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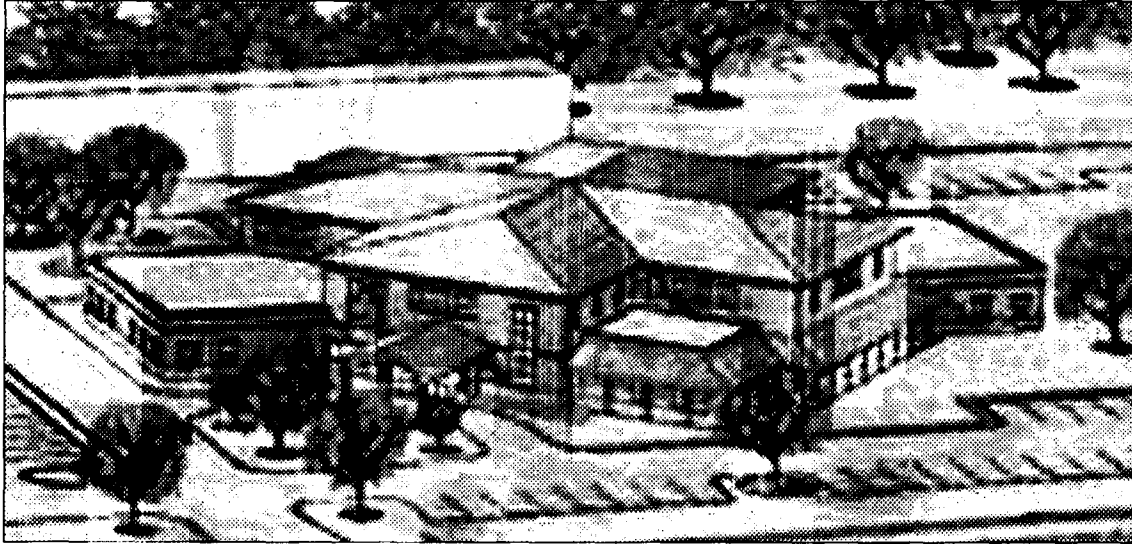
University acquires current site for planned redevelopment

By ANDREW THAGARD
Senior Staff Writer

The Logan Center, a resource facility for people with disabilities located across from Notre Dame on Eddy Street, announced plans for a groundbreaking ceremony for its new building on Monday. The ceremony, scheduled for May 27, will mark the beginning of construction on the new building that is set to open in July 2005.

The Logan Center opened at its current location in the 1960s as a school for people with disabilities. Over the years, the center's mission became oriented more toward adults as special education programs were introduced into public schools for children.

The new facility will better accommodate the center's



This artist's rendition shows the proposed Logan Center planned for construction at the end of May. The center is expected to open July 2005.

programs and clients but is located farther from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's and the students who volunteer from there.

The new building will be constructed on a portion of the 7.5 acres on Jefferson Boulevard that was formerly occupied by the Saint Mary's

Hospital building. While it contains less square footage than the current building, it

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Holy Cross reflects on transition

By LAURA VILIM
News Writer

As the 2003-04 school year draws to a close, students and faculty at Holy Cross College are beginning to look back on a year of historical change that brought about the transition of the junior college to an institution that now offers a four-year baccalaureate program.

The introduction of the four-year program — the first in the college's 36-year history — has been largely successful in its initial year from both administrative and student perspectives. According to Justin Watson, the program's director, the implementation of the new academic track has gone smoothly for the first class of 15 students due to the outstanding

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Committee readies 'The Show'

By JANICE FLYNN
News Writer

While most students are focused on impending exams and their summer plans, members on the Executive Board of "The Show" are thinking ahead to next fall's concert.

Last year's concert featuring Black Eyed Peas and Guster drew a record 4,000 students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross to the Joyce Center.

Members of the committee are

aiming for 6,000 students for "The Show, Version 3.0," to be held Friday, Aug. 27th.

"We really want to build upon last year's success to solidify this as a campus tradition," said Jimmy Flaherty, Chairman of "The Show."

The committee is looking at a variety of bands, from rock to hip-hop, country to top 40.

A survey will be sent out within the next week asking students for their input on the band selection. Flaherty hopes this will enable "The Show" to appeal to students' varied tastes, as well as

boost attendance.

"Last year's show was extremely diverse in genre with the Black Eyed Peas and then Guster," said Flaherty. "I think ND/SMC/HCC students showed their enthusiasm for that bill with a record attendance."

The committee will select the bands by July 1. They will be posted on the website of "The Show," www.nd.edu/~theshow.

Plans for "The Show" have been well underway for several months.

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Marine Corps program trains future officers



Photo courtesy of West Lafayette Officer Selection Office

Members of the USMC officer candidate program work at an obstacle course set up at Purdue University.

By NICOLE ZOOK
News Writer

The Marines truly are the few and the proud on Notre Dame's campus. However, Captain John H. Williams III doesn't seem to mind.

"I've always felt welcome at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's," he said. "I think Notre Dame has been very supportive of my mission to find qualified candidates for the Marine Corps, and I think Notre Dame has a lot of qualified students. And whether they are pursuing or not pursuing the program, they have been professional."

Williams visits the two campuses on a regular basis. As the

Officer Selection Officer for the West Lafayette area, his job is to contact and contract students who are interested in pursuing a career as an officer in the United States Marine Corps.

Officer candidates can contract at any grade level to join the program. Training takes place during either two six-week or one ten-week period during the summer at Officer Candidates School in Quantico, Va.

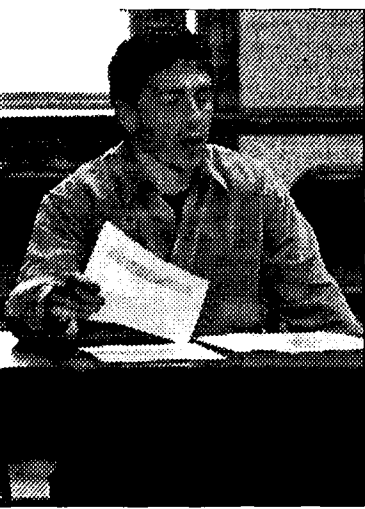
Williams says that summer training is key to the program.

"This program is focused for a student to remain in school without interruption. You can pursue the program to see if

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Board approves \$250K for clubs



SOPHIA BALLON/The Observer

COR member Dave Baron debates the allocations given Monday to clubs.

By MATT BRAMANTI
Senior Staff Writer

Members of the Council of Representatives gathered Monday evening in LaFortune to approve the allocation of over \$250,000 among more than 150 student clubs.

Club Coordination Council president J.R. Garcia said his organization faced a difficult task in allocating funds because there were more requests than available resources. He said CCC division representatives gave recommendations for funding, but these recommendations were subject to financial constraints, including the maintenance of a reserve fund.

"The recommendation is what [representatives] would give clubs in a perfect world," Garcia said. "We like to reserve [money] for appeals and emergency funds."

He said this year's reserve fund totals \$25,000.

Garcia also said that the amount of money to be allocated — the "hardline" number — fell about 6 percent this year, from about \$266,300 to about \$251,500.

According to a copy of the allocation budget obtained by The Observer, allocations changed drastically from last year. Four divisions — cultural, performing arts, social service

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INSIDE COLUMN

Conclusions at the beginning

My last weeks and experiences at ND could easily have been the topics of this article.

For instance I could have said: useless campus buildings are being erected at a rapid pace, the career center is my favorite group, Martin's ovenable meals rock, hard alcohol is clearly the root of all dorm problems, tuition in 25 years at a 4.5 percent rate increase will be \$114,000 a year, my kids will not go here because of the last fact and there are places other than Chicago to live after college.

However, I want to speak to you about my conclusions at the beginning of something far more important — baseball season.

2004 begins with the notions that the Cubs and Red Sox will ultimately meet in the Series. There has certainly been no other season in recent history that has started with such hope for these teams.

I am here to respect and question this notion. As a Phillies fan, I approach the season with pessimism and disbelief at every loss and each win.

Philadelphia has a love/hate affair with its teams that no city can match. Cubs' fans supported their pathetic team during the 1900's as did Phillies fans with one glaring difference. Cubs' fans cheer no matter what, Phillies fans boo no matter what. Phillies know when they fail in Philly, they're coddled in Chicago.

Thus, in this circular logic, I have reached my conclusion that by supporting failure, the Cubs shall fall victim to the Astros and their superior pitching. Mark Prior DL till 2005, I say. Wild card? It's Phillies territory after falling short to Florida.

As for the Red Sox, we all know deep down that the deep pockets of the Yankees will not fall victim to the Sox.

I don't support the Yankees in any way, but I also don't despise them. They have a \$180 million payroll because Steinbrenner WANTS to win. The Royals owner has more money than George, but he chooses not to spend it.

The argument that the Yankees are ruining baseball because they spend and win is completely ignorant.

Briefly, I leave you with this. Playoffs in baseball bring the best eight teams, not the best 16 teams (The NBA has losing teams in the playoffs). Baseball is a game of strategy that requires extra years of experience that basketball and hockey (in my mind) don't possess. That leaves football and baseball, and I pick baseball because I can.




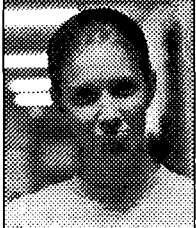


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CLARIFICATION

In Tuesday's article "Dorms compete in Fisher Regatta," it was stated that the St. Edward's Hall boat had sunk. The boat did not sink, but was simply low in the water.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WILL YOU MISS THE SECURITY MONITORS?

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| "They were always wonderful to me, but it will be better for campus gender relations." | "Security monitors? Fine by me." | "Yes, I love chatting with them in the wee hours of the morning." | "I'll miss them like I miss my mommy." | "I just don't want them to be unemployed." | "No, but I will miss my 'roni 'za." |



HILLARY THORNTON/The Observer
The Notre Dame Symphonic Bands and Symphonic Winds perform under the direction of Ken Dye at their concert Monday. The groups played music by John Philip Sousa and Leonard Bernstein, as well as selections from the movie "The Lord of the Rings."

OFFBEAT

Woman accused of claiming to be a princess
CHESTER, Pa. — The government is suing a cafeteria worker who received a \$2.1 million tax refund by claiming to be a Hawaiian princess and heir to a billion-dollar estate, authorities said.

The money that the Internal Revenue Service sent last month to Abigail Roberts, 61, who works in Widener University's cafeteria, came from funds the real princess had on deposit with the IRS, according to court documents.

Federal authorities say Roberts fooled the IRS by

using the social security number of the genuine heiress, Abigail Kionoiki Kekaulike Kawanakoa, on her tax form.

Dog finds money stuffing in old ottoman
CLEVELAND, Tenn. — When Darlene Hall first saw the mess on her front porch, she wanted to kill her puppy. Now she's calling him her "money dog."

The stuffing that Chacha, an Australian shepherd/blue heeler mix, had pulled from the old brown vinyl ottoman was shredded money.

And the Halls may get

some unshredded bucks back from the federal government for turning it in.

Darlene Hall stuffed the shredded money into some shopping bags and took it to a friend at a local bank, who gave her phone numbers for the Department of the Treasury.

"They said to put it in a box and mail it to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing in Washington, D.C., and they would send me a check," said Hall, who bought the ottoman for \$1 at a yard sale last year.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Students from various social action groups are collaborating to host a **rally** to challenge apathy and celebrate diversity in the struggle for social justice. The rally will take place at the field-house mall today from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. It will feature free food and live music.

The Class of 2005 is sponsoring a **ring blessing ceremony and social** at the Grotto tonight at 8:30 p.m. Father Theodore Hesburgh will be available to bless class rings for juniors and seniors.

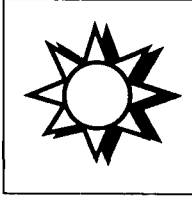
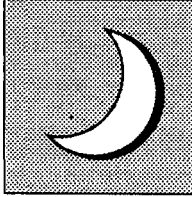
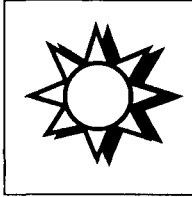
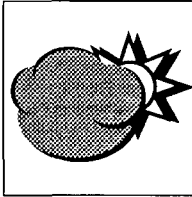
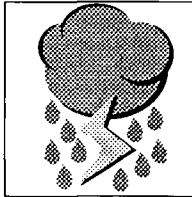
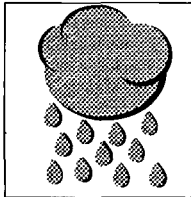
The Notre Dame Jazz Bands, directed by Larry Dwyer, present their **Spring Concert** in the Band Building tonight from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Organist Daniel Bayless will present a graduate degree recital in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart tonight from 8 to 9:30 p.m. Admission to this recital is free.

Notre Dame graduate and soprano Danielle Svonavec will present a lecture-recital featuring early music by Monteverdi in the Haggard Parlor on the campus of Saint Mary's College tonight from 7 to 8:15 p.m. Admission is free.

