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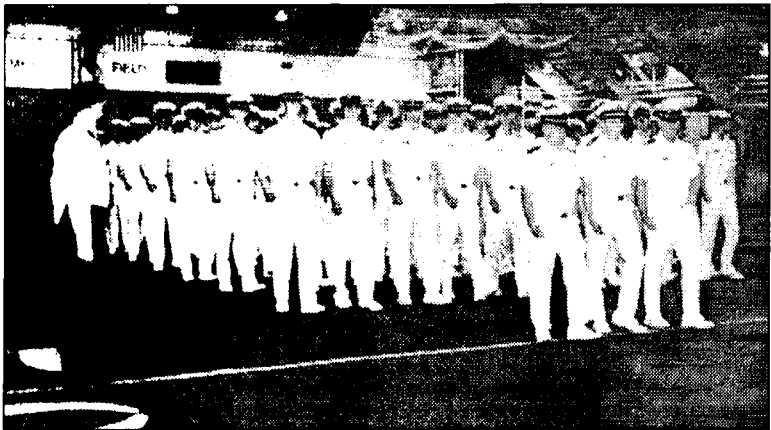
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ROTC to hold ceremonial Pass in Review today



Notre Dame's ROTC students are presented to University President Father Edward Malloy at last year's Pass in Review April 16, 2003.

By MATT BRAMANTI
Senior Staff Writer

The annual ROTC Pass in Review will be held today in Loftus Sports Center, despite a 1,000-signature petition calling for a South Quad location for the ceremony.

The event, at which Notre Dame's Army, Navy and Air Force ROTC units present themselves to University President Father Edward Malloy, is a traditional year-end exercise for cadets and midshipmen.

ROTC Tri-Military Commander Kevin Conley said the ceremo-

ny's heritage dates back to the medieval era. In the middle ages, noblemen hosted parades of their armies in honor of visiting dignitaries.

He said the modern iteration of the Pass in Review pays tribute to Notre Dame's traditional support of the military.

"The real purpose of the ceremony is to honor the University for the support they give us during the year," Conley said.

During the event, ROTC cadet leaders will call their units to attention and present them to Malloy and their assembled officers. The reviewers will then present several top cadets with

ceremonial swords — traditional military awards for outstanding performance. Malloy is expected to give brief remarks about the cadets' responsibilities before the student-soldiers parade before the reviewing platform.

The location of the ceremony was a controversial issue this year, as it has for the past three years. In 2001, administrators moved the event to Loftus from its prior location on South Quad, citing the potential for inclement weather. The Pass in Review has been held on the

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College apologizes for comedy show

By ANNELIESE WOOLFORD
Senior Staff Writer

In a campus-wide letter sent Monday, Saint Mary's vice president for student affairs Linda Timm apologized for the content of a comedy act that recently appeared on campus.

Several students, faculty and staff left the March 29 performance of "Alfred and Seymour" — an act booked last fall by the Student Activities Office to provide an educational perspective on racism and stereotypes — feeling offended rather than educated. Timm responded to seven letters of concern citing the act's reinforcement of degrading racial stereotypes.

"The educational message that we believed 'Alfred and Seymour' would deliver clearly did not come across as expected," stated Timm in her letter.

Melanie McDonald, director of public relations at Saint Mary's, said that the group,

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Retreat Center to close in December

Facility to reopen as a retirement home for the congregation

By ANDREW THAGARD
Senior Staff Writer

The Fatima Retreat Center, located on Saint Mary's Lake, will close as a retreat center in December and reopen as a retirement facility for Holy Cross priests and brothers in 2006, according to Jim Kavanaugh, the Center's interim director.

The decision to close the Center after 48 years of opera-

tions was made in September by the Indiana Province of the Congregation of Holy Cross, which owns and operates the property. Business at the Center was good, according to Kavanaugh, and he said usage was not a factor in the Province's decision. Last year, Fatima welcomed 37 sponsored retreats and 139 hosted groups.

"I think [the Congregation of Holy Cross] wanted to pick a nice location for retirement," Kavanaugh said. "The location is ideal. It's a wonderful place for a retreat center but it will

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MICHELLE OTTO/The Observer

The Our Lady of Fatima Retreat Center will cease operation this December and will be renovated into a retirement facility.

Police investigating off-campus mailbox theft

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
Senior Staff Writer

The St. Joseph County Police Department is investigating the theft of a mailbox from the College Park Apartment Complex.

The mailbox, which served 12 student apartments at 18063, 18065 and 18067 Bulla Road

and was bolted to the sidewalk with masonry screws, was taken sometime between Thursday and Friday afternoon. Senior Crystal Prentice, a College Park resident, reported the theft to police Friday afternoon when she discovered that the mailbox was missing.

"I went to get the mail, but the mail was not really there," Prentice said.

Prentice also reported the theft to Paramount Management, who manages the complex. Property manager Patti Russwurm said that the mailbox will cost \$1,500 to replace and that Paramount is offering a reward for the return of the mailbox or information that leads to an arrest.

"I'm assuming that [the mailbox] is in somebody's apart-

ment actually," Russwurm said.

"Hopefully someone will turn it in willingly or give us a tip on where it is located."

According to the Postal Service, mailboxes are considered federal property and federal law makes it a crime to vandalize them. Violators can be fined up to \$250,000 or be

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Construction at the Intersection of Angela Road and U.S. 31 includes changes in turn lanes and improvements in traffic signals.

Angela improvements underway

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
Senior Staff Writer

The Indiana Department of Transportation is in the process of making lane changes and signal improvements at the intersection of Angela Ave. and Indiana 933, also known as U.S. 31, and predicts that construction at the high-traffic area will be completed within the next two weeks.

INDOT project supervisor

Mike Mantei said that the work involves modifying the right-turn lane from westbound Angela onto northbound 31. Before the project began, the right turn lane merged onto 31 without stopping at the light and was the cause of numerous accidents.

"There will still be a separate right turn lane, just in a different form," Mantei said. "Instead of having free flow, now [drivers] will have to come to the corner and stop and

look. We want them to pay more attention to where they're turning and look for oncoming traffic."

While the right turn lane is presently closed, it will reopen when construction is completed and there will be four lanes of traffic on westbound Angela through the intersection — a dedicated left turn lane, two dedicated through lanes and one dedicated right turn lane.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Yo creo en los EE.UU.

"I believe in America," the Italian-born undertaker says. "America has made my fortune."

That's the first line from "The Godfather," and it's a poignant expression of a faith that it sadly lacking today.

Why do hundreds of thousands of Mexican immigrants risk prison, even death, to sneak across our southern border every year? They're not on their way to Canada. They have seen, like generations of immigrants before them — from all corners of the earth — that this is a place where anyone can succeed.

Immigrants exemplify the American Dream: starting from scratch in a new place, hoping to make a better life for their families. We shouldn't close our borders to these people.

I've heard the arguments for restricting immigration. One of the most common is this: they'll take our jobs.

I don't like that kind of thinking. The implication is that native-born Americans are entitled, that the rest of the world should bicker over the scraps from Uncle Sam's table. But what anti-immigration people tend to forget is that nearly all of us are descended from immigrants.

Americans are mutts. We come from all over the world. We don't have a rigid class system, where birth or breeding is a guarantee of failure or success. If we work, we get to reap the fruits of that labor. If we don't, we fall behind. Ricardo and Juana should get the same shot at the American Dream that Dick and Jane get.

I'm not some starry-eyed idealist, though. I realize that we need to protect our borders, especially in this age of international terrorism.

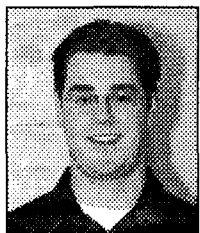
And we should keep an eye on people who come into this country. Some people come here and get in trouble with the law. Some of them exploit government handouts. Some refuse to submit to periodic checks. We should have no tolerance for people who won't play by the rules, because they only make it harder for those who do.

Yes, an influx of cheap labor tends to reduce wages overall. But free enterprise — the cornerstone of the American economy — has led to mind-boggling prosperity all along the economic spectrum.

A good deal of this prosperity is because people are willing to come here for a chance at success. I've seen it up close. As a Texan, I've seen the great contributions Hispanic immigrants have made. As the great-grandson of Italian immigrants, I hope to make those contributions myself.

Immigrants and this country will move upwards together, if we give them a chance to believe in America.

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Matt Bramanti

Senior Staff Writer

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DID YOU GET IN YOUR EASTER BASKET?



Julia Cunningham

Freshman McGlinn

"Peeps!"



Claire Hoffman

Freshman McGlinn

"A brand new Easter bonnet."



Mary Squillace

Sophomore McGlinn

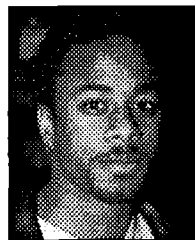
"Chocolate matzo balls."



Teresa Riva

Freshman McGlinn

"Chocolate kisses."



Kevin Richards

Senior Off-Campus

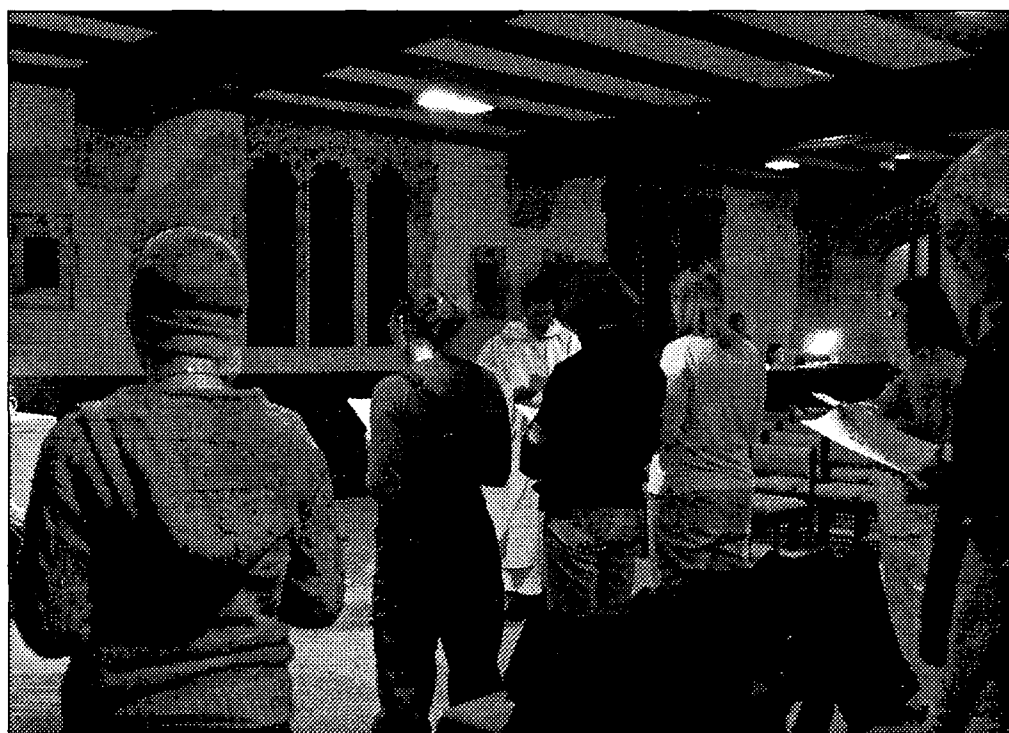
"I didn't get an Easter basket. I got no love for Easter."



Marina Zavolock

Freshman Lewis

"I didn't get a basket, but I got chocolate."



MICHELLE OTTO/The Observer

Students attended mass Tuesday in recognition of sexual assault victims. The mass, held in Dillon Hall chapel, was a component of Sexual Assault Awareness Week. The week is sponsored by the Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination.

IN BRIEF

"Management Practices at the ServiceMaster Company and the Drucker Tradition" will be presented today by Joseph Maciariello, Horton Professor of Management at Claremont Graduate University. The lecture will take place from 4 to 6 p.m. at Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business. The lecture is sponsored by the Institute for Ethical Business Worldwide and the Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business.

The Tri-Military Presidential Review honoring and recognizing the cadets and midshipmen of the Army, Marines, Navy and Air Force ROTC programs will be held today at 4:30 p.m. at Loftus Sports Center. University President Father Edward Malloy will be the guest speaker and the public is invited.

Come support the baseball team tonight as they face Oakland University at 5 p.m. in the Eck Stadium.

Interfaith Christian Prayer Night will be held tonight from 10 to 11 p.m. in the Coleman Morse Lounge.

Students interested in a career in film or television are encouraged to attend a workshop tonight from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in 312 DeBartolo Hall. The workshop will help students learn how to obtain internships. It will also help students with resume writing, interviewing, networking and getting experience in the industry.

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

OFFBEAT

Nudists concerned about proposed dorms

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Beach bums here could receive far too much exposure if a proposed pair of high-rise dorms are built on the cliffs above a world-famous nude beach.

If the University of British Columbia builds the 20-story residences, binoculars and Web cameras will soon be trained on Wreck Beach, ruining beachgoers' privacy, Wreck Beach Preservation Society protesters said.

"It's mean for the university to do," said Stephanie Gibson, 12, who has been raised in the buff on the

beach. "I know they need more residences for the students, but they have to think of us."

University Vice President Dennis Pavlich said Monday that the university will keep the group's concerns in mind when designing the buildings.

"All that's been approved so far is the concept," he said. "We are going to run our own tests in June and they will influence design considerations."

Man bets life savings, wins \$270,600

LAS VEGAS — A man who put his life savings on the

line took home \$270,600 in a double-or-nothing roulette wheel gamble at the Plaza Hotel and Casino.

Ashley Revell, 32, a London man who said he liquidated all his possessions to fund his leap of faith, put \$135,300 on red at the roulette table Sunday as a film crew videotaped his wager.

A crowd, including his mother and father, watched as the roulette wheel was spun. The ball bobbed into various slots before landing on Red 7.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 57 LOW 50	HIGH 43 LOW 37	HIGH 65 LOW 47	HIGH 72 LOW 52	HIGH 71 LOW 51	HIGH 72 LOW 51

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Surgeon highlights increased problem of obesity

By ANDREW THAGARD
Senior Staff Writer

In a nation where 55 percent of adults are overweight and 1.5 million people are morbidly obese, Dr. Gerardo Gomez, a surgeon and medical director of the Indiana University Bariatric Surgery Program, lectured Tuesday on obesity and bariatric surgery. The presentation was the fourth in the 10th annual "Mini-Medical School Lecture Series," which is sponsored by the Medical Education Foundation and presented by the South Bend Center for Medical Education.

Obesity is a serious problem in the United States, Gomez said. It recently surpassed smoking as the number one cause of preventable deaths in the United States. Each year 300,000 people die from obesity-related causes.

Excess weight also puts a significant financial burden on the nation, according to Gomez. It costs the United States \$51.6 billion directly and \$47.6 billion indirectly annually.

"It's a medical disease and

there are medical conditions directly related to obesity," he said.

Gomez attributed the high rate of obesity to the large quantities of readily available food at low costs, particularly fast food and soft drinks, made more abundant in part due to labor saving technology.

"Everybody's eating more and more," he said. "We eat a lot more than we really need."

Indeed, an average American will consume 30 pounds of cheese, 15 pounds of ice cream, 152 pounds of added sugar, 111 pounds of red meat and 28 gallons of beer each year. And while proper exercise can shed excess calories, the fatty diets that Americans consume are so calorie-rich that it makes it increasingly difficult to do so, Gomez said. One hour on the treadmill might burn 100 calories, for example, but a Whopper from Burger King is packed with 800.

Physicians and insurance companies measure obesity using the Body Mass Index (BMI), which is calculated by dividing weight (in kilograms) by height squared (in

meters). Ideal people have a BMI in the range of 20-24.9. People are considered overweight if their BMI lies between 25-30 and obese if it's between 35-40. People who are morbidly obese or super obese have BMIs in the ranges of 40-49 and above 50, respectively.

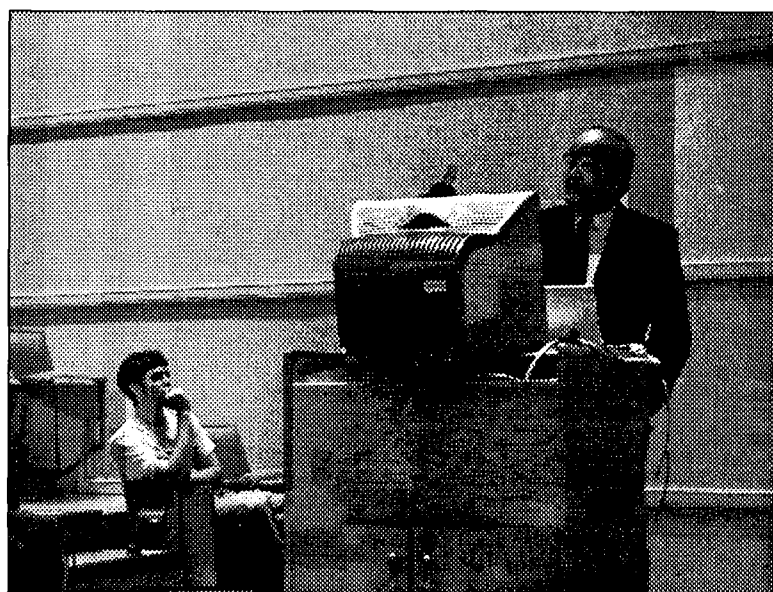
"What causes obesity? Too much 'in,' not enough 'out,'" Gomez said. "It's pretty simple."

Obesity may be simple to understand, Gomez said, but not easy to treat.

While the old fashioned method of maintaining a calorie deficiency by consuming moderate amounts of healthy foods and exercising is the preferred means of losing weight, bariatric surgery is often an alternative pursued by the morbidly obese if it fails. It's also the only means that ensures consistent and permanent weight loss for morbidly obese patients, according to the National Institute for Health.

"At the present time it [bariatric surgery] is the only long-term effective means for patients with morbid obesity," Gomez said.

There are two main forms of



Dr. Gerardo Gomez, surgeon and medical director at Indiana University's Bariatric Surgery Center, lectured Tuesday on the rising concern surrounding obesity among Americans.

bariatric surgery, he said. The first, called gastric restriction, minimizes the size of the stomach so the patient will be forced to consume less. The second, called malabsorption shortens the

length of active small intestine to minimize the amount of nutrients that the body absorbs through digestion. Gastric bypass surgery is the most common form of bariatric surgery done today, he said. A new "lap band" or adjustable gastric band wrapped around the stomach is a procedure that is also gaining popularity. The "lap band" can be inflated or deflated by a physician by adjusting a control pad located beneath the skin using a syringe. Even gastric bypass surgery has become less invasive when several small incisions are made to allow the passage of long instruments and cameras instead of a big incision.

For the most part, the surgery is safe and effective, Gomez said as he showed those present videos of several of the procedures. Ninety percent of patients who undergo the procedure will lose at least 50 percent of their excess body weight and most obesity related problems either improve or become completely resolved. Generally, the effects of the surgery also change the patients' outlook on life, Gomez said, as they become more interested in living a healthy lifestyle when they see the rapid weight loss.

Complications, however, do exist, including intestinal leakage in the short term and anemia and deficiencies in B12 and calcium in the long term. Long-term deficiencies are treated with vitamin supplements, Gomez said. The procedure is a difficult one that is challenging for surgeons to master. On average, a facility must perform approximately 300 procedures before it sees a dramatic drop in the rate of complications, he said.

Gomez emphasized that bariatric surgery is not for everyone. Potential patients are carefully screened to ensure that they have made a serious effort to diet in the past and that they are psychologically stable.

The process, Gomez said, is a team effort that involves the surgeon, patient, nurses, dietitians and other patients through a support group.

"We have to be careful," he said. "The surgeon alone is not it. We need to have a commitment from dietitians and patients."

Gomez is an associate professor for the Indiana University School of Medicine.

The series will continue next week with a lecture by Dr. Keith Lillemo titled "Surgery: Past, Present and Future."

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Legends of Notre Dame.org

April 15 Danielle Rose
Notre Dame graduate releasing her second album. 10pm

April 16 Bill Bushart
Detroit comic who has worked with the biggest names in comedy. 10pm

April 17 WVFI presents Saturday Looks Good To Me
With special guest, Whatever You Want 10pm

April 20 Business Drinking Etiquette

April 21 Theology on Tap

April 22 Live at Legends - The Very Best of Acoustic Cafe

April 23 Swing Night with Bopology

April 24 SUB presents Slainte Mhath (TBA)

LEGENDS
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GRADUATE STUDENT UNION

Committee members recap involvement, events

By **TRISH DeGROOT**
News Writer

The final Graduate Student Union meeting of the year was held Tuesday and members provided final committee updates.

President Martiqua Post began the meeting by thanking those who served as committee chairs and officers.

Timothy Dale then spoke on behalf of the Academic Affairs committee and addressed the committee's involvement with travel grants and account funding.

John Young, next year's president-elect, followed with a report on the Health Care Committee's activities. The report included the following: the lack of attendance at Health Care Orientation, the possibility of adding benefits in the future, the Committee's support of Megaplan and adjusted premium for students. Young said the largest obstacle facing the committee is student ignorance regarding their options and their healthcare plans.

Crystal Blount, from the Quality of Life committee, discussed Fall Orientation and its

Electronic Resource Administrator Yanto Go highlighted some of the new and existing features that will be available due to the introduction of the new server.

Guanjun Zhang, from the Information Technology Committee, discussed the implementation of BESNET in

the Village, printing quota updates, improvement of cluster services, CTC meetings and GSU cluster upgrades. He then concluded with a schedule for their committee and an outline of the upgrade budget.

Alison Dekoschak, chair of the Publicity and Procedures Committee, whose job is to "announce events and oversee the organization's professional image," gave a timeline of past events. She highlighted the tasks her committee performed during both the summer and winter seasons.

representing the GSU Social Committee. She spoke of its summer, fall and spring activities which, included tickets to the 23rd annual "Taste of Chicago," "A Midsummer Night's Dream," "Romeo and Juliet," the 10th annual Blues and Ribs Festival, ice skating, a Thanksgiving brunch, a Mardi Gras party and a Wine Tasting seminar.

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AAA plans Asian Awareness Week activities

By **DUSTIN VON HANDORF**
News Writer

Notre Dame's Asian American Association will celebrate its heritage and culture this week with movies and a banquet as part of Asian Heritage Week.

"This week was chosen because it was right after Easter, and there is time for students to step back before finals," said Sarah Liu, president of the AAA.

Held through Friday at 8 p.m. in the Coleman Morse Center, various student organizations will present an Asian film of their choice. The Saturday night movie will begin at 7 p.m. "Wind Rider," "My Sassy Girl," "Ju-On,"

"The Debut" and "In the Mood for Love" are films slated for presentation.

The Chinese Culture Society, Korean Student Association, the Japan Club, the Filipino American Student Organization and the Chinese Friendship Association are showing the films.

“[Movies are] the fastest and easiest way to attract people,” Liu said. “FTT doesn’t show movies regarding Asian culture.”

In addition to a movie, AAA

will host a "Taste of Asia" banquet Saturday featuring

"The event promotes awareness, appreciation and understanding of Asian cultures and encourages mutual respect for all racial and ethnic groups."

Sarah Liu
president

The banquet will aim to "cover as much [Asian] culture as we can," Liu said.

Also contributing to Asian Heritage

LaFortune Thursday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fair seeks to educate on the political unrest and social injustices occurring in Burma.

Although Heritage Week is typically recognized in May to honor Asian Heritage Month, the AAA opted to celebrate during the school year to increase awareness among Notre Dame's campus community.

"[The event] promotes awareness, appreciation and understanding of Asian cultures and encourages mutual respect for all racial and ethnic groups," Liu said.

