comedy while also incorpo-rating social commentary on apathy and corruption. This is a must see for anyone who is a fan of superhero movies or appreciates “R-rated” humor and an overly violent preteen girl.

The adventure begins with young Dave (Aaron Johnson) going through the motions of his monotonous life, as an average high school kid with dreams of hooking up with the prettiest girl in his class, his English teacher, as well as a moderately attractive student his own age, Katie. After being mugged and seeing someone witness the crime without taking action, Dave begins to question his faith in humanity and ask, “Why has no one ever tried to be a superhero before?” Dressed up in a wet-suit with a few sticks strapped to his back, Kick-Ass is born. Punching the air in alleys and running around on a rooftop, Dave trains to one day face the muggers who robbed him. In the first public appearance of Kick-Ass, he gets severely beaten up by the muggers, stabbed, stripped and taken to the hospital. With damaged nerve endings that dulls his sense of feeling and metal plates lining his bones, Dave becomes a slightly more durable hero Strutting around town in his suit, Kick-Ass begins his revitalized career looking for a lost cat. When he encounters three thugs taking on one guy, he steps in only to take a beating. Because of his medical improvements though, he is able to continue fighting and save the man’s life. When Kick-Ass yells at a bystander to call for help, the individual instead videotapes the fight and makes Kick-Ass an Internet sensation.

After a few more trials and failures, our hero meets up with the father daughter crime-fighting duo of Big Daddy (Nicolas Cage) and Hit Girl (Chloe Moretz). Hit Girl makes this movie great; the young girl dual-wielding handguns and taking out mobsters was more entertaining than a magician pulling a cantaloupe out of a top hat. At the same time, Big Daddy is a great character, training his daughter in a hilarious manner and raising her in a house filled with machine guns.

Local mob boss Frank D’Amico (Mark Strong) is established as the villain, trying to hunt down the superheroes because they are killing all of his men. Frank’s son Chris (Christopher Mintz-Plasse), in an attempt to bring down Kick-Ass to his father, poses as Red Mist, another super hero, and seeks to become Kick-Ass’s side-kick. With their limited training, they are quite the crime stopping team.

The casting in “Kick-Ass” is impeccable, and no part was better played than Hit Girl. Moretz, 13, brought her character to life and she certainly has a bright acting future. Frank, Red Mist and even every mobster is played very well and all have their comedic moments. One of the best scenes involves Frank’s large guard saying “Everything’s under control” while grabbing a bazooka from his desk. On the other hand, Kick-Ass could have been portrayed a little better, with the actor being very bland. An Andy Samberg (“SNL”) or a Jonah Hill (“Superbad”) may have been a better choice. Nicholas Cage provided a surprisingly good performance. Finding success in a role that does not involve stealing the Declaration of Independence coupled with the fact that he’s in enough financial trouble to take on the upcoming film “The Sorcerer’s Apprentice” seemed very unlikely. However, his acting was impressive as he played the role of Big Daddy better than Adam Sandler.

This movie is the perfect movie for the college aged demographic. Still, some may find the use of a young actress in a very “R-rated” role controversial, and the 3-shamrock review reflects that. While at times “Kick-Ass” seemed unnecessarily violent, that does not detract from the overall entertainment value of this film. “Kick-Ass” delivers laughs along with strong character development. This was one of the best superhero movies in a while and may even inspire you to put on a cape and try to catch the offenders NDSP emails sketches of to the student body.
Why Gratuitous Violence Ruins ‘Kick-Ass’

I’ve written for Scene for slightly over a year. Movies are not my strong point. When I write, it’s almost always about music. I enjoy movies. I go to one or two a month, but I have never loved them like many do. I can see the art in many movies but usually fail to appreciate it. The point is, I’m much more akin to the average movie goer than a seasoned critic. However, there is a reason I’m writing this column. I have never reacted so negatively to a film than I did while watching “Kick Ass.”

I’m practically a stereotype of the film’s target audience. I’m a white male in my early 20s. I have never loved them like many do. I can see the art in many movies but usually fail to appreciate it. The point is, I’m much more akin to the average movie goer than a seasoned critic. However, there is a reason I’m writing this column. I have never reacted so negatively to a film than I did while watching “Kick Ass.”

Instead, the gratuitous and meaningless violence is the result of several important narrative details and stylistics elements. In the translation from comic book to big screen, a very important piece of Big Daddy’s character was lost. Big Daddy is a fallen cop who is attempting revenge on the man who framed him. In the film, his story ends there. In the comic, it is later revealed that this was a fantasy world. Big Daddy was never wronged by mobsters and is pursuing them in an attempt to create a new life for himself and his daughter.