The Notre Dame chapter of the computer science honor society **Upsilon Pi Epsilon** will honor its top juniors, seniors and graduate students and will receive its charter from UPE President Robert Roggio. The ceremony will take place Thursday from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the Montgomery Theatre. Food and refreshments will follow.

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

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Group reviews new Constitution

By NICOLE ZOOK
News Writer

The Saint Mary's Board of Governance has homework over the summer.

At Monday's meeting, the last of the year, the board looked over the newly revised constitution. All members of BOG will receive a copy to read thoroughly over the summer to finalize the revisions.

Student Trustee Sarah Brown and Michelle Fitzgerald served as the Constitution Committee. Brown said the constitution is meant to provide guidelines for student government.

"The goal of the constitution is the rules of student government," she said. "It should also have all the policies, such as how do we approve things? How do we hold elections?"

The constitution was last updated in 2000. Fitzgerald said that it was "a mess."

"We moved, structured, and clarified," she said. "We want it to be a long time before someone needs to do another major restructuring."

The committee added a

table of contents and page numbers, making the new constitution double-sided and much more readable. They also cut the number of articles from ten to six and the number of appendices from 13 to six.

"We just combined a lot of them for simplicity's sake," Fitzgerald said.

The articles contain an introduction, purpose, the association structure, executive board and elections information and amendments. The appendices cover the mission

statement, descriptions of the BOG commissioners' jobs, the Student Diversity Board and Residence Hall Association constitutions and the co-sponsorship application.

Brown said that the committee did not change much policy and that the new constitution was meant to serve as "an overall basic guideline."

"The only things we changed content-wise were to write a policy for impeach-

ment — there was no way to do that before — and to clear up the amendment policy," Brown said. "It needs to be timeless."

In other BOG news:

♦ The campus shuttle will keep the same weekday schedule next year, with

stops at the Hesburgh Library; McCandless, Regina and LeMans Halls; and the Grotto. There will be an extra cycle on Friday and Saturday night to accommodate parietals.

♦ Donna Lubbers, elections commissioner, is setting dates for elections next year. She will be forming the elections board shortly.

♦ The BOG committee assignments for 2004-05 have been released. The executive board and budget committee is composed of Sarah Catherine White, student body president; Mary Pauline Moran, student body vice president; Susan McIlhuff, chief of staff; Molly Welton, executive treasurer; Martha Hottenstein, RHA president; Lauren Fabina,

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Sarah Brown
student trustee

"[The Constitution] needs to be timeless."

Sarah Brown
student trustee

SMC professor elected to board

Jensen to be president of taxonomic society

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

Saint Mary's biology professor Richard Jensen was named president-elect of the American Society of Taxonomists, an international organization with members throughout the United States and more than 35 other countries.

Jensen has been a member of the Society since 1976, and has since then served as treasurer, council member and associate editor for the society's quarterly journal, "Systemic Biology." He believes it was his interest in and willingness to work for the society that led to him being asked to run for President.

"I felt honored to be asked to stand for election," said Jensen. "Being elected was an additional honor, and a bit of a surprise. I approach my new responsibilities with great enthusiasm, largely because I know the people I will be working with can be counted on to work for the best of the Society."

As president-elect Jensen will have many specific responsibilities, including presenting the formal address at the end-of-year meeting and appointing members to serve on various Society committees.

Jensen's obligations to the American Society of Plant Taxonomists are things he does in addition to his responsibilities as a teacher, advisor and member of the College community. His involvement in the society fulfills the expectations of Saint Mary's faculty to be involved in various scholarly pursuits.

Jensen said being named president-elect is one of his biggest honors, out of the many he has received.

He said he is most proud of receiving the 1997 Saint Mary's College Maria Pieta Award for Outstanding Teaching. In 1996 he also received an award for Outstanding Service from the American Society of Plant Taxonomists. He was only the second person in the society to receive such an award.

"I think all of us are flattered when we receive special recognition for the things we do, especially when we have not set out to earn such recognition. My teaching and scholarly work happen to be things I enjoy doing; I want to do them well because I know others are relying on me to do just that," Jensen said.

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ATTENTION GRADUATING SENIORS!!

Notre Dame's Office of Undergraduate Admissions is accepting applications for three Admissions Counselor positions!

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****One position will be an understood one-year assignment with the possibility of permanent employment should a staff opening occur in 2005. (114)**

****One position will include the additional responsibility for recruitment efforts for African American students. (115)**

****One position will likely include the responsibility for recruitment efforts for international students. (116)**

- Candidates should possess a bachelor's degree and familiarity with all aspects of student life at Notre Dame.

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Marines

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you really have what it takes, if you've got what we're looking for, and if that's a good fit for you," he said.

Applicants must have good academic standing, pass medical requirements, be physically prepared and have leadership potential.

Six Notre Dame students and two Saint Mary's students are currently enrolled in the program through Williams' office, along with students from IUSB, Bethel, Taylor, IU, Wesleyan, Saint Joseph's, IPFW and Purdue said Gunnery Sgt. David Templeton. Templeton serves as the Officer Selection Assistant in the West Lafayette station.

"Our candidates range anywhere from freshmen to graduating seniors, with various degrees from criminal justice to history to psychology to premed to education with a minor in special education," Templeton said. "They have the opportunity to be a full-time student without a complete obligation to the Marine Corps."

During the school year, the Notre Dame and Saint Mary's candidates organize their own optional physical training and preparation classes. They may also attend training functions at Purdue, field training exercises and an OCS prep weekend to get a taste of what their experience will be like.

Senior T.J. Laubacher appreciates the opportunities that the program provides.

"It has shown me that there's more to life than just being a student, and it's given me a purpose," he said.

Laubacher joined the program four years ago as a Platoon Leaders Class candidate. These candidates go to OCS for two six-week periods

and can choose to accept a commission as a Second Lieutenant after graduation. He says that he enjoyed his time in the Officer Candidates School.

"It is the worst time that you will ever look back on and laugh at. For multiple reasons it is the closest you will get to hell," Laubacher said. "But it's worth it. It's a challenge, an adventure, like none you will ever face. You're pushed to your ultimate limit — and then you exceed it."

Candidates are trained rigorously in leadership, academics and physical acumen while at OCS. Saint Mary's senior Jessica Millanes says that Williams and Templeton were crucial to her preparation process.

"Captain Williams and Gunny work at Purdue — they live down there — but they drive up here all the time to train with us. They're very dedicated to what they do," she said. "Last summer when I went I was definitely in shape to perform, and it took a lot of mental work to prepare for that second summer. But you know what to expect, and I was ready."

Williams admits that preparation for the challenge is key.

"This program and the Marine Corps itself is not for everyone, but it definitely will allow you to assess your own abilities, your own mental and physical capabilities," he said. "This program is a good program for that, because the Marine Corps will push you past your known limits. You'll go farther than you ever could imagine in as little as six weeks."

While challenging, the program offers candidates many benefits. Candidates have the opportunity to pursue careers in law and aviation, and chances

for travel. Financial benefits are also available, as students can receive a stipend to help pay for school. Many candidates also jump at the chance for a commission, opting to serve as officers in the Marines.

"It's the path to a commission," Williams said. "Starting off early gives you the chance to really think about it. What do you want to do with your life after graduation? Commissionings are great. You have the chance for a commissioning once, and it's the chance for a bright future."

Williams, who has been in the West Lafayette station for just three years, has commissioned sixteen officers. Twenty-three officers from his office have been commissioned after OCS graduation, and eight more — including Laubacher and Millanes — will become lieutenants this summer.

After three years as a candidate, Millanes says she looks back and realizes how ready she is for that day.

"The day I met Captain Williams changed my life. He's had an influential role in all of our lives," she said. "He and Gunny are outstanding — they lead by example and we've all learned so many lessons from them. They proved to us what we could do and show us what Marines should be."

Millanes said she looks to Williams for guidance in how to be a good officer once she is commissioned.

"One day, he told me that he doesn't just wear his rank on his collar, but in his heart, and that's the kind of officer I want to be."

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T.J. Laubacher
officer candidate

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will boast state-of-the-art handicap accessibility and "Café Logan Center," an area that will house a library with internet access, meeting space and food service.

The new building will also have room for a center devoted to autism.

"This [current] building was built as a school many years ago," said Ann Lagomarcino, head of marketing for the center. "There will be space designed [specifically] for our curriculum."

The center sold its current building and the land it occupies to Notre Dame. The University's Campus Plan introduced in 2002 calls for realigning Edison Road and constructing a college town development on this land.

While Notre Dame's interest in the property was a benefit for the center, it was not the deciding factor in the organization's decision to move, according to Lagomarcino.

"We knew we needed a new facility and we always knew Notre Dame was keenly interested," she said. "We knew when it came time [to expand] they would be the first buyer we would approach. The timing worked out well, but it [the University's interest in expanding] didn't impact our decision."

The new building will be funded by a \$6.2 million capital campaign drive that will

also cover move-in costs and furniture and equipment for the facility.

So far, the center has raised \$3.7 million, pledged mostly from foundations and grants. In its second phase of fundraising, the center plans to appeal to individual donors.

"We're just now getting into the public phase," Lagomarcino said. "A lot of it at this point has been from larger donors."

Although the new facility means new opportunities for the center, its further location from Notre Dame and Saint Mary's may introduce complications in coordinating volunteers from the two campuses.

Currently organizations like Notre Dame Circle K send volunteers to help with a variety of the center's activities like bowling, dances and a Saturday recreation day.

"We are going to have to be a little more creative on the transportation

but I don't think it will be an intense barrier. There are ways to work around it," Lagomarcino said. "I've been here for 16 years and there are a lot more students who have cars now than there used to be."

Overall, the potential positives of the move far outweigh the negatives, Lagomarcino said.

"It's really a nice site, right on the bus line — very convenient," she said. "We will have the option to expand the facility as its need change."

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Ann Lagomarcino
head of marketing

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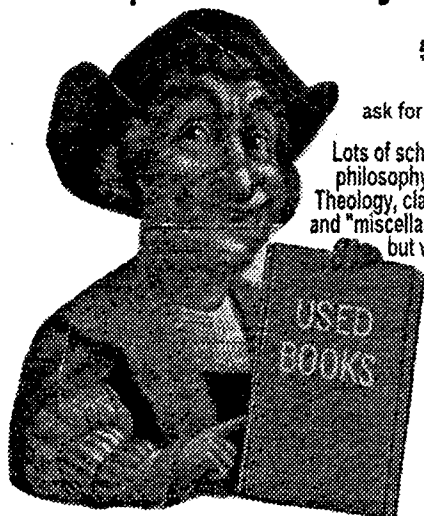
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Israel IDs newest Hamas leader

JERUSALEM — Mahmoud Zahar, a 53-year-old Egyptian-trained physician whose son was killed in an Israeli airstrike, was identified by Israel Monday as the new Hamas leader in the Gaza Strip. Israeli officials signaled he won't be targeted for death if the militant group halts suicide attacks.

Hamas, however, refused to reveal the name of its leader for fear he will be assassinated like his two predecessors.

Late Monday, two Palestinians were killed in an incident near the Mughazi refugee camp in central Gaza. Palestinian security officials said there was an explosion followed by machine gun fire. First reports said the two were killed when a rocket they were setting up exploded prematurely. The Israeli military said it had no forces in the area.

China nixes Hong Kong elections

HONG KONG — Mainland China dealt a crushing blow to Hong Kong's hopes for full democracy Monday, when its most powerful legislative panel ruled the territory won't have direct elections for its next leader or for all its lawmakers in 2008.

Many people in Hong Kong have been demanding the right to democratically elect a successor to their chief executive, Tung Chee-hwa, a former shipping tycoon chosen for his position by an 800-member committee that tends to side with Beijing.

But the Chinese National People's Congress Standing Committee said "universal suffrage shall not apply" to the selection of Tung's successor in 2007 or members of the Legislative Council the following year.

NATIONAL NEWS

Kerry attacks Bush on Guard duty

WHEELING, W.Va. — John Kerry, a decorated Navy veteran criticized by Republicans for his anti-war activities during the Vietnam era, lashed out at President Bush on Monday for failing to prove whether he fulfilled his commitment to the National Guard during the same period.

Conservative critics have questioned whether Kerry deserved all three of his Purple Hearts for battle wounds, an issue the Democratic presidential candidate sought to put to rest last week by releasing his military records. On Sunday, a top Bush adviser criticized Kerry for leading anti-war protests after he returned from the battlefield.

Groups slam 'dirty gold' mining

SPOKANE, Wash. — Those gleaming necklaces, rings and watches in the jewelry case may cost a lot more than you think, environmentalists say.

In a new public relations campaign, environmentalist groups are scolding jewelers for the damage caused by mining for gold, silver and other precious metals, and are putting pressure on jewelry retailers to reject minerals from big polluters.

One gold ring, conservationists say, generates 20 tons of mine waste. This year, they passed out Valentine's Day cards reading, "Don't tarnish your love with dirty gold" in front of jewelry stores in New York, Boston and Washington, D.C.

STATE NEWS

County pulls plug on concerts

MUNCIE — Authorities shut down a music festival shortly before it was to begin on grounds that organizers lacked a health permit and were unprepared to handle a large gathering.