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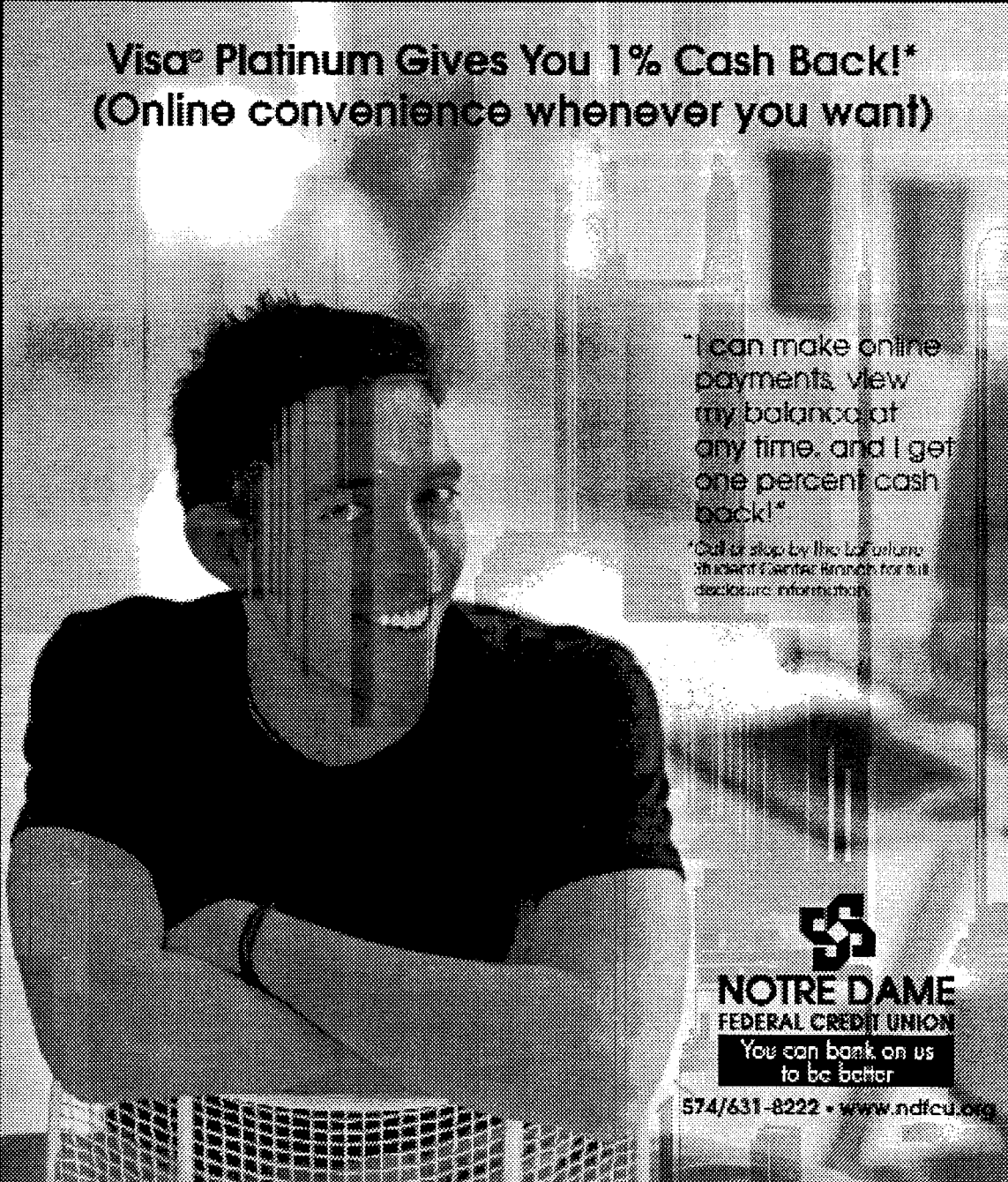
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. troops prepare for battle

NAJAF, Iraq — A 2,500-strong U.S. force, backed by tanks and artillery, massed Tuesday on the outskirts of Najaf for a showdown with a radical cleric whose militia led a bloody uprising across the south, raising fears of an American assault on the holiest Shiite city.

Iraqi politicians and ayatollahs tried to negotiate a solution to avert a U.S. attack, which would outrage the nation's relatively pro-U.S. Shiite majority and could turn what has been a limited revolt by a single militia into an outright Shiite rebellion. A military advance could also inflame Shiites in neighboring Iran.

FBI to probe Iraq abductions

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The FBI has joined the investigation of a series of kidnappings that have targeted dozens of foreigners in Iraq in the past 10 days, a coalition spokesman said Tuesday.

The most recent reported abductions were of four Italian security guards working for a U.S.-based company and a French TV journalist.

The wave of kidnappings by Iraqi insurgents has left at least 22 foreigners held hostage, including Thomas Hamill, a 43-year-old truck driver from Macon, Miss., and three Japanese whose captors threatened to burn them alive if Tokyo didn't withdraw its troops.

NATIONAL NEWS

9-11 commissioners blast FBI

WASHINGTON — In a world "blinking red" with terrorist threats against the United States, the FBI missed a last-minute chance to detect a key al-Qaida cell and possibly disrupt the Sept. 11 attacks, the commission investigating the 2001 hijackings said Tuesday.

Delays and missteps in linking terrorism suspect Zacarias Moussaoui to al-Qaida in the weeks before the attacks were emblematic of chronic problems within the FBI, including limited intelligence and analysis capabilities, outdated technology, poor information-sharing and floundering attempts at reorganization, the commission said.

Poll: U.S. wants balanced budget

WASHINGTON — By almost a 2-1 margin, Americans prefer balancing the nation's budget to cutting taxes, according to an Associated Press poll, even though many believe their overall tax burden has risen despite tax cuts over the past three years.

About six in ten, 61 percent, chose balancing the budget while 36 percent chose tax cuts when they were asked which was more important, according to a poll conducted for the AP by Ipsos Public Affairs.

As the nation's tax deadline of April 15 approaches, people's lukewarm feeling about tax cuts may be influenced by a belief that recent cuts haven't helped them personally.

STATE NEWS

Fry truck wrecks, killing driver

GARY — A trailer broke from the semitractor pulling it after a fatal collision Tuesday on Interstate 80/94, careening through a water-filled ditch and into a house, police said.

The semitrailer hit another after the driver apparently swerved to avoid traffic stopped by a construction delay about 1 a.m., state police said.

The crash ripped open the side of the trailer, carrying a load of French fries, and detached it from the tractor. The trailer ran off the highway, through a ditch with three feet of water and into a nearby house. No one in the home was injured, and police said the house did not sustain major damage.

The driver of the truck, 41-year-old Darrell Butcher Jr. of Delavan, Wis., was pronounced dead at the scene, state police said.

The other truck driver was taken to a hospital complaining of pain.

Bush: U.S. will finish job in Iraq

In rare press conference, president says he will order 'decisive force if necessary'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush sought support for his embattled Iraq policy Tuesday in the face of rising casualties and growing doubts, holding his first prime-time news conference since before the war.

The president also faced questions about whether he ignored warning signs about the terror attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, and botched opportunities to eliminate the al-Qaida network. A memo given to Bush a month before the attacks said Osama bin Laden's supporters were in the United States planning attacks with explosives.

Framing his views on Iraq, Bush planned to open the news conference in the East Room of the White House with a 12-minute statement — a minispeech — about the violence and what's at stake for the United States in holding its ground.

"What we are working to achieve in Iraq is vital to making the world better and making America more secure," White House press secretary Scott McClellan said.

April has become the deadliest month for the United States in Iraq since the fall of Baghdad a year ago. At least 82 U.S. forces have been killed and more than 560 wounded this month, according to the U.S. military, as American troops fight on three fronts: against Sunni insurgents in Fallujah, Shiite militiamen in the south and gunmen in Baghdad and on its outskirts. At least 678 U.S. troops have died since the war began in March 2003.

Iraq figures in Bush's decline in public opinion polls in two areas that are critical for his re-election campaign. Approval of his handling of Iraq has declined to the mid-40 percent level, and approval for his handling of terrorism has dipped into the mid-50s. Growing numbers of people say the military action in Iraq has increased rather than decreased the threat of terrorism.

"I think you have to keep in mind that there are always challenges and difficulties when you're going from decades of oppression to a future of democracy," McClellan said.

Sen. John Kerry, the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee, says the United States should keep control of the military operation in Iraq but recruit other nations to stabilize and rebuild the country.

"Because of the way the White House has run the war, we are left with the United States bearing most of the costs and risks associated with every aspect of the Iraqi transition," Kerry said in a column written for Tuesday's Washington Post.

Kerry also said, "We need more troops and more people who can train Iraqi troops and assist Iraqi police."

McClellan said Bush looks to military commanders to decide whether they need more troops. He said the administration was working closely with the United Nations and with Iraqi leaders on an interim government to assume responsibility on June 30 for a transition period, before elections are held.



President Bush speaks during a press conference televised live Tuesday evening from the East Room of the White House.

It was Bush's first prime-time news conference since March 6, 2003, just days before the opening of the war to depose Saddam Hussein. Bush's only other evening news conference was on Oct. 11, 2001, a month after the terror attacks.

In the hours leading up to Bush's appearance, the national commission investigating Sept. 11 held a tel-

vised hearing and issued a report that said a more alert FBI and CIA working together might have uncovered the terrorists' plot. The report detailed an agonizing series of missed opportunities, half-measures and bureaucratic inertia.

Commissioner Thomas H. Kean called it "an indictment of the FBI for over a long period of time."

IRAQ

Unidentified bodies may be civilians

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Four bodies have been found in Iraq, possibly the remains of private contractors missing since an assault on their convoy outside Baghdad amid a wave of kidnappings of at least 22 foreigners.

A State Department official on Tuesday confirmed the discovery of the bodies, but the private contractor Halliburton said it did not know whether the dead were its missing employees. Initial reports said the four bodies were mutilated, but those reports were not confirmed, the official said.

NBC News reported that the four bodies were in a shallow grave between Fallujah and Abu Ghraib, scene of the convoy attack, and that U.S. officials were led to the grave by an Iraqi.

Two U.S. soldiers and seven employees of Halliburton subsidiary Kellogg, Brown and Root have been missing

since their convoy was attacked Friday on the main highway west of Baghdad, between the district of Abu Ghraib and the central city of Fallujah.

The roads west of Baghdad have been a site of many of the kidnappings since the bloody fighting broke out across Iraq this month. Some abductions have also occurred in the south.

The most recent reported abductions were of four Italian security guards working for a U.S.-based company and a French TV journalist.

A U.S. spokesman said 40 foreigners from 12 countries were currently held by kidnappers — though an Associated Press count put the number at 22.

The State Department official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the four bodies had not yet been identified. It was unclear when the bodies were found.

A spokeswoman for Halliburton Co., the major U.S. contractor in Iraq, said

the firm also was aware that remains had been recovered but said it was not confirmed that they were those of its employees.

"We are not yet certain of the identification of these brave individuals, and no matter who they are, we at Halliburton are saddened to learn of these deaths," the firm said in a statement.

One of the seven missing employees — Thomas Hamill, a 43-year-old truck driver from Macon, Miss. — is known to have been abducted. His captors have threatened to kill and mutilate him unless U.S. troops ended their assault on Fallujah. The deadline passed Sunday with no word on his fate.

Halliburton would not say if the six others were U.S. citizens or from elsewhere.

The FBI has joined the investigation of the kidnappings, coalition spokesman Dan Senor said in Baghdad on Tuesday.

Fatima

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also be a wonderful place for retirement."

Although the Province will continue to be involved in the retreat ministry, it has no plans to open a new center, he said.

Mary Olen, who staffs Campus Ministry's Retreat and Vocations Office, said that Fatima's closing will not have a significant impact on Campus Ministry's activities.

Last year, the organization hosted 46 retreats. Some of these, including the two-night

Notre Dame Encounter retreat were held at Fatima. To compensate for the change next year, Campus Ministry plans to expand its use of the on-campus Sacred Heart Parish Center, along with off-campus retreat houses. Sacred Heart Parish Center features a newly

renovated kitchen and community room that makes it an attractive place to hold retreats, Olen said.

"It's a beautiful facility," she said. "We're very fortunate to have it."

The advance notice that her office received helped to minimize potential problems in organizing retreats for next

year, Olen said.

"We've had a while to look into it," she said. "A lot of retreats are one night [and] we'd be able to accommodate more than one [at Sacred Heart Parish Center] by sharing a weekend."

Fatima employs eight lay people and two religious. Kavanaugh said that he plans to continue working for the Center during the renovation and transition period. The remaining lay employees will have the opportunity to pursue openings at Notre Dame or through the Congregation of Holy Cross. Personnel who handled food services and maintenance were contracted out through the University and will not be affected by the Center's closing, Kavanaugh said.

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"It's a wonderful place for a retreat center but it will also be a wonderful place for retirement."

Jim Kavanaugh
Fatima Center Interim Director

Mailbox

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imprisoned for up to three years.

Until the mailbox is returned or a new one is installed, a process that Russwurm said would take three weeks after it was ordered, students must pick up their mail at the Edison Road post office.

Prentice said that having to go to the post office to pick up mail is a "huge pain," as has been the loss of at least two days of mail that was in the mailbox when it was stolen.

"I don't know who would have taken it," she said. "I'm not sure it would be that beneficial to have a bunch of college students' mail."

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Astronaut alumnus to lecture Thursday

Special to The Observer

Astronaut and University of Notre Dame graduate James Wetherbee will deliver a lecture Thursday at 1:45 p.m. in the auditorium of the University's Hesburgh Center for International Studies. Wetherbee, who is currently technical assistant to the director, Safety and Mission Assurance Directorate, Johnson Space Center, will discuss high reliability organizations (HROs). He also will examine leadership's role and responsibility in creating and maintaining the conditions necessary to sustain a culture of high reliability.

A veteran of six space flights, Wetherbee has logged over 1,592 hours in space and is the first American to command five space missions. Prior to his most recent appointment, he served as director of the Flight Crew Operations Directorate and as deputy director of the Johnson Space Center.

Wetherbee graduated from Notre Dame in 1974 with a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering.

Angela

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The other part of the project entails installing new signaling hardware and updated intersection control equipment.

"It's something that you can't see, but it should improve the flow through [the intersection] no matter which direction you are going," Mantei said.

Work on the intersection began earlier this month.

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ROTC

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AstroTurf of Loftus ever since, prompting some students to suggest that administrators are trying to avoid a public confrontation between ROTC cadets and protesters.

In years past, the Pass in Review has been the target of protests by members of Pax Christi and the Catholic Peace Fellowship.

Sheila Payne, a 2003 Notre Dame graduate who works with the Catholic Peace

Fellowship, said she doesn't expect an organized protest this year, but her organization is still devoted to removing ROTC courses from Catholic campuses.

"We're still ardently hoping that one day, the University will stop hosting the ROTC program," she said.

In an effort to reinstate the event to South Quad, members of the Student Senate circulated a petition among student residence halls last fall. The petitions drew over 1,000 signatures, according to former student body president Jeremy Lao.

Lao said student government

leaders asked administrators to hold the event outdoors, but were rejected.

"We got a letter from Student Affairs saying no," Lao said.

He did not elaborate on administrators' reason for the denial.

Student body vice president Karla Bell said she and president Adam Istvan are continuing student government's support of an outdoors location for the Pass in Review.

"It's something that's really important to us," Bell said. "We fully support it."

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The Keough Institute for Irish Studies is pleased to announce that Angela Bourke will be the Naughton Fellow for 2004-2005. A Senior Lecturer in Modern Irish in University College Dublin, Angela has published widely on oral culture and literature, including two books *Caoineadh na dTrí Muire* (1983), a study of the Crucifixion in oral religious poetry, and *The Burning of Bridget Cleary: A True Story* (1999), a critically acclaimed cultural history of how a young Tipperary woman came to be burned to death by her relatives in 1895. Her next book *Maeve Brennan: Homesick* at *The New Yorker* will be published in London by Jonathan Cape in June 2004 and by Counterpoint, New York in October. A highly regarded teacher, she has previously been a visiting professor at Harvard University and the University of Minnesota; she was appointed a member of Royal Irish Academy in spring 2004.

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Women in Irish Oral Tradition

Oral storytelling, traditional singing and other verbal arts can offer ways of thinking and knowing that are independent of the linear modes of writing and print. Moreover, like other kinds of art, oral tradition offers individuals and communities ways of constructing and maintaining identity, often against considerable external pressure. This course will explore oral verbal art in Irish and English, through transcribed texts, sound recordings and film, paying particular attention to depictions of and performances by women, and offering gendered readings of the material studied. We will examine and discuss a number of genres of oral verbal art, including the International Folktale, Legends of the Supernatural, and Lament Poetry, and will also pay attention to the use of this material by twentieth-century writers. Translations of Irish-language texts will be available, so no prior knowledge of Irish is required.

MARKET RECAP

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MACE SEC INTL (MACE)	+26.87	+2.15	10.15
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Treasuries			
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10-YEAR NOTE	+2.60	+1.10	43.40
5-YEAR NOTE	+3.66	+1.19	33.73
3-MONTH BILL	+1.10	+0.10	9.22

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LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	-0.56		36.68
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	-13.20		407.70
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-3.00		103.00

Exchange Rates			
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EURO			0.8378
POUND			0.5501
CANADIAN \$			1.335

IN BRIEF

U.S. retail sales jumped in Q1

WASHINGTON — America's shoppers, buoyed by an improved job climate and tax refunds, indulged themselves in March and boosted sales at the nation's retailers by the largest amount in a year, a promising sign the economy is back in the groove.

The stunning 1.8 percent gain in retail sales reported Tuesday by the Commerce Department added to evidence that the economy has closed out the January-March quarter of this year on a strong note and was entering the current quarter with good momentum, analysts said.

Shoppers splurged on a wide range of goods in March, including cars, clothes, furniture and building and garden supplies.

SEC readies Time Warner charges

NEW YORK — Federal regulators are close to accusing Time Warner Inc. of faulty accounting for \$400 million in revenue it booked in 2001, a newspaper reported Tuesday.

The company declined to comment on the report in *The Washington Post*, saying only that it was continuing its efforts to cooperate with the investigations being done by the Securities and Exchange Commission and the Department of Justice.

Regulators have been investigating Time Warner's accounting for two years, including a \$400 million ad deal with the German media conglomerate Bertelsmann. The investigations are still under way, and authorities have yet to announce a conclusion.

Jury picks begin in Quattrone case

NEW YORK — Jury selection began Tuesday in the retrial of Frank Quattrone, the highly successful Silicon Valley investment banker accused of obstructing a federal stock probe in 2000.

U.S. District Judge Richard Owen asked prospective jurors whether they had heard of the case and whether they could be fair despite the recent rash of headlines about corporate scandals. Most said they had not heard of the case and could be fair.

Quattrone's first trial lasted four weeks before ending in a hung jury last October.

MICROPROCESSORS

Intel Q1 earnings soar to \$1.73B

Chipmaker records 89 percent EPS increase, affirms Q2 revenue predictions

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Stronger demand from businesses for computers and other high-tech gear helped boost Intel Corp.'s first-quarter profits by 89 percent as the chipmaker reported improved sales from all areas of the world.

Intel also said it expects the current quarter's revenues to be between \$7.6 billion and \$8.2 billion. Though the midpoint is below analysts' consensus expectation of \$8.09 billion, it's above historical declines in the second quarter, one of the weakest periods of the year.

"Intel's first quarter results showed healthy growth in both revenue and earnings compared to a year ago, led by improvement in worldwide [information technology] spending," said Craig Barrett, Intel's chief executive.

For the three months ended March 27, Intel reported a profit of \$1.73 billion, or 26 cents per share, compared with a profit of \$915 million, or 14 cents per share, in the same period a year ago.

First-quarter sales rose to \$8.09 billion, compared with \$6.75 billion in the first quarter of 2003.

The results include a 1.7 cent-per-share charge from Intel's \$225 million payment to Intergraph Corp. to settle a long-running patent dispute. The agreement was announced March 30.

Analysts expected Intel to earn a profit of 27 cents per share on sales of \$8.16 billion, according to a survey by Thomson First Call. In January, the Santa Clara, Calif.-based compa-

ny predicted first-quarter sales of between \$7.9 billion and \$8.5 billion.

In an interview, chief financial officer Andy Bryant said revenues grew in every part of the world.

"Everybody contributed to that 20 percent [sales] growth. It's not just emerging markets anymore. It's Europe and the U.S. well," he said.

In January, Intel said demand for microprocessors was at the lower end of seasonal expectations. Analysts believed that was due to a temporary and unexpected buildup of notebook computer inventory.

"We believe that's resolved itself," Bryant said. "We don't see any of the excess mobile inventory at this point."

John Lau, an analyst at Banc of America Securities LLC, said it appears demand has picked up for notebooks and burned off any excess parts.

"As a result, we see the next generation notebook processor remains on schedule for volume delivery in May," he said. "That wouldn't occur if there was still excess inventory of older parts in the channel."

The company said shipments of microprocessors declined over the fourth quarter, as did chipsets and motherboards. Processors, however, had a slightly higher average selling price.

Intel said shipments of flash memory, used in cell phones, improved over the fourth quarter. The company's communications group posted sales of \$1.07 billion in the first quarter, compared with \$1.04 billion in the fourth,



Intel's headquarters building in Santa Clara, Calif. is shown in this 2000 file photo. The chipmaker posted first quarter earnings of \$1.73 billion.

though the operating loss increased to \$219 million.

"If you go back and look at 10 years of history, the first quarter [sales] is almost always down. That was a pleasant surprise," Bryant said.

Intel is currently ramping up production of its latest Pentium 4 chip, which was released in early February. It also is updating its Xeon server processors to support 64-bit memory extensions to better compete with Advanced Micro Devices Inc.'s 64-bit Opteron

processors.

Dismissing reports of trouble with the Pentium 4's new manufacturing processes, Bryant said yields were higher than anticipated.

Lau said Intel's guidance downplayed concerns about demand.

"There has been a lot of concern in the marketplace on the demand for PC notebooks and desktops," he said. "We're very comforted by the fact Intel has given us guidance for Q2 that is a seasonally normal quarter."

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

CalPERS to withhold board votes

Citigroup's Weill, Berkshire Hathaway's Buffett among those targeted by fund

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — The country's largest public pension fund will vote against keeping Sanford Weill on the board of Citigroup because as chief executive officer he allegedly played a significant part in several scandals that hurt the financial institution.

The influential California Public Employees Retirement System, known as CalPERS, also announced Monday it will vote against retaining billionaire investor Warren Buffett as a member of Coca-Cola Co.'s board.

In addition, CalPERS, which has assets totaling \$164.1 billion, planned to withhold votes from some directors of six other financial

institutions, plus Sprint, Burlington Resources Inc. and PG&E Corp., the parent of Pacific Gas and Electric Co.

"Our vote against Weill is a symbolic vote expressing our belief that he is accountable for the huge scandal, improper practices and conflicts of interest between the investment research department and the investment banking unit within Citigroup," CalPERS spokeswoman Pat Macht said.

CalPERS controls 26.7 million Citigroup shares, less than 0.5 percent of the total.

Weill, the company's CEO from 1998 to 2003, played a "significant role in several scandals to negatively impact the company," according to a CalPERS statement.

In April 2003, Citigroup paid the highest penalty of any Wall Street firm — \$400 million — to settle charges that its Smith Barney unit issued fraudulent and misleading research. Citigroup was one of 10 firms that together paid a total of \$1.4 billion to settle with securities regulators.

Weill stepped down as chief executive in October but retained the job of chairman.

"CalPERS' decision to withhold votes from certain Citigroup directors is unwarranted," Citigroup spokeswoman Leah Johnson said. "Citigroup adheres to the highest standards of corporate governance, business practices, accuracy and transparency in its accounting and financial disclosure."

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which has performed at over 100 colleges and universities, had positive intentions.

"Alfred and Seymour's intended message is that people need to take it upon themselves to learn about other cultures in order to eliminate pervasive stereotypes in society," McDonald said.

The act received endorsement from the National Association of Campus Activities, an organization with which the College works to secure campus entertainment. Both Timm and McDonald specified that NACA maintains articulated statements of non-discrimination, diversity advancement and affirmative action.

According to Annmarie Marquez, a representative of Student Diversity Board, opposition to the act was also voiced to Board members.

"Some concerns heard were that the comedy act was very similar to a minstrel show, [that] this was not the first

show that discussed race in an offensive manner and [that] it seems that Saint Mary's is not providing an conducive environment for all students to live," she said.

In response, SDB and the Board of Governance held emergency executive meetings to assess appropriate action.

A forum on racial stereotypes was deemed the most proactive solution.

About 50 participants attended the forum last Tuesday to openly discuss questions regarding stereotyping and its affect both on personal lifestyle and the campus as a whole.

"I think a very important realization at the forum was that Saint Mary's needs to take appropriate measures, no matter how extensive, when concerns are brought to the table regarding diversity," Marquez said.

"Diversity is on the agenda of administration. I think we would like to see it now a part of the everyday decisions made on this campus."

Timm complimented Marquez, SDB and the Office of Multicultural Affairs for organizing the forum.

"I appreciate the respectful exchange of dialogue and views that has taken place around this particular event," she said.

Since contacting "Alfred and Seymour's" booking agent to convey campus concern, the Student Activities Office has learned that Saint Mary's is the third institution to complain about publicity used for the performance.

Timm plans to present a written summary of concerns to both the agent and NACA.

Concluding her letter, Timm

"Diversity is on the agenda of administration. I think we would like to see it now a part of the everyday decisions made on this campus."

Annmarie Marquez
SDB representative

invited members of the campus to attend a viewing of "Ethic Notions," a film tracing the "deep-rooted stereotypes which have fueled anti-black prejudice." The film is tentatively scheduled for April 20.

"The Saint Mary's community is committed to exploring, encouraging and embracing diversity," Timm said. "Through the dedicated work of the Diversity Task Force, numerous departments on campus and many individuals, we are making progress with regard to awareness and understanding."

McDonald agreed, but also recognized the inevitability that controversial topics will continue to cultivate in all college settings — including Saint Mary's.