The movie wasn’t without its high points. It had a number of genuinely funny parts, although in the true style of a weak movie, most can be found in the trailers. The style of the movie was near perfect. Drawing heavily from its graphic source material, director Matthew Vaughn skillfully works comics in everything from the minor touches to a full blown, beautifully illustrated Baphomet.

Against a backdrop of these artistic components, the cast gives remarkable performances. Although Kick-Ass’ and Red Mist’s alter egos are towards the shallow end of the character pool, Chloe Moretz and Nicholas Cage give top notch performances as Hit Girl and Big Daddy. Cage, who excels at playing mentally unstable characters, gives his second best performance in recent memory, second only to his role in “Bad Lieutenant: Port of New Orleans.” His Adam West imitation as Big Daddy and doting father alter ego both ring true. Cage not only manages to pull off a scene where he shoots his bulletproof –vested daughter in the chest, he does so in a loving way. Moretz, as the heavily publicized Hit Girl, shows remarkable skill on the screen, readily switching between an innocent schoolgirl and a cold-blooded killer.

It is the treatment of Big Daddy and Hit Girl where the film falls not only apart, but into an extremely dark and disturbing place. Some minor controversy has already taken place over Hit Girl’s extreme dark and disturbing place. Some minor controversy has already taken place over Hit Girl’s use of the c-word in the movie’s red-band trailer. Defenders of the movie predictably countered with, “Why is her language such a concern when she spend the entire movie killing people?” Of course, this all takes place in an R-rated movie so the use of harsh language shouldn’t surprise anyone. The problem is exactly that raised by its defenders. The violence in this movie is completely amoral. That is not to say that I do not enjoy violent movies. Like many in my generation, I like Tarantino films, and unlike many, his “Kill Bill” double feature is among my favorites. More often than not, overtly violent movies have a stake in redeeming value. Whether it’s “Saving Private Ryan”’s gory take on war, Tarantino’s revenge fantasies or the cruelty of Japanese horror films, there is a unique point of view and critical lens through which the action occurs.

The violence in “Kick Ass” plays like the worst type of video games; it’s stylized, brutal, celebratory in its gore and meaningless in its nature. This is not a natural product of the plot of the film.

While some changes are bound to be made in translation, this one is drastic. In the film, he’s a tragically unbalanced father seeking revenge; in the comic, he’s clinically insane. The audience goes from being shocked of his actions in the comic book to almost understanding in the theater. Much of the effective point of the comic is lost in this simple change.

The film also goes to great length to continually remind you that its setting is in our world. These are supposed to be real life super heroes. Its flaw comes from the cartoonish violence. Hit Girl becomes some martial arts wizard, able to take down multiple armed men. These supposedly “life-like” action sequences intend for us to laugh and cheer as an 11-year-old girl, who again, as the movie goes out of its way to reminds us, acts in the real world, slays villain after villain, leaving a very real body count.

The final straw come in the penultimate fighting sequence as Hit Girl kills a small army of heavily armed men. The director chooses a fairly common technique of using a pop song over explicit violence, as successfully seen in “Reservoir Dogs” (“Stuck in The Middle with You” by Stealers Wheel) and “American Psycho” (“Hip to be Square” by Huey Lewis and the News). Instead of contrasting the violence and focusing on the deranged individuals perpetrating the violence, Joan Jett’s “Bad Reputation” serves to make us see how cool it is that Hit Girl is killing people. This is not satire my friends, this is sickening.

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New York — Mark Teixeira hit his first home run of the season and Ramiro Pena delivered a key single while filling in for an ailing Derek Jeter, leading Andy Pettitte and the New York Yankees over struggling Los Angeles 5-2 for a third straight sweep.

Pettitte (2-0) pitched four-hit ball for eight innings. The World Series champions won the first three in a row for the first time since they swept the 1964 Detroit Tigers.

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**NBA**

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**In Brief**

**Browns’ Jennings accused of punching bouncer**

CLEVELAND — Browns running back Chris Jennings has been released from jail while authorities determine whether to file charges over allegations he hit a bouncer outside a Cleveland nightclub.

Jennings was arrested early Saturday morning.

John O’Brien, a spokesman with the Cuyahoga County Sheriff’s Department, says Jennings is accused of punching the bouncer in the mouth because he refused to allow Jennings’ friend inside without proper attire.