Delaware County sheriff's Cpl. Ken Lopez said officers headed out Friday to the rural site where the Budding Leaf Festival was to be held after receiving complaints from neighbors. Organizers were cooperative when deputies arrived.

"The 25 to 30 people there already had tents up and bands had set up," Lopez said. "The bottom line is they didn't have a permit to do anything they advertised."

IRAQ

Blast levels suspected chem site

Explosion kills two U.S. soldiers; Americans refrain from attacking Fallujah

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A suspected chemical weapons warehouse exploded in flames Monday moments after U.S. troops broke in to search it, killing two soldiers and wounding five. Jubilant Iraqis swarmed over the Americans' charred Humvees, waving looted machine guns, a bandolier and a helmet.

In Fallujah, U.S. troops came under a heavy insurgent attack a day after U.S. officials decided to extend a cease-fire rather than launch a full-scale offensive on the city. One Marine and eight insurgents were killed.

Marines battled Sunni guerrillas around a mosque in Fallujah's Jolan district, a poor neighborhood where insurgents are concentrated. Helicopter gunships joined the battle, which sent heavy black smoke over the city. Tank fire demolished a minaret from which officials said gunmen were firing.

The U.S. troops met "a real nasty bunch," said Lt. Col. Brennan Byrne, commander of the 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment. But he said the violence would not deter plans to begin joint U.S.-Iraq patrols in the city.

The patrols are a key part of the U.S. effort to establish a semblance of control over Fallujah without a wider Marine assault, which would revive the bloody warfare seen earlier this month. The United States decided to try the patrols after President Bush consulted with his commanders over the weekend, and the cease-fire was extended in part to allow for patrols to be organized.

Brig. Gen. Mark Kimmitt did not say what sort of chemical munitions were believed to be produced at the Baghdad warehouse. After the blast, there was no sign of precautions



Two U.S. marines sit on an armored vehicle as they arrive Monday at the military base of Camp Fallujah, west of Baghdad. Eight insurgents were killed and at least four U.S. marines were wounded during fierce fighting in the city.

against chemical weapons. "Chemical munitions could mean any number of things," including smoke grenades, he said.

The cause of the blast also was unclear. Kimmitt said a large number of explosives were in the building, located in the northern neighborhood of Waziriyah.

Asked about reports that the search team included members of the Iraq Survey Group — the U.S. team looking for weapons of mass destruction — Kimmitt said only: "The inspection was by a number of coalition forces."

He said the owner of the site was "suspected of producing and supplying chemical agents" to Iraqi insurgents, but did not elaborate.

The blast leveled the front half of the one-story building and set ablaze four Humvees parked outside. A U.S. soldier was taken away on a stretcher, her chest and face severely burned. Several Iraqis were pulled from the wreckage, includ-

ing a woman who wept as she was carried over a man's shoulder to safety.

Afterward, dozens of cheering teenagers started to smash the abandoned Humvees. One child climbed on a hood of one of the vehicles and beat it with a stick. A man held up a photo of radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. Iraqis stripped the vehicles of equipment, one carrying a heavy machine gun, another waving a U.S. helmet. One man sported military headphones.

"This is for the madman Bush, for the madman Bremer!" said one youth as he waved a rifle, referring to President Bush and the top American administrator in Iraq, L. Paul Bremer.

In the south, outside the holy city of Najaf, Shiite militiamen in cars fired rocket-propelled grenades at a U.S. position, witnesses said. Apache helicopters and U.S. troops opened fire and set the cars ablaze.

The clash came as around 200 U.S. troops and Military

Police made their first deployment inside Najaf, moving into a base that Spanish troops are vacating about five miles from holy shrines at the heart of the city.

U.S. commanders have said they will not move against the shrines in order to capture al-Sadr. The Americans say they're aware that doing so could turn the cleric's limited revolt into a wider anti-U.S. uprising by Iraq's Shiite majority.

In Baghdad, however, Bremer heightened warnings about the reported stockpiling of weapons in "mosques, shrines and schools" in Najaf — and his spokesman noted that such actions make the sites fair targets for military action.

"The coalition certainly will not tolerate this situation," Bremer said in a statement addressed to residents of Najaf. "The restoration of these holy places to calm places of worship must begin immediately."

U.S., Turkey pair up for Ark quest

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — An expedition is being planned for this summer to the upper reaches of Turkey's Mount Ararat where organizers hope to prove an object nestled amid the snow and ice is Noah's Ark.

A joint U.S.-Turkish team of 10 explorers plans to make the arduous trek up Turkey's tallest mountain, at 17,820 feet, from July 15 to August 15, subject to the approval of the Turkish government, said Daniel McGivern, president of Shamrock — The Trinity Corporation of Honolulu, Hawaii.

The goal: to enter what they believe to be a mammoth structure some 45 feet high, 75 feet wide and up to 450 feet long that was exposed

in part by last summer's heat wave in Europe.

"We are not excavating it. We are not taking any artifacts. We're going to photograph it and, God willing, you're all going to see it," McGivern said.

Explorers have long searched for an ark on the high slopes of Mount Ararat, where the biblical account of the Great Flood places it.

In 1957, Turkish air force pilots spotted a boat-shaped formation in Agri province. The government did not pursue the sighting, however. The entire area, including Mount Ararat, was off limits to foreigners because of Soviet complaints that explorers were U.S. spies.

That ban was lifted in 1982, and since then teams of explorers have

visited the area but have been unable to substantiate any claim of an ark.

McGivern and Ahmet Ali Arslan, a Turkish mountain climber who grew up in a town near Mount Ararat, say satellite photos have helped them pinpoint a more exact location. Arslan will be leading the expedition.

The biblical account in the Book of Genesis says that after the great deluge, the ark came to rest on the mountain with Noah's family and a cargo of male and female pairs of every kind of animal.

Geologists say even though there is evidence of a flood in Mesopotamia in Sumerian times, it is not possible for a ship to make landfall at an altitude as high as Mount Ararat.

Show

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"The committee was hired in early February after receiving record applications in January," said Flaherty. "Since then we have been meeting weekly, making decisions on logos, name, band lists, surveys, and fundraising."

The focus will be on creative advertising, especially in Notre Dame dorms and at freshman orientation, as well as reaching out to Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students.

Flaherty says that it is not difficult to attract big-name bands to campus, particularly because the location between Chicago and the east coast makes Notre Dame a convenient stop for major tour routes.

Recruiting bands depends on both timing and finances. Flaherty says that it is much cheaper and easier to get bands who are touring in the area at the time.

Funding for "The Show" comes primarily from the Notre Dame Office of Student Affairs and Notre Dame Student Activities Office.

This year, the committee has been restructured to increase efficiency and outreach abilities.

Three vice-chairman oversee groups of finance, marketing and production and liaisons from Saint Mary's and Holy Cross represent their respective student bodies.

The support of the schools' administrations is also vital to the concert's success.

"I can't speak enough about the administration's support," said Flaherty. "Dr. Moss and Brian Coughlin, on behalf of their respective offices, have full faith in this event."

"We have also had tremendous support from the Saint Mary's administration in the past and are looking forward to continuing that relationship this year as well as building one with Holy Cross."

Next year marks the third year of "The Show," and the fourth concert of its kind. Flipstock 2001 was the first fall concert, featuring SR-71, Nine Days and They Might Be Giants.

Pleased by the concert's success, Office of Student Affairs with the Student Activities Office assumed its production.

In 2002, The Show featured Better than Ezra and The Parliament Funk.

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Student attends Chinese mission

By LAUREN SIEGEL
News Writer

As the spring semester concludes, many students look forward to traveling home to familiar territory. This is not the case for Stephanie Haskins, a finance major at Saint Mary's College.

On May 30, Haskins will travel overseas to attend the International Mission on Diplomacy in the People's Republic of China with 80 other college and university students to explore the inner workings of international affairs in China.

"The international Mission on Diplomacy engages its participants to learn from individuals currently leading cooperative efforts in staying off potential international conflict," said John Hines, executive director of Envision Institute.

As a junior in high school, Haskins was invited to Washington to participate in a week-long forum, the NYLF on

Defense, Intelligence & Diplomacy. As an alumnae of this program, she was invited to attend the International Missions and had a choice of going to China, Australia, Eastern Europe, Brazil or South Africa.

"I chose China," Haskins said, "because I felt that diplomatic relations within China are undergoing great changes in the economic, social and political environments."

Her first time traveling abroad, Haskins will visit Beijing, the ancient city of Xi'an and Shanghai. Highlights will be meeting with a representative of the U.S. Embassy, Chinese Diplomats, the Vice Mayor of Shanghai and the former U.S. Consular General.

"This unique diplomatic and cultural exploration, I am sure, will be a life-changing experience that will fuel my ambition for years to come and give me a tremendous head start towards my professional career goals," Haskins said. Haskins, who is not familiar with Chinese culture, has been

planning for her trip by reading online stories about the cities she will visit, as well as becoming familiar with China's daily news, current events and history.

Haskins will meet with China's future diplomats at the China University of Foreign Affairs to discuss that country's place in world politics, and the important role of diplomacy plays in connecting cultures and creating trust between varying governments.

"Diplomacy has always interested me," said Haskins, "and I feel it is an honor to be invited, and I look forward to representing my country. I believe this is an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity and I hope to gain an understanding and knowledge of another culture and lifestyle as well as gain an insight in that we are a global community. I know I will also gain an appreciation and tolerance for different views and ideologies."

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Council

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and special interest — saw overall cuts. The performing arts division was hardest hit, as allocations to its member clubs fell to less than \$29,500, a decrease of nearly 41 percent from last year's levels.

Meanwhile, academic and athletic clubs saw surges in funding. The athletic division led the way, as its member clubs were allocated over \$82,500 — a 21 percent increase over last year.

Garcia said the funding changes do not reflect any broad realignment of funding priorities, and that decisions are made on a case-by-case basis.

"We look at [clubs'] accounting and how they've spent their money in the past," he said. "Clubs that have spent their student activities fees the best [are] who we're looking to give money to."

Only a handful of clubs — the Academic Competition Club, the Science-Business Club, the College Republicans, the Flyin' Irish and the Children's Defense Fund — received 100 percent of their request. On average, clubs received about 55 percent of their request.

In other COR news:

♦ CPC chairman Jimmy Flaherty nominated sophomore Lauren Hallemann to serve as the CPC's director of publicity. Flaherty said he has full confidence in Hallemann's ability to coordinate the CPC's publicity efforts.

The CPC, formerly known as the Student Union Board, is student government's principal programming body. Hallemann's approval passed unanimously.

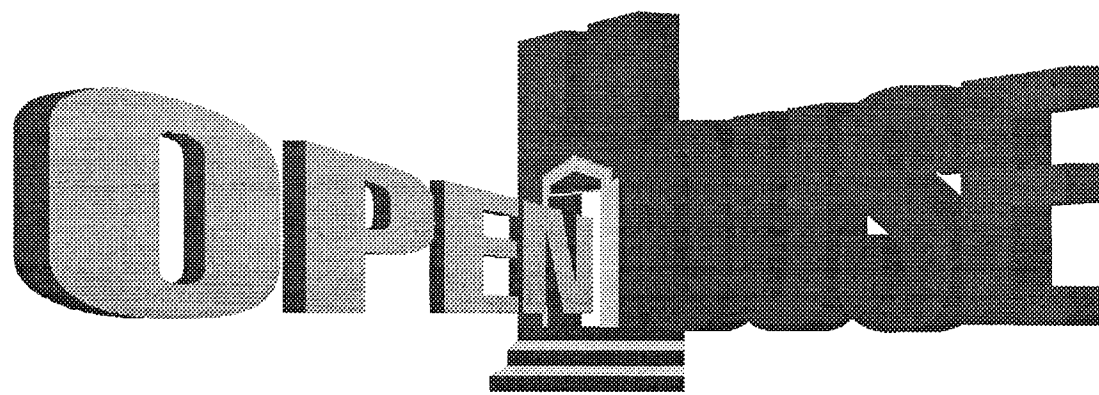
♦ Student body president Adam Istvan announced that a DVD rental store will be set up in LaFortune's Huddle Mart over the summer.

"When you guys come back in August, you'll be able to rent DVDs at the Huddle," Istvan said.

He said the store, which will not be affiliated with a video rental company, will begin with \$7,500 in funding.