"Controversy derived from differing points of view is a fact of life that is not, and should not be, foreign to higher education," she said. "College campuses are arenas for growth. That growth is borne of ideas, both benign

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Ford recalls SUVs with engine faults

Associated Press

DETROIT — Ford Motor Co. is recalling more than 363,000 Escape compact sport utility vehicles from model years 2001-2003 because the engine may stall at certain speeds.

Ford said some Escapes with a 3-liter, V-6 engine may experience an intermittent stall when decelerating at speeds below 40 mph.

Of the total recall of 363,440, about 322,000 of the vehicles are in the United States. The remainder are elsewhere in North America and overseas.

In most cases, the automaker said, the driver is able to restart immediately after the stall.

Ford said its automotive safety office has identified eight minor accidents that may have occurred because of the engine condition, three of which involved minor injuries.


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Mob allegations threaten casino project

Associated Press

CHICAGO — It sounds like a can't-miss deal — a new casino within sight of one of the world's busiest airports.

But gambling regulators' decision to allow the casino in a suburban town whose mayor may — or may not — have ties to organized crime has set off an investigation and a storm of criticism, with critics on both sides setting a record for use of the term "mobbed-up" in a public debate.

At issue is a plan to build a casino in Rosemont, next to O'Hare Airport and its millions of travelers per year.

Developers and politicians are positively drooling over the prospect of billions in profits and tax revenue.

But now, the only people who seem happy about the mess are gambling opponents.

"I call it the briar patch," said the Rev. Tom Grey, an anti-gambling activist. "Everyone who touches this gets stuck."

The firestorm was touched off March 15 when the Illinois

Gaming Board chose Mississippi-based Isle of Capri Casinos to build in Rosemont, arguing its bid of \$518 million and the site's potential to tap into the convention and travel market, and the Chicago population were best for the state.

But the board acted over the recommendation of its own staff, which was worried about accusations that Rosemont Mayor Don Stephens, a long-time political powerbroker, had mob ties. The staff also had concerns about Isle of Capri's finances.

Company executives have insisted their finances are healthy and the mayor has denied he is a crook, but Illinois' attorney general suggested Rosemont may be unsuitable for a casino and has threatened to kill the deal.

Also, Gov. Rod Blagojevich has appointed a former deputy U.S. attorney general to investigate the deal.

"To simply trust the Gaming Board, I think, is asking the taxpayers and all of us, too much," said Blagojevich, who appointed

only one of the five board members.

In explaining the board's vote, chairman Elzie Higginbottom said the decision was about tax revenue. He said that it is regulators' job to keep organized crime out.

"If we move forward with this facility, it will not be mobbed-up," he said. "And if you put a facility anywhere and it is not appropriately and properly regulated, the mob will move in. They are mobile, ladies and gentlemen. They do not just sit in one spot."

Despite the back-and-forth between the governor and the Gaming Board, the board on Tuesday hired the same investigator Blagojevich picked to review the board's decision on Rosemont. Higginbottom and Blagojevich both insisted there was no conflict of interest, saying the only way Eric Holder Jr. could review confidential Gaming Board documents was for him to be hired directly by the board as a special investigator rather than by another agency under the governor's

control.

Madigan spokeswoman Melissa Merz said the attorney general was confident Holder would do his job "thoroughly and professionally." He will be paid up to \$300,000 from the Gaming Board's budget.

The project would be Illinois' 10th casino. Regulators estimated it could bring in as much as \$2.6 billion in revenue in its first five years, producing \$1.1 billion in taxes for the state.

Isle of Capri president Tim Hinkley said Rosemont is still the best location in the United States for a casino. He defended his company, which operates casinos in five states, and said it should not be tainted by questions about Rosemont's mayor.

"You don't get 17 licenses just by being good guys. You prove yourself every single time," Hinkley said.

In 2001, the Gaming Board rejected a previous attempt to open a casino in Rosemont. The board said the Emerald Casino project was turned down, in part, because some shareholders had ties to organized crime.

Student charged with Net terrorism

Associated Press

BOISE, Idaho — A Saudi graduate student accused of setting up Web sites to help Islamic militants recruit followers went on trial Tuesday in a key test of a Patriot Act provision that bars the giving of expert advice to terrorist groups.

A jury of eight women and four men was seated to hear the case against Sami Omar Al-Hussayen, a 34-year-old University of Idaho student working on his doctorate in computer science. He is charged with three counts of aiding terrorism. He is also charged with visa fraud and making false statements.

U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge questioned potential jurors earlier Tuesday about their knowledge of Islam and religious conflicts in the Middle East and Chechnya, as well as their feelings about terrorism.

Opening statements were scheduled to begin Wednesday.

Al-Hussayen is accused of helping to run Web sites that supported the militant Palestinian organization Hamas and other groups allegedly promoting terrorism.

Federal prosecutors said he provided "material support" to terrorists, a crime that was expanded under the Patriot Act — the federal terrorism law passed after Sept. 11 — to include "expert advice or assistance."

Al-Hussayen was arrested at his home on Feb. 26, 2003, and has gotten strong support from students and faculty on the Moscow campus, where he had a reputation as a positive leader of the small Islamic community. After the Sept. 11 attacks, he marched in a peace rally, donated blood and worked to educate local residents about Islam.

Al-Hussayen's lawyer has said that while his client set up the Web sites, any statements made on those sites supporting terrorism were not his, and he has been unfairly blamed for the words of others.

The case has been seen as a test of the portion of the Patriot Act that prohibits providing expert advice or assistance to terrorist groups — a provision that critics say can snare people who may inadvertently provide assistance because of their special skills.

"We have a law that is shaky at best, and my feeling is that Sami is going to be the test case in this," said Rand Lewis, director of the Martin Institute for Peace Studies and Conflict Resolution and the Martin School of International Affairs at the University of Idaho.

But federal prosecutors said that in addition to running Web sites and e-mail groups for would-be terrorists, Al-Hussayen maintained bank accounts to funnel cash to another group with terrorist connections.

He is also charged with 11 counts of visa fraud and four counts of making false statements to cover up his alleged links to terrorists.

Al-Hussayen has been jailed since his arrest. His wife and three children returned to Saudi Arabia in January rather than fight deportation.



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Pakistan says it shares on probe, no comment on bombs

Associated Press

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Pakistan said it was sharing with other countries information divulged by disgraced top scientist Abdul Qadeer Khan, but refused comment on a report he had visited a secret underground plant in communist North Korea and seen nuclear devices.

The New York Times reported Tuesday that Khan, the father of Pakistan's nuclear bomb, told interrogators he inspected the weapons briefly during a trip to North Korea five years ago. If true, it would be the first time that any foreigner has reported inspecting an actual North Korean nuclear weapon, the newspaper said.

The report cited unnamed Asian and American officials who have been briefed by the Pakistanis.

Khan, long regarded as a national hero for helping Pakistan obtain a nuclear deterrent against rival India, confessed in February to transferring sensitive technol-

ogy to North Korea, Iran and Libya.

He received a pardon from Pakistan's President Gen. Pervez Musharraf, a key U.S. ally, but remains under house arrest in Islamabad as investigators continue a probe into his illicit nuclear deals.

Jon Wolfsthal, who served as a U.S. government monitor at North Korea's main plutonium site in the 1990s, said Washington has believed for more than a decade that North Korea had enough material for one or two bombs.

Khan is not a credible source, however, Wolfsthal said.

"A.Q. Khan is a liar, and he's doing whatever he feels necessary to protect his own interests and protect the government that has pardoned him," said Wolfsthal, now with the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace in Washington.

"One way of doing that is saying, 'It doesn't matter what we sold to North Korea

because they had weapons already,'" he said.

Information Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed said Tuesday that Pakistan had shared information arising from its investigations of Khan to other countries, but he did not elaborate.

"We have investigated scientists. We are in touch with the world," he told a press conference in Islamabad.

Pakistani officials have previously said they have offered information on the investigation to China, Japan, South Korea, as well as the United States and the U.N. nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency.

The Times said that Pakistan has begun to provide classified briefings to nations within reach of North Korea's missiles.

The CIA believes that North Korea already has one or two nuclear bombs, although some U.S. intelligence analysts believe it may have more.

A high-level South Korean official confirmed Tuesday its

government had received information linked to the Times report from Pakistan and "related countries."

"But we are trying to further confirm it as there are many unclear points about its contents and circumstances," the official said on condition of anonymity in Seoul.

A Japanese Foreign Ministry official, who also did not want to be named, said the government was aware of the report and was cooperating with other countries to gather information about North Korea's nuclear activities. He declined further comment.

The Times reported that Vice President Dick Cheney was briefed on Khan's assertions before he left on a trip to Asia over the weekend.

It said Cheney was expected to cite the intelligence to China's leaders on Tuesday to press the point that six-country talks that have been held in Beijing over disarming North Korea are going too slowly and that the Bush administration may seek

stronger action against Pyongyang, including sanctions.

The report said Khan told Pakistani officials that he began dealing with North Korea on the sale of equipment for a uranium-based nuclear weapons program as early as the late 1980s but did not begin major shipments to North Korea until the late 1990s agreed with the United States to a moratorium on its plutonium-based program. North Korea has since renounced that agreement.

Pakistan denies any official involvement in nuclear proliferation, although doubts remain over how top military and government officials remained in the dark for years over Khan's activities.

Pakistani officials said Saturday they've released three men questioned about the nuclear black market led by Khan. Four others — two scientists and two administrators who worked at the same laboratory — are still being held for questioning.

Armenians protest against leader

Associated Press

YEREVAN, Armenia — Police broke up a protest of some 2,000 people outside Armenia's presidential palace on Tuesday, the latest in a series of demonstrations over last year's presidential election.

Opposition leaders vowed to keep up their public protests against President Robert Kocharian, whose re-election a year ago spurred opposition charges of widespread ballot violations.

"The fight against the unlawful regime will be kept up," said an opposition leader,

Vazgen Manoukian.

Organizers said several demonstrators were injured, but their condition was not known.

In Washington, the State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said the United States is concerned about the sharp escalation in the confrontation between the government and the opposition.

"We call on both sides to enter into a dialogue that will lessen tension and focus the political process on the challenges of continued political and economic reform,"

Boucher said.

He said physical assaults, raids on political party offices and widespread arrests and detentions of opposition activists by the police "do not contribute to creating an atmosphere conducive to political dialogue," Boucher added.

Kocharian considers the protests "an act of political extremism," according to his spokesman Ashot Kocharian.

Last April, Armenia's Constitutional Court confirmed the results of the presidential vote but suggested that a referendum be held within a year to gauge the public's confidence.

New Jackson allegation surfaces

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Detectives are investigating a new allegation of child abuse against pop star Michael Jackson involving a person who claims to have been victimized in the late 1980s, a police spokeswoman said Tuesday.

Jackson has pleaded innocent to child molestation charges involving another alleged victim in Santa Barbara County. Jackson attorney Benjamin Brafman said he was unaware of the Los Angeles Police Department investigation.

"We have never been informed by the LAPD of any investigation that they are conducting of Michael Jackson," he said. "I would point out that since I have been involved in this case I have addressed literally dozens of completely baseless rumors on a daily basis, and this appears to be just another one of them."

The Los Angeles County district attorney's office asked the LAPD to investigate the new allegation a month ago, said Mary Grady, commander of the department's public information office.

"The victim alleges the acts took place in the city of Los Angeles in the late 1980s," she said.

The allegations are being investigated by the Child Protective Section of the department's Juvenile Division. Grady declined to elaborate on such details as the age or sex of the alleged victim.

Los Angeles district attorney's spokeswoman Sandi Gibbons declined comment.

"This is a matter under investigation by the LAPD," she said. "We are not the investigative agency."

Santa Barbara County prosecutors did not immediately return calls for comment Tuesday evening.

Steve Cron, a defense attorney who has represented clients accused of molestation, said the new alleged abuse would be within the statute of limitations if it occurred in 1988 and later. He said the accuser could also help prosecutors in the Santa Barbara case show a pattern of abuse, though the amount of time since the alleged acts could hurt the accuser's credibility.

"The questions are asked: Why didn't this allegation surface earlier? Why didn't he report it to someone a long time ago? How accurate is his recollection? How accurate is his ability to relay the events to someone else?" Cron said.

Also Tuesday, an appeals court rejected a request by several news agencies to lift a gag order placed on the parties by the judge in the Santa Barbara case.

An attorney representing news organizations, including The Associated Press, said in a filing last week before the state Court of Appeals that the order imposed unconstitutional "prior restraint" on attorneys and potential witnesses. He asked that it be immediately lifted.

Jackson and his attorneys also oppose the order on grounds that it blocks their ability to address false rumors and news reports.

At a hearing earlier this month, the judge made what he said was a final change to the policy: He said attorneys wishing to respond to news reports could submit to him in writing what they wanted to release, and that he would rule on whether the statements violated the gag order.

Jackson was charged by the Santa Barbara district attorney late last year with committing lewd or lascivious acts upon a child and administering an intoxicating agent to the child. Jackson has pleaded innocent. A pretrial hearing is scheduled for April 30.

Researchers consider El Nino predictable

Associated Press

El Nino, the periodic warming in the equatorial Pacific that can change weather worldwide, is more predictable than previously thought, researchers report.

While some forecasting methods had limited success predicting the 1997 El Nino a few months in advance, the Columbia University researchers say their method can predict large El Nino events up to two years in advance.

That would be a boon for governments, farmers and others seeking to plan for the droughts and heavy rainfall El Nino can produce in various parts of the world.

Using a computer, the researchers matched sea-surface temperatures to later El Nino occurrences between 1980 and 2000 and were then able to anticipate El Nino events dating back to 1857, using prior sea-surface temperatures.

The results were reported in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature.

The researchers say their method is not perfect, but Bryan C. Weare, a meteorologist at the University of California, Davis, who was not involved in the work, said it "suggests El Nino is indeed predictable."

"This will probably convince others to search around more for even better methods," said Weare.

The new method "makes it possible to predict El Nino at long lead times," said lead author Duke Chen of Columbia University's Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory.

Other models also use sea-

surface temperatures, but they have not looked as far back because they need other data, which is only available for recent decades, Chen said.

The ability to predict the warming and cooling of the Pacific is of immense importance.

The 1997 El Nino, for example, caused an estimated \$20 billion in damage worldwide, offset by beneficial effects in other areas, said David

Anderson, of the European Centre for Medium-Range Weather Forecasts in Reading, England. The 1877 El Nino, meanwhile, coincided with a failure of the Indian monsoon and a

famine that killed perhaps 40 million in India and China, prompting the development of seasonal forecasting, Anderson said.

When El Nino hit in 1991 and 1997, 200 million people were affected by flooding in China alone, according to a 2002 United Nations report.

While predicting smaller El Nino events remains tricky, the ability to predict larger ones should be increased to at least a year if the new method is confirmed, Anderson wrote in an accompanying commentary.

El Nino tends to develop between April and June and reaches its peak between December and February. The warming tends to last between 9 and 12 months and occurs every two to seven years.

Chen said the new forecasting method does not predict any major El Nino events in the next two years, although a weak warming toward the end of this year is possible.

"This will probably convince others to search around more for even better methods."

Bryan Weare
meteorologist

ISRAEL

Sharon's party delays referendum on withdrawal plan

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — The ruling Likud Party on Tuesday delayed its referendum on a withdrawal from the Gaza Strip by three days to May 2, fearing a basketball championship game would have kept too many voters at home.

The agonizing over logistics reflected the difficulties Prime Minister Ariel Sharon faces in trying to sell the plan to his hawkish party. Backers of the plan were concerned that many of those who did not feel strongly would rather watch the game than vote "yes," while the ideological core of the party would vote "no" in any case.

Sharon has proposed uprooting all 21 Jewish settlements in Gaza, as well as four settlements in the West Bank, as part of his plan to separate Israelis and Palestinians in the absence of progress toward a peace agreement. In return, Sharon hopes to expand five large blocs

of Israeli settlements in the West Bank.

Sharon traveled to the United States on Tuesday looking for an endorsement from President Bush.

Ahead of a meeting with Sharon on Wednesday, Bush gave only qualified support. He said Monday the pullout must be part of a peace agreement that would establish an independent Palestinian state.

The Palestinians have demanded that the Gaza pullout be accompanied by a much larger West Bank withdrawal. More than 230,000 Israelis live in some 140 settlements in the West Bank. The Palestinians want all of Gaza and the West Bank for their future state and demand that all the settlements be dismantled.

Speaking at a West Bank settlement before leaving for Washington, Sharon said Israel would keep the five blocs where almost half the West Bank settlers live, and linked that to his

Gaza pullout proposal.

But Sharon's biggest immediate challenge is persuading his own Likud Party to support him. Likud, like Sharon himself, has been a main backer of settlement construction for decades.

Several leading Likud figures oppose the withdrawal plan and have begun campaigning against it. Former Defense Minister Moshe Arens joined the list of opponents Tuesday.

Arens told Army Radio that the plan is a "real mistake," adding, "I shall do everything in my ability" to persuade members to vote no.

Settler leaders met in Jerusalem to launch their campaign to defeat the proposal. "Our fear is this is just the first step of many," said settler leader Bentzi Lieberman. West Bank settlers fear a Gaza withdrawal will set a precedent for a pullout from their areas.

Lieberman said the settlers plan an extensive public rela-

tions campaign under the slogan, "Brothers don't disengage."

Polls show that the Likud vote could be close, and party officials decided to delay it from April 29 to May 2 to avoid a clash with a major sports event.

Tel Aviv is hosting the "Final Four" European basketball championship, and one of the games is scheduled for April 29. The Israeli team Maccabi Tel Aviv is in the tournament.

Party officials said they were concerned many Likud members would decide to watch the game rather than vote. "They [party officials] decided that the Final Four really does conflict," said Likud spokesman Shmuel Dahan.

In other developments, Israeli troops backed by armored vehicles raided a five-story apartment building early Tuesday in the West Bank city of Nablus, ransacking every apartment in the building in a search for a wanted Hamas militant,

Palestinian witnesses said.

The raid sparked a shootout with Palestinian militants, and windows were shot out by the gunfire. The army said it arrested two wanted militants. No casualties were reported on either side.

In the Gaza Strip, a Palestinian court convicted three men of raping and killing a 16-year-old girl and sentenced them to death in a case that has generated a massive public outcry in the Gaza Strip. A fourth defendant was sentenced to life in prison.

The death sentences would be carried out only if Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat gives his final approval. Arafat has commuted some death penalties and approved others.

Late Tuesday, Israeli tanks entered the Rafah refugee camp on the Gaza-Egypt border, residents said. Military officials said the operation was to search for weapons smuggling tunnels. No casualties were reported.

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SOUTH AFRICA

Voters of all races go to polls

Associated Press

JOHANNESBURG — South Africans of all races voted Wednesday for a new government for the third time in a decade with the party credited with ending apartheid poised for another sweeping victory.

Braving an early morning chill, voters lined up from as early as 3 a.m. in some rural districts to cast their ballots for a new national parliament and provincial assemblies.

While there is little doubt about the outcome, political leaders worry that the thrill of democracy is waning ten years after South Africa's first all-race vote ended close to half a century of oppressive white minority rule.

In 1994, an unprecedented 19.5 million of the estimated 21.7 million eligible voters cast ballots, waiting in long, snaking lines up to a mile long. That number dropped to 15.9 million in 1999 — 71 percent of eligible voters — and analysts say turnout could be still lower this year.

South Africa's lingering poverty and unemployment, along with crime, corruption and a devastating AIDS epidemic, appear to be wearing away the sheen on its young democracy.

The main concern is apathy among the new generation of voters, too young to remember the brutality of apartheid.

President Thabo Mbeki has highlighted his African National Congress' achievements and asked supporters to be patient in an unusual door-to-door campaign that took him from squalid shacks to comfortable middle-class living rooms.

FRANCE

Suspect commits suicide before extradition to U.S.

Man wanted for Philadelphia murder hangs himself with sheets in prison cell

Associated Press

PARIS — A New Jersey man who fled to France after allegedly killing his lover in the United States committed suicide by hanging himself with a bedsheet from a drainage pipe in his French jail cell, his lawyer said Tuesday.

Paul Eduardovich Goldman, 39, a naturalized U.S. citizen, killed himself Sunday afternoon in a prison in the suburbs of Grenoble, in the French Alps, even though he was under suicide watch, said attorney Arnaud Levy-Soussan.

"He hanged himself with a sheet in his cell," the lawyer said. "He already tried to commit suicide at the start of his incarceration in January. So he was classed among detainees under special surveillance."

"I don't understand because he was not meant to be left alone and to be under constant surveillance. But that wasn't the case. I think French authorities made a big mistake. That is clear," said Levy-Soussan.

Goldman was caught Jan. 20 in Grenoble, southern France, where his extradition hearing

was taking place. He was expected to be extradited to Pennsylvania to face first-degree murder charges in the fatal stabbing of Faina Zonis, 42, a Philadelphia mortgage processor found dead in her office on Dec. 29.

He also faced U.S. federal charges of unlawful flight to avoid prosecution.

A postcard found at Goldman's Mount Laurel, New Jersey, town house ultimately led investigators to a residence in Grenoble, where he was caught.

His lawyer said Goldman learned just last week of the deaths of his parents.

Edward Goldman, 66, and his wife, Inessa Lemashova, 63, committed suicide in January by slitting their wrists. The couple left a note saying they were disgraced by their son's conduct and didn't want to live.

"When he was told, I contacted the prison director to say, 'Be careful. Mr. Goldman must be watched because he's not doing well and, on top of that, this type of news is not likely to make him feel better,'" his attorney said in a telephone interview.

SPAIN

Threats from al-Qaida continue

Tape surfaces pledging further destruction

Associated Press

MADRID — Suspected terrorists, linked to the March 11 commuter train bombings and who blew themselves up in a police raid earlier this month, left behind a videotape threatening more attacks against Spain because of its plans to send more troops to Afghanistan, the interior ministry said Tuesday.

News of the threats came as officials said investigators had arrested three more suspects in the train bombings, bringing the total in custody to 24.

The badly damaged videotape was found in the rubble of a Madrid apartment where seven suspects in the bombings blew themselves up on April 3 as police moved in to arrest them.

In two previously unintelligible sentences on the tape that have now been deciphered by investigators three men claim responsibility for the train bombings in the name of al-Qaida and threaten more bloodshed unless Spain withdrew its troops from Iraq and Afghanistan.

"We will treat you brutally. We will kill you. We will bring

war to your homes, and you will not be able to sleep at night," one of the men says in Arabic, according to a statement from the interior ministry.

Incoming Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, elected days after the train bombings, has pledged to withdraw Spanish troops from Iraq. But he intends to double to 250 the number of Spanish soldiers in Afghanistan.

"Your new ruler has begun his mandate with more fighting against Muslims and sending more crusade troops to Afghanistan," a man is quoted as saying by the ministry.

The daily El Mundo said investigators also found evidence at the apartment that the alleged terrorists planned to attack a Jewish cemetery outside Madrid.

Officials at the National Court, however, said they had no knowledge of such a plot.

Spain has focused its investigations into the train bombings on the Moroccan Islamic Combatant Group, an organization linked to al-Qaida.

The group is also thought to have ties to another Moroccan

terrorist group that has been blamed for last year's suicide bombings in Casablanca, Morocco, that left 45 people dead.

National Court officials, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said that two men — Abdelghafour Abderrazzak and Mohamed El Barrouchi — were arrested Monday in the southern port of Malaga.

The Interior Ministry said a third unidentified Moroccan was also arrested in Malaga.

Eighteen people, 14 of them Moroccan, have been charged for their alleged roles the March 11 attacks in which 10 bombs ripped through four trains in Madrid during the morning rush hour commute, killing 191 people and injuring some 1,800.

The six suspects who have not yet been charged were expected to appear before an investigating magistrate later this week.

Spanish authorities say they are still seeking another six suspects.

But officials say the core members of the cell that carried out the bombings are either in jail or were among the seven suspected terrorists who blew themselves up April 3.

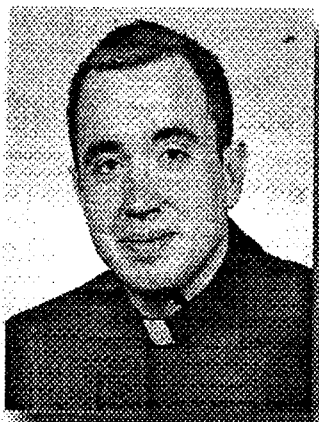
Also Tuesday, U.S. intelligence agents spent a second day questioning al-Qaida suspects arrested earlier this year in Spain, the interior ministry said.