O’Brien says the case has been turned over to the county prosecutor’s office. It will determine whether to file an assault charge.

A message seeking comment was left Sunday for the Browns. It’s not clear whether Jennings has an attorney. Jennings rushed for 220 yards and scored one touchdown as a rookie last season.

**Giants place outfielder Rowand on disabled list**

LOS ANGELES — San Francisco Giants center fielder Aaron Rowand was placed on the 15-day disabled list on Sunday, two days after a fastball to his head from the Dodgers’ Vicente Padilla left him with two small fractures in his left cheekbone and a mild concussion.

“Apparently in their thoughts, they felt it wasn’t the wise move to try to continue playing with the fractures in my face — simply on the premise of the possibility of getting hit again. Obviously it’s frustrating, especially with the way we’re playing and the prospects of the season and everything else.”

The mishap occurred in the fifth inning of Friday night’s 10-8 loss, when the ball struck the left ear flap of Rowand’s helmet as he turned to get out of the way. He never lost consciousness and was able to leave the field under his own power.

Utah’s Okur out for playoffs with torn left Achilles’ tendon

DENVER — Utah Jazz general manager Kevin O’Connor says center Mehmet Okur has a torn left Achilles’ tendon and is out for the remainder of the playoffs.

Okur needs surgery and will likely miss the world championships this summer in his native Turkey. He flew home to Salt Lake City on Sunday after an MRI revealed the tear.

O’Connor was injured while driving to the basket in the first half of Utah’s Game 1 loss at Denver on Saturday night. Before the game, he had taken a painstaking shot to treat his Achilles’ tendon, which he had been dealing with since April 7. O’Connor said he didn’t believe the injunction had anything to do with Okur tearing the tendon. Okur’s right leg slipped as he was driving, shifting all his weight to his left leg, which twisted awkwardly as he fell to the floor.
PITTSBURGH — Ben Roethlisberger will line up under center, take the snap and throw his first pass to a teammate since the Steelers ended the season Jan. 3. There won’t be any applause. There likely won’t be much reaction from his teammates, who have seen the highest-paid player in franchise history go through this routine countless times in games and practices since 2004. There will be countless questions.

For the Steelers, the most pressing is this: Who will be taking snaps in September? The Steelers return to the practice field Monday for the first time since their 9-7 record wasn’t good enough to get them into the playoffs. Roethlisberger is expected to be among them, one week to the day since prosecutors decided not to charge him after a college student accused him of sexual assault.

While there won’t be a criminal proceeding that could have disrupted the Steelers before, during or after the season, the fallout from Roethlisberger’s latest off-the-field problem and its impact on a team that regularly contends for championships could be long-lasting. First, Roethlisberger must try to win back his teammates’ support — something team president Art Rooney II said probably can’t be achieved in a day, a week or a month.

It’s not just ownership that is running out of patience with an athlete who can’t seem to dodge missteps, the very player — the high-priced quarterback and proven winner — who is most expected to be a leader.

“He’s going to have to work very hard to rehabilitate his image,” Rooney said. “There’s no question that it’s taken a hit and we’ve told him it’s going to be a long journey back and he’s going to have to be up to meeting the challenge.”

Second, it is very likely Roethlisberger won’t line up under center when the Steelers open the season. The question is whether he will be suspended by the NFL for four games, two games or one. Or if there will be counseling and rehabilitation involved. The punishment is likely to be determined by commissioner Roger Goodell next week, following this week’s three-day draft.

By waiting for the NFL to work out a penalty for violating the league’s personal conduct policy that is acceptable to the team, the options for appeal are far more limited than if the Steelers had acted themselves.

“There were a lot of pieces to the puzzle that probably prevent us from moving ahead on our own at this point,” Rooney said.

No matter how many games Roethlisberger is out, the Steelers must prepare someone else to take his place — third-year quarterback Dennis Dixon, who has started only one game, or longtime backup Charlie Batch. That means more practice time for someone other than Roethlisberger and an altered routine during training camp.

“We don’t necessarily have a backup plan at this time,” coach Mike Tomlin said. “We’ll let the process run its course and kind of make decisions from there.”

If Roethlisberger is suspended, the Steelers would have to get him back to game speed quickly once he returned, and with a season already under way. That could mean longer in-season practices devoted to Roethlisberger getting the work he needs to be game-ready.