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| Up: 1,223 | Same: 166 | Down: 2,081 | Composite Volume: 1,289,804,288 |

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| AMEX | 1,246.25 | +6.02 |
| NASDAQ | 2,036.77 | -13.00 |
| NYSE | 6,597.70 | -19.18 |
| S&P 500 | 1,135.53 | -5.07 |
| NIKKEI(Tokyo) | 12,072.27 | -91.62 |
| FTSE 100(London) | 4,571.80 | +1.80 |

| COMPANY | %CHANGE | \$GAIN | PRICE |
|-----------------------|---------|--------|-------|
| MICROSOFT CP (MSFT) | -1.09 | -0.30 | 27.24 |
| OSI PHARMACEUT (OSIP) | +138.86 | +52.96 | 91.10 |
| INTEL CORP (INTC) | -1.38 | -0.38 | 27.15 |
| CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO) | -0.77 | -0.18 | 23.14 |
| ORACLE CORP (ORCL) | -1.76 | -0.22 | 12.31 |

| Treasuries | | | |
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| 30-YEAR BOND | -0.46 | -0.24 | 52.23 |
| 10-YEAR NOTE | -0.43 | -0.19 | 44.33 |
| 5-YEAR NOTE | -0.33 | -0.08 | 35.51 |
| 3-MONTH BILL | -0.95 | -0.09 | 9.43 |

| Commodities | | | |
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| LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.) | +0.51 | | 36.97 |
| GOLD (\$/Troy oz.) | +0.90 | | 396.60 |
| PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.) | -0.425 | | 106.575 |

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| YEN | | | 108.7 |
| EURO | | | 0.8432 |
| POUND | | | 0.5605 |
| CANADIAN \$ | | | 1.352 |

IN BRIEF

Computer Associates restates EPS

ISLANDIA, N.Y. — Hoping to move past an accounting scandal that forced its chief executive to resign, Computer Associates International Inc. restated financial results from 2000 and 2001 on Monday to reflect \$2.2 billion in revenue that was improperly booked.

The software maker also continued to shake up its management, confirming that director Kenneth Cron had been named interim chief executive and installing former Compaq Computer Corp. executive Jeff Clarke as chief operating officer.

New chairman Lewis Ranieri said Computer Associates has spent \$30 million investigating its accounting practices and responding to inquiries from U.S. regulators and federal prosecutors.

High court to decide tax case

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court agreed Monday to review the government's way of resolving large tax disputes, accepting a challenge that claims taxpayers can be hit with multimillion-dollar judgments without knowing how the decision was reached.

Justices will hear a constitutional challenge to the technical process for people who fight government demands for taxes. At issue are the largest cases — those involving more than \$50,000, in which special judges hold trials and forward recommendations to the U.S. Tax Court for rulings.

The court will hear the cases in its next term which begins in October.

New home sales leap in March

WASHINGTON — Sales of new homes surged by 8.9 percent in March, the largest monthly increase in nine months, as mortgage rates bottomed out before starting to ascend.

The increase pushed sales of new, single family houses to a record seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.228 million last month. That was up from 1.128 in February, the Commerce Department reported Monday.

The monthly increase of 8.9 percent was the highest since June 2003.

By region, new home sales soared by 19.3 percent in the South, hitting a record rate of 613,000.

COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT

Boeing lands major jet order

Japanese carrier agrees to purchase 50 new 7E7 Dreamliners beginning in 2008



Photo courtesy of The Boeing Co.

A model of a Boeing 7E7 Dreamliner passenger jet with an All Nippon Airways paint scheme. Boeing announced Monday that the Japanese airline has ordered 50 of the newly developed high-efficiency jets.

Associated Press

SEATTLE — The Boeing Co. board of directors has approved production of its roomier, more fuel-efficient 7E7 Dreamliner now that it has an order for the first 50 planes from All Nippon Airways, the manufacturer and carrier announced Monday.

The order is worth \$6 billion at list prices, although airlines typically negotiate substantial discounts for large orders. The precise dollar figure of the order was withheld.

Dreamliner production is scheduled to begin in 2006. The first flight by one of the planes is anticipated the next year and deliveries are scheduled to begin in 2008, according to a statement.

The 7E7 is designed to compete with the Airbus A330-200 series — manufactured by Boeing's European rival — as well as to replace the 757 and

767. It is Boeing's first all-new plane since 1990.

The deal is a record for the number of planes in a single customer's order that initiates production by Boeing. The old record was set in 1960 when Eastern Airlines and United Airlines each ordered 40 of the new 727s.

More 7E7 orders are likely in the coming weeks and months but "probably not on the order of magnitude of this order," Boeing Commercial Airplanes spokeswoman Yvonne Leach said in a telephone interview.

"I think we'll see something happening in China in the relatively near term," Mike Bair, Boeing's senior vice president for the 7E7, said in a conference call.

The order includes the short-haul Model 3, which will have about 300 seats, and the longer-range Model 8, with 230 seats in two classes, with the exact

number of each to be determined later.

"ANA's selection of the Boeing 7E7 is consistent with our stated goal to operate the safest, most modern, efficient and comfortable fleet of aircraft in the world," ANA president Yoji Ohashi said in the joint statement.

While Airbus has touted its 550-passenger A380 as a solution that enables airlines to pack more customers onto each flight between major hubs, Boeing is betting that carriers will prefer smaller, more efficient airplanes to get passengers to their destinations more directly.

Shares of Boeing gained 87 cents, or 2 percent to \$43.32 in morning trading Monday on the New York Stock Exchange.

The Dreamliner, designed to use 15 percent to 20 percent less fuel per passenger while providing bigger windows and slightly wider

aisles and seats than other airliners, will be assembled in Everett, about 25 miles north of Seattle, where the 747, 767 and 777 are now made.

Mitsubishi, Kawasaki and Fuji Heavy Industries, Japan's three leading industrial conglomerates, have contracted to provide about 35 percent of the 7E7, including the wings — the first time outside companies have been given the lead in wing production for a Boeing commercial aircraft.

ANA will decide later whether to equip the planes with General Electric GENX or Rolls Royce Trent 1000 jet engines, each capable of providing 55,000 to 70,000 pounds of thrust.

The order will enable ANA to eventually replace its fleet of 61 medium-sized planes — 52 767-300s, two 767-200s, and seven Airbus A321s.

CONSUMER STAPLES

Americans cry over \$4 milk prices

Associated Press

NEW YORK — An increase in the base price of milk is pushing the retail price of the staple to nearly \$4 per gallon, causing some consumers to cut back, switch brands or seek out wholesalers.

"I stopped buying organic milk because it was so expensive," said Ashley Wotiz, a designer, as she bought a pint of store brand milk for \$1.15 at a grocery store on the east side in Manhattan. Now, Wotiz is cringing at the price of what was once the cheapest milk on the shelf.

The rise in prices comes after the U.S. Agriculture Department announced Friday that it would raise the minimum price paid to dairy farmers by 50 cents — taking the

price to a record high of \$1.69 per gallon. That doesn't include packaging, distribution and other costs.

As a result, the retail price per gallon of milk is set to reach more than \$4 per gallon — its highest levels ever — in at least some areas, not adjusting for inflation.

Jim Rogers, president of the Albany-based Food Industry Alliance of New York State, said the state approved an increase in the maximum price retailers can charge to \$4.18 per gallon, the first time it crossed the \$4 mark.

Prices can vary from the national average based on the region where the milk is produced and the type of milk sold, such as skim or whole.

On Monday, stores in New York were selling milk at least 20 cents

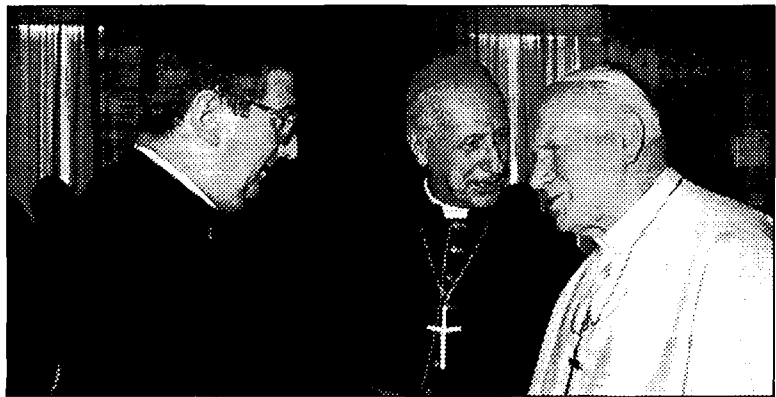
higher than last week. At D'Agostino Supermarkets, a gallon was priced at \$3.69 while at The Food Emporium, a division of The Great Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company, it was listed at \$3.84.

At Costco branches throughout the country, milk was selling at about \$2 a gallon but this will change next week, said Judith Logan, the general merchandise manager for the wholesaler. "Dairy farmers may be able to hold prices for a week but after that, based on the industry news I have, prices will go up."

"We have to pass the increase on to the customer otherwise we can't pay our bills," said John Catsimatidis, chairman and CEO of Gristede's Foods Inc., a grocery superstore chain in New York.

IRELAND

The Vatican replaces Dublin Archbishop



Pope John Paul II, right, receives Monsignor Diarmuid Martin, left, who took over for Dublin Archbishop Cardinal Desmond Connell.

Associated Press

DUBLIN — The Vatican replaced Cardinal Desmond Connell as the archbishop of Dublin on Monday after years of criticism that he didn't do enough to stop sexual abuse by priests.

Pope John Paul II announced Monday in Vatican City that Diarmuid Martin, the coadjutor archbishop of Dublin, had succeeded Connell as leader of the archdiocese's nearly 1.1 million Catholics.

The pope's statement said Connell's resignation — originally offered in 2001 — had now been accepted because of his age.

Pressure had been mounting on Connell, 78, to quit ever since the Irish television network RTE broadcast an October 2002 documentary into the scope of abuse cases within the country's largest archdiocese.

The program accused Connell of using church funds to provide a confidential \$50,000 loan to Ivan Payne, a priest who then used the money to buy the silence of an alleged abuse victim.

The documentary said arch-

diocese leaders were facing more than 450 lawsuits from alleged victims, and had long been aware of a pedophile ring in the diocese involving eight priests, including Payne.

The program accused the cardinal of demonstrating little sympathy for abuse victims.

On Monday, Connell cast his impending retirement in a positive light, making no reference to the sex abuse scandal.

"I am greatly looking forward to retirement," Connell told reporters in Dublin, Martin at his side. "There will be a period of adjustment, but it will be good to have time to spend with family and friends, and to catch up on my reading."

Connell has long been one of the church's most prominent theologians. Before his appointment as archbishop in 1988, he served as a professor of metaphysics at University College Dublin.

As archbishop he denounced contraception, divorce, abortion and homosexual relationships. He proved ill at ease with the media and demonstrated little diplomatic skill, sometimes clashing with leaders of Ireland's major Protestant denomination, the Church of Ireland.

HCC

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faculty at Holy Cross.

"The courses have gone well, but then we thought they would," Watson said. "After all, our professors are both experts in their fields and dedicated to teaching, so coursework plays to HCC's strength: the faculty."

However, it has been more difficult to define the program in terms of making it distinct from those of the other four-year institutions in the surrounding area, Watson said. One unique component of HCC's baccalaureate track is that enrolled students do not choose one major but instead receive a liberal arts education by taking the same set of multidisciplinary courses with some electives. This standard set of courses is then supplemented with required participation in a study-abroad experience, an internship and a service-learning project.

"What have been challenging are the aspects of our program that make it distinct, such as the emphasis on career development and internships," Watson said. "That's something we didn't have as much experience in, but through a recent \$750,000 Lilly Grant, HCC has hired Tim Ryan to head the College's new Lilly Career Development Center."

Like Watson, Holy Cross students have also found the addition of the baccalaureate program to be successful, and they welcome its further development. Students admitted to the four-year track are pleased with the new opportunities that are now available to them, and those earning associate degrees appreciate the smoothness with which the new program has been implemented.

"The four-year program is a natural outgrowth from the

two-year program, and I think this is what our student body most appreciated," Watson said. "The four-year program has many of the same positive HCC attributes as does the two-year program, primarily faculty and staff who commit themselves to an active role in the individual lives of the College's students."

Holy Cross sophomore and newly elected student body president Joseph Lafferty is one of only five students who have been accepted to the baccalaureate program thus far. Lafferty said the application process is much more complex than it was for the Associates Degree because of the demanding nature of the four-year track. However, he looks forward to the new challenges with which he has been presented.

"I was always interested in hearing about Holy Cross becoming a four-year school since I was a freshman, and when they [the Holy Cross administration] finally made the decision, I knew the program would be right for me," Lafferty said. Sophomore Michael Flaherty, who will be Vice Student Body President for the 2004-05 school year, has also been accepted to the program and, like Lafferty, is looking forward to taking part in its unique aspects.

"When I enrolled to Holy Cross as a freshman, I heard a rumor of a four year program being created," Flaherty said. "I talked to a few mentors and decided that this innovative program was exactly what I wanted to engage myself in. All the programs here at Holy

Cross are unique, but the close bond that the students and faculty have here is not like any other college I have ever seen before."

Lafferty and Flaherty have both chosen to focus on business, marketing and advertising for the next two years, areas of study that can be more deeply experienced through internship opportunities.

"By completing the baccalaureate program, I have access to services which will help me find an internship, develop job search skills, and find a job after graduation,"

Lafferty said.

Lafferty and Flaherty agree that other students, including those who will obtain an associates degree, have also embraced the program as a means of improving the educational options available at Holy Cross.

"Other students' reactions I am sure have been positive," Flaherty said. "We love it here, and we love to see this school branching out and becoming bigger and better."

As for future goals for Holy Cross's program, Watson said that the number of admitted students will be kept small intentionally for the next few years, but that over time the program will expand and perhaps increase the enrollment at the college.