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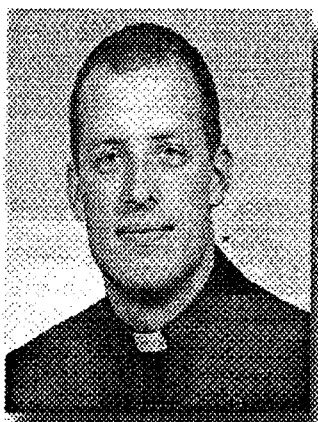
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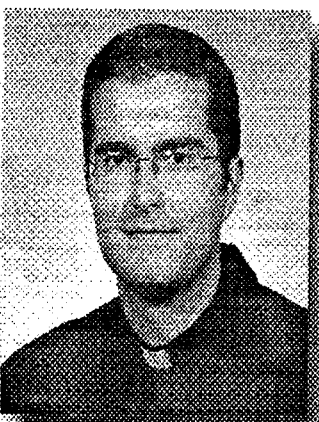
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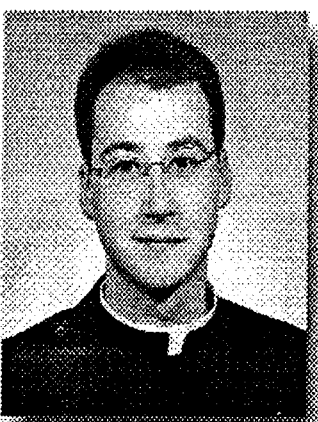
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CHINA

Cheney sweeps through Asia on diplomatic tour

Associated Press

BEIJING — Vice President Dick Cheney praised China on Tuesday for recent cooperation on issues such as counterterrorism and North Korea's nuclear ambitions, but tensions remained over Taiwan, Hong Kong and nuclear proliferation.

"We believe we can do good work together," Cheney said at a dinner hosted by Chinese Vice President Zeng Qinghong at the Great Hall of the People.

Cheney, on the second leg of a weeklong Asia trip, also was meeting with Jiang Zemin, former president and still the Communist Party chairman, and Jiang's successor as president, Hu Jintao.

Administration officials said Cheney was prepared to prod Hu and other Chinese officials to intensify efforts to resume six-country talks over North Korea's nuclear program. He also was likely to convey the

increasing U.S. concerns about Chinese efforts to restrict democracy steps in Hong Kong, officials said.

Iraq was high on the agenda, too, although tensions were eased somewhat with the release on Monday of seven Chinese who had been held hostage by Iraqi militants.

Before arriving here from Tokyo, Bush promised Japanese leaders unspecified U.S. help in trying to return to safety three Japanese citizens still being held in Iraq.

He praised Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi for not bowing to demands from Iraqi militants that he withdraw Japanese forces from Iraq.

"It's important that our governments not be intimidated by threat of violence, that we not allow terrorists to change or influence the policies of our governments," Cheney told a foreign-policy forum in Tokyo.

At the dinner held in



Japanese Emperor Akihito, right, meets with Vice President Cheney Tuesday in Tokyo. Cheney is in the middle of a weeklong trip to visit several Asian nations, including China and South Korea.

Cheney's honor, Zeng noted that the vice president had last visited China in 1995, when he headed the oil business, Halliburton Co.

"Many changes have taken

place in this country" since then, Zeng told Cheney. "We place great importance to your visit."

Cheney also was to visit Shanghai before concluding

his Asia tour later in the week in South Korea.

Relations between the United States and China have improved as the two nations worked together to resolve the North Korean nuclear impasse.

Still, differences remain over Taiwan, Hong Kong, exchange rate policy and human rights.

If any of those issues are not raised by China, they will be raised by Cheney, U.S. officials said.

The Bush administration has been increasingly critical of China for trying to restrict moves toward democracy by Hong Kong, a former British colony now considered a special administrative region of China.

Taiwan and the rising tide of democratic sentiment there also remains contentious within U.S.-Chinese relations.

China's official Xinhua News Agency reported Tuesday that Cheney had reassured Zeng that U.S. policy on Taiwan remains unchanged despite plans to sell the island advance-warning radars.

The Chinese news agency said Cheney told Zeng that the United States does not support the island's moving toward independence and opposes any unilateral action by either Beijing or Taipei to change the status quo across the Taiwan Strait — a restatement of basic U.S. policy on China and Taiwan.

The Bush administration has praised China for taking the lead in overseeing six-nation talks on North Korea's nuclear program, but officials have recently expressed hope that China would do more to prod the stalled talks.

Cheney may present China's leaders with intelligence information from a Pakistani scientist, Abdul Qadeer Khan, that he was taken to a secret underground nuclear plant in North Korea and shown three nuclear devices, The New York Times reported in its Tuesday editions.

If Khan, known as the father of the Pakistani nuclear bomb, is accurate in his account, it would be the first time a foreigner has reported inspecting actual North Korean nuclear weapons, the Times reported.

All three nations on Cheney's itinerary have had civilians taken as hostages in Iraq, but those from South Korea and China have been released. The fate of three Japanese civilians remained uncertain as Cheney arrived here from Japan.

PRESS RELEASE

NOTRE DAME NAVY ROTC

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On April 14, 2004, the Army, Navy, and Air Force ROTC units at the University of Notre Dame will be conducting their annual Presidential Pass-In-Review in the Loftus Sports Complex. It will be held at 4:30 pm with University President Father Edward Malloy presiding. Select cadets and midshipmen who have excelled during the school year will be recognized.

The tradition of the Pass-In-Review dates back several hundred years and began as a way for a military commander to inspect his troops. Honored guests were also invited to speak and review the troops. Notre Dame ROTC units have conducted the Pass-In-Review since military instruction began at the university and is performed as a demonstration of thanks to the university for its support. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend. Come and show your support for the cadets and midshipmen, including the graduating seniors who will soon be on active duty. Please direct inquiries to the Naval ROTC Unit at (574) 631-7274.

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Fall 2004 Course on the Irish Gothic

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Joseph McMinn, Professor of Anglo-Irish Studies at the University of Ulster, will be a Visiting Professor in the Keough Institute for Irish Studies in Fall 2004. An authority on Irish Literature in English, McMinn's interests range from Jonathan Swift to John Banville. His many publications include Jonathan Swift: A Literary Life (1991), Jonathan's Travels: Swift and Ireland (1994), John Banville: A Critical Study (1991) and The Supreme Fictions of John Banville (1999).

A popular teacher, McMinn will offer a course in Fall 2004 on Gothic fiction in Britain and Ireland from the mid-eighteenth to late nineteenth century. The emphasis will be on the distinctive features and forms of the Gothic novel — "the tale of terror" — its early association with female authors and readers, and its later role in the emergence of Romanticism. Authors and texts to be studied include Austen's *Northanger Abbey* (1818), Shelley's *Frankenstein* (1818), Maturin's *Melmoth the Wanderer* (1820), Le Fanu's *The House by the Churchyard* (1863), and Stoker's *Dracula* (1897). While the course is essentially about a very distinctive and popular form of the novel, it will also have an interdisciplinary dimension, touching upon related and later versions of Gothic in art, architecture and cinema.

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A new party steps up

Fed up with both the Republicans and Democrats? Feel as if the 2004 election is another case of choosing between the lesser of two evils? Well, help is on the way. I, Joe Licandro, am officially declaring my candidacy for the 2004 presidential election as the first-ever nominee for the Common Sense Party, a.k.a. Get Your Head Out of Your Butt Party.

Joe Licandro

The Licandro
Non-Factor

Because of space restrictions, there is not enough room for me to provide detailed specifics, so, for brevity's sake, I will instead elaborate on a few key political issues certain to weigh heavily on the minds of voters this fall. This is the first article of a two-part series. Today's will outline the CSP's foreign policy goals in the Middle East, while the next will outline my domestic agenda and social platform.

First and foremost, the United States should take the fight to terrorists everywhere around the world. This means working more closely with Europe to bring down Islamic terrorist cells operating there. This means staying in Afghanistan until Al Qaeda is destroyed. This also means bombing terrorist camps in countries like Iran, Saudi Arabia and Syria that are not only unwilling to stop them but actively encouraging them. And if we have to do it alone, so be it. When it comes to this nation's security, we should not have to consult the United Nations or ask France for permission before taking pre-emptive action to protect ourselves. To describe our foreign policy platform in one statement, the CSP advocates proactive foreign policy as opposed to reactive.

Moving along. Believe it or not, the United States is less dependent upon Middle Eastern oil than ever before, which is a step in the right direction. But let's take the ultimate step: Let's not buy a single drop of oil from the Middle East. OPEC has far too much influence on the U.S. economy, constantly manipulating output levels to disadvantage the American consumer. The Middle East has been a source of constant trouble for the United States. No matter what we do to try and improve our image there, it will remain this way as long as dictatorial regimes remain in power, television stations like Al Jazeera and Al Arabiya rule the airwaves and radical Islamic clerics maintain a death grip on the populations of these countries. By buying oil from places like Saudi Arabia, we in effect are our own worst enemy, keeping in power the "human-rights-abusing, treat-women-like-dogs" royal family, who sits back living in incomparable luxury while the rest of their population suffers in abject poverty. To stay in power and deflect blame, the royal family allows their country's religious leaders to promote a vicious hatred of the United States and the very freedoms we espouse. It's little wonder that 15 of the 19 9-11 hijackers were Saudi

Arabian citizens.

To accomplish this goal, we need to pursue two courses of action. First, we need to develop environmentally friendly alternative forms of energy so that gas-powered cars become extinct, like dinosaurs. In the meantime, we can stop buying gas-guzzling SUVs and start buying more hybrids. Secondly, until we move away from gas-powered cars, we should start buying oil from other places in the world, like South America and Africa, where deposits of the "black gold" are just now being discovered. Will my plan hurt the U.S. economy in the short run? Possibly, but we'll survive. Consider this, though. Not buying oil from the Middle East will hurt them a lot more than it will hurt us. Here's why: Saudi Arabia and the rest rely on single-export economies.

As for Iraq, it's easy to play Monday Morning Quarterback, criticizing the current administration for miscalculating and underestimating the time and toll of post-war redevelopment and recovery, but it's also a monumental waste of time, just like the 9-11 Commission hearings. What's done is done. Undoubtedly, the United States will continue to experience pockets of hostility while we remain there. But we cannot cut and run. We must remain firm, working as quickly as possible to transfer power over to the Iraqis. Then if they fail to make democracy work, it's their fault, not ours. Provided security is restored following the July 30 scheduled date of power transference, the CSP will set a target date of pulling troops out of Iraq by January of 2008. Each year, the number of troops will decrease. 2008 will not mark a full-scale withdrawal, as the United States should maintain a military base in Iraq similar to ones currently held in Germany, Japan and other parts around the world. This will serve as a fresh reminder to anti-American neighbors not to interfere with Iraqi affairs, or risk facing devastating consequences.

Israel has always been a headache for the U.S. foreign policy makers. But I'd rather have a headache than the permanent migraine that would result if we were to completely abandon the only democracy in the Middle East. The United States should pressure Israel to abandon its new settlements on the West Bank, as it has pledged to. The United States will support a Palestinian state, but only if it is dem-

ocratic in nature and does not support violence against Israel. But the United States, unlike the Europeans, will not publicly condemn Israel for building a wall sealing its borders off from Palestinian suicide bombers. Along these same lines, the United States will not publicly or legally challenge Israel for carrying out targeted killings against known terrorist leaders of Hamas and Hezbollah like the recent one against Shiekh Ahmed Yassin. Surrounded by Arab neighbors who would love nothing more to wipe Jews off the face of the earth, Israel is left with no choice but to defend itself aggressively and decisively. Their very livelihood is at stake.

While the United States will remain committed to Israel's security, the United States will not continue to provide it with such high levels of economic aid. Israel is the only

first-world nation in the Middle East, yet it receives more monetary aid than any other country in the world. Even in rough economic times, it is capable of supporting itself. On this note, the United States will completely stop giving monetary assistance to Egypt — the second largest benefactor of American aid. Egypt receives roughly a billion in aid per year from

the United States only because it has not undertaken any military action against Israel since it signed the Camp David Accords in 1980. On principle alone, we should not have to pay a country not to attack another. But for the following reason above any other, we should not provide aid to a country led by "Dictator-Elect" Hosni Mubarak, who refuses to stop the Egyptian press from printing hate-filled lies about the United States in their national newspapers equivalent to The New York Times.

The Middle East is only one area of the foreign policy, but it's the most prescient. Unfortunately, I don't have the space to touch on other regions of the world. But in case you have questions, remember — it's all about practicing a little common sense.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Nearly all men can stand adversity, but if you want to test a man's character, give him power."

Abraham Lincoln
U.S. President

Baseball is a microcosm of American life

As the 2004 Major League Baseball season rolls into full swing, skeptics everywhere are watching in horror as a batch of bigger, stronger and veinier players continue to overpower a playing field once dominated by hard-working, less generously-proportioned individuals. They look on in disdain as the legends of "The Arkansas Hummingbird," "Wee Willie," "The Kid," "Little Looney" and "Little Joe" are being tarnished by the escapades of "Big Mac," "The Big Unit," "The Big Hurt" and "Barry Bonds."

Joey Falco

Forty Ounces
for Falco

These distrustful cynics simply refuse to accept the physical impossibilities involved in a person who performs otherwise-standard human activities, like wearing pants, hitting a 637-foot home run. Consequently, they have launched a no-holds-barred McCarthyist witch hunt against everyone from a San Francisco slugger to a New York City owner, alleging every form of cheating imaginable, from steroid use to over-spending to conspiring with Al Qaeda. Now, thanks to their meddling, success in America's greatest pastime has become taboo, and instead of doing whatever it takes to impress the thousands of devoted fans who still loyally attend each game, players must constantly tiptoe around the borderline between being "talented" and being "too good."

It truly is a depressing situation. Not because several record-breaking athletes may or may not choose to boost their performances by injecting the latest marvels of modern science into their bloodstreams. Not because certain teams have the broad fan support

and lucrative television contracts that allow them to add nearly any player in baseball to their roster. On the contrary, my shaking finger of discontent points solely at the skeptical whiners, losers and victims of the high school bully who accuse these modern-day sultans of swat of cheating.

This is, after all, America — the land of the free and the home of the lazy, where life, liberty and the pursuit of winning while doing as little work as possible have stood the test of time for centuries. Think Nagasaki, Hiroshima, the space race and the so-called "Operation Iraqi Freedom." In each of these situations, the United States either chose to go the way of Barry Bonds and use the latest technology to overpower the opposition or the way of George Steinbrenner and simply outspend any competitors in order to assure victory.

Similarly, domestic American life is based entirely on a corrupt system of laziness, cheating and spending the most money in order to guarantee success. Sure, Bonds may be able to implement certain wonders of modern

medicine that were unavailable to the sluggers of the early parts of the century, but that is no reason why his hitting records should be eternally blemished with an asterisk indicating this.

After all, personal computers didn't exist 100 years ago, but journalists today can still earn the Pulitzer Prize without an asterisk indicating that they used Spell Check in Microsoft Word. Nuclear weapons didn't exist during World War I, but America's victory in World War II isn't marked with an asterisk signifying the use of atom bombs as opposed to fighting like "real men." SAT tutors and preparation courses that allow many individuals to "buy" higher scores didn't exist 30 years ago, but a 1600 today is certainly not attached with an asterisk to distinguish it from a 1600 back then.

In every facet of life, people today employ whatever technological means necessary in order to make their jobs easier, more productive and more indicative of the modern era. Spend five days penning a research paper by

scratching charcoal cuneiform letters onto a piece of homemade papyrus, and not only will you have wasted five days, but your professor will most likely reward your allegiance to antiquity with a terrible grade. Why, then, should baseball players not be permitted to conform to modern practices and use any means necessary to perform at the highest possible level?

Still, all moral and ethical debates aside, the unabashed use of technology isn't the only definition of modern America that can apply to the current baseball situation. We, as a people, share an eternal love affair with all that is bigger and better and larger than life. Why get a wimpy small fry when you can Supersize it? Why purchase a scrawny, economy-sized sedan when you can get a Ford Expedition or a Hummer H2? Why settle for a puny dining hall burger when you can stuff your face with a pound-and-a-half Golden Diner at CJ's?

The same philosophy should no doubt then apply to the greatest of American pastimes. After all, I'll take a 104 mph fastball over a 60 mph knuckleball any day. Likewise, a 550-foot home run that lands in McCovey Cove is a heck of a lot more exciting than a paltry Texas Leaguer that barely clears the infield.

Consequently, baseball skeptics need to back off and allow players to put the balls back in Major League Baseball, because this is America, the land where, contrary to popular belief, size really does matter.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Nuclear power is not the answer

Recent media attention has been focused almost exclusively on the Bush administration's stance regarding the military actions in Iraq, but as educated taxpayers, it is up to us to be well-informed about all of the issues relevant to the upcoming election. As Bush seeks to grant the U.S. nuclear industry over \$3 billion in energy subsidies, we must question if nuclear power is really the best means of securing a safe, reliable and affordable energy future.

Unfortunately, nuclear power is none of the above things. First, the safety of nuclear power is questionable. The waste products created by these power plants are extremely dangerous and highly toxic; in fact, no acceptable disposal method currently exists for the waste products created by nuclear fission. U.S. Office of Technology Assessment analysis shows that approximately 90 percent of all cancers are preventable and that by limiting our exposure to radioactive sources we can reduce our risk of premature cancer death.

Additionally, as the accidents at Chernobyl (a catastrophe that will ultimately result in approximately 450,000 premature deaths and cost over \$500 billion) and Three Mile

Island demonstrate, nuclear power is not reliable. This is even more disturbing when we consider that the government has limited the liability of nuclear industries to approximately one percent of such a catastrophic disaster. Who would be left to foot the bill?

Finally, it is not even certain that nuclear power is economically viable. When all of the taxpayer subsidies are taken into account, nuclear is actually the most expensive type of power available on the market. Furthermore, the largest expenses stemming from nuclear power will come in the future: it is estimated that the decommissioning of a plant actually costs more than the initial capital investment necessary to construct it.

Despite all of this, the Bush administration continues to rely on an energy policy based on radioactive nuclear power. It is time for us to demand more from our tax dollars. It is time for us to look beyond dangerous nuclear power to a cleaner and safer tomorrow.

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Keeping ceremony indoors will insult military officers

Pass in Review is not only a ceremony that allows our ROTC cadets to honor our University's president, Father Edward Malloy, but also a commemoration of the sacrifice and commitment that our soldiers have to defending and fighting for our country. For the past few years, the Pass in Review has been held at an indoor location, Loftus. However, four years ago, it was held outside on South Quad, and many ROTC students speak nostalgically of the ceremony that year.

Given Loftus' out-of-the-way location and the desire to support our ROTC cadets, Student Government pushed extremely hard this year to move the Pass in Review ceremony from an inside location to South Quad. Despite our meetings with University officials, a unanimous resolution from the Student Senate to have the ceremony outside and obtaining over 1,000 signatures to show student support for the ceremony, the Pass in Review will once again be held in Loftus.

I would call this an insult to our future military officers. Not only was this University saved from financial distress by grants from the Navy shortly after World War II, commemorated by the football game we play each year, but many members of our Notre Dame community may be deployed to fight in Iraq upon graduation. If our very own will be sent to Iraq to keep peace, rebuild the nation and put their lives at high risk, I feel that an outdoor ceremony would be the least the University can do to honor and commemorate their future sacrifice.

Even though an outdoor location would have given all of us immediate access to the ceremony, I encourage all of you to attend that Pass in Review at Loftus today at 5 p.m. Show your support for your future troops and the members of our Notre Dame community.

Jeremy Lao
former student body president
April 13

MOVIE REVIEW

'Whole Ten Yards' fails to measure up

By JACQUELINE PIMENTEL-GANNON
Scene Movie Critic

The much-anticipated sequel to "The Whole Nine Yards" opened this past Friday, and as often unfortunately happens with sequels, the anticipation was better than the actual film. Bruce Willis and Matthew Perry are back again to star in their old roles, but even they cannot save "The Whole Ten Yards" from being a big disappointment.

Willis plays hitman Jimmy "The Tulip" Tudeski. Jimmy and his wife, Jill (Amanda Peet), are living in peace in Mexico after Nicholas "Oz" Oseransky (Matthew Perry) faked dental records to make it look like Jimmy was dead in "Nine Yards." Oz is now married to Jimmy's ex-wife, Cynthia (Natasha Henstridge).

Lazlo Gogolak (Kevin Pollak) — the Hungarian mobster that Jimmy helped put away in the first movie — is now out of prison and looking to get revenge on Jimmy who killed Lazlo's son Yanni. To find Jimmy, Lazlo kidnaps Cynthia. Oz is forced to go to Jimmy for help, and Jimmy, Jill and Oz set out to get Cynthia back.

Making the search more interesting are the fights between Jill and Jimmy, Jimmy's new love for domestic work and the two couples issues with preg-

nancy. Also, the identity of Oz's new dental hygienist makes for a good surprise, as does the revelation of Lazlo's true identity.

Eventually, Oz learns that the whole kidnapping had been part of a plan that his wife and Jimmy had devised. In the end, the main characters predictably triumph and get everything they wanted.

It would be great if it could at least be said that there is much tension and suspense leading up to the unsurprising, fairytale ending. But this is not the case.

The horrible, barely-existing plot means that the movie is forced to rely heavily on the acting and chemistry of the leads. Both Perry and Willis have some Jim Carrey-like scenes of over-acting that are simply not amusing. Neither of these good actors turns in an especially memorable performance.

The accents of the mob, especially

Lazlo, are so awful that they are funny, but even they get tiresome by the end. Frank Collison is an unexpected source of humor as Lazlo's son Strabo Gogolak.

There is certainly enough profanity, violence and sexual innuendos and situations in this film to warrant its PG-13 rating, but "Ten Yards" doesn't get the R rating of its predecessor.

If "The Whole Ten Yards" has any redeeming qualities, it is that it does



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Dentist Nicholas Oseransky (Matthew Perry) meets up with his old accomplice, hitman Jimmy "The Tulip" Tudeski (Bruce Willis), in "The Whole Ten Yards."

not take itself seriously at all. It has so many attempts at humor that it cannot help but be successful at some of them — resulting in audience members' getting at least a few laughs.

It could be that "Ten Yards" would not seem like such a bad movie if such high expectations had not been set for it or had it not come after the hilarious "Nine Yards." Not taking "Ten Yards" in comparison to another movie, it is possible that one could find this film

fun and entertaining. However, for anyone who has seen "Nine Yards," "Ten Yards" is sure to fail to measure up.

So if wanting to see a good movie starring Bruce Willis and Matthew Perry, rent "The Whole Nine Yards" and wait until video to see the sequel if it must be seen at all.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Warm characters charm in new comedy

By KATIE WAGNER
Scene Movie Critic

"Jersey Girl" is an extremely realistic PG-13 rated drama/romantic comedy that is overall creatively written, but still contains a predictable romance. This Kevin Smith movie has so many emotionally moving scenes that it requires a box of tissues. If you are in the mood for a feel-good film with excellent acting, you must see "Jersey Girl." Not only will you cry with the

characters, but you'll even get the pleasure of laughing with them.

The actors and story combine to make for one of the most engaging films of the year.

Big-shot publicist Ollie Trinke (Ben Affleck) suffers from depression after his wife Gertrude (Jennifer Lopez) dies giving birth to their daughter Gertie (Raquel Castro). Trinke's attempts to hide his emotions from his employees ultimately lead him to publicly insult several people in his industry and bash Will Smith. These actions force Trinke

to leave New York City's business world and return to his father (George Carlin) and his home in New Jersey. Suddenly, Trinke struggles with dealing with his wife's death, learning how to be a parent, accepting his new less glamorous career and adjusting to living with his father (George Carlin) all at once. Trinke's father and a new girlfriend (Liv Tyler) help Trinke get through some of these changes in his life.

However, the film focuses mainly on the development of Trinke's relationship with his daughter.

This film's advertisements are its greatest weakness, in that they are very misleading.

While previews present Maya (Liv Tyler) as the embodiment of the film's title, Gertie is actually the "Jersey girl." Although Maya also lives in New Jersey, Gertie's relationship with Trinke is much more central to the film's plot. Gertie also expresses more love for New Jersey than any other character in this film.

The previews also fail to address Gertrude's death and provide no hints of the serious issues dealt with by the characters in this film that make it so rich. The extent of character development that occurs in less than two hours is quite impressive. Maya is the least developed, but this seems to be done on purpose.

Trinke's distress is very convincing. Affleck's ability to convey a constant switching from seeming content to being on the verge of a mental breakdown allow viewers to understand the complexity of Trinke's emotions. Affleck makes Trinke's confusion seem justifiable. He is able to arouse more emotion than any other actor in this film, with the moments in which he tearfully remembers his dead wife being the most moving.

Gertie's "uncles" are the most consistently funny characters. Some humorous dialogue and Gertie's school musical performance with her family enhances this film's comic value.

Castro and Carlin's acting greatly contribute to "Jersey Girl" in several ways. They bring humor and arouse lots of emotion through their interactions with Trinke and

each other. Their disagreements with Trinke make this film quite dramatic.

Although both Gertie and her grandfather encourage some tears, these tears result from the beauty of the love that these characters give and receive.

The warmth of all of the major characters' relationships with each other makes this film particularly satisfying.



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Single parent Ollie Trinke (Ben Affleck) shares a light-hearted father-daughter moment with his young daughter Gertie (Raquel Castro) in the new comedy.