There is likely to be resentment in the locker room, too, whether it’s stated or not, from teammates who are simply worn out with the Roethlisberger-created disruptions. This is the third time in four years it’s happened, and even the most patient of players must be wondering when they will stop.

In 2006, Roethlisberger crashed his motorcycle four months after winning the Super Bowl, and the Steelers subsequently missed the playoffs. Last year, he was accused of sexual assault in Nevada not long before training camp began — and, again, the Steelers missed the playoffs after winning the Super Bowl. That suit remains unresolved.

That’s a pattern that Rooney hinted the Steelers can no longer follow.

“I don’t want to get into hypotheticals about what we might do next,” Rooney said. “The most important thing is that Ben stays committed to doing what he has to do to uphold his end of the bargain.” It starts Monday. When it ends, the Steelers can only begin to guess.
DETROIT — The Phoenix Coyotes have thrived in the face of adversity all season.

They did it again Sunday in Game 3 against the Detroit Red Wings.

Overcoming the loss of captain Shane Doan and another key player, Petr Prucha and Radim Vrbata scored midway through the third period to lift the Coyotes to a 4-2 victory and a 2-1 series lead.

"From where we've come from, a couple injuries are not going to deter us," Phoenix coach Dave Tippett said. "Shane is our leader, but we recognized we had a game to play."

"If you look back from the start of the year, it was part of our identity that you can overcome anything," Tippett said.

DETROIT overcame the loss players who combined to score 88 goals last season — when it was a win away from repeating as Stanley Cup champions — and a slew of injuries to extend the longest playoff streak in sports history last year. Wayne Gretzky bought the team in November.

The Coyotes have overcome injuries to extend the franchise into bankruptcy last year leading to the NHL buying the team in November. Wayne Gretzky resigned as coach nine days before the opener and was replaced by Tippett on the bench.

"I think the more you see Maya, the more she's around the play, the more she's around the ball, the more she's around the plays that she makes," coach Geno Auriemma, Moore's coach at UConn. "She comes out and she plays hard every second. That's the thing that Maya's always going to do. She's going to give it her all, and usually she's successful."

"Serious, it's 16-14. Maya's a chip out post-UConn until she gets into these zones," Auriemma said. "Even at this level among all these great players, there's something different about Maya. You could see it at the end of the game there, some of the plays that she made."

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INDIANAPOLIS — Colts president Bill Polian will take the late picks and mediocre grades every draft weekend.

He’s more concerned about the final marks.

Whether his teams are picking early or late, filling a need or taking the best player left on the board, trading up or down, Polian has an uncanny knack for getting it right in the NFL draft.

“It’s a real art,” Bill knows what he’s looking for, and he knows what the most important characteristic for success is in an offensive lineman or a running back.

NFL draft consultant Gil Brandt said: “He drafts them and they’re safe players. Those safe players might not end up going to the Pro Bowl but if you get enough of them, you’ll be a playoff team.”

Polian’s masterful selections have turned the Colts from a bottom dweller in the 1980s and 1990s into one of the league’s model franchises.

Despite having only one pick in the top 15 from 2000-09, Indy missed the playoffs only once during a decade in which it won a league record 115 games, set another league mark with 23 straight wins, captured two AFC titles and one Super Bowl crown.

Such consistency is not supposed to happen in a league that prefers parity to dominance and relies on a salary-cap and a weighted draft to help the worst teams improve while breaking up dynasties. Or for a guy who traditionally gets B’s or C’s from the instant analysis. But Polian has never been much of a conformist.

By relying on his old-school study habits, Polian has produced signature masterpieces with his late first-round picks, a trait that will again be on display Thursday night when the Colts pick at No. 31.

His signature pieces:

— Taking Dallas Clark at No. 24 in 2003. The record-setting tight end finally made it to his first Pro Bowl last season.


Wayne is the Colts’ No. 2 all-time leading receiver and has been to four straight Pro Bowls.

— Trading down twice in 2004 before choosing safety Bob Sanders at No. 44.

Sanders was the 2007 NFL defensive player of the year and a key part in Indy’s 2006 Super Bowl run.

So what’s Polian’s next magic trick? It’s anybody’s guess.

“I think Bill takes the best player that’s there and I think he knows that when he took (Anthony) Gonzalez a couple of years ago,” Brandt said.

“The Colts work hard, he knows how to grade players, he has good contacts at the college level. That’s why he’s so good.”

Polian isn’t dropping any hints about who he’ll be targeting at No. 31 though it is clear he wants to improve a Colts’ offensive line.