"We will grow our baccalaureate program, but we will do it methodically and deliberately," Watson said. "The goal was never to simply increase our enrollment; the goal was to create a vibrant new program,

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Upcoming Recitals in the Department of Music

Lan Jiang, cello
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Tuesday, April 27
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"Le Donne Musicali: 17th Century Women and their Music"
Danielle Svonavec, soprano
Darlene Catello, harpsichord
Mary Anne Ballard, viola da gamba
Wednesday, April 28
7 pm, Welsh Parlor,
Haggar College Center
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Logan Biles, saxophone
with **Yoko Yamada, piano**
Friday, April 30
5:30 pm, Carey Auditorium
Hesburgh Library

Matthew Merten, trombone
Saturday, May 1
3:30 pm, Annenberg Auditorium

Lella Tascheck, violin
with **Paivi Ekroth, piano**
Sunday, May 2
3 pm, Annenberg Auditorium

Ivana Sabanošová, organ
Sunday, May 2
8 pm, Sacred Heart Basilica

Mary Waltner, mezzo-soprano
with **Paivi Ekroth, piano**
Thursday, May 6
1 pm, Annenberg Auditorium

Rebecca Paul, soprano
with **Paivi Ekroth, piano**
Thursday, May 6
3 pm, Annenberg Auditorium

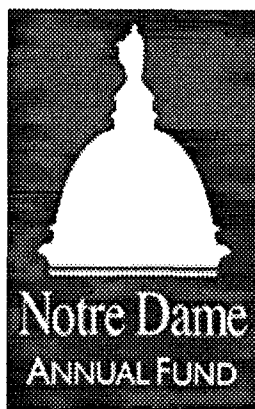
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New drug replaces Cipro for treating STD

Associated Press

ATLANTA — The government is expected to recommend this week that doctors switch to another antibiotic for treating gonorrhea because of an alarming rise in drug-resistant cases of the sexually transmitted disease, top experts said Monday.

The class of antibiotics commonly used to treat gonorrhea, including Cipro, is no longer effective against certain strains of the bacteria, said Dr. Jeffrey Klausner, deputy health officer and director of STD prevention for the San Francisco Department of Public Health.

In place of Cipro, administered as a pill, the Centers

for Disease Control and Prevention is expected to recommend ceftriaxone, which is less convenient because it is injected, Klausner told The Associated Press. Another recommended drug, cefixime, is in pill form but is no longer made in the United States.

CDC spokeswoman Jessica Frickey said the agency plans to announce new recommendations Thursday for treating gonorrhea, but would not give details. Klausner and another health official who worked with the CDC on its new guidelines disclosed them.

Cipro has been used for at least four years to fight gonorrhea.

Court refuses school prayer case

Scalia questions reasoning behind denial of VMI appeal

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Two of the Supreme Court's most conservative members delivered an unusual public rebuke to more liberal justices Monday, accusing them of ducking an important church-state fight over mealtime prayers at a taxpayer-funded military college.

Justice Antonin Scalia, joined by Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist, said the court should have taken the case to answer for the first time whether its ban on school-sponsored prayer for young children and high schoolers applies to college students as well.

Scalia delivered a polite but blunt critique of what he suggested are flimsy reasons for avoiding an appeal on behalf of the Virginia Military Institute, which is part of the state's university system.

The VMI case also gave the court an opportunity to rule on the constitutionality of traditional religious observance in military institutions, Scalia said.

"The weighty questions raised by petitioners ... deserve this court's attention," he wrote in protest.

Writing separately, Justice John Paul Stevens countered that the VMI case may be important, but suffers from procedural and other problems. He said Scalia is "quite wrong" in his characterization of why the court rejected the case. Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer joined Stevens.

With the Supreme Court rebuff, the ruling of a lower court stands. That court said the nightly prayers violate the Constitution's ban on state promotion of religion.

The court already is considering a major case about religion in schools. Justices are expected to rule by summer on whether the current wording of the Pledge of Allegiance, with its reference to "one nation under God," can legally be recited in public schools.

Scalia recused himself from that case because of remarks that seemed to prejudge the case.

At VMI, the mess hall prayers, one for each night of the week except Saturday, were recited by a student chaplain. The prayers concluded with the phrase, "Now, O God, we receive this food and share this meal together with thanksgiving. Amen."

Two cadets asked the school to change the prayer ceremony. They sued when VMI refused.

Since the 1960s, the Supreme Court has outlawed official prayer in a variety of public school settings, including classrooms and at high school graduations. The court has pointed to the special circumstances of grade schools and high schools, with their many rules, enforced attendance and young pupils.

By contrast, college students are usually adults and attend school by choice.

The state of Virginia asked the high court to reinstate a decades-old VMI practice of saying grace before the evening meal.

The school was the subject of a previous, hard-fought Supreme Court case over its all-male admissions policy. VMI lost that case in 1996, as Scalia noted dryly in his dissent Monday.

"VMI has previously seen another of its traditions abolished by this court," he wrote. "This time, however, its cause has been ignored rather than rejected — though the consequences will be just the same."

Scalia voted in favor of VMI in the earlier case. Although he did not say how he would have voted this time, he appeared to tip his hand.

Prayer at a military college is more likely to be constitutional than prayer at a non-

military one, "since group prayer before military mess is more traditional than group prayer at ordinary state colleges," he wrote.

The back-and-forth between Scalia and Stevens offered a rare glimpse inside the secretive selection process for Supreme Court cases.

The court chooses to hear only a small percentage of all the cases sent to it. By tradition, at least four justices must agree that a given case is worthwhile. The justices vote behind closed doors.

Debate over a prospective case may be vigorous or non-existent, but to the outside world the result almost always appears the same: A simple, one-sentence notice that "the petition for a writ of certiorari is granted," or, far more often, denied.

By dissenting in the VMI case, Scalia and Rehnquist revealed that, at most, they were able to collect just one additional vote to hear the case.

The justices in the court's ideological middle, Sandra Day O'Connor and Anthony M. Kennedy, did not reveal their votes.

One reason to reject the case, Stevens said, was the lack of a clear division among lower appeals courts that have considered similar issues about campus prayer. Such splits often lead the Supreme Court to get involved and make the law uniform nationwide.

Scalia pounced on that reasoning, and he came close to calling his colleagues hypocrites. Of course, there are no cases precisely like the VMI case because there are no institutions precisely like VMI, Scalia wrote.

The case is *Bunting v. Mellen*, 03-863.

"The weighty questions raised by petitioners ... deserve this court's attention."

**Antonin Scalia
Supreme Court Justice**

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Changing the world one semester at a time

We live in times that try men and women's souls. Thomas Paine, the great American patriot, used these words 228 years ago to summon a people to action for freedom and justice. Through his call to action, Paine began a tradition of social change, deeply embedded in the heart of the American people, that has driven some of the greatest moments of American history: the women's suffrage movement, the labor movement for economic rights and the Civil Rights Movement. Beyond America, the course of human history is filled with stories of individuals creatively engaging the structures of their time in work for justice. Perhaps the greatest of these was a man from Nazareth 2,000 years ago who preached truth and love to the fear that consumed the powerful. Today, we live in a world that deeply needs such inspiring words and action.

We need simply to open our eyes to recognize the need for change in our community, country and world. Individuals might disagree on the nature and scope of this change, but acceptance of the status quo is a fatal mistake. In the United States today, 44 million Americans lack healthcare and 34.6 million Americans live in poverty. Tonight, over 24,000 people around the world will die of hunger. Tomorrow, thousands of children will be abused, hundreds of thousands of women will face discrimination and millions of workers will be exploited. To accept this situation as the best the system can do is to turn one's back on the rich tradition within American and human history of ordinary people creating change for the common good. We need change and we need to be the bearers of that change.

As it is at many colleges, Notre Dame students for too long have been defined by characteristics of apathy, conformity and complacency. I certainly admit that I have written on this many times. Yet to simply see our community in this light is to miss the many people working on campaigns for constructive social change. In the past two weeks, over 145 people have fasted and taken a stand for justice for tomato pickers in Florida. Their commitment to demanding that our administration live up to its ideals is a beacon of hope that we can all be instruments of social change.

In these times, it has become commonplace to hear people of diverse political and religious orientations speaking in terms of the crossroads we face personally, nationally and universally. There is a consensus that we stand at a moment of contingency in determining the future of our lives and institutions, but are we committed to shaping the outcomes? Will we be spectators of this future or will we drive its construction?

This is a pivotal moment on a number of fronts. In terms of national politics and shaping the international order, what is the direction that we want the United States to take in its language and actions? In terms of domestic politics, what are our priorities? In terms of our own community, what direction should Notre Dame take in order to most fully live out its ideals? Finally, how will we unite to act for positive social change?

It is this last question that a group of us will try to answer as we converge on Fieldhouse Mall today from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. for the America Needs a Change rally. This rally for local and national change will be an opportunity for the many social action groups of Notre Dame to connect and raise their voices for equality, peace and justice.

As we stand at these crossroads, we

need as many people as possible to come together to foster a new dialogue about the substantive issues that are affecting real people. We need an active community of informed people committed to using their gifts for a better future for all Americans and all people. We need to bring people into this dialogue to seriously engage one another about the challenges and obstacles that we face in creating a community committed to justice.

Change will not come simply through our discussing topics in our classes or sharing time at exciting dorm events; change will come when we commit ourselves to its work in tangible ways. Change will come when we embrace the call to action that lies within all of us.

As Martin Luther King, Jr. said in his "Letter from Birmingham Jail," "Human progress never rolls in on wheels of inevitability; it comes through the tireless efforts of men willing to be co-workers with God, and without this hard work, time itself becomes an ally of the forces of social stagnation. We must use time creatively, in the knowledge that the time is always ripe to do right."

The time is now and change begins with you and me.

Peter Quaranto wants to thank his "unofficial editors" for all their wisdom and guidance this year: Alice, Mark and Julia. He also wants to thank all of the inspiring seniors that did change the world one semester at a time: Cecilia, Jim, Chris, Brigitte, Andrew, Tom, Nadia, Monica, Liz, Kate, Keri, Maureen and so many more. Finally, he wants to thank the Red Sox for winning six of seven thus far against New York. Times are changing. Contact him at pquarant@nd.edu.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Ninety-eight percent of the adults in this country are decent, hardworking, honest Americans. It's the other lousy two percent that get all the publicity. But then, we elected them."

Lily Tomlin
comedian

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Recognizing the effects of Kerry's policies

This past weekend, presidential candidate John Kerry appeared at a small pro-abortion rally in Washington D.C. ironically named the "March for Women's Lives" and sponsored by Planned Parenthood and the National Abortion Rights and Reproductive Action League ("NARAL Pro-Choice America"). Perhaps the name of the march is an attempt to appeal to the antiquated notion that legalized abortion prevents women's deaths, despite the fact that far more women die from abortion procedures now than before its legalization. This title is also especially ironic when at least half of all aborted children are female and when forced abortions are used in countries around the world to select against the birth of female babies. Regardless, Kerry has thrown his full support behind the abortion march and its mission, all the while claiming to be a faithful Roman Catholic who publicly supports a woman's "right to choose." Incidentally, numerous bishops and the Vatican have called upon priests to not allow Holy Communion to be given to politicians who publicly support abortion.

Kerry's abysmal stance on abortion takes him beyond being merely a laissez-faire, "pro-choice" leader who promises to honor the so-called autonomous choices of women to kill their unborn children. The man is extreme even among those who are pro-choice. Kerry unequivocally supports the pro-death policies of the International Planned Parenthood Federation and other international population control organizations that force abortions for financial gain or eugenic policy reasons, thus pitting himself directly against the Church and against women. For example, Kerry has spoken out in praise of China's one-child policy. In

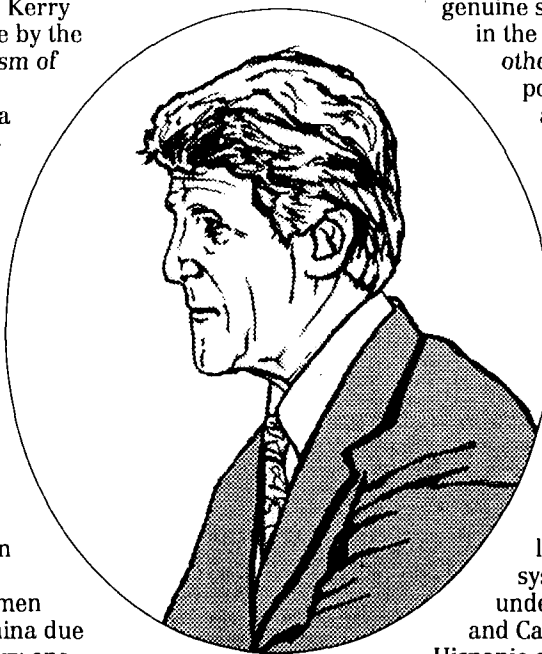
China, to this very day, a woman without a permit to give birth to a second child can be dragged out of her home in the middle of the night in order to have an abortion forced upon her — the woman's "choice" as to whether or not to keep the baby is irrelevant. In his goals and actions as a leader, Kerry does not even abide by the deceptive euphemism of "pro-choice."