"Jersey Girl"



Director: Kevin Smith
Writer: Kevin Smith
Starring: Ben Affleck, Liv Tyler, Raquel Castro, George Carlin and Jennifer Lopez

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DVD REVIEW

'House of Sand and Fog' is darkly compelling

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Scene DVD Critic

Rarely is tragedy manifested as beautifully as it appears in first-time director Vadim Perelman's "House of Sand and Fog."

Based on Andre Dubus III's best-selling novel comes a poignant tale of hope gone awry. After the county wrongly evicts Kathy Lazaro (Jennifer Connelly), a former alcoholic, from her beachfront bungalow, she vows to reclaim it by any means necessary. However, her task becomes exceedingly difficult as Massaoud Amir Behrani (Ben Kingsley), a former Iranian colonel, and his family begin to make themselves at home. Deepening the story's complexities, Kathy embarks on an affair with a volatile and married deputy (Ron Eldard). As the drama escalates, the characters' lives become dangerously and irreversibly entangled.

Overall, Perelman makes a commendable first impression as a director. While the viewer will undoubtedly

detect disaster in the first minutes of the film, Perelman gracefully presents the unfortunate sequence of events in a manner that neither polarizes the audience's empathy nor sensationalizes the characters' plights. In this way, he remains true to Dubus' novel.

This portrayal makes it impossible to discern between good and evil, a quality that makes the film truly agonizing and the characters fully human. Each character is flawed but Perelman has designed each shot in a way that allows an array of three-dimensional personalities to emerge.

In spite of Perelman's successful first hack at directing, the film's cast steals the show, so to speak. As expected, Connelly turns out another compelling performance. She convincingly portrays a woman who has reached the innermost depths of despair, not unlike her role in "Requiem for a Dream."

Although, even Connelly's signature flair for drama pales in comparison to the efforts of Ben Kingsley and Shohreh Aghdashloo, who plays Nadi, Behrani's wife. Both actors slide into their respective roles seamlessly, conveying a range of emotions with skill and subtlety. Appropriately, Kingsley and Aghdashloo each garnered an Oscar nomination this winter.

The only actor that really falls short is Ron Eldard, who plays Deputy Sheriff Lester Burdon. At times his portrayal lacks depth and is not fully believ-



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Abandoned wife Kathy (Jennifer Connelly) clashes with Iranian Immigrant Behrani (Ben Kingsley), the new owner of her house following her eviction.

able.

Roger Deakins ("A Beautiful Mind") plays an equally indispensable, but far more understated role as the Director of Photography. In addition to capturing the full aesthetics of the northern California coast and forests, he sets the entire tone of the film with the lighting.

Many shots feature mere silhouettes of the characters, appropriately representing the tragedy that continuously overshadows all of them. In this way, Deakins turns the most mundane shots into moving representations of the protagonists. A single shot of Kathy sitting alone at a table becomes heart-wrenching; a scene between Behrani and his son, a telling tableau.

The DVD includes a number of special features that are entirely worth

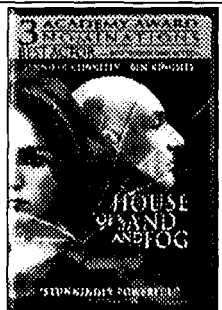
watching. A "behind-the-scenes look" as well as the filmmakers' commentary offer plenty of "fun facts" and insights that draw attention to the remarkable effort and talent that exist behind the camera. Other extras include a particularly striking photo gallery with narration, and Shohreh Aghdashloo's moving audition.

Although "House of Sand and Fog" is a profoundly sobering experience, it is a valuable one. The high cinematic quality resulting from this orchestration of talents merits this film's placement into any cinephile's personal collection. At the very least it's worth the \$4.79 rental fee at Blockbuster.

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House of Sand and Fog

Dreamworks



DVD REVIEW

Reinvented villain invokes terror in remake

By MARK BEMENDERFER
Scene DVD Critic

According to your average horror movie, the teen has a lifespan of about 20 minutes, which can either be shortened or lengthened depending on the actions that they take. The horror movie genre has rules that must be followed, and only rarely are they broken. When they are, it is usually a noteworthy event that heralds a new trend-setting film.

The 2003 remake of "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre," based loosely on the true story of Ed Gein, is not one of those films. While the original was considered highly innovative and terrifying, the remake reflects the almost 30 years that passed between the two. What was innovative 30 years ago is now formulaic.

Almost all of the usual movie rules are followed to the letter. Promiscuous behavior will get one killed, as will any drug use or endorsement. The killer has to appear unstoppable, but still manages to be

defeated in the climactic showdown. The rules are practically common knowledge, and movies that follow them become a practice in tedium.

However, what is surprising is how the film still manages to entertain the viewer, albeit in a sick and depraved way. The scares are hardly original, with the staple "startle" scare still used abundantly. The plot itself is old. However, the style and direction follow modern standards, which elevate the film into an enjoyable ride. Another thing that elevates the film is the icon of the film, Leatherface.

People that saw the original probably remember the old Leatherface. Indeed, they probably find it hard to forget him. For those who don't know, Leatherface gets his name for his penchant of wearing human skin as a mask. No, Hannibal Lecter wasn't the first to do it. Leatherface first donned his mask in 1974, and scared audiences with his chainsaw and piglike noises. However, the old one doesn't hold a candle compared to the new.

The new Leatherface has a quality that was lacking from the old one: malevolence. While the old was certainly crazy, he didn't have the evil persona the new one does. The new, improved Leatherface is huge, and can seemingly run faster than your average football running back. He chases the hapless teens with a vengeance, unrelenting in his task. Part of the twisted joy of the movie just

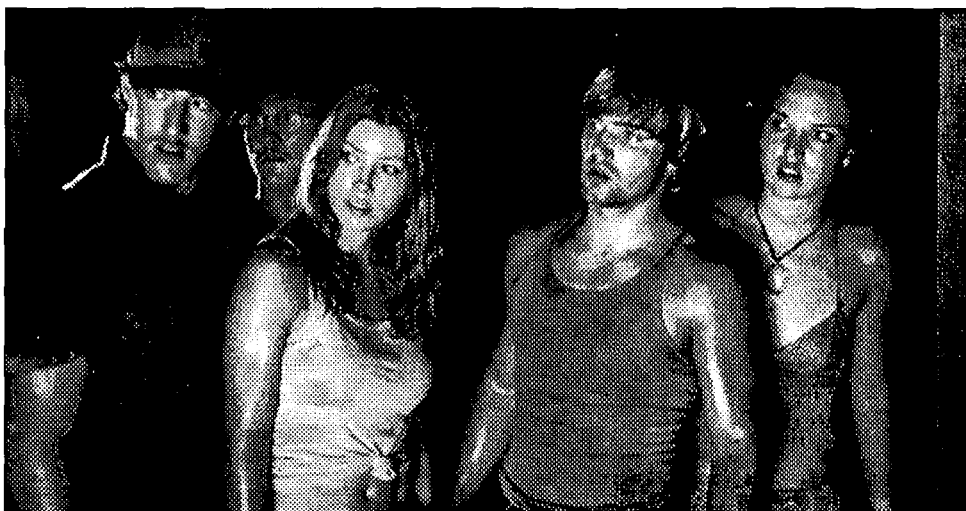


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Kemper (Eric Balfour), left, Morgan (Jonathan Tucker), Erin (Jessica Biel), Andy (Mike Vogel) and Pepper (Erica Leerhsen) try to avoid trouble in this remake.

comes from watching Leatherface in action.

Thankfully, the video quality on this DVD is up to today's standards, and looks great. The sound is also nice, although there isn't much variety to the sounds in the movie. Mostly, there's just a lot of screaming, chainsaws and heavy breathing. Horror genre staples, in other words.

There are two different versions of the DVD out though, a fact that needs to be taken into account. The special edition costs \$10 more and is not carried by most video rentals, facts that prevented this viewer from reviewing that version. The special edition comes with deleted scenes, commentaries and everything you would

expect from a special edition.

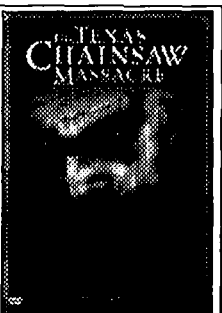
The standard copy comes with limited extras — basically a music video and some TV spots. It is fairly bare when compared to the special edition. If you're curious about the special version compared to the standard one, add a half a point to this DVD's rating for the special edition's added features.

Overall, this is an enjoyable film. The formulaic nature, and the rather bare-bone extras drag the standard edition DVD down a little.

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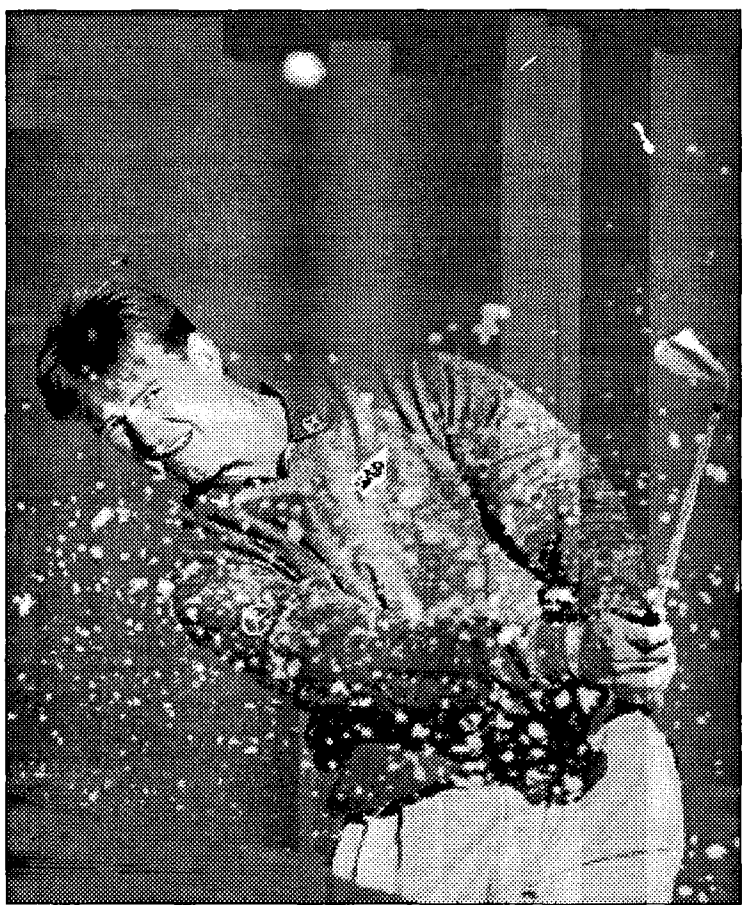
The Texas Chainsaw Massacre

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GOLF

Els, Mickelson satisfied with Masters performances



South Africa's Ernie Els chips out of a sand trap during practice for the 2004 Masters golf tournament.

Els comes to terms with loss in Masters

Associated Press

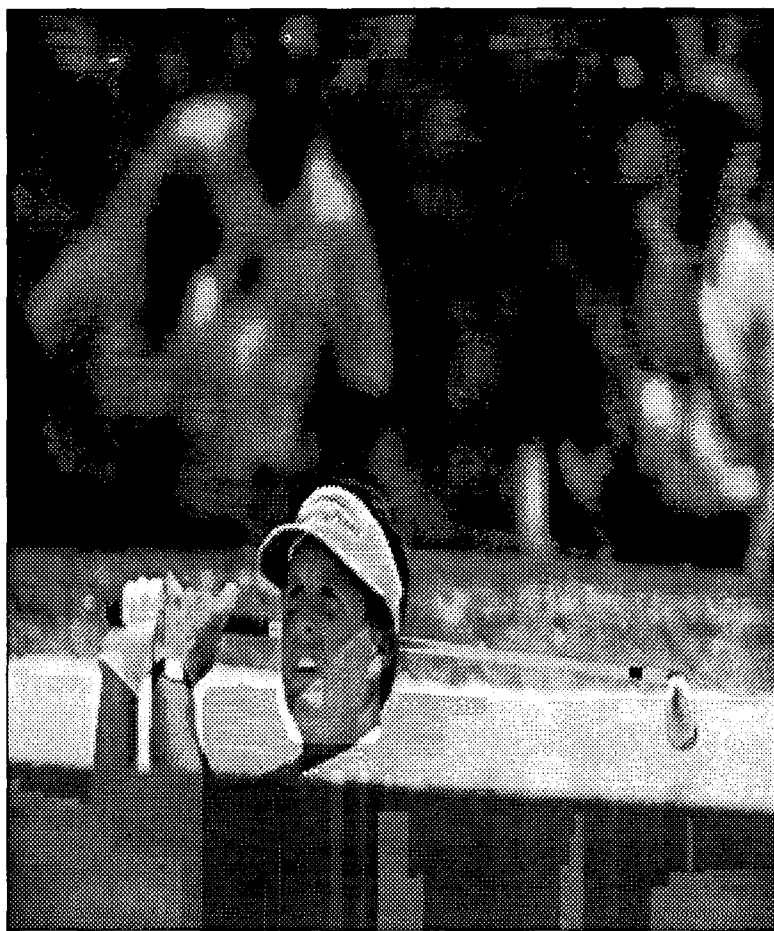
AUGUSTA, Ga. — One burden was lifted when Phil Mickelson won the Masters. Another got even weightier when Ernie Els didn't. Mickelson is no longer the best player to have never won a major. He got rid of that millstone with one of the greatest back nines at Augusta National, and an 18-foot putt he will replay in his mind as long as he lives. Els should have no regrets. He played the final 12 holes in 6 under par on the strength of two eagles, two birdies and four pars that showed the moxie of a three-time major champion. "I'm going to look myself in the mirror tonight and say, 'Well done.' It's one of those things," Els said. "I've had some good wins and I've had some tough losses. And this is one of the tough losses." Having one arm in the green jacket is the toughest of all. By now, the Big Easy must

feel like the Masters owes him one. This was the fifth straight year Els has finished no worse than sixth on a course so perfectly tailored to his game. He was runner-up in 2000 when he closed with a 68, unable to convert birdie opportunities on the last three holes. Els sat in the locker room that evening, pounding his fist on the table in frustration. Two years later, he was making a charge at Tiger Woods when his approach on No. 9 landed a few feet from the hole, then spun off the green and into the fairway. Els self-destructed on the par-5 13th trying to catch up. And now this. Els closed with a 67 and was on the putting green preparing for a playoff, unable to watch. Hearing was harder. The first big roar told him Mickelson hit an 8-iron close to the flag. Then came silence followed by a crescendo of anticipation, then a thunderous cheer that will ring in his ears for the next 12 months. "I'll get over this," Els said. "I'll have another shot. I'm

Mickelson adjusting to new title and fame

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Back in his hometown, Phil Mickelson walked into an exclusive country club looking a lot like he did at dusk two days earlier at Augusta National. "I said Sunday night that it was going to be hard to wipe away the smile and take away the jacket," said a beaming Mickelson, clad in green again Tuesday at La Jolla Country Club. "They tried to pry it away when I left, but I'd have none of it. So here it is," added Mickelson, who won the Masters with a thrilling 18-foot birdie putt on the last hole. Mickelson must have had the jacket pressed, because his wife, Amy, said he slept in it Sunday night. "It was me, Phil and the green jacket," she said. "We might be sleeping with that green jacket for a while." Lefty returned to the Left Coast on Monday, spending what he called a relaxing day with his family. On Tuesday, he held a news conference at La Jolla Country Club, where he's a member, before heading to Burbank to appear on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno." Mickelson was reminded that he went from being labeled as the best player to have never won a major to being the only guy with a shot at the Grand Slam this year. "Yeah, how quickly it changes," said Mickelson, who had been 0-for-42 in majors as a pro. "It's been such a nice change. I'm certainly not thinking that far in advance. I really just want to spend the next few weeks enjoying this. "But I can't wait to get out and play," he quickly added. "I'm enjoying playing the game so much. I'm enjoying all my practice sessions, I'm enjoying my time off the course with my family. It's just been such a wonderful year starting out, and this just makes it special." Mickelson knows the next few weeks will be hectic, but otherwise, he doesn't anticipate that his life or career will change. He said Mondays and Tuesdays will remain family days. He won't play again until New Orleans at the end of the



Phil Mickelson watches his ball sail over the green after chipping out of a sand trap on the first fairway during the third round of the Masters golf tournament.

month, which will give him time to take his three kids to the zoo, Sea World and Legoland. Mickelson said it was special sharing the Masters victory with his family. "To have my children there was awesome, to walk off the 18th green there and to see my wife experiencing the whole thing with me and feeling the same emotion that I felt," Mickelson said. "I'm very lucky because of that, to have such a wonderful spouse, to have three wonderful healthy kids. I'm just very lucky, especially given what we went through last year." Amy Mickelson nearly died during the birth of their third child, son Evan. With his family OK, Mickelson can concentrate on golf — and, now, on trying to win another major. "I do feel that the second will not be as difficult as the first," said Mickelson, who smiled all the way through his back nine Sunday, when he shot 31 with birdies on five of the last seven holes.

"Because every time I would get in contention, it was almost as though it was an opportunity not to succeed, but an opportunity to fail. I never looked at it like that, but at times, when things began to slide, it was harder for me to turn it around." Mickelson also divulged what President Bush told him in a phone call shortly after his jump for joy on the 18th green. "It was awesome that he called," Mickelson said. "And he roughed me up. The President of the United States roughed me up. He said, 'Now I understand why last year you tried to throw a baseball instead of a basketball.' I said, 'What do you mean?' and he said, 'I saw you try to jump.' "So my seven-inch rise wasn't good enough for him, I guess." Last summer, Mickelson threw batting practice to 18 Toledo Mud Hens players, most of them pitchers, hoping to earn a chance to pitch in a real game for Detroit's Triple-A affiliate. But the Tigers didn't offer him a minor league contract.

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MLB

Miller leads Athletics to 10-9 nail-biting win

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Damian Miller had three hits, including a three-run homer, and Oakland's big bats overcame a poor start by Barry Zito in a 10-9 win over the Texas Rangers on Tuesday night.

While Zito (1-1) never trailed in his five innings, he squandered a 6-0 lead and the Athletics led by only a run before Miller's first homer made it 10-6 in the fourth.

Miller, hitting just .125 coming into the game, was 3-for-4 with a walk and a double. Eric Byrnes had three hits in his first start of the season and Jermaine Dye had a homer and an RBI double.

The A's had 16 hits, seven of them for extra bases, in their first road game. Every starter had a hit, and five players had more than one.

And all of that offense still almost wasn't enough for the A's and Zito, the 2002 AL Cy Young winner who is 12-1 in 19 career starts against Texas. The loss was in a 2-1 game last week.

The Rangers, the top hitting team in the majors, got within 10-9 with a three-run seventh. Brad Fullmer led off with his first homer, Eric Young walked and scored on passed ball against Miller and Michael Young had his second RBI single.

Texas had 16 hits off six Oakland pitchers. Arthur Rhodes pitched the ninth for his fourth save.

Zito threw 107 pitches over five innings, and allowed six runs on 11 hits. Two of the runs were unearned, after his throwing error in Texas' three-run second.

Still, he escaped with his 55th win since the start of the 2001 season. The only pitcher in the majors with more in that stretch is teammate Mark Mulder with 56.

Oakland got off to a fast start against Mickey Callaway (0-1), who allowed 11 of the 13 batters he faced to reach base.

Six straight reached after a double play wiped out leadoff hitter Byrnes in a three-run

first. Callaway walked four batters around Dye's RBI double and a two-run single by Bobby Crosby, the new everyday shortstop who was hitting just .158.

Marlins 5, Expos 0

Miguel Cabrera swears he's not swinging for the fences.

With four homers in his last nine at-bats, and five overall this season, it's hard to believe him.

The 20-year-old slugger homered twice, and Brad Penny allowed only two hits in the Florida Marlins' 5-0 victory over the Montreal Expos on Tuesday night.

"I'm taking good swings at the ball. But it's a long season, come talk to me after 70 or 80 games," Cabrera said.

The second-year player does not want to get caught up in the talk of his hot streak, reminding everyone the Marlins have played only seven games — winning six, for the best record in the league.

"I'm a rookie this year, too," he said.

Cabrera hit solo homers in the first and sixth innings, and had an RBI single in the third. He finished 3-for-3 with three RBIs and a walk.

"He's going to be a superstar," Penny said. "I'm going to be watching TV one day and say, 'I played with that guy'."

Manager Jack McKeon agreed with his pitcher and said Cabrera is mature beyond his years.

"He's one of those unique guys who come by once in a while," McKeon said.

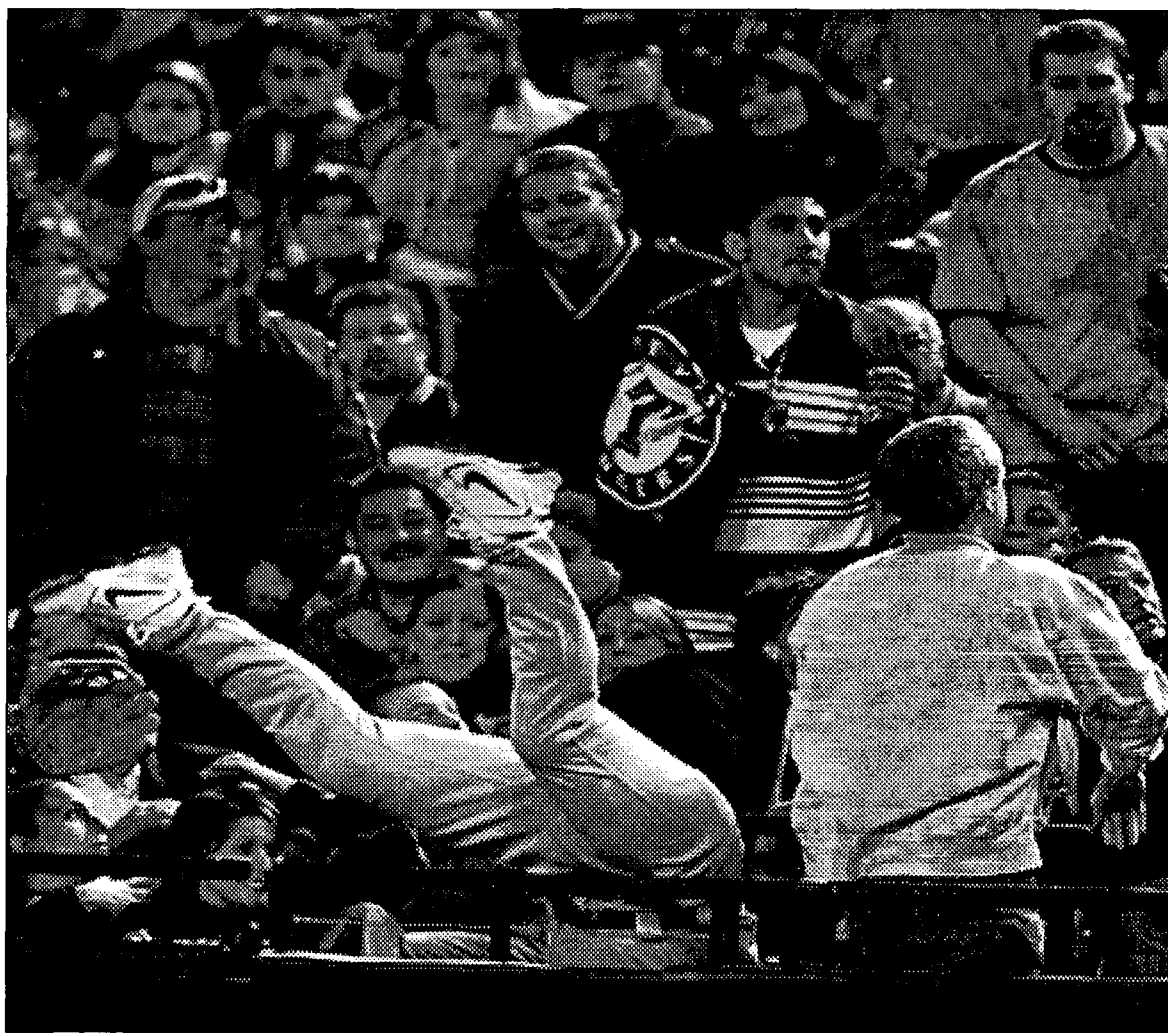
Penny (1-1) retired the first 10 batters and did not allow a runner before walking Jose Vidro in the fourth. Cabrera followed with a bloop single to left, the Expos' first hit.

After Penny retired the next six batters, Peter Bergeron singled to left in the sixth. Jose Vidro struck out and Bergeron was caught stealing to end the inning.

Penny pitched eight innings, striking out 10 and walking one. Tommy Phelps pitched the ninth.

White Sox 12, Royals 5

Basically, Ozzie Guillen wants his players to be like him. Have



Fans look for a foul ball hit into the stands near first base as Oakland Athletics' Scott Hatterberg, feet in air, falls over the rail in pursuit of the ball hit by Texas Ranger Ramon Nivar in the fifth inning. Hatterberg was uninjured in the 10-9 Athletics win.

fun every time you pull on the uniform and play every game like it might be your last.