“The overhead has already begun. Longtime offensive line coach Howard Mudd retired after the Super Bowl loss to New Orleans, and Pete Metzelaars has moved into Mudd’s old spot. Indy released starting left guard Ryan Lilja in March and added two free agents, guard Andy Alleman and tackle Adam Terry. Both are bigger than the linemen Indy has traditionally relied on in the Peyton Manning era, and it looks like Polian wants for another big body in the draft.

Finding one will be tough. At least three offensive tackles — Russell Okung, Bryan Bulaga and Trent Williams — could go in the top 10. Guard Mike Iupati, center Maurkice Pouncey and tackle Anthony Davis could all be gone by No. 20.

And some are projecting tackles Charles Brown and Rodger Saffold could be off the board before Indy picks too, leaving the Colts with little to choose from.

But Polian always seems to find an answer that works.

“We’re all always on the same page, in terms of our organization,” coach Jim Caldwell said in March. “There’s no bickering, no fragmented sort of response.”

So if Polian doesn’t get a top lineman, he’ll shift to Plan B.

But while Martin Jackson in free agency and may be tempted to take a corner, like Kyle Wilson from Boise State, Polian could look to add depth on the defensive line with players such as Jared Odrick, Everon Griffen or Jerry Hughes. Polian may even look for a trade.

Whatever he does, he’s likely to find someone who can help — as he always does.

“Sometimes you get guys that look the part, but don’t play the part,” Brandt said. “Other times you get guys that don’t look the part, but play the part. Bill always seems to find someone who fits the part.”
SMC TENNIS

Belles drop in close match

By MATTHEW ROBINSON
Sports Writer

The Belles dropped their third straight MIAA conference match Saturday, falling to Kalamaoo 6-2.

Saint Mary’s (8-7, 2-3) stuck close in the doubles match (9-7, 4-2) but could not avoid dropping one more spot in the MIAA rankings, which will determine seeding for the postseason tournament.

“We played Kalamaoo really close and it came down to a few matches at the end,” senior captain Camille Gebert said. “I think we all knew it was going to be a matter of one or two points.”

Gebert won at No. 2 singles, junior Franca Pelusa won at No. 4 singles and the No. 2 doubles team of juniors Mary Therese Lee and Jillian Hurley claimed a victory.

Gebert won her singles match 6-2, 6-2, but she felt another victory in doubles would have given the Belles the necessary encouragement to go out and win the match outright.

“If we could have pulled out one more doubles match I think we could have won,” Gebert said. “Having the edge going into singles is really crucial.”

Because Kalamaoo and Saint Mary’s are so close in the MIAA standings, there is a high probability that Saturday will not be the last time the Belles and Hornets will square off this year.

“There is a very great chance that we will see them in the first round of the conference tournament,” Gebert said. “Based on our performance yesterday, I have confidence that we will pull through and beat them.”

Gebert said a few breaks that went Kalamaoo’s way had a big impact on many of the matches.

“I think the major factor in the outcome was momentum,” Gebert said. “There was a point when four of the singles matches were looking good for us. We had the momentum. But in tennis, one close point could change the whole outcome of a match and I think that is what happened in a few of our final singles matches.”

Gebert said that she focuses on one match at a time, using each previous match as a jumping off point, making the necessary improvements.

That is something that Belles coach Dale Campbell has stressed the entire season.

“Personally, I approach every match with a sense of urgency, as if this is the match that matters the most,” Gebert said. “As a team, we go into each match with a determination to improve on the last match.

With only a few matches left in the MIAA season, the Belles need to find that gentle balance between urgency and improvement. With the postseason tournament rapidly approaching, Saint Mary’s needs to put themselves in the best possible position in order to make a run at the conference title.”

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SMC SOFTBALL

Early hits help lead Belles to key victories

By MICHAEL TODISCO
Sports Writer

The Belles earned a pair of important victories Saturday, defeating conference foe Olivet in both games of a doubleheader.

Saint Mary’s (18-14, 7-3 MIAA) entered the game Saturday with aspirations of staying in the running for a division title. Belles coach Erin Sullivan said that in order to stay competitive in the conference, the team needed to “beat the teams [they] are supposed to beat.”

“Olivet was one of those teams,” she said. Saint Mary’s set the tone early as four consecutive first inning hits resulted in a quick pair of runs. The Comets (11-14, 4-6 MIAA) would seize the lead after a lone run in the first and two in the second.