Furthermore, at a recent dinner hosted by NARAL, co-sponsor of the pro-abortion march, Kerry received an ovation for his comment that there should be, "no more cutbacks on population control efforts around the world." The World Health Organization has estimated that over 50 million women are "missing" in China due to China's mandatory one-child policy which encourages families to abort every female child that comes along in order to secure a male. Champion for the rights of women? Hardly.

Kerry wants to increase the amount of government funding of Planned Parenthood, an organization which funds abortions both in America and overseas. Planned Parenthood has recently begun a new radio ad campaign targeting poor

African-American neighborhoods with rap lyrics advising those with unplanned pregnancy to come on down to PP. Is this an effort to help the African-American community or to exploit their poverty and to impose eugenic "population-control"

measures as an alternative to a genuine solution to poverty in the United States? No other segment of the population has been as adversely affected by abortion — thanks largely to Planned Parenthood's aggressive efforts, nearly half of all pregnancies of African-American women end in abortion. Planned Parenthood has been and currently is engaging in a systematic effort to undermine religiosity and Catholicism in Hispanic communities and aggressively there propagates its birth control and abortion message. It has called upon numerous traditionally-Catholic nations to imitate China's brutal one-child policy. It has endorsed the efforts of the "Women on Waves Foundation," an abortion clinic boat that sails to various Catholic and/or third world countries in order to take women to international waters and kill their babies. The Dutch ship's first stop? Ireland.



Margaret Sanger, founder of Planned Parenthood, unabashedly advocated eugenics. In her writings in "Pivot of Civilization," she contends, "Birth control itself, often denounced as a violation of the natural law, is nothing more or less than the facilitation of the process of weeding out the unfit, preventing the birth of defectives or of those who will become defectives." While America does not have forced abortions like China, how many women here are "forced" in some way, through manipulation or circumstances, to abort their child? Does not the abortion and contraceptive agenda of PP undermine the commitment to women of males who feel justified in pointing their girlfriends to the abortuary? How many women are forced into choosing abortion because society believes that rather than supporting women who need emotional, financial, academic and/or social support, all she needs is the scarring experience of an abortion? Is this the "liberation" women deserve? No man has ever had to carry the traumatic experience of an abortion with him through the years? Is this equality?

If John Kerry should become president, he would increase funding to Planned Parenthood and their agenda of death and preventing life wherever possible. What we need, rather, is to empower women who want to keep their children by devoting our resources to providing the emotional, economic and social support they need to see their pregnancies through and to take care of their children and themselves once they are born.

Brian Noonan
law student
April 25

Respect those who make a difference

Bill Rinner's Apr. 23 Viewpoint column was callous and cowardly. After mocking the actions of the hunger strikers by describing his own hunger strike for his beloved Crystal Pepsi, Rinner notes, "Call it the plight of an upper middle class white male." Thanks for the biographical information, Bill, because after your insensitive article on labor issues, I had you pegged for a Mexican migrant worker who put yourself through school by picking tomatoes.

You refer to the strike as offensive and ask that "legitimate hunger strikes be reserved for massive social injustices." Actually, most people might consider paying farm workers slave wages while refusing them the right to organize a "massive social injustice." In June 2002, three of the employers that you might claim were giving workers the "market value" of their efforts were sentenced to 25 years in jail, found guilty of conspiracy to hold workers in indentured servitude and extortion.

Your article is filled with too many erroneous claims and false generalizations to respond to in a single letter, but allow me to address one of the most ridiculous assertions you make. You claimed Europeans are in awe of the efficiency and compassion of the American health care system. While in Ireland last year, I found most Europeans disgusted with the lack of compassion in America's health care system, rather than in awe of it. Access to medical care might not be a part of your "plight" as "an upper middle class white male," but there are 41 million Americans — including all of the Immokalee workers

— without regular access to health care.

That is why the United States finished in 37th place — between superpowers Costa Rica and Slovenia and far behind most of the Western European countries that you ridicule in your article — in a World Health Organization report ranking the effectiveness of the world's health care systems. I guess the WHO neglected to consult you and your "EU friends." The European healthcare systems are far from perfect, but take the blinders off — the American system remains seriously flawed. The majority of Europeans like the American health care system even less than the rest of us like Crystal Pepsi.

The most unsettling thing about the article is the cowardice shown in the condemnation of a group of over 100 Notre Dame students (not just the "few lovable members of PSA" that were described) that have continually worked to create a more just world. Nearly a century ago, Theodore Roosevelt said, "It is not the critic who counts ... The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly ... who spends himself in a worthy cause." Step into the arena, and have the courage to fight for something worthwhile before mocking the actions of dedicated students embodying the spirit of justice supposedly espoused at Notre Dame.

Dennis Barrett
senior
off-campus
April 26

Acknowledging football problems

In his April 23 article, Andrew Soukup correctly identifies the football program's poor performance as a decade-long malaise. In contrast, University spokesmen John Heisler and Dave Duerson trivialize alumni dissatisfaction as an overreaction to one bad season. If this is what Notre Dame's executives believe, the football program is in serious trouble.

We have had unprecedented numbers of losing seasons and lopsided losses over the last 10 years. There is no defense for the management of the program during that time. If we are doing the right things, we are not doing them very well. More likely, we are a victim of poor management practices, many easy to observe. For example:

- The unqualified candidate list of replacements for Lou Holtz that resulted in hiring a first-time head coach who was not up to the job.
- Allowing Bob Davie's tenure to wind down without developing and vetting a list of qualified and interested replacements.
- The embarrassing search processes when replacing Bob Davie.
- The Joe Moore lawsuit.
- The passive approach taken during the NCAA investigation of Kim Dunbar's relationship with the program, resulting in the absurd finding of a major infraction.

These are public examples of poor management. If public examples consistently display mismanagement, why would we believe that things are better behind closed doors?

Like other high level managers, Kevin White should have performance objectives, general parameters and constraints, and freedom to work within those constraints to achieve his objectives. When he has to work through a coaching search committee stocked with several members who have no experience in the business of college athletics and when the Office of Student Affairs decides scheduling issues, it is hard to argue that Dr. White has the authority he needs to succeed. Such meddling in the business of athletics is as absurd as having the Athletics staff searching for the Dean of the College of Engineering or writing research grant applications.

Hiring good people and giving them the authority to do their jobs is what the program needs. Amateurs must stop meddling, even if they have lofty titles.

Kevin O'Neill
alumnus
Class of 1976
April 26

MOVIE REVIEW

'Kill Bill: Vol. 2' proves to be a worthy sequel

By JACK WATKINS
Scene Movie Critic

"Kill Bill: Vol. 2" is the second half—not the sequel—to last fall's martial arts filled superaction extravaganza. For those who don't know, the story is fairly simple—The Bride (Uma Thurman) is a former member of the Deadly Viper Assassination Squad, or DiVAS for short, who, after leaving the group, was a victim of an assassination attempt that left her in a coma for four years. Upon waking up, The Bride goes on "a roaring rampage of revenge," eliminating, one-by-one, the "Death List Five"—O-ren Ishii (Lucy Liu), Vernita Green (Vivica A. Fox), Budd (Michael Madsen), Elle Driver (Daryl Hannah), and, of course, Bill himself (David Carradine). The Bride's mentor and former lover who led the DiVAS. At the end of "Kill Bill: Vol. 1," both O-ren and Vernita had been taken care of, along with O-ren's "Crazy 88" bodyguards. There are not really eighty-eight people, as Bill explains early in Vol. 2, but fighters who call themselves that because "they thought it was 'cool.'"

The second movie contains less action than the first, relying more on suspense and Tarantino's trade-

marked oddball dialogue, which manifests itself in (among other things) a discussion of the Superman mythology and what may be the worst Kung-Fu style dialogue ever. Despite the comedic touch that Tarantino always puts in his films, "Kill Bill: Vol. 2," unlike its predecessor, demands that its audience take it seriously.

Tarantino uses a theme of parent and child throughout the movie, developing what was begun in the first movie with the murdering of Vernita Green in front of her daughter and of O-ren Ishii's parents in front of her. This time, the children in question are The Bride's daughter, who she believed was killed by Bill, and The Bride herself. Since her own child has been raised by Bill, a twisted family is formed — Bill and The Bride are the literal and functional parents of the

girl, named B.B., but Bill also serves as a father-figure to The Bride. This structure suggests the possibility of incest as well as corruption being passed down from generation to generation — as Bill

trained The Bride as an assassin, he might also train their daughter.

Tarantino's movies usually bear the evidence of his status as the ultimate fanboy — references to comic books, B-movies and other cult phenomena

"Kill Bill: Vol. 2"

Director: Quentin Tarantino
Writer: Quentin Tarantino and Uma Thurman
Starring: Uma Thurman, David Carradine, Michael Madsen, Daryl Hannah, Chia Hui Liu, Michael Parks and Perla Haney-Jardine

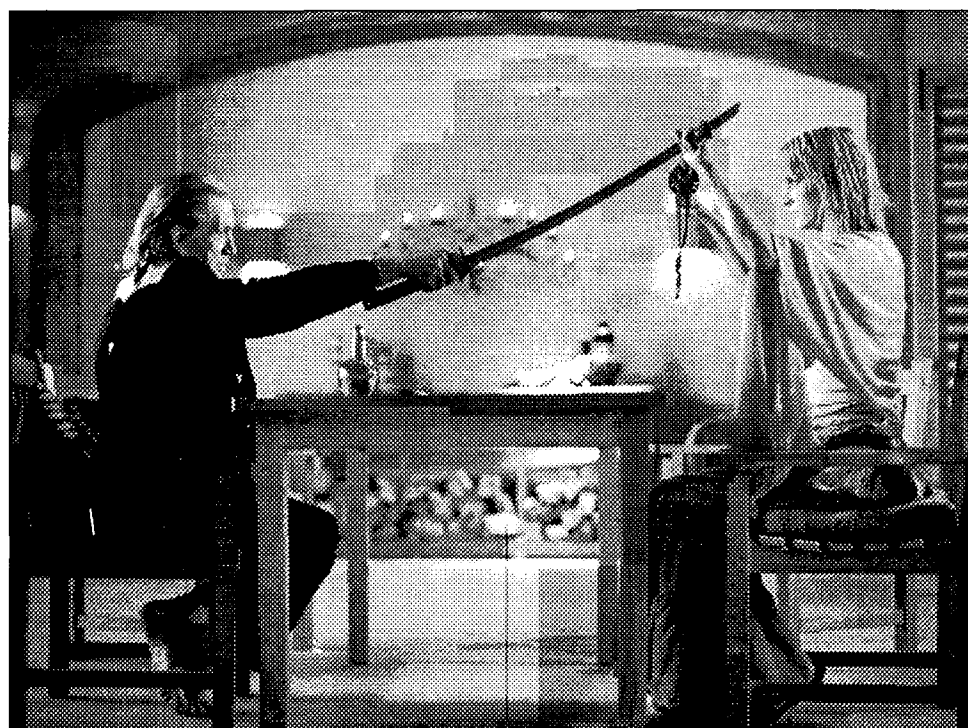


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Bill (David Carradine), left, and The Bride (Uma Thurman) are finally reunited in director Quentin Tarantino's new revenge film thriller "Kill Bill: Vol. 2."

abound. In "Kill Bill: Vol. 2," Tarantino has stayed true to form by casting former icons Hannah and Carradine, as well as lesser known figures like Gordon Liu and Bo Svenson, but he has also expanded his range by calling upon religious symbolism — there are shades of Dante's Beatrice in The Bride, who functions as both angel and Fury. Tarantino

goes so far as to use tongue-in-cheek Christological symbols, although, since The Bride is no savior, those moments are likely best understood as placing her in the Joseph Campbell "Hero With a Thousand Faces" tradition.

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DVD REVIEW

'Kill Bill: Vol. 1' slices its way onto DVD

By BRANDON HOLLIHAN
Scene DVD Critic

What more can be said about the groundbreaking film of 2003 that captivated audiences with its flashy scenery and costuming, state-of-the-art cinematic technique and gratuitous amounts of blood, shed from world class, Samurai-inspired Yakuza gangsters?

Well, quite a bit, if you were one of those dissatisfied, or even disenchanted, by the bleakness of the film's characters, or perhaps even the violence, which, while fantastic (and an absolute must for a Quentin Tarantino film), becomes burdensome as the film approaches its climax.

In "Kill Bill: Vol. 1," Uma Thurman plays 'The Bride,' an assassin left for dead by her lover/leader Bill (David Carradine), along with four other members of the Deadly Viper Assassination Squad. This movie chronicles The Bride's assault upon her first two targets: O-ren Ishii (Lucy

Liu), a Chinese American who sliced her way to the top of the Yakuza, and Vernita Green (Vivica A. Fox), a former assassin turned stay-at-home mom. That pretty much sums up the plot, with multiple details characterized through different styles. For example, the ultra-violent animated sequence retelling O-ren's history, or the brightly lit shots in El Paso, the sight of the attempted murder on The Bride.