The White Sox did just that Tuesday in Guillen's Chicago homecoming as manager when they beat the Kansas City Royals 12-5.

"I think with Ozzie from day one, it's been great. It's been a party," said Paul Konerko, who hit a go-ahead, three-run homer.

"It's been fun and we've also been getting after it, too. He played for so long and has everybody's respect."

Guillen got a rousing ovation before the game, taking his cap off at home plate and waving to the crowd. The former shortstop spent 13 of his 16 major league seasons with the White

Sox before he left after the 1997 season. His highlights played on the scoreboard before the game.

He was touched and surprised by the pre-game appearance of fellow Venezuelan Chico Carrasquel and ex-teammate Carlton Fisk and greatly saddened by a picture on the scoreboard of another former teammate, Ivan Calderon, who was shot and killed last December.

Then he was bolstered by his team's performance.

"Enjoy every day and moment because you never know when it will end," Guillen said. "In the past, I don't think this team had fun playing the game. I watched a couple games and it was all business."

"I want my team to play good, be aggressive and have fun. How many people want to play this game getting paid the way we are getting paid?"

Konerko, who got off to a dismal start a year ago in a disappointing season, connected in the fifth off Darrell May (0-2) following walks to Frank Thomas and Carlos Lee to make it 7-4.

Blue Jays 7, Tigers 5

Josh Phelps broke a ninth-inning tie with an RBI single to give the Toronto Blue Jays a 7-5 comeback victory over the Detroit Tigers on Tuesday night.

Frank Catalanotto started the ninth with an infield single when pitcher Danny Patterson and third baseman Omar Infante collided going after a slow roller. After Patterson retired Vernon Wells, Steve Colyer relieved and walked Carlos Delgado.

Phelps followed with a line single to left, scoring Catalanotto. Craig Monroe's throw home hit Catalanotto and went into the dugout, allowing a second run to score.

Terry Adams (1-0) picked up the win in relief for Toronto, while Justin Speier pitched the ninth for his first save. Patterson (0-1) took the loss.

Toronto trailed 5-4 after seven, but tied the game in the eighth with the help of some faulty defense by Detroit.

Delgado and Phelps started the inning with singles and Eric Hinske reached to load the bases when second baseman Fernando Vina booted a groundball. It was Vina's second error in as many innings.

Orlando Hudson grounded into a force at the plate, and Patterson came in to replace Jamie Walker. Pinch-hitter Greg Myers struck out, but Kevin Cash hit an infield single that scored Delgado to make it 5-5.

Cash was 4-for-4 with three doubles and two RBIs.

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NBA

Pistons' Wallace hits milestone in Detroit loss

Associated Press

TORONTO — Donyell Marshall had 27 points and 16 rebounds as the Toronto Raptors ended Detroit's eight-game winning streak with a 87-78 victory Tuesday night.

Detroit's Ben Wallace became the first player in league history to have four consecutive seasons of at least 1,000 rebounds, 100 steals and 100 blocks. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, Hakeem Olajuwon and Sam Lacey all did it three times.

Wallace needed one rebound in Detroit's season finale to do it. He finished with seven rebounds and 15 points.

At 54-28, Detroit finished third in the Eastern Conference. The Pistons won't know who they will face in the playoffs until Wednesday night.

Vince Carter added 19 points for the lottery-bound Raptors, who end their season at Milwaukee on Wednesday night. The Raptors discontinued their tradition of having a front office person speak to the crowd on the final night of the season. The Raptors fired general manager Glen Grunwald on April 1.

Earlier Tuesday, Toronto coach Kevin O'Neill acknowledged he has thought about what he'll do if he's fired.

"If I end up getting fired I might just go ahead and watch my son play baseball for a year and do some broadcasting and just chill out a little bit," said O'Neill, whose 17-year-old son lives in Arizona.

Mavericks 110, Grizzlies 103

Winning 50 games and making the playoffs was apparently enough to satisfy the Memphis Grizzlies, who didn't put up much of a fight against the Dallas Mavericks with the Western Conference's fifth seed on the line.

Rookie Marquis Daniels continued his recent roll with 30 points, eight rebounds and seven assists, helping the Mavericks secure the No. 5 spot with a victory over the Grizzlies on Tuesday night.

The Mavs finished 36-5 at home, tops in the league and the best in the franchise's 24-year history. However, by going 15-25 on the road, Dallas can't host a playoff series — a first for the league's best home team since Utah in 1990-91.

Memphis, which lost its third straight and fifth in six games, trailed by 13 after one quarter and was down at least nine until the final minute.

The Grizzlies will have the sixth seed.

Either team could wind up playing Minnesota, the Lakers, San Antonio or Sacramento in the first round.

It'll all be settled Wednesday night with the regular-season finales. The Grizzlies will be a player in how things work out because they play the Timberwolves at home. The Mavs close at Houston, which already has locked up the seventh spot.

Clippers 98, Phoenix 96

Chris Wilcox's rebound basket at the buzzer snapped the Los Angeles Clippers' 13-game losing streak.

Wilcox, who scored a career-high 24 points and grabbed 13 rebounds in 25

minutes off the bench, put the Clippers up on a tip-in with 16.2 seconds to play.

Shawn Marion sank his fourth 3-pointer of the fourth quarter with 16.2 seconds left to tie it at 96-96. Quentin Richardson drove the lane but missed, and Wilcox kept the ball alive with several tips inside before getting one to fall.

Elton Brand had 30 points and 11 rebounds for Los Angeles, which blew a 15-point second-half lead before pulling it out.

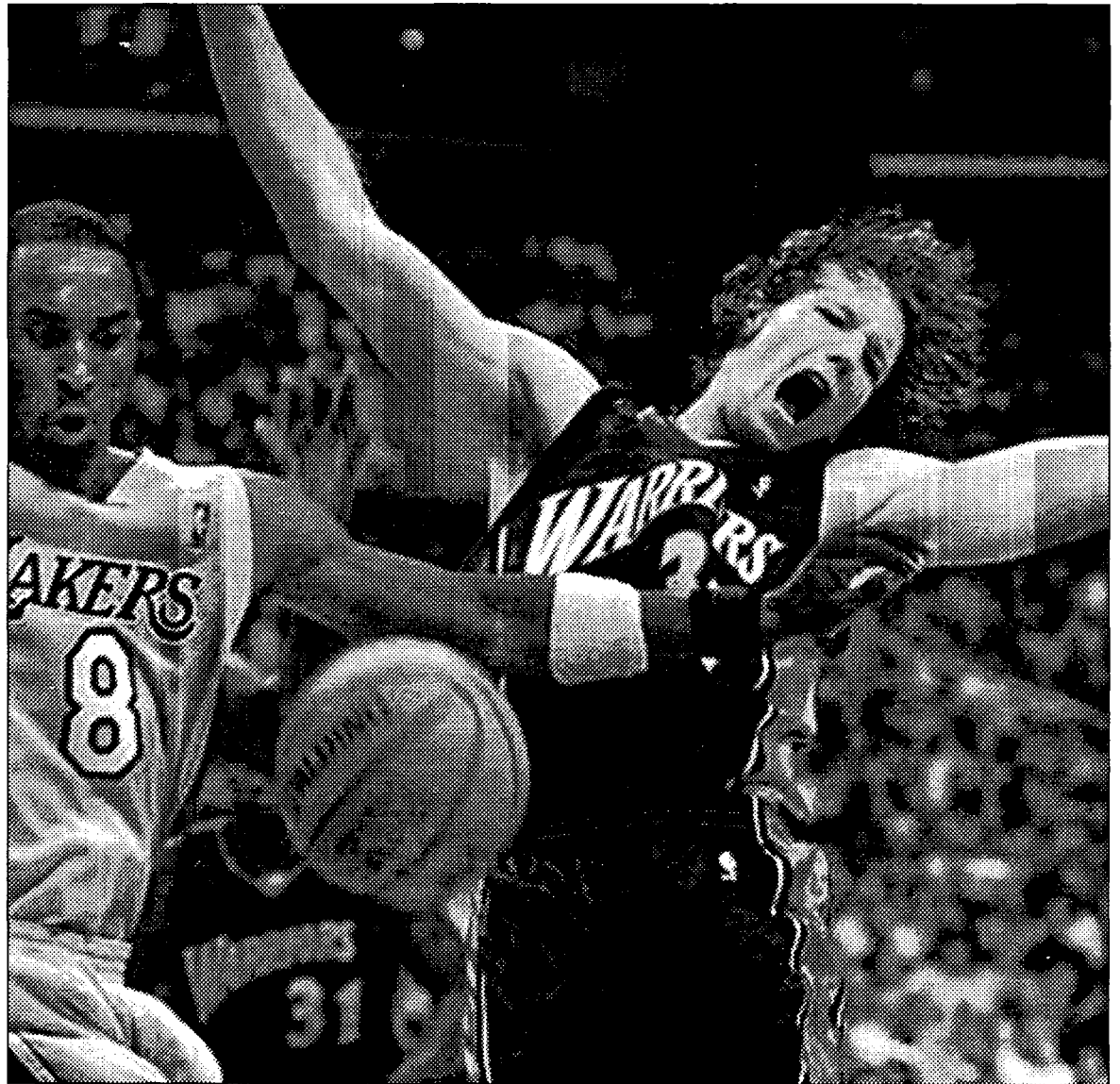
Lakers 109, Warriors 104

Kobe Bryant bounced back from one of the least productive games of his career to score a season-high 45 points.

The victory was just the second in five games following an 11-game winning streak for the Lakers (55-26) and lifted them into a tie for the Pacific Division lead with Sacramento.

Since the Kings hold the tiebreaker by virtue of winning the season series 3-1, the Lakers can win the division title only if they win at Portland and the Kings lose at Golden State in the regular-season finales Wednesday night.

Bryant shot 14-of-29 and made 17 of 18 free throws in surpassing his previous season-high by one. He scored seven points in the last 20 seconds, and also had seven rebounds and eight assists.

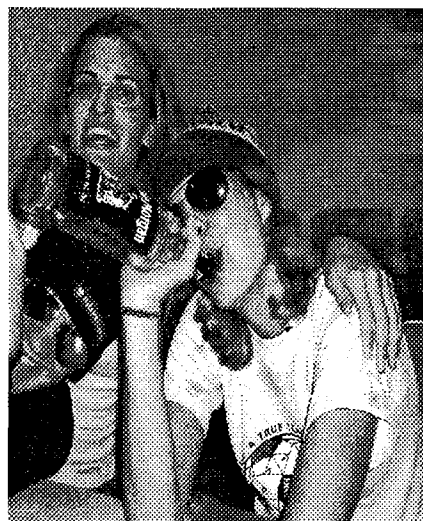


Golden State Warrior Mike Dunleavy is fouled by Los Angeles Laker Kobe Bryant during the Lakers' 109-104 win Tuesday night.

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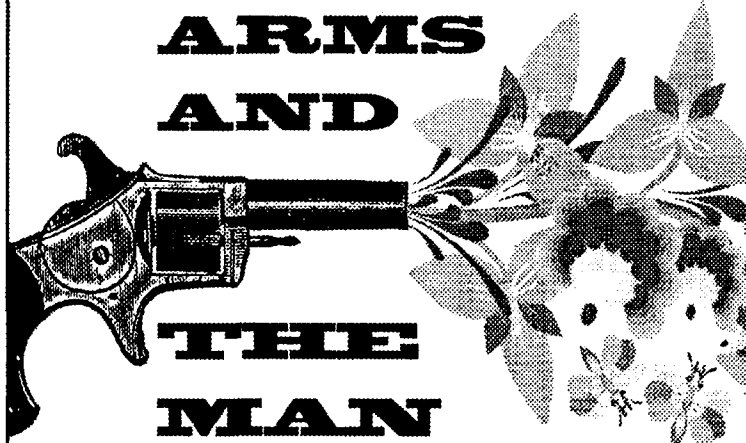
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Baseball America

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1 Texas
2 Stanford
3 Rice
4 Miami
5 Long Beach State
6 South Carolina
7 LSU
8 Mississippi
9 NOTRE DAME
10 Tulane
11 Wichita State
12 Southern Miss.
13 Texas A&M
14 UC Irvine
15 East Carolina
16 Auburn
17 Tennessee
18 Oklahoma
19 Nebraska
20 North Carolina
21 Arkansas
22 Vanderbilt
23 Virginia
24 Oral Roberts
25 Florida State

Coaches

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Texas	1
Stanford	2
Rice	3
Miami	4
Long Beach State	5
South Carolina	6
Mississippi	7
NOTRE DAME	8
LSU	9
Wichita State	10
Tennessee	11
Auburn	12
Southern Miss.	13
Texas A&M	14
Nebraska	15
Tulane	16
North Carolina	17
East Carolina	18
UC Irvine	19
Florida	20
Arizona State	21
Florida State	22
Virginia	23
Arkansas	24
Florida Atlantic	25

Big East Baseball

team	record	overall
1 NOTRE DAME	8-2-0	25-6-0
2 Rutgers	8-2-0	16-13-0
3 Pittsburgh	7-3-0	19-18-0
4 St. John's	7-3-0	18-11-0
5 Boston College	4-3-0	12-17-0
6 Connecticut	5-5-0	16-12-0
7 Seton Hall	4-6-0	8-20-1
8 Georgetown	5-6-0	18-20-0
9 Villanova	3-7-0	18-12-1
10 Virginia Tech	3-7-0	16-14-0
11 West Virginia	1-9-0	9-20-0

IWLCA poll

team	record	points
1 Princeton	11-0	300
2 NOTRE DAME	10-0	272
3 Loyola	12-1	268
4 Maryland	11-2	266
5 Georgetown	8-2	239
6 Duke	8-4	235
7 Virginia	10-3	214
8 James Madison	8-3	196
9 Johns Hopkins	10-1	178
10 Vanderbilt	7-3	163
11 Northwestern	8-1	138
12 Dartmouth	5-2	130
13 Syracuse	7-3	111
14 Yale	7-4	107
15 North Carolina	7-6	97
16 William & Mary	7-5	79
17 Towson	9-2	68
18 Penn State	3-4	39
19 George Mason	3-5	36
20 Stanford	7-5	12

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NHL

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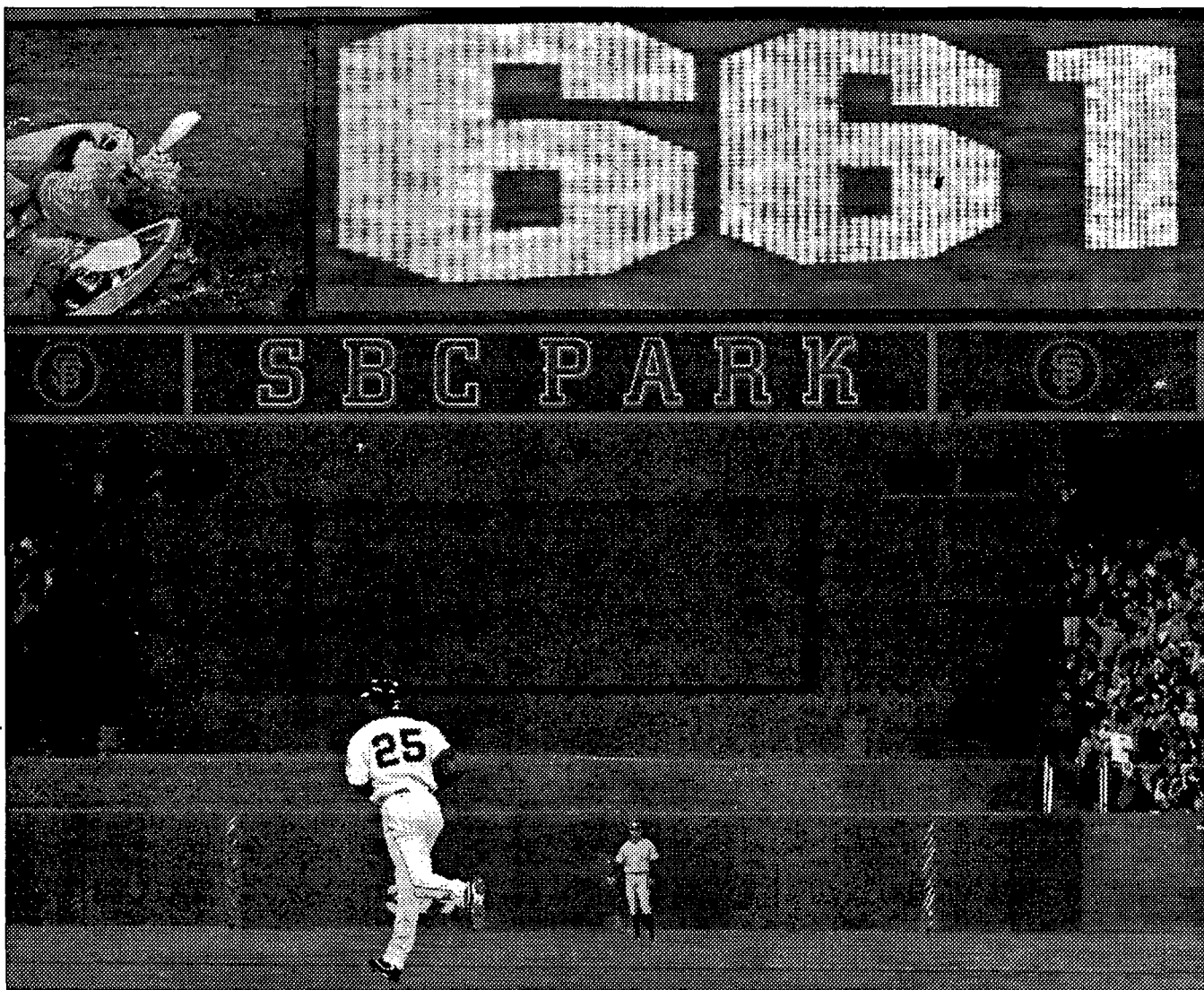
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MLB

Kansas City at Chicago, 1:05 p.m., WGN
Los Angeles at San Diego, 9:05 p.m., ESPN2

MLB



Barry Bonds circles the bases after passing Willy Mays for third place on the all-time home run list with 661 home runs. Bonds connected in the seventh inning of Tuesday's game with the Milwaukee Brewers.

Bonds hits 661st homerun passing Mays

Associated Press

Barry Bonds made quite a splash with his latest home run into McCovey Cove.

He matched his godfather Willie Mays and moved into third place on the career home run list with No. 660, a three-run shot that helped the San Francisco Giants beat the Milwaukee Brewers 7-5 on Monday.

"It was like a weight was just lifted off my shoulders," Bonds said. "I felt a sense of accomplishment

in baseball. It's a relief now to be able to stand next to my godfather and finally feel like I've accomplished something in the game of baseball. It was a big way of getting his approval that I've finally done something."

Bonds connected in the fifth inning on a 3-1 pitch from Matt Kinney (0-1) for his second homer of the season. The estimated 442-foot blast put the Giants ahead 5-4. It was the 28th time Bonds has homered into the water.

Mays, who turns 73 next

month, hurried on to the field to congratulate Bonds, giving his godson a hug and a kiss outside the dugout.

The sellout crowd of 42,548 cheered, "Barry! Barry!" and gave him a standing ovation. They seemed to forget about the steroid controversy surrounding their star slugger and his personal trainer.

"I think this is probably the icing on the cake," Bonds said. "I really wish my dad could have been here to be part of it. ... I just really can't believe it,

being 4 years old when my dad came up into the major leagues and having an idol like Willie Mays take me under his wing, and now being up in front of all of you people answering questions what it's like to tie the man you respected and honored your entire life."

Mays has been a mentor to Bonds since the slugger's father, Bobby, died last August.

Hank Aaron leads the career list with 755 home runs, followed by Babe Ruth with 714.

IN BRIEF

Roberts to take over as head coach at St. John's

NEW YORK — Norm Roberts left New York City to start fulfilling his dream of becoming a Division I head basketball coach. Now he's back, facing the daunting task of turning around the St. John's program.

The 38-year-old Kansas assistant was offered the St. John's job Tuesday morning. Five hours later, he was introduced as the school's 18th head coach and the fourth in the last 10 years. He received a five-year contract.

Last December, Mike Jarvis became the first coach in Big East history to be fired during a season. Assistant Kevin Clark was appointed interim coach, and the Red Storm finished with a 6-21 record and just eight players, including four walk-ons, after a string of suspensions and expulsions.

"The main thing is to change the mind-set within our program," said Roberts, who was an assistant to

Bill Self the last eight years. "Then we'll have to change the mind-set in the community. People have to start feeling good again about St. John's. We are going to get people excited. St. John's is New York City."

Many felt Jarvis lost the New York basketball community, especially the high school and AAU coaches, and the best of the local players weren't staying home to play college basketball.

"It pains me to see guys from New York City wearing other uniforms. It pains me to see guys winning national championships that should be playing at St. John's," Roberts said. "We're not going to get them all, it's impossible to get them all, but there won't be one kid in New York City that will say St. John's didn't bust their tail recruiting."

Hawks' Sura will not get credit for triple double

ATLANTA — Bob Sura didn't make any pretense about it.

Urged on by his teammates in a blowout game, the Atlanta Hawks' journeyman guard intentionally missed a layup just before the buzzer so he could get the rebound and make his small mark in history.

Sura was trying to become the first NBA player in seven years with three straight triple-doubles. The game was essentially over. What the heck?

The NBA didn't see it that way. Less than 24 hours after Sura's bit of self-gratification, the league ruled Tuesday that he wouldn't be rewarded for intentionally missing a shot.

The field goal attempt was taken away, which wiped out the rebound. Sura was left with 22 points, 11 assists and nine rebounds — not 10 — in the Hawks' 129-107 victory over the New Jersey Nets on Monday night.

So much for having three straight games with double figures in scoring, rebounding and assists — a feat last accomplished by Grant Hill in 1997.

ROWING

Spartans sweep weekend regatta

No. 7 Notre Dame repeatedly finish second to No. 7 Michigan State

By CHRISTINE ARMSTRONG
Sports Writer

Though No. 10 Michigan State dominated at this weekend's Indiana Classic in Indianapolis by winning all the varsity races, No. 7 Notre Dame's boats followed close behind, taking second place over and over.

The Irish varsity A boat of Maureen Gibbons, Natalie Ladine, Alice Bartek, Meghan Boyle, Rachel Polinski, Melissa Felker, Katie Chenoweth, Danielle Protasewich and Jacqueline Hazen crossed the finish line in 6:34.55, six seconds behind the Spartans. Indiana and Purdue also participated in the regatta and followed with times of 6:46.40 and 6:52.61, respectively.

Overall, the crew has been pleased with their racing this season and attributes strong performances to dedication, aggressiveness and good communication between the coxswain and the rowers. The Irish are working to cut times in practice as they will continue to race against the nation's best.

"We need to work on racing when we are behind and finishing the end of the stroke together to send the boat,"

Polinski said. "There are many fast teams in our region, and it will be cut-throat until the end of the racing season. Instead of just trying to hold off boats during races, we are going out and attacking our competitors."

Notre Dame's second varsity boat of Kacy McCaffre, Kati Sedun, Kathleen Welsh, Elizabeth Specht, Jenna Redgate, Kathleen Welsh, Elizabeth Specht, Jenna Redgate, Jessica Guzik, Andrea Doud, Ashley St. Pierre and Megan Sanders, also finished second behind the Spartan boat. The Irish finished in 6:47.38, seven seconds behind Michigan State. The first of two Boilermaker crews earned a third-place finish in 6:53.61, followed by the other Purdue boat in 7:03.91 and Indiana in 7:05.74.

"We are so close to being great, but we need to work really hard until regionals in order to reach our goals," Maureen Gibbons said.

Kathryn Long, Katie

O'Hara, Danielle Stealy, Pamela Jefson and Kristen Mizzi helped the first Irish

varsity four earn yet another second-place finish behind Michigan State. The Irish crossed the line in 7:19.17, less than five seconds short of the Spartan's winning time. Indiana took third in 7:47.96.

Two Irish boats competed in the second varsity four race. The first crew of Shannon Lettieri, Sarah Keefer, Tricia David, Courtney Quinn and Ann Mulligan finished in 7:59.33, behind the Spartans first-place time of 7:50.2. Notre Dame's second boat, rowed by Caitlin Rackish, Meredith Thornburgh, Alyssa Close, Colleen Larson and Kristin Henkel finished in 8:00.91.

The Irish will continue to face fierce competition and work towards an NCAA bid when they race in the Big East Rowing Challenge on April 24.

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"We are so close to being great, but we need to work really hard until regionals in order to reach our goals."

Maureen Gibbons
Irish rower

REC SPORTS

Irish finish 2-4 in championship

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame's men's volleyball club posted a 2-4 record at the national championships in Charlotte, N.C. last weekend.

But the record isn't indicative of the high level of play, as the Irish dropped their two opening matches in overtime to the fourth- and eighth-ranked teams in the country.