The Belles answered in the top of the third with three runs, including a home run from freshman Morgan Bedan, her fourth of the season. This gave Sullivan the next hitter. She was very mentally tough,” Sullivan said.

Palicki picked up the win for Saint Mary’s, striking out five and giving up four runs in seven innings of work.

Adding to the winning effort were seniors Maureen Healy and Ashley Peterson, who both had four hits in the second contest.

The Belles next play Wednesday, traveling to face conference rival Hope in a doubleheader starting at 3:30 p.m.

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Attention Seniors!

Notre Dame’s Office of Undergraduate Admissions anticipates hiring Admissions Counselors this spring!

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Men's Tennis

Team ends regular season with 7-0 win

By KATELYN GRABAREK
Sports Writer

The Irish ended their regular season on a high note Saturday, defeating Navy 7-0. Notre Dame has been able to take their momentum from the shutout into the Big East tour-
nament this week.

“Navy is a special match for me,” Irish co-captain Whitney Bayliss, who coached the Midshipmen for 15 seasons, said. “A lot of people are miss-
ning back people who played under me there. It’s a reunion of sorts for me and a chance to see players I haven’t in years, all who have gone to be very successful in their lives.”

The Irish jumped out to an early lead, winning the doubles point and improving their record to 10-1 on the season when earning the first point in the match.

Junior Tyler Davis improved his record to 4-1 on the season in the singles in dual matches, defeating No. 64 Nicholas Gutsche 6-1, 6-3 at No. 6 singles. No. 93 Dan Stahl was able to secure a win in the third point in the match for the Irish as he defeated Anderson Walls 6-3, 6-2.

Fellow junior Stephen Schipper took third in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 14.97 at the Mt. SAC Relays.

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At the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa, and Friday at the Hillsdale Relays in Hillsdale, Mich.

ND Women's Tennis

Squad defeats Golden Eagles 6-1

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

Notre Dame concluded its regular season Sunday with a 6-1 win over Marquette, securing first place in the regular season and the No. 1 seed in the conference for this week-
end’s Big East tournament.

After moving up one position in the rankings this week, the No. 5 Irish swept the Golden Eagles for the doubles points, and won each of the first three singles contests to clinch the victory.

“It is always emotional for Senior Day, and both of the seniors in the lineup played really well today,” Irish coach Jay Louderback said. “It was a good match to get ready for the Big East.”

The win over the Golden Eagles improved the Irish record to 19-3.

“The Golden Eagles are pretty beat up, and their depth is usually a little bit bigger because they’ve had kids out of the lineup due to injuries,” Louderback said. “They’re a top five team, and they came in and definitely weren’t afraid of playing us.”

Third ranked sophomore Kristy Frilling and senior Kali Krisik defeat-

ed their Marquette opponents at first doubles 8-2.

“We keep working at it. Frilling and Krisik are going to give themselves a shot at win-
ing the No. 1 doubles title this year,” Louderback said.

Krisik and Rafael each defeated their opponents in two sets as the match was decided, and Ciobanu and McGaffigan each won their matches to add two more points to the Irish total. A tough tie-breaker loss from Shannon Mathews led to the only point the Golden Eagles won Sunday afternoon.

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The tournament will take place April 22-25 at Notre Dame’s Courtney Tennis Center and South Bend’s Leopard Park.

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Irish tally 21 top-five finishes at Rankin

By MEGAN FINNERAN
Sports Writer

The first day at the Mt. SAC Relays brought seven top-five finishes for the Irish, including one first place finish that marked the beginning of a succes-
sful weekend. The following day six members of the Irish team took first in their events at multiple competitions.

Senior Daniel Clark won the men’s 1500-meter Olympic Development University/Open in less than half a second at 3:54.47 at the Mt. SAC Relays and senior Eric Quick won the men’s triple jump with a dis-
dance of 14.82 meters at the Long Beach Invitational.

Junior Marissa Treece won the women’s 1500-meter at 4:36.23, junior Miklos Szehenyi won the men’s 100-meter dash at 10.74, freshman Rebecca Tracz won in the women’s 800-

meter at 2:10.58 and senior Balazs Molnar won the men’s 400-meter dash with a time of 45.42 at the Dave Rankin Invitational hosted by Purdue.

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Krisik and Rafael each defeated their opponents in two sets as the match was decided, and Ciobanu and McGaffigan each won their matches to add two more points to the Irish total. A tough tie-breaker loss from Shannon Mathews led to the only point the Golden Eagles won Sunday afternoon.