One great thing about the film is that there's an obvious purpose for setting all the different scenes with their own distinct style, and yet they all fit the bigger picture of The Bride exacting her revenge. I couldn't help but watch the long take in the House of Blue Leaves several times, just because of the way it synchs up all the different plot points. In fact, "Kill Bill: Vol. 1" does so well at telling the story through imagery, it sometimes exposes the fairly bland script the actors work with. The acting itself is fine, but it's nothing special, mostly just proclamation and exposition, in need of stinging dialogue and expression.

The explicit violence in "Vol. 1" is an entirely separate issue. Yes, it needs to be true to Tarantino's vision, but it wore itself down from shocking to anticipated. Everyone seems to discuss the Crazy 88's sequence at the dining hall table, but it appears to merely be

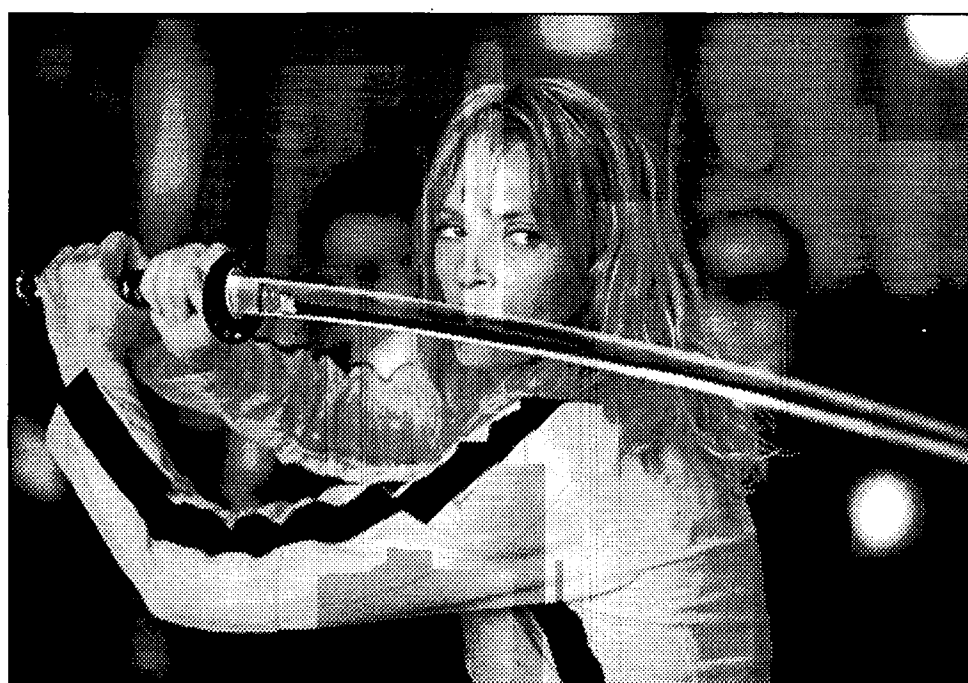


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The Bride (Uma Thurman) prepares for battle in the first part of Tarantino's "Kill Bill" series. The DVD of the first part was released earlier this month.

"Matrix: Reloaded" with blood. Granted, the lighting, staging, and sound were brilliant, but ripping off the wire scheme from "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" didn't help matters.

Despite this, Tarantino is highly acclaimed for his cinematography. His work deserves a look, but probably not on this particular DVD. The DVD is little more than an advertisement for "Kill Bill: Vol. 2," and it supports the argument that the entire series could

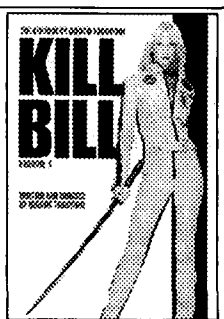
have been completely told in a single film — but I understand how difficult it is to pass up on easy cash.

"Kill Bill" fans should be patient and wait until a two-disc or special edition version of the entire series is released at some point in the future. There is no need to quickly indulge yourself now.

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Kill Bill: Vol. 1

Miramax



MOVIE REVIEW

'Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind' spins an emotional tale

By MARY SQUILLACE
Scene Movie Critic

In a market where films about relationships don't typically entail anything deeper than a passionate kiss on a busy street corner while a Van Morrison song rises up, Michel Gondry's "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" provides a refreshingly inventive break from the norm. Though writer Charlie Kaufman has already proved himself as the master of the modern-day fantasy with original movies like "Adaptation" and "Being John Malkovich," Kaufman turns a new corner with his most recent efforts, spinning an equally unique, but emotionally enriched story.

Upon discovering that his former girlfriend, Clementine (Kate Winslet) has, with the help of a team of skilled technicians, literally erased him from her memory, Joel (Jim Carrey) decides to go through the same process. However, as he undergoes the procedure and travels through memories of his failed relationship, Joel realizes he's not quite ready to let go. As his memories slowly fade, Joel does everything within his power to dodge the effects of the procedure and reconcile with Clementine.

Though the premise of the film is somewhat bizarre, its essence is root-

ed in reality. For this reason, it becomes a wonderfully poignant journey.

Throughout the film, Kaufman maintains a very natural rhythm and flow of words. The dialogue between Joel and Clementine speaks particularly well to his audience, seeing as most people have experienced the ups and downs that come with being in a relationship.

Stylistically, the look of the film meets the needs of this quirky narrative. The shot selection is particularly engaging, and plays-out like a moving surrealist painting. Gondry's precise use of color and raw-looking camera-work both heighten the experience. However, because he makes rapid cuts and uses handheld shots consistently throughout the film, Gondry's approach might be slightly jarring to some viewers.

While the film's cinematographic qualities are important, the success of the film hinges largely upon the actors' abilities to draw the viewers into this fantasy.

Fortunately, the cast, which include Tom Wilkinson, Elijah Wood, and Mark Ruffalo, deliver high-quality performances.

Typically, due to his notoriety as a comedic actor, it is very difficult to watch Jim Carrey and believe he's any-



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Joel Barish (Jim Carrey) shares a fleeting moment with ex-girlfriend Clementine Kruczynski (Kate Winslet) in "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind."

one other than Jim Carrey. In previous attempts at serious roles, Carrey either slips into his characteristic over-the-top humorous dramatizations or comes off as being corny. However, under the careful direction of Gondry, Carrey finds subtlety for the first time. Consequently, he is surprisingly effective in his role as Joel.

Kirsten Dunst proves to be another mediocre actor who rises to this occasion, which is probably more of a reflection on the writing and directing than on her abilities. Though she plays a fairly small role as one of the technicians, she avoids disturbing Kaufman's

carefully constructed fantasy world.

Overall, "Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind" provides a true flight of the imagination blended with a moving look at relationships. In addition, it is unlike any other film at the box office right now, and, considering the stream of dime-a-dozen big-budget actions that will invade our theaters within the next month, probably unlike anything that will grace us until the end of summer.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Good cast drives dark, violent comic book film

By MARK BEMENDERFER
Scene Movie Critic

Bad days come and go. Bad grade, bad date, bad illness. Almost everyone has experienced one of the aforementioned bad days. However, none of those are anything in comparison to Frank Castle's bad day.

The beginning of "The Punisher" is fairly obvious, especially because of the trailers marketing the film and the

Punisher's preexisting comic book line. Frank Castle, the Punisher, has one of the worst days ever as vengeful gangsters kill his entire family, conveniently at his family reunion. That is the trigger for the two-hour action movie.

There are good performances from everyone in the cast, with each serving some role to further the plot. Thomas Jane perfect for the role of the Punisher. For those who don't know, the Punisher is a fairly popular

Marvel comic, much like Spider-Man and the X-Men. The Punisher was differentiated from the other comic book heroes for a very special reason. He had no special powers.

The Punisher is just an average human being. But what he does have is an arsenal of weaponry, and a huge serving of righteous anger. This makes him more believable than a man who can cling to walls, or one who can fly. The Punisher's family was killed, and now he wants vengeance. No, not vengeance. Punishment.

That plot alone could have made a decent action movie. Indeed, movies have been made with a lot less going for them, and still have turned out to be mindless pieces of fun. However, something went wrong with "The Punisher." It certainly wasn't the inclusion of John Travolta, even though his track record of late hasn't been that hot.

The movie was diminished through the actual plot. The actual family reunion felt a little too contrived, as well as Frank Castle's father having an arsenal of weaponry at close by at the same time. Later in the movie, a little too much time was spent developing the other people in Frank's apartment hideout.

Humor is present in the movie,

which is usually a positive in movies like this. However, it feels forced, and even clichéd at times. Too many moments like those ruin the mood of the movie. The comic is a dark, violent affair, which the movie emulates fairly well. But it appears as if the producers wanted to lighten the movie a little, which is fine with some but really hurt the movie in this reviewer's regard.

The Punisher is a one-man army in the comic, who avoids help along the way. In the movie, the other tenants of his apartment building are constantly present, either helping him or adding

forced comic relief. This may be changed for the already announced sequel as the first film's continuity is already established and Frank Castle can get right to punishing the bad guys.

Not that he doesn't do that in this movie.

Indeed, this is a very dark, violent movie. People get shot, cut and generally mutilated. Probably not a film for the whole family, but the action fan or a comic book fan might enjoy this film and should give it a shot.

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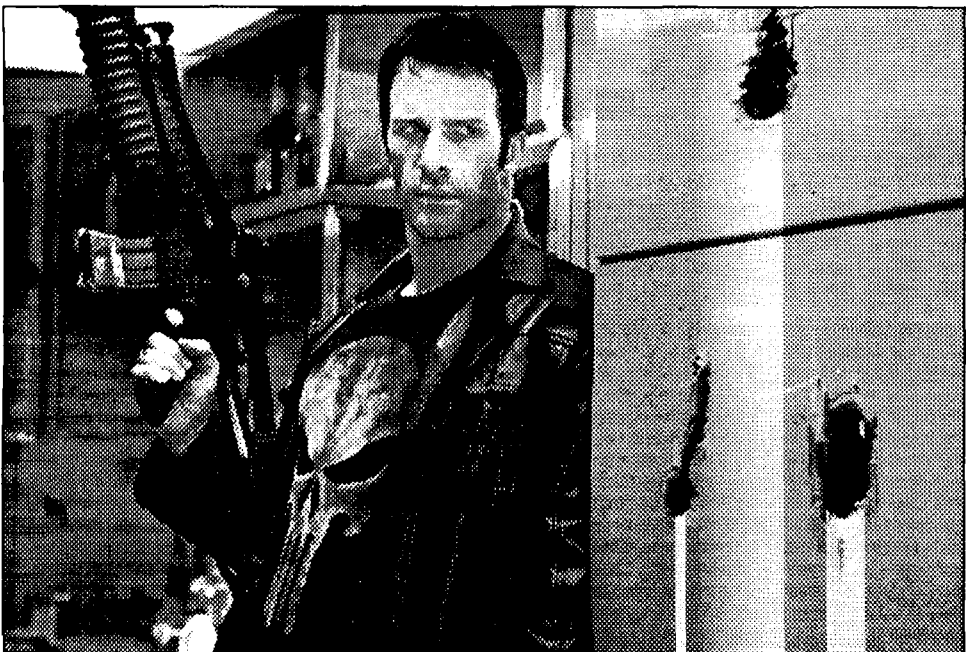


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Frank Castle (Thomas Jane) takes on the role of a violent, righteous vigilante following the murder of his entire family in the new action film "The Punisher."

NBA PLAYOFFS

Hamilton leads Pistons to a 3-1 series lead

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — If the Detroit Pistons were this good on offense more often they wouldn't have to rely so heavily on their throttling defense.

The Pistons shot 56.9 percent Monday night and got 27 points from Richard Hamilton in taking a 3-1 series lead with a 109-92 rout of the Milwaukee Bucks.

Neither team had shot better than 45 percent in the best-of-seven series that shifts to Auburn Hills, Mich., for Game 5 on Thursday night.

Embarrassed by becoming the first team to lose at home in the playoffs this season, the Pistons used their defense to turn things around with a 95-85 win in Game 3 on Saturday.

On Monday night, they intensified their offense, in part thanks to the benching of big man Brian Skinner by the Bucks, who had hoped to add some offense with Keith Van Horn's first start of the postseason.

Van Horn scored 11 points on 5-of-13 shooting.

Rasheed Wallace added 20 points for Detroit, Chauncey Billups had 19 and Tayshaun Prince 17.

Hamilton's layup with 6:26 left made it 89-75, and the Bucks made their last run, pulling to 95-88 on Damon Jones's 16-foot-er with 2:18 left.

Prince responded with a 3-pointer and the Bucks never got closer than eight after that.

Even when the Bucks fouled, they found no comfort. The Pistons went 20-of-21 from the free throw line, including making all 12 in the fourth quarter, eight in the final 1:09.

Jones had 17 points, 10 assists and just one turnover for Milwaukee, which also got 17 points and 12 rebounds from Joe Smith.

Van Horn, who has been coming off the bench because of injuries since late March, averaged just six points as a sub in the first three games of this series. He had seven points in the first quarter, when the Bucks scored 27 points, their second-highest total in a quarter in the playoffs.