In the first round, the Irish fell to No. 4 Illinois, 18-25, 25-21, 16-14. In the second round, the Irish dropped a tight 25-19, 30-32, 17-15 contest to No. 8 UNLV. Notre Dame lost to Central Florida, 25-21, 25-17 before rebounding with a pair of solid wins against USC (29-31, 28-26, 16-14) and San Jose State (25-21, 32-30) before dropping the final match to Utah (25-19, 25-15).

Based on the strong showing at Nationals and the club's returning players, next season appears to be promising for the Irish.

Sailing

Eight members of the Notre Dame sailing club traveled to the prestigious St. Francis Yacht Club in San Francisco to compete in the St. Francis Intersectional against 24 teams and close to 200 sailors. Most of the teams were varsity programs and many

were highly ranked.

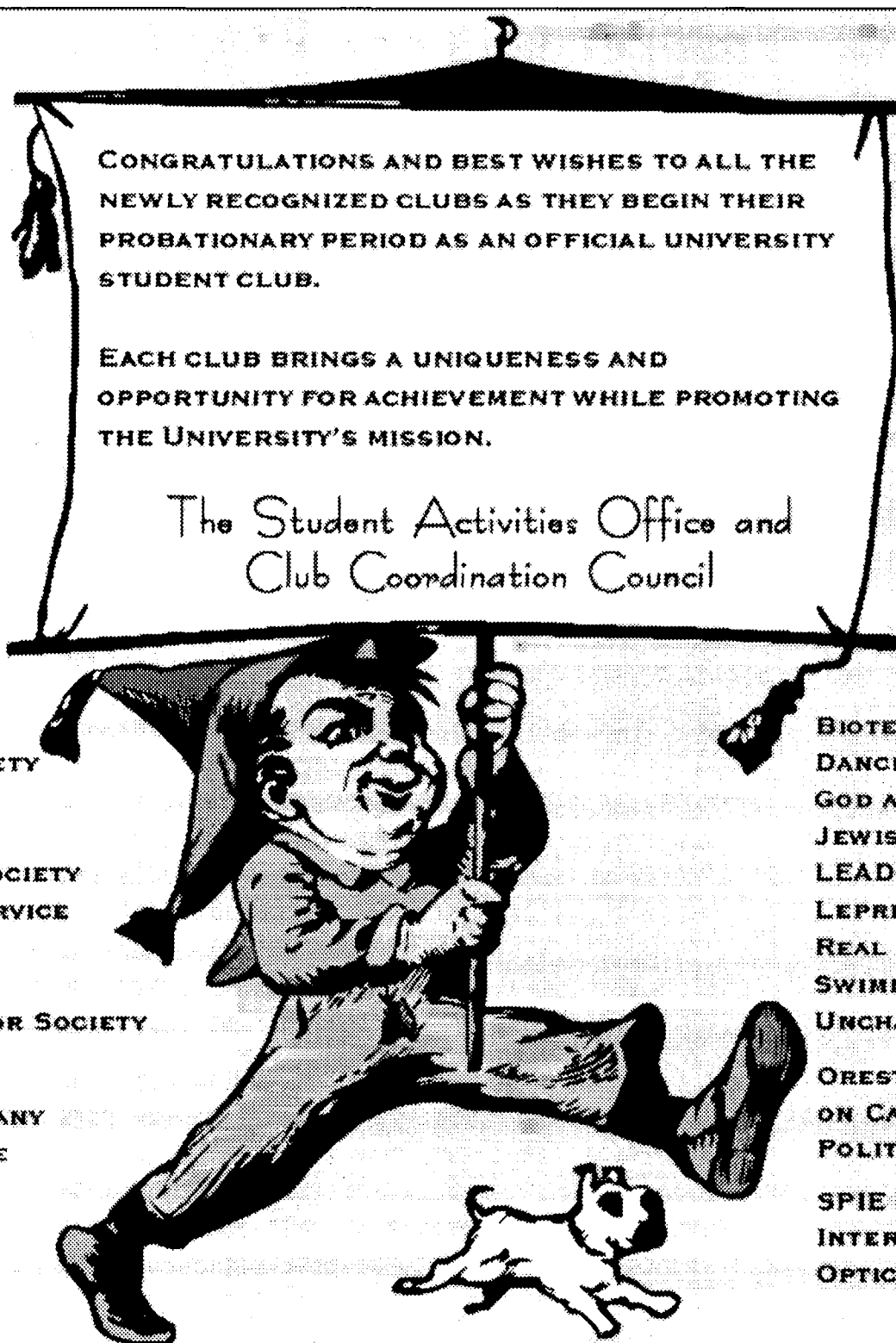
The regatta, hosted by Stanford and SFYC, is one of the premier college sailing events in the country. The regatta was sailed in San Francisco Bay between the Golden Gate Bridge and Alcatraz in the heart of the Marina District.

Notre Dame sailed two teams, one team in the varsity division and one in the junior varsity division. Mike Stephens and Meghann Finerghy sailed in the A division for the varsity team, while Katie Roney and Katie Thompson sailed in the varsity B division.

For the JV team, Andrew Lappin and Seth O'Donnell sailed in the A division, while JR Garcia and Liz Ketterhagen sailed in the B division. Saturday's conditions were challenging with 52-degree water, heavy current, 25-mph wind gusts and dense fog.

Stephens/Finerghy finished the day in 18th in the A division, with Roney/Thompson in 21st in the B division. The sailors faced more forgiving conditions on Sunday with winds that got as high as 18 mph.

The Irish finished with an overall varsity place of 20th out of 24, with the JV finishing a respectable 12th out of 21.



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SMC GOLF

Belles win at Hope Invitational

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

The Belles took a step in the right direction at Monday's Hope College Invitational.

A first-place finish made their dream of an NCAA championship birth that much closer. The team shot a collective score of 343, besting host Hope by three strokes.

"From top to bottom, we managed quite well, especially considering the bad weather and the course. I think this is one of the most difficult golf courses we've played because there were lots of hazards," coach Mark Hamilton said.

Olivet followed Hope with 364 strokes, Manchester was at 366 and Albion finished last with 372.

Junior Julia Adams was the medalist, firing the tournament's best score at 82. For the season, Adams has averaged 86 shots each round. Dunham said Adam's performance on Monday was truly representative of her golfing skills.

"She went into yesterday's tournament focused and really ready to perform up to her ability," Dunham said.

Senior captain Liz Hanlon trailed Adams closely with 85 strokes for fifth. Hamilton praised Hanlon, calling her the difference-maker for the team.

"She really came up big for us, shooting 85 at the No. 4 slot," Hamilton said. "Her performance was pretty crucial to our win. Considering the conditions she had to play in, her performance was quite commendable."

Dunham followed, shooting 87 for eighth, and junior Stefanie Simmerman finished with 89 for 12th. Although only the top four golfers were officially scored, freshman Helen Casey and sophomore Nicole Bellino further contributed to the team's success Monday with 92 and 94 shots respectively. Casey finished 14th.

The team endured chilly and blustery conditions, which were cause for higher scores. Dunham attributed the team's ability to cope with the challenging conditions to their work ethic during practices. More recently, the Belles have focused on their short game during much of practice.

"Everyone has really been putting in the time during practice this season, especially in preparation for [the Hope College Invitational]. It definitely made a difference in our games."

The Belles travel to Tri-State University April 24 to compete in their next meet.

"We've always liked playing the course there," Dunham said. "Hopefully we'll be able to win and get an NCAA bid. Getting to the NCAA tournament looks like a realistic goal as long as we play well at Tri-State."

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Strong defense gives Irish back to back wins

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

The Irish rose above the freezing weather and produced their best back-to-back defensive performance in school history last weekend.

On April 4, Notre Dame pounced on Dartmouth 10-3 and then collected its second consecutive win 12-2 against Air Force.

"It was an important thing for us to only allow five goals because defensively we had been struggling," Pat Walsh said. "It was our focus that got us to produce those results; it was a big step for the team."

To begin the match, Steve Clagett scored the first goal of the game. The lead, however, did not last long as Air Force came back to tie the game with nearly nine minutes remaining in the first quarter.

It did not take the Irish defense long to rally, as Air Force was denied a goal for the next 48:14 left in the match until there was only 5:47 left in the fourth quarter.

Air Force only had 17 shots (10 on the goal) — and the lowest shot attempts by previous Irish opponents was 31.

Offensively, the Irish had three players produce four points, Matt Howell, Brian Giordano and Brian Hubschmann. Giordano recorded his third hat trick of the season and also contributed an assist.

Dan Berger also contributed to the Irish win, finishing with two goals, improving his total to 20 multiple-goal outings in his career.

Air Force allowed a season-high 12 goals during the match, which led to its downfall.

However, the team led in ground balls, finishing with a

51-44 advantage.

Brushing away Air Forces scoring attempts, Stewart Crosland was relentless in his goalkeeping for the second game in a row. He registered eight saves on 10 shots. Crosland set a career high in save percentage after he stopped 12 of 13 shots (.923) against Dartmouth.

Crosland's latest performances have greatly enhanced the team morale.

"Anytime the team is struggling, you look for something to get you back on track and the way Stew has been playing; it has given everyone a boost of confidence," Walsh said.

Notre Dame 14, Denver 12

After trailing 9-6 in the third quarter, the Irish rallied to defeat Denver 14-12.

This win gave Notre Dame its second consecutive GWLL victory. It also put the team at 2-1 for the season and second

in the conference.

With such a strong start, the Irish already have their sights set on the conference title and hope to clinch an automatic birth to the NCAA Championships.

The late charge began with a goal scored by Berger. Offensively, the Irish were relentless as they scored three additional goals during the quarter to give them a 10-9 lead heading into the fourth period.

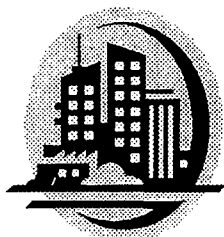
After Denver tied the game with 10:46 remaining in the fourth quarter, the Irish netted three goals which proved to lock the 14-12 win.

Walsh recorded four goals and three assists. This performance was just one off of his top collegiate performances.

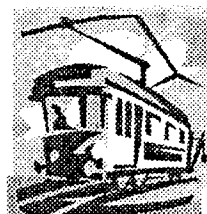
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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish crush No. 33 Seminoles

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

In physics, momentum is measured as the product of an object's mass and velocity.

In NCAA tennis, momentum is measured by the depth of a team and their record going into the play-offs.

It's hard to measure quantitatively, but the No. 35 Irish are hurtling into a promising postseason with Monday's 6-1 demolition of No. 33 Florida State.

The Seminoles finished the season with a 10-11 record, concluding their season with five consecutive losses. The Irish posted a final record of 13-8.

"I think everyone's feeling pretty good right now," said tri-captain Brent D'Amico. "It was a tough time going through the match at Virginia Tech, we were hoping to win through the rest of the season and we kind of hit a bump in the road there."

Doubles troubles have plagued the Irish intermittently this season, as the ever-fluid lineups undergo constant revision by coach Bobby Bayliss.

After dropping the point in the last five matches, however, Notre Dame took

two away from Florida State to win the doubles point Monday.

"At No. 2, Ryan Keckley and I had been playing together," D'Amico said. "Coach figured it would be better to split us up and put one of us at two and one of us at three, to see if it would work ... it kind of paid off this weekend, I guess."

The No. 2 D'Amico/Eric Langenkamp duo won 8-5 and Keckley and Paul Hidaka took the No. 3 match 8-6.

The potent senior duo of Matthew Scott and Luis Haddock lost 9-7 to the nation's No. 19 pair of Jeff Groslimond and Chip Webb. Scott and Haddock have established a winning record together, but the Florida State No. 1 team set a school record of 26 wins on the season.

"We wanted to leave Matt and Luis together because they've been doing so well lately," D'Amico said.

The Irish won the first five singles matches to run away with the win. A number of singles players have won most or all of their recent matchups, giving the Irish confidence in the momentum at the six spots.

Barry King posted his third straight win with a 6-2, 6-1 victory at No. 5. D'Amico then put away

Webb at No. 4 7-6(7-1), 6-0.

Keckley clinched the match for the Irish with a 6-4, 6-4 score at No. 6. This is the third time in as many matches that Keckley has faced the clinching point, and has come away with two wins. He has won six of his last seven matches.

No. 93 Haddock posted his fourth win over a ranked opponent as he defeated No. 18 Mat Cloer 6-1, 2-6, 6-4. He has won seven of his last eight matches.

Playing at No. 3, Stephen Bass came back from a first-set loss to win the match 1-6, 6-1, 6-3. Bass improved to 15-5 in the dual match season and has won eight of his last 10 matches. The freshman phenom is undefeated in eight three-set contests this year.

In a hard-fought match, Florida State's Chris Westerhof outlasted Matthew Scott 6-2, 3-6, 7-5 to score the Seminoles' only point.

"Going into our final goal of winning the Big East, I think [Monday's win] helped a lot," said D'Amico.

The Irish return to the courts April 29 in Coral Gables, Fla., for the Big East Tournament.

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Tennis

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Connelly and Neighbours followed, posting a 8-2 triumph over Aslex de Guzman and Emily Mowery.

No. 3 doubles has been an aspect of the lineup that continues to change as the season progresses. Louderback has mixed up the doubles teams at No. 3 in hopes of finding the perfect match as the NCAA championships approach.

"[Sarah Jane Connelly and Neighbours] meshed well together. We'll have to wait and see what we do at No. 3," Louderback said. "We're looking for a doubles team that is comfortable with each other and works as a team. We have quite a few doubles players on the team, so we have a lot of options."

At No. 1 doubles, No. 57 freshmen Catrina and Christian Thompson fell to No. 24 Megan Muth and Amy Wei 8-2.

In singles, Christian Thompson was first to walk off the courts, upsetting No. 109 Shebakov 6-4, 6-0 at No. 1. Yang got the best of sophomore Kiki Stastny at No. 5 6-2, 6-1, recording William and Mary's first point of the meet. Lauren Connelly contributed a win at No. 4 to extend the Irish lead.

However, William and Mary retaliated, registering victories at Nos. 1, 3 and 6. No. 25 Megan Muth surprised No. 11 Salas 2-6, 6-3, 6-2 after Salas had won the first set. Wei defeated Catrina Thompson after their match was extended to three sets and a tiebreaker 6-2, 1-6, 7-6 (7-3). Kristen Dunbar clinched the win for William and Mary versus Sarah Jane Connelly 7-5, 5-7, 6-3 at No. 6.

Louderback noted that although the Irish had a disappointing loss against William and Mary, he was glad that the team had the opportunity to play

a tight match outside.

"It's so different playing outside than inside," Louderback said. "The match against William and Mary was really good for us; we needed it. Playing a tight match outdoors conditioned the girls for meets later this season."

On Sunday, Texas established its presence early in the meet, claiming the doubles point. At No. 2, Lauren Connelly and Alicia Salas garnered the only win for the Irish in doubles, besting Petra Dizdar and Mia Marovic 9-7. The two have won six of their last seven matches.

Texas triumphed first at No. 1, with the duo of Katie Ruckert and Kendra Strohm defeating Catrina and Christian Thompson 8-3. At No. 3, Kelly Baritot and Ristine Olson clinched the doubles point for Texas against Sarah Jane Connelly and Neighbours 8-3.

Half of the singles matches were extended to three sets, with the Irish collecting a win in two of them. Texas maintained a 5-0 lead until Christian Thompson finished off Ruckert's 6-4, 4-6, 6-0. Catrina Thompson matched Christian's win against Marovic 6-4, 4-6, 6-0 at No. 3.

Olson was first to gain a point for Texas in singles, prevailing over Sarah Jane Connelly 6-1, 6-0 at No. 6. At No. 4, Strohm was close behind with a 6-4, 6-3 win against Lauren Connelly. Clinching the win for the Longhorns was No. 18 Dizdar, who upset Salas 7-6, 6-4 at No. 1. In a close contest at No. 5, Baritot edged out Stastny 6-1, 3-6, 6-1.

"Even though we lost, we were right with Texas the whole meet. It showed the kids that we can really play with anyone, even teams ranked higher than us. Everyone we play is a tough match," Louderback said.

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ND SOFTBALL

Inconsistent offense gives 3 -1 break record

By JUSTIN SCHUVER

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Saturday at home, the Irish couldn't miss the ball. Monday and Tuesday, one wondered if they had left their bats in South Bend.

Notre Dame (32-12, 6-0 in the Big East) cruised to an easy sweep of Syracuse (15-17, 1-3) at Ivy Field on Saturday, beating them 11-3 and 8-0. Each game was called in the fifth inning on the eight-run mercy rule.

Monday against No. 18 Nebraska (30-12), the team could only muster one hit and fell to the Huskers, 1-0. Tuesday, the Irish were again outthit by Nebraska, but were able to muster enough offense to salvage a split by winning 2-0.

"I wouldn't say our bats went cold," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "[Nebraska's first game starter] Peaches James came into that game averaging about 12 strikeouts a game and we only struck out three times. I think it was more a matter of us not making adjustments and attacking the ball."

Nicole Wicks, who has struggled at times throughout the season, was the team's offensive leader in the sweep. She went 4-for-5 over the weekend and collected four RBI while scoring three runs.

Meghan Ruthrauff continued to show her power stroke by smashing her ninth home run of the season in game two.

The offensive prowess of the Irish didn't shadow its pitching performance. Heather Booth started game one and allowed two earned runs and four hits over the five innings. Steffany Stenglein started game two, and allowed two hits in four innings before giving way to Carrie Wisen in the fifth.

Booth and Stenglein continued to pitch well in the Nebraska series, but Brown was the victim of a fine performance by James, who outdueled Booth in game one by allowing only a single to Megan Ciolli.

Stenglein was the starter in game two and pitched well before getting in trouble in the sixth inning after Notre Dame had taken a 2-0 lead.

She loaded the bases with one out and was replaced by Wisen, who was able to work out of the jam for her first save of the season.

"That's kind of been Carrie's role all season," Gumpf said. "She came in a very difficult situation and really showed complete poise on the mound. You could just tell that she was going to get the job done."

Notre Dame was stymied again by a Nebraska starter in game two, this time with Summer Tobias keeping the Irish off the scoreboard. But a pair of Cornhusker errors late allowed Notre Dame to take the victory.

Carissa Jaquish led off the sixth inning with a bloop single and Sara Schoonaert attempted to move her over to second on a sacrifice bunt. Jaquish was thrown out at second and Schoonaert reached on the fielder's choice.

Stephanie Brown followed with what appeared to be a harmless groundball to Tobias, but the Nebraska pitcher threw the ball into center field as she attempted to get Schoonaert out at second. The center fielder then attempted to throw Schoonaert out at third, but the ball sailed into the Cornhuskers' dugout and the Irish got an automatic free base.

Schoonaert crossed the plate with the free base advancement, and Brown moved over to third. Nicole deFau hit a sacrifice fly to score Brown and collect an insurance run for the Irish.

"Nebraska is a very tough team and we knew both games would be close," Gumpf said. "The pitchers all got it done in that series and it really just came down to the team that played the best defense."

The Irish return home to face Illinois-Chicago Thursday at 5 p.m.

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TRACK

Irish win Botts Invitational

By MIKE GILLOON

Sports Writer

The Tigers couldn't keep up with the Irish this weekend.

The Notre Dame track and field team won 11 events at the University of Missouri's Tom Botts Invitational Friday and Saturday, while Missouri won 10 events to finish an unofficial second in the non-team scoring meet. Iowa State and Iowa were the other two schools competing.

Selim Nurudeen was the star for Notre Dame as he won the Outstanding Male Athlete of the Meet award with his meet-record tying time of 14.20 seconds in the 110-meter hurdles. The win was his third straight in the 110 hurdles this season.

However, Nurudeen was not the only Irish athlete to have a record-setting weekend as Kate Duman hurled the javelin 43.07 meters to finish in first place and break her own school

record. With her toss, Duman also qualified for the NCAA Regional Meet.

Notre Dame had winners in both the men's and women's 400 meters as Ayesha Boyd and Ryan Postel finished first in times of 56.26 and 48.12 seconds respectively.

The Irish also dominated the triple jump as Godwin Mbagwu and Petra Dankova won the men's and women's events. Mbagwu hopped, skipped and jumped for a length of 14.52 meters while Dankova covered a distance of 12.21 meters.

Juan Alba continued his success in the hammer throw as he finished first with a season-best toss of 55.45 meters. The other male hammer throwers had season-best performances as well, as Chip Roberts finished in fourth place and Jason Davis placed fifth.

Thomas Chamney and Napoleon Suarez both finished the meet with season-best times. Chamney won the 800

meters in only 1:52.52 and Suarez took first place in the 400-meter hurdles with a time of 53.92 seconds.

Tommie Lee sprinted to the first outdoor win of his career, winning the 100-meter dash in 11.13 seconds.

A number of Irish competitors also qualified for the Big East Championships. Molly Huddle, who ran outdoors for the first time this season, took third place in the 1,500 meters in a qualifying time of 4:31.91. Eric Morrison also had a third-place finish as he ran the 800 meters in a conference qualifying time of 1:53.03. Other Big East qualifiers were Ryan Johnson and Todd Placek who finished first and third in the 3,000 meter steeplechase with times of 9:16.54 and 9:27.27, respectively. Alex Fortunato qualified with his 55.62 time and fifth-place finish in the 400 meter hurdles.

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But University officials insist admissions standards have remained constant and are not tied to grade point averages or standardized test scores. And the school's director of admissions says that Notre Dame will overlook below-average numbers as long as it believes a potential recruit can survive in Notre Dame's rigorous academic environment.

"I've seen the profiles of the athletes over the 40-plus years," director of admissions Dan Saracino said, "and the academic profiles of the classes of football players has not changed. ... The 1984 recruits [who were seniors during the 1988 championship season] were no different as a class than any other year."

The standards

Saracino said the athletic department and admissions office have a working relationship and a common understanding of their expectations for athletes.

"We give a list [of required course work] to the coaches," Saracino said. "And it's a good statement of where we are ... this is what our expectation is for someone who is an outstanding athlete that they would be interested in."

"Especially with this group of coaches now, we're really on the same page. We want young men who are going to be successful."

Whether the football program's recent struggles are due to admissions policies, coaches in charge of recruiting confirm that they stress academic success to their recruits — early.

"We've been asking [for players' academic records] since February," player personnel director Jimmy Gonzales said. But Gonzales does not mean

the current incoming freshman class who signed letters-of-intent in February.

"No, I'm talking about the [current] juniors," he said.

Standardized test scores of Notre Dame's overall applicants have grown steadily over the past 15 years, and the class of 2008 has a projected average SAT score of 1370 — the highest in school history and 11 points higher than the current freshman class. Notre Dame also has the fourth-highest graduation rate of its overall student population in the country behind Harvard, Princeton and Yale at 94 percent.

But while Notre Dame's overall academic rankings place it among the nation's elite, next year's incoming freshman football players were so lowly regarded by recruiting experts that the class of 2008 barely ranked in the nation's top 30.

The criticism

Paul Hornung's recent comments in a radio interview, which were well-publicized because of racial undertones, addressed a concern that academic demands of such a prestigious university could be the reason for the Irish recruiting fewer top-rated players.

"I respond by really just kind of shrugging my shoulders," Saracino said. "Obviously the people that would say that don't get it, the fact that the student-athlete who would be interested in Notre Dame is interested precisely because of the fact that we have student-athletes who want to exceed in academics. The ones who we don't want really wouldn't be

good matches for Notre Dame."

Both the admissions office and athletic department are confident in their ability to recruit student-athletes who will be good fits for the school, and vice versa. The qualifications for the regular student who 'fits' at Notre Dame have increased significantly over the past decade.

According to statistics compiled by Lee Sigelman in a Social Science Quarterly article entitled "It's Academic - or Is It? Admissions Standards and Big-Time College Football," Notre Dame's average student SAT score in 1993 — the

last year Notre Dame seriously contended for a national championship — was 1220, while the university's average SAT score for football players was 899.

Echoing Saracino, University President Father Edward Malloy said that the profiles for past football classes are consistent with the profiles of current recruiting classes.

"In the past 30 years, our standards for the 'special interests' have remained constant," Malloy wrote in an April 4 letter to The New York Times, "while the academic profile of the student body as a whole has grown even stronger."

The statistics

But statistics show that the average SAT scores for athletes have risen at almost the same rate as the scores of the regular student.

The SAT scores for football players jumped roughly 6.3 percent from 1993 to 2004, while the scores of the average student rose 6.7 percent over the same period of time.

Saracino, however, maintains that standards for football players have not toughened as the standards for regular students have risen.

"The overall academic quality of the football players has not kept pace in terms of test scores, AP courses, overall curriculum and grades with the overall classes," Saracino said. "We have not been any 'tougher' on the admissions of football players in recent years as we have with the overall applicants."

Based on statistics originally published by the South Bend

Tribune, the average SAT test scores for 15 members of this year's recruiting class — excluding the scores of defensive back Terrail Lambert and wide receiver Christopher Vaughn, which were not provided — shows an average football SAT score of 1024.

Still, University officials continue to emphasize the continuity of football admissions.