“We’ve been down in some matches where we have made great comebacks to get wins this season, and we’ve won a lot of close ones form people stepping up,” Louderback said. “Also, we’ve had Kali Krisik out with injuries, and while she was wins against top-20 teams which is hard to do when you lost someone of her caliber.”

In practice, the Irish will be working on preparing for the upcoming Big East tournament where they will search for their 15th consecutive conference title. “We’re going to be a lot of the same teams we’ve been playing in the last few weeks, but we’re also looking forward to playing a few of the big east teams we haven’t played yet,” Louderback said. “It’s the Big East, you never know what’s going to happen.”

The tournament will take place April 22-25 at Notre Dame’s Courtney Tennis Center and South Bend’s Leopard Park.

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By JAY LOUDERBACK
Irish coach

“It is always emotional for Senior Day, and both of the seniors in the lineup played really well today.”
ND SOFTBALL

Irish take two of three at Louisville

By MOLLY SAMMON
Sports Writer

The Irish came out on top after winning two games and losing one in a three game away series against No. 24 Louisville this weekend.

"Anytime you go down to Louisville, it’s going to be a battle," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "They’re not at easy team to beat so we came out alive."

On Saturday, the No. 24 Irish won their first contest of the day 5-0 as junior pitcher Jody Valdivia led the Irish with a one-hitter and her 16th shutout of the season.

Junior Brianna Jorgensborg’s two-run home run in the fifth inning and junior Katie Fleury’s two RBIs in the third inning were both crucial offensive plays that led the Irish to victory.

Jorgensborg broke into the lineup when Erin Marrone got injured, and she’s been hitting shots," Gumpf said. "Losing your leading hitter is brutal so we’ve been looking for someone who could step up, and I believe that Brianna has done that 100 percent. If you look at what she’s done since Erin has been down, she’s been phenomenal."

Valdivia suppressed the Cardinals’ offense to one single, the only Louisville hit of the game.

"Jody is the one we’ve had to depend on all year. That’s her job, and she wants that job," Gumpf said. "I expect her to win, and I expect her to find a way to win in every game."

The Irish witnessed their nine game win streak come to an end as the Cardinals handed them their first conference loss since the 2009 regular season in their second game on Saturday, topping Notre Dame 4-1.

Senior pitcher Britanny O’Donnell and Jackie Bowe each pitched for the Irish. O’Donnell started and threw three innings for three earned runs, and Bowe relieved and earned the other two Cardinals’ runs.

(0’Donnell and Bowe) are getting their feet wet," Gumpf said. "The freshman are here to keep us in the ball game, so we needed to hit."

Senior Heather Johnson was the only Irish player to touch home plate, as her solo home run in the sixth inning stopped the Irish from shutting out the difficulty the Irish had at the mound, you’re going to win."

Gumpf said. "When you get a three run lead with Jody on the mound, you’re going to win."

Despite the one Cardinal run scored in the bottom of the seventh, Valdivia suppressed the threat of a hopeful Cardinal offensive rally and earned her 27th win of the season.

Chances the Irish will play the Cardinals again in the Big East tournament are good as they are the top two teams and the only nationally ranked teams in the conference.

Nothing changes for practice," Gumpf said. "We’ll just attack improvement, and we’re going to focus on some more situational stuff this week. Our goal is to keep getting better everyday."

Next, the Irish will play Valparaiso at Notre Dame’s Melissa Cook Stadium Wednesday at 4 p.m.

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The next 18 conference games and each weekend being so important, and we’re off and running."

Mills had a key role in all three Irish victories over the Pirates (13-20, 3-9). Mills picked up the save during Notre Dame’s 8-6 loss at home to Rutgers on April 11.

Notre Dame’s 2-1 victory on Saturday after tossing a 1-2-3 ninth, and went 3-for-5 and scored the winning run in the 10th inning to seal a 6-5 victory on Friday.

The entire senior class has taken it upon themselves to salvage the remainder of the conference season in the hopes of securing their first Big East title. Senior left fielder Ryan Connelly sparked the Irish rally Sunday with a two-out base hit in the ninth and has now reached base safely in 46 consecutive games.

Senior first baseman Casey Martin tallied two multi-hit games over the weekend and knocked in three RBIs on get-away day.

“All-in-all, the seniors are stepping up, and we talked about that," Schrage said. "We talked that they had a month left in their careers and they want to make something happen, and they’re going out and doing it."

While timely hitting and solid defense in the late innings played a critical role in Notre Dame’s success, the bullpen continues to be the team’s strength. The core relievers of Mills, sophomore Will Hudgins, sophomore Joe Spano and senior Steve Mazur combined to throw nine and two-thirds scoreless innings against Seton Hall.

It was a great team effort by the pitching staff," Schrage said. "We went to four different guys, so it was a complete team effort and they did a great job of shutting Seton Hall down and giving our bats a chance to win a couple of ball games late. They’ve been our most consistent part of our game."

Notre Dame’s second road sweep of the season took the team from the collar of the conference standing to the middle of the pack in one weekend. The squad looks to continue its winning ways when it takes on Michigan Tuesday in Ann Arbor.

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"Everyone being able to play on Senior Day is nice, you play for your teammates and honoring your seniors," Coyne, “It was a nice tribute to them."

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By MATT ROBISON

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The arena’s development is the third hockey facility construction Jackson has taken a part of. Jackson said he has played an active role in the design of the new arena, including the positioning of team benches on opposite ends of the rink.

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"We're starting to get a better feel for the things we really need to hunker down on during this last week of practice," Kelly said.

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"This is still about evaluating, finding out who can compete, the guys that we can count on," he said. "More than anything else I think you need to know what your weaknesses are as well … That's why we're out here scrimmaging.
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FOOTBALL
Getting defensive

Defense shows progress in weekend scrimmage

By DOUGLAS FARMER
Sports Editor

The Irish defense matched the offense score-for-score in a scrimmage Saturday.

Both junior safety Jamoris Slaughter and junior corner- back Robert Blanton returned turnovers for touchdowns, while the offense struggled to find the end zone in 11-on-11 unless junior tight end Kyle Rudolph was making the play.

Irish coach Brian Kelly held Rudolph, coming off of a separated shoulder last season, out of much of the scrimmage as a precaution.

“We wanted to be cautious with Kyle still,” Kelly said. “We got him in there for a couple one-on-one routes where wanted to work. But other than that we kept him out of most of the scrimmagin stuff.”

Even in limited time, Rudolph made the play of the day as he soared over sophomore linebacker Manti Te’o for his first of two touchdown receptions from junior quarterback Dayne Crist.

“Rudolph was making the play. We got him in there for a short period of time,” Kelly said. “It’s exciting to watch him grow. He’s really showing some signs of that.”

Te’o demonstrated some of his development. “He’s got a chance and he’s showing some signs of that,” Kelly said. “It’s exciting to watch him grow. He’s really growing quickly in a very short period of time.”

Junior center Braxston Cave prepares to snap the ball during an 11-on-11 scrimmage at practice Saturday. The defense forced turnovers and held the offense to just two scores in the scrimmage.

HOCKEY
New arena to boost program

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Recruiting, training and community support—all three are fundamental to the success of an athletic program, and all three will receive a significant boost with the opening of the new Notre Dame ice arena.

Following the announcement of the arena’s construction in February, the Office of the University Architect released the designs and plans for the Charles W. Smith Jr. Rink, scheduled to be completed for the 2011-2012 season.

“I’ve said all along this is kind of the final piece to the puzzle for our program as far as creating long term stability for this program,” Irish coach Jeff Jackson said. “Obviously it will be instrumental to our recruiting, but

At the University of Notre Dame, the new arena will be the final piece to the puzzle for the hockey program. It will be completed by the 2011-2012 season.

WOMEN’S LACROSSE
Notre Dame nets 15-5 victory on Senior Day

By LUKE MANSON
Sports Writer

The No. 12 Irish continued their recent string of success with a dominating 15-5 win over Big East opponent Cincinnati. The win pushed the Irish winning streak to four games and left their Big East record at 5-1 with three regular season games remaining.

Irish coach Tracy Coyne said she has seen steady improvement throughout the season and the team now appears to be peaking at the right time.

“I just think that we’re taking care of the ball in a lot of different ways, we continue to work on the little things,” Coyne said. “We just got off to a bit of a slow start and now it’s coming together.”

Notre Dame scored on their first possession and never looked back, jumping out to a 9-0 lead in the first half. Celebrating Senior Day before a large home crowd at Arlotta Stadium, the Irish quickly dispensed any notion of a Bearcat upset.

“I was happy with our intensity, we respected them as an opponent,” Coyne said. “I also thought we handled them well physically.”

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