The athletic and football departments sift through the players' academic records before the admissions office even sees the players — tossing aside ones it knows will not be able to succeed academically at Notre Dame.

"The coaches are out there trying to assess athletic talent and then also trying to decide if they have the academic background to be successful here," Saracino said. "And the coaches don't waste my time by presenting a young man who isn't close to being a competitive candidate for admission."

So how do the football program and University define competitive?

Saracino believes a competitive student at Notre Dame is the student who is interested in the school because of its emphasis on the well-rounded candidate.

"If you're not interested in being a

student-athlete [after looking at the academic requirements], then Notre Dame is not a good match for you," Saracino said. "We are who we are, and we're proud of it. [The academic requirements are] not a hindrance to the program, it's to want the young man not to be used for just his athletic abilities."

The misperceptions

News reports over the last five years said that talented players like Randy Moss, Carson Palmer and T.J. Duckett could not get into Notre Dame for academic reasons, and Saracino admits that Notre Dame will not be able to admit every top athlete in the country.

"Are there going to be young men who are great athletes who we cannot admit? Sure," Saracino said. "...Of the top 100 [recruits], maybe there will be 50 that we can't sign. I don't know whether that number is

20, 30, 40, 60, I don't know. All we know is we just need 20 [recruits] each year who academically can make it through Notre Dame and athletically can help us."

Still, out of that top 100 list of recruits, only three made it to the Irish this recruiting season — Walker (No. 63), Lambert

(No. 85) and outside linebacker Anthony Vernaglia (No. 95).

"We get beat, and have gotten beat [in football] over recent years by young men who we clearly wanted to come here," Saracino said.

"Reggie Bush was cleared by admissions, Allen Smith was and so was Lorenzo Booker."

Top running backs Bush and Booker went to USC and Florida State, respectively, in recent years. Smith committed this winter to Stanford, also a school with a prestigious academic reputation.

So why are these players choosing schools, even a school like Stanford that has rigorous academic standards, over Notre Dame?

"I don't really know, but I am frustrated that we seem to be having less success in recruiting [top players] compared to the past," Saracino said. "It could be that our current coaches just don't understand Notre Dame and its 'positives' well enough to convince these young men that Notre Dame is the place for them."

The goals

Saracino insists that admissions and athletic officials will not recruit and admit a student-athlete who they believe is not serious about academics.

That is just fine with Walker.

"I try to be well rounded and have the ability to do it all," Walker said. "Notre Dame has standards that encourage that type of player, and for me, personally, they are the type of players I would want on my team, players who can be an overall person, not just someone who has one thing but doesn't have it all."

Walker represents the player Notre Dame wants — a talented player who values academics. But top-rated players like Walker are increasingly turning down Notre Dame.

Saracino doesn't know why. But he's confident academics aren't to blame.

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Darius Walker
Irish recruit

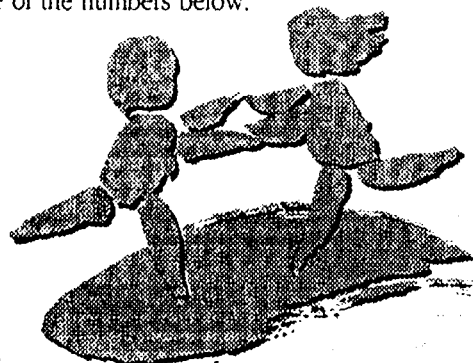
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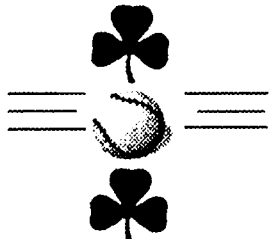
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Sollmann hopes he can return

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Senior Staff Writer

Injured second baseman Steve Sollmann held a press conference in between games Saturday to talk about the injury he sustained in a game against Villanova April 3. The senior tri-captain fractured his jaw after colliding with right fielder Cody Rizzo while chasing a fly ball in shallow right field.

"The rehab is going great so far," Sollmann said. "I had surgery [April 5] back in Cincinnati, and everything went great. I have a great oral surgeon back there that did a wonderful job."

The surgery did not require that Sollmann's jaw be wired shut, as is sometimes the case with broken jaws. The senior is able to talk and was mobile and active as he attended Notre Dame's games Saturday and Monday. Sollmann returned to classes today and is hopeful he will return to the Irish lineup by the end of the regular season.

"We just have to play it by ear and see how it heals," he said. "Hopefully, I can get back some time towards the end of the season."

Sollmann has a meeting scheduled Friday with his doctor in Cincinnati to further discuss a possible time frame to return to action this year. The senior says he will know more about how soon he could return after the meeting.

Right now a major concern for Sollmann is to keep his weight and conditioning up so that he would be physically ready to

return to action when his jaw heals.

"Right now, I'm drinking a bunch of shakes," he said. "They said I can get on a [stationary] bike whenever I feel up to it. As far as running and lifting, I just have to watch that I don't clench my teeth or bounce them too much."

"The Notre Dame community has been unbelievable so far ... everybody has been amazing."

**Steve Sollman
Injured Irish
second baseman**

"I've lost some weight so far, so putting that weight back on is going to be pretty important the next couple of weeks."

Sollmann said his memory before the injury and during the time right after it is blurry, and he doesn't remember many details of the incident.

But he said the support he's received from the Notre Dame community the past two weeks has been a major factor in his progress.

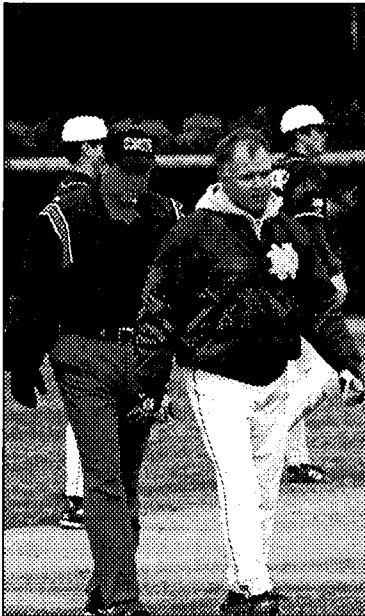
"The Notre Dame community has been unbelievable so far — coaches, players, friends, students, teachers — everybody has been amazing," Sollmann said. "They've been calling me, checking in on me and sending me all sorts of letters."

You're outta here

In the final game with the Red Storm Monday, Mainieri was tossed from the game while coaching third base by umpire Bruce Done. The Irish skipper was arguing a questionable call by Done at third base when Sanchez was called out trying to stretch a double into a triple.

"It was my opinion that [Sanchez] was safe," Mainieri said. "I didn't even think it was that close of a play, and I was pretty shocked when I saw the out call."

After the call, a shocked



JOANNA PAXTON/The Observer
Paul Mainieri storms off the field after being ejected in the second St. John's game.

Mainieri threw his hands in the air and appeared to inadvertently knock his hat off, prompting the ejection.

"Unfortunately I just overreacted there and threw my hat down, and [the umpire] had to throw me out when I did that," Mainieri said. "I deserved it. If you do something like that, you're supposed to get thrown out of the game."

Mainieri expressed regret after the game for temporarily losing his composure on the call, making himself unavailable to manage the Irish through the tough loss.

"I lost my cool there for a minute, and I wasn't able to manage my team through a tough ball game," he said. "So I felt kind of bad about that, that I let the guys down doing that."

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Baseball

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2. Notre Dame opened the week-end of Big East play as the right-hander Niesel struggled against the Eagles, yielding five runs (four earned) in 4 1/3 innings to fall to 4-2 on the season. Things looked bleak, as the Irish trailed 7-0 before a late-game rally in the bottom of the seventh of the scheduled seven-inning game made for a more respectable 7-4 loss.

"Just like the old saying, I didn't feel like we lost, time just ran out on us," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said. "In those seven-inning games, if you fall too far behind, you just run out of innings to rally."

"I feel like in a nine-inning game, maybe we would have had enough time to rally."

In the nightcap, the Irish came out early and claimed a 3-1 lead after three innings with a pair of runs in the first off a two-RBI single from senior Javi Sanchez and an RBI single from left fielder Steve Andres in the third.

Notre Dame would not be able to put the Eagles away, however, as Boston College came back to tie the game 4-4 in the seventh inning. The Eagles looked like they could even steal a sweep on the road from the Irish with two on and two out in the eighth inning.

But Mainieri brought in closer Ryan Doherty, who walked the first batter Eric Wright to load the bases, but then struck out third baseman Marco Albano to end the inning.

In the bottom half of the inning, the Irish took the lead for good on a two-run double from first baseman Matt Edwards. The junior had gone 0-for-6 on the day before knocking the game-winning double down the left field line.

"I went up there that last time

up with confidence like I had gone 6-for-6 instead of 0-for-6 and got my hit," Edwards said. "It came at the best time it could have [Saturday]."

"The first pitch he threw me was an off-speed pitch, and I was really just sitting on a fastball on the next one. I thought he was going to come back with something hard, and he left it a little bit over the plate, and I got a good swing on it."

Notre Dame's best effort of the weekend came in its opener Monday with St. John's. The Irish used a dominating pitching performance from junior Grant Johnson, who worked five scoreless innings and allowed only two hits, to beat the Red Storm 7-1.

The Irish committed no errors in the game and shortstop Greg Lopez was a perfect 3-for-3 with a pair of runs scored and an RBI.

In the nightcap, the Irish spoiled a gem of a pitching performance from the freshman Samardzija, who took a no-hitter into the seventh inning.

"We just had tremendous pitching all day [Monday]," Mainieri said. "It was really a shame that we couldn't finish off the two-game sweep."

It was in that final game Monday that Mainieri was ejected by umpire Bruce Done for arguing an out call on Sanchez at third base in the third inning.

Despite Samardzija's best efforts, things only got worse for the Irish. With a 1-0 lead in the seventh inning, Sanchez — playing second base for injured senior Steve Sollmann — bobbled a one-out ground ball, allowing third baseman Jim Martin to reach first.

The error proved crucial as the next batter, Blake Hershelman hit a diving liner that was misplayed by leftfielder Chris Fournier, which allowed the tying run to score. First baseman Eddie Schultz then hit a bloop single to center field to score the winning run off Samardzija, who suffered the hard-luck loss.

Despite the disappointing losses, Mainieri is still optimistic, as his club sits atop the Big East standings.

"We're still in first place," Mainieri said. "I think we let a golden opportunity go by, but it's hard to sweep doubleheaders against good teams. There's still a lot of baseball to be played. We need to keep getting better."

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles keep hold on last playoff spot after 3-1 stretch

By JUSTIN STETZ
Sports Writer

The Saint Mary's softball team showed Thursday why they belong in the upcoming MIAA tournament. Tuesday, they showed they can compete in it.

By winning both games against Hope Thursday in a crucial doubleheader to help determine who would clinch the final seed in the MIAA tournament, the Belles believed they set the tone for the rest of the season. After splitting the contest last year, Saint Mary's did not let up as they won the first game, 7-1, and won the second one with a two-out two-run homer to win 3-2.

Then Tuesday against Olivet, the Belles split the doubleheader by winning the first game 8-6 but dropping the second 3-2.

Saint Mary's came out swinging against Hope as they scored two in the first inning of the first game, led by an Erin Sullivan two-out single that drove in both runs. In the top of the second, Audrey Gajor singled to left and reached second after Bridget Grall's hit was misplayed. With both runners advancing to second and third on a Meghan Marenkovic sacrifice, Marnie Walsh singled to center making the score 4-0.

In the third, the Belles struck once again as they posted three more runs. Katrina Tebbe began with a single, and Erin Sullivan was hit by a pitch giving Saint

Mary's two runners on with no outs. Then Grall's sacrifice fly scored one more, giving the Belles a 5-0 edge. Marenkovic knocked in the last two runs with a single. They finished the inning with three runs on two hits and a 7-0 lead.

This was all they would need for the win, as Kate Sajewich pitched five great innings and allowed only one run in the bottom of the fourth. Tebbe led the Belles with three hits and Walsh, Sullivan, and Marenkovic all had two RBIs apiece.

The second game of the afternoon started off as a defensive battle between two teams that were fighting for the fourth and final seed in the conference tournament. Both pitchers were superb as only five total hits were given up through four innings.

That changed in the bottom of the fifth, when the Belles scored the first run of the game. Walsh scored on an RBI single from Sajewich.

But Hope responded in the sixth with a run and added another in the seventh as they took the lead 2-1 heading into the bottom of the seventh. Saint Mary's chances of making the tournament looked glum, but in their final at bat Sajewich hit a game-ending home run with Sullivan on first.

The win not only gave the Belles a sweep, but also increased their lead over Hope for the playoff spot. Jean

Downes and Erin Sullivan led the team with a pair of hits each, and Sajewich sealed the deal with her homer in the seventh.

"In preparing for the game, our practices have been the same. We shook off the dust after the long break," said

Tebbe.

Last year, the Belles didn't face the Comets because of a late postponement that was never finished. However, Saint Mary's was focused and ready to secure a spot in the tournament.

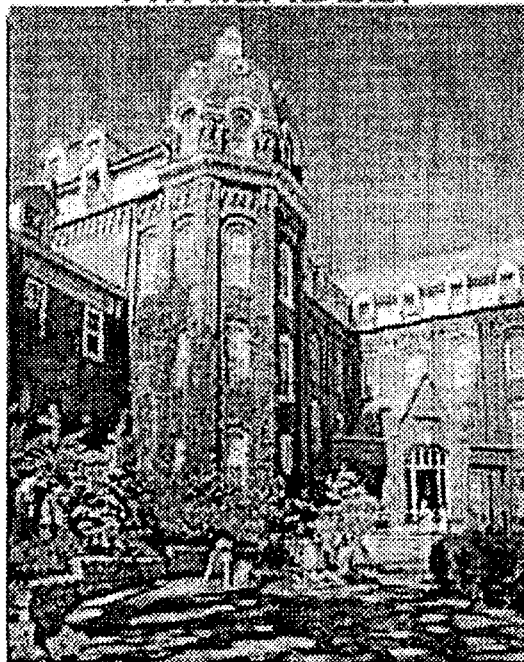
"We didn't get a chance to see

Olivet last year, but we ... prepared for them by using past games," Tebbe said. "Our defensive is ready and we feel we [had] the advantage with our hitting and pitching."

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Lacrosse

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best team defense we've played all year. Our 2002 defense was a nationally ranked unit, and I think this defense is definitely as good if not better than the 2002 team."

Meredith Simon paced the Irish attack, recording six points (3 goals, 3 assists), and goalkeeper Carol Dixon recorded a career-high 14 saves in running her career-record to 10-0.

Both Simon and Dixon were rewarded for their play over the past week against Ohio and Ohio State, earning the distinction of Big East Offensive Player of the Week and Big East Defensive Player of the Week, respectively. In a testament to the season-long high performance play of the duo, Simon has now been honored three times on the season, and Dixon has garnered a pair of acknowledgements.

Simon had six goals and three assists in the week ending April 11, while Dixon won a pair of decisions and made 24 saves between the two games.

"Carol had one of her best games of the season against Ohio State," Coyne said. "She was seeing the ball really well and her positioning in the cage was really solid."

In addition to Simon, Lauren Fischer and Crysti Foote helped carry the offensive load as each posted four points (3 goals, 1 assist), and defender Kassen Delano and middle Abby Owen both tallied a pair of goals.

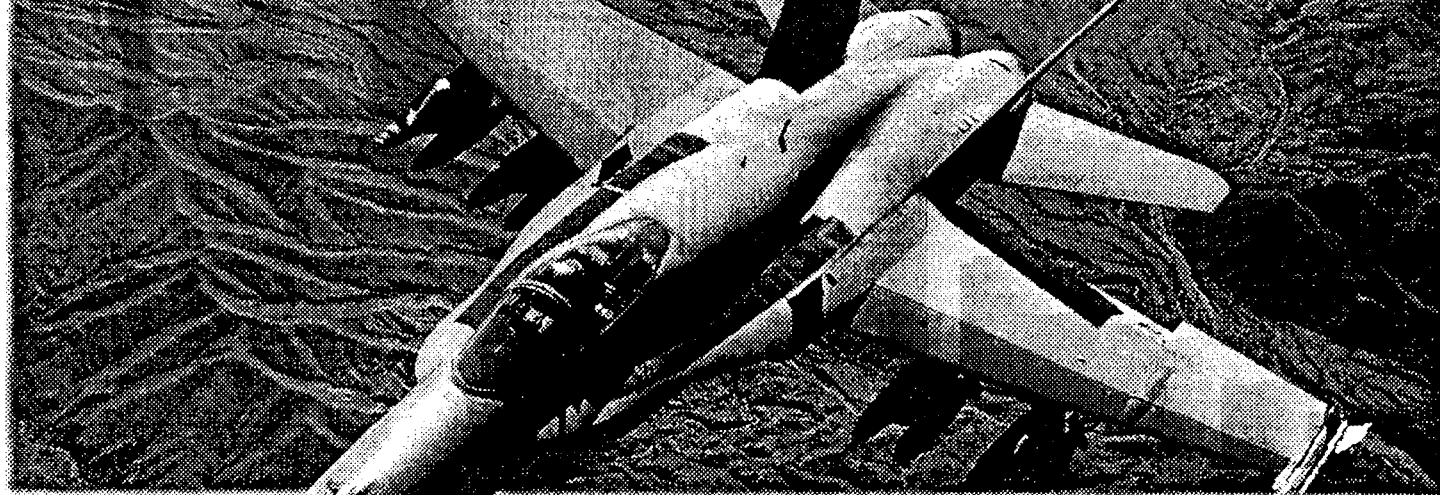
Foote kicked off a season-best 10-goal unanswered scoring streak when she found the back of the net four minutes into the contest. The lead would grow to 10-0 when Fischer picked up her second of three goals with 3:36

left in the first half.

"I was surprised, in all honesty, that we got up on them 10-0, because they're such a competitive team, and they're traditionally a top program," Coyne said. "We had no trouble breaking their press, and we were just moving the ball really well."

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It's not academic

ND says standards aren't the reason top recruits won't wear gold helmets



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Darius Walker is the type of football player Notre Dame is trying to recruit.

By PAT LEONARD
Associate Sports Editor

Darius Walker will attend Notre Dame next fall. Walker also will play football.

The Georgia running back was admitted to the University this winter after a typical recruiting process, and on Feb. 4 he signed a national letter of intent to play at Notre Dame.

But while other schools might have focused exclusively on Walker's athletic prowess, Notre Dame's regular recruiting process emphasized Walker's academic history and credentials.

"It's one of the first things they do," said Walker, who will graduate this spring with a 4.0 GPA and a 1110 SAT score. "They find out about the players' academics before they even start [recruiting].

Since they have such high standards, they want to know whether they can recruit you or they can't."

After the team's third losing season in five years, Notre Dame football fans are worried that rising admission standards for incoming students have caused the admission standards for football players to rise. The team's performance, some fans say, has suffered accordingly.

In the early 1990's, the Knight Commission — chaired by University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh — led a charge to prevent Division I schools from lowering admissions standards to admit unqualified athletes. Ironically, today some Irish fans want Notre Dame to lower its standards to accommodate more athletes.

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SAT Scores at Notre Dame

Year	Average ND Student	Average ND Football Player
2004	1370	1024
	6.7%	6.3%
1993*	1284	963

*After the re-centering of the SAT in 1996, the national average SAT score increased by 64 points. To compensate, 64 points were added to the 1993 scores to compare current and past scores on the same scale.

Sources: Social Science Quarterly, University of Notre Dame, South Bend Tribune

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BASEBALL

Tough breaks cause Irish to crumble

Mainieri's ejection, near no-hitter exemplify 2-2 weekend

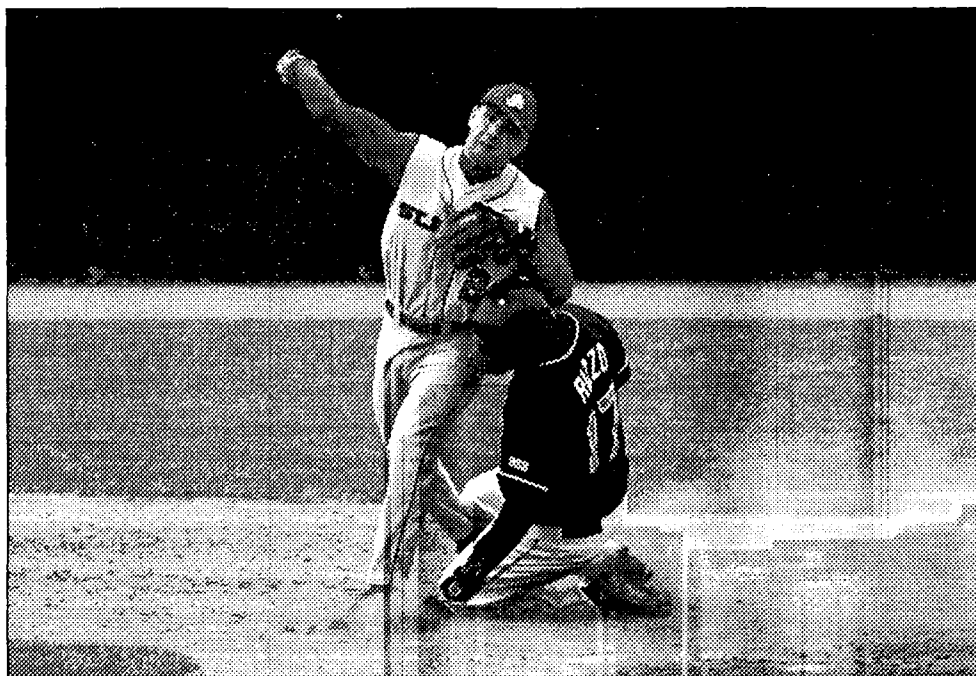
By CHRIS FEDERICO
Senior Staff Writer

From a near no-hitter turning into a one-run loss to their usually-calm head coach being ejected from the game, the Irish experienced just about everything this weekend in a pair of split doubleheaders in Big East action.

No. 4 Notre Dame (26-5, 8-2 in the Big East) saw its proven ace Chris Niesel continue to struggle in the first game of the break Saturday but watched freshman Jeff Samardzija continue to pitch as sharp as anyone on the staff with a near no-hitter Monday, in a weekend of ups-and-downs.

In the end, Notre Dame split a pair, 4-7 and 6-4 with Boston College (12-17, 4-3) Saturday and again split with St. John's (16-13, 8-2) Monday, 7-1 and 1-

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Joanna Paxton/The Observer
Cody Rizzo is tagged out at second, the first out of a double play, during Notre Dame's 7-1 win against St. John's. Notre Dame went 2-2 over Easter break.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Two ranked foes topple Irish over weekend

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

Heading into this weekend's matches, the Irish anticipated that they would have to fight for every point.

No. 43 William and Mary (13-12) and No. 14 Texas (16-4) fulfilled their expectations, with both teams edging out No. 23 Notre Dame in their respective matches.

William and Mary outlasted Notre Dame 4-3 in a nail-biting match that left the Tribe the victors in one doubles match and four singles matches. Later this weekend, the Longhorns combined two wins in doubles and four in singles for a 5-2 defeat of the Irish.

"We had tight matches the whole way," said coach Jay Louderback. "It was especially disappointing losing to William and Mary because I felt like we could have won that match."

The Irish were off to a good start early in the meet, holding a 3-1 lead against William and Mary. The No. 2 doubles team of sophomore Lauren Connelly and senior Alicia Salas combined with No. 3 doubles junior Sarah Jane Connelly and senior Emily Neighbours to gain the doubles point for the Irish.

Lauren Connelly and Salas beat Lena Sherbakov and Lingda Yang 8-2. Sarah Jane

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish ascend to No. 2

Thrashing of Ohio State followed by highest national ranking in 8 years

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

Put another one in the win column.

Notre Dame moved to a perfect 10-0 on the season and extended its overall winning streak to a school-record 14 games as the Irish ripped off the contest's first 10 goals en route to a 14-6 thrashing of Ohio State (3-7) in Columbus, Ohio, on Saturday afternoon.

And on the heels of the victory, the Irish ascended to No. 2 in both the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches Association (IWLCA) and Inside Lacrosse Magazine polls.

The No. 2 spot is the highest ranking in eight years, topping the No. 3 rank the Irish had carried since March 16.

"We played unbelievable team defense against Ohio State," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "It's probably the

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

ND SOFTBALL

Nebraska 2
Notre Dame 0

Notre Dame 1
Nebraska 0

The Irish win despite getting out-hit.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame 6
Florida State 1

Against the No. 33 Seminoles, the Irish rolled in their last dual meet before Big East.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Notre Dame 12
Air Force 2

Notre Dame 17
Denver 14

Solid defense helped the Irish past Air Force.

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TRACK

Notre Dame won 11 events in an invitational at the University of Missouri, the most of any team competing in the invitational.

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ROWING

No. 7 Notre Dame's crew teams consistently finished second to No. 10 Michigan State at the weekend regatta.

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SMC GOLF

First at the Hope College Invitational

The Belles beat second-place Hope by a mere three strokes.

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