The Bucks knew they were giving up some defense with Van Horn, "but before he got hurt, he was our second-leading scorer," coach Terry Porter said before tip-off. "It gives us another shooter on the floor."

Van Horn, however, picked up two quick fouls midway through the second quarter, the second coming after Ben Wallace stripped him of the ball underneath the Bucks' basket.

He sat out the final 6:50 of the first half, which ended with Smith's buzzer-beating jumper from the top of the key that

pulled the Bucks to 52-49.

The Pistons never relinquished the lead in the second half.

Prince scored three baskets in a 10-2 run that put Detroit in control at 64-55 with 5:33 left in the third quarter. The Bucks missed their first five shots of the fourth quarter while the Pistons were going 4-of-5 to build an 82-70 lead.

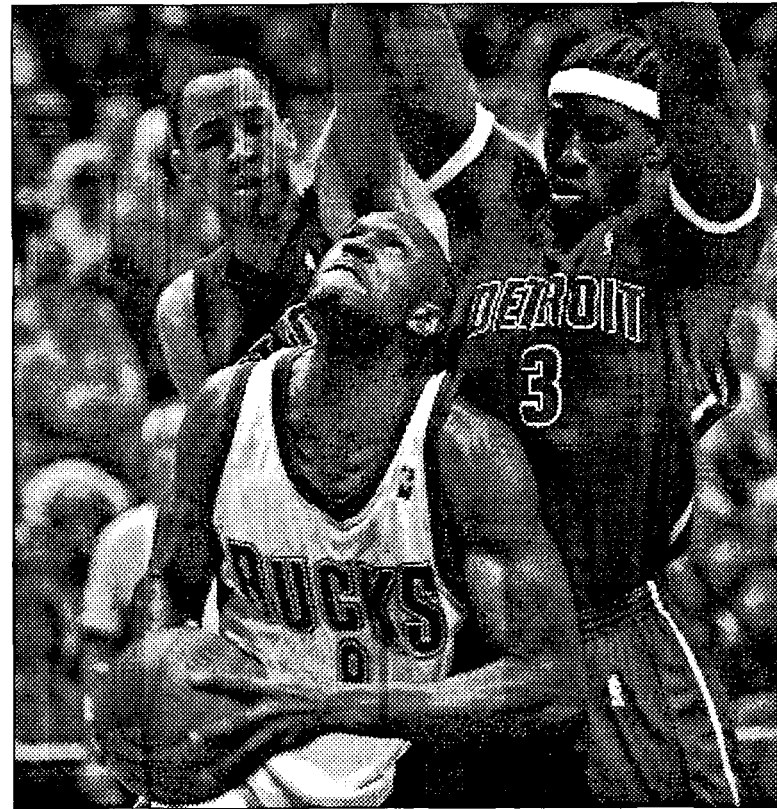
Sacramento 94, Dallas 92

DALLAS — Peja Stojakovic came out of his shooting slump just in time to send the Sacramento Kings home on the verge of closing out their first-round playoff series.

And on the game's final play, his defense helped, too.

Stojakovic, who felt so out of whack the previous game that he took only one shot in the second half, missed 10 straight in the first half Monday night, then came back with five straight swishes to get Sacramento rolling to a victory over the Dallas Mavericks. The Kings lead 3-1 with Game 5 in Sacramento on Thursday night.

Sacramento nearly blew it, though, letting a 91-83 lead with 3:23 left come down to a final play. Steve Nash took an inbounds pass with 8.4 seconds left. Stojakovic wound up on him because of a pick-and-roll with Dirk Nowitzki and he was able to contain Nash behind the foul line. A fading 18-footer jumper at the



The Bucks' Joe Smith looks to shoot against Detroit's Tayshaun Prince, left, and Ben Wallace. The Pistons lead the series 3-1.

buzzer bounced off the rim.

Stojakovic scored 16 of his 20 points in the second half and had 11 rebounds. Mike Bibby led the Kings with 22 points, while Chris Webber had 17 points and nine rebounds. Doug Christie had 13

points, 15 rebounds and five assists and Brad Miller contributed 10 points, 16 rebounds and five assists.

Bibby had a chance to ice the game, but missed a tough jumper with about 10 seconds left.

Szczzerbiak will miss rest of Denver series

Minnesota forward cracked three vertebrae Saturday

Associated Press

DENVER — Minnesota forward Wally Szczzerbiak is expected to be out for at least the rest of the Timberwolves' playoff series against Denver after cracking three vertebrae in his back.

Szczzerbiak was injured in the fourth quarter of the Nuggets' 107-86 victory Saturday when he was fouled from behind by Chris Andersen and landed on

his back. Tests on Monday showed cracks on the wings of three vertebrae.

"It has been an unlucky year," said Szczzerbiak, who missed the first half of the season with a foot injury. "The team has done well without me. I will be there to support them and hopefully I can get better."

Szczzerbiak was injured on a breakaway when he was bumped from behind by Andersen. Szczzerbiak tried to hold himself up by the rim, but

his hands slipped and he landed on the middle of his back. He stayed in the game to shoot the free throws, but couldn't come back in after his back tightened up on the bench.

Timberwolves coach Flip Saunders said Szczzerbiak had trouble putting his shoes on after the game and had quite a bit of swelling on Monday.

"It shows how tough Wally is," Saunders said. "The guy took that fall which is one of the nas-

tiest falls you'll see and wanted to continue to play until we took him out of the game."

Szczzerbiak, an All-Star for the Timberwolves in 2002, averaged 10.3 points in the first three games against Denver.

Minnesota also has played the first three games of the series without backup point guard Troy Hudson, who's

expected to have surgery soon on a chronically sprained right ankle.

The Nuggets, meanwhile, will likely be without two key reserves for Game 4 on Tuesday night.

Nuggets coach Jeff Bzdelik said forward Rodney White is doubtful after spraining his ankle Saturday. Forward Ryan Bowen might not play after bruising his ribs during practice.

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Wally Szczzerbiak
Timberwolves forward

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MLB

Mighty Casey's homer leads Reds past Pirates

But Cincinnati loses Kearns to a broken bone in his forearm

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Sean Casey's two-run homer backed Aaron Harang's effective pitching, and the Cincinnati Reds beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 5-2 Monday night despite losing Austin Kearns indefinitely with a broken forearm.

Kearns, the Reds' right fielder, was hit on the left arm and wrist by Ryan Vogelsong's pitch two batters after Casey's homer put Cincinnati up 2-0 in the first. Kearns played defense in the bottom of the first, but was lifted an inning later.

Kearns will return to Cincinnati on Tuesday to be examined by team doctors following his second significant injury in two seasons and is out indefinitely. He injured his right shoulder last May and missed about half the 2003 season.

Harang (2-0) gave up two runs in six innings, including Craig Wilson's solo homer in the sixth, but worked out of several jams to beat Pittsburgh for the second time in two starts. He gave up seven hits, struck out five and walked one.

Danny Graves pitched the ninth for his 10th save in 12 opportunities, and his third in the four-game series. John Riedling and Todd Jones preceded Graves with a scoreless inning each.

Ryan Freel, Kearns' replacement, followed Casey's walk with an RBI triple in the third. Freel had started every Reds game this season until being hit

in the head by Jason Boyd's pitch Saturday night, forcing him to sit out Sunday, but he returned to a utility role Monday when third baseman Brandon Larson was activated from the disabled list.

The Pirates, 2-5 against the Reds, loaded the bases with two outs in the third, but Harang got Rob Mackowiak to fly out. Pittsburgh had two on with one out an inning later, but pinch-hitter Bobby Hill struck out and Tike Redman grounded into a force play.

Vogelsong (1-3) walked six in four innings while losing his third in a row, giving up three runs and four hits. He has allowed 23 hits and 18 runs in 12 innings during his losing streak, which includes two losses to the Cubs in which he believes he might have tipped his pitches.

After Vogelsong left, Adam Dunn hit a two-run double in the seventh against reliever John Grabow.

Pittsburgh scored in the fifth on Jack Wilson's triple and Jason Kendall's RBI groundout. Jack Wilson matched a career high with four hits.

Toronto 6, Minnesota 1

MINNEAPOLIS — Ted Lilly tossed a two-hitter, giving Toronto's struggling starters a big boost and leading the Blue Jays to a victory over the Minnesota Twins.

Orlando Hudson had three hits, including two of Toronto's six doubles, and Josh Phelps hit a two-run double in the sixth inning. Every Blue Jays starter reached base, and four had at least two hits.

But Lilly (1-2) had the best night — striking out eight, walk-

ing two and beating Brad Radke. The left-hander became the first member of Toronto's rotation other than AL Cy Young Award winner Roy Halladay to win this year.

Michael Cuddyer spoiled Lilly's shutout bid on the first pitch of the sixth with his first home run of the season. Cristian Guzman's bloop single to shallow right was the only other hit, and Lilly faced the minimum through five.

Lilly, making his 100th career start, came to Toronto in a trade for outfielder Bobby Kielty after spending last season in Oakland. Lilly lowered his ERA from 6.19 to 4.32.

Toronto took a 6-1 lead in the eighth on a pair of two-out RBIs, a single by Eric Hinske and a double by Hudson off reliever Aaron Fultz.

Greg Myers, the only Blue Jays batter without a hit, injured his left knee rounding third base on Hudson's hit and left the field on a cart. No further details about the catcher were immediately available.

Radke (2-2) yielded 10 hits and four runs in seven innings, striking out three without a walk.

The first inning is usually Radke's worst, but he escaped unscathed. It was the third when he ran into trouble — three doubles in a span of four batters gave the Blue Jays a 2-0 lead.

Florida 6, Colorado 3

DENVER — Carl Pavano pitched eight strong innings and Miguel Cabrera and Alex Gonzalez each hit a two-run homer, leading the Florida Marlins to a victory over the Colorado Rockies.

Pavano (2-0) allowed two runs, scattered five hits and



Austin Kearns looks at his forearm after being hit by a pitch. Kearns broke a bone in his forearm on the play.

walked one to help Florida win its fourth straight road game.

Cabrera went 1-for-4 with his seventh home run, while Gonzalez hit his first homer and went 2-for-4. Jeff Conine was 3-for-3 for the Marlins (13-6), off to the best start in franchise history.

Jerome Burnitz homered and Todd Helton had an RBI double for Colorado. Kit Pellow added an RBI single in the ninth off Chad Fox, but Armando Benitez struck out Charles Johnson with two on for his 10th save in 10 chances.

Juan Pierre tripled leading off the game and scored on a single by Luis Castillo as Florida jumped ahead against Scott Elarton (0-4).

Cabrera hit a two-run homer, Hee Seop Choi added a solo shot and Gonzalez had a two-run drive in the first to build a 6-0 lead.

Royce Clayton and Todd Helton had back-to-back doubles in Colorado's first. Burnitz hit a solo homer to center in the third inning to make it 6-2.

Elarton settled down, allowing singles to Jeff Conine and Choi over the next five innings before giving way to the bullpen.

Pavano was equally effective, giving up only a leadoff single to Luis Gonzalez in the fifth after Burnitz's home run.

Arizona 9, Chicago 0

PHOENIX — Richie Sexson hit the longest home run in Bank One Ballpark history and Randy Johnson struck out 10, leading the Arizona Diamondbacks to a rout that snapped the Chicago Cubs' six-game winning streak.

Sexson's two-run shot off reliever Francis Beltran in the sixth inning traveled an estimated 503 feet and smacked off his own image halfway up the giant video screen in center field, smashing several lights.

It was Sexson's 200th career home run and ninth this season.

Previously, the longest homer at the seven-year-old park was

473 feet by Scott Rolen, then with Philadelphia, against Omar Daal on April 19, 1999.

Johnson (2-2) improved to 12-0 in 13 career starts against the Cubs, striking out seven straight during one stretch. He pitched two-hit ball for seven innings and had an RBI single as the Diamondbacks won for the fourth time in five games. He walked none.

The Big Unit gave up a single to Cubs starter Carlos Zambrano with one out in the third, then retired 12 straight before Moises Alou singled with one out in the seventh. The only other Cub to reach base against Johnson was Derrek Lee, hit by a pitch with two outs in the second.

Seven consecutive Chicago outs were by strikeout, beginning when Sammy Sosa was caught looking to end the first and ending when Corey Patterson fanned to end the third.

Randy Choate completed Arizona's second shutout, allowing three hits in two innings.

The Cubs gave up more runs in one game than they did in their entire winning streak, when they outscored opponents 39-5.

Zambrano (2-1) was tagged for seven runs and 10 hits in 4 1-3 innings.

Arizona third baseman Chad Tracy — in his fifth major league game — was 2-for-4 with two RBIs and a double, and made consecutive standout defensive plays in the sixth. He lunged to his left to stab Jose Macias' line drive, then tumbled headfirst over the fence to catch Patterson's pop foul.

The Diamondbacks broke through in the third when Tracy led off with a 400-foot double off the center-field wall, then scored on Robby Hammock's double just inside the right-field line. With two outs, Alex Cintron tripled to the wall in left-center, bringing home Hammock to make it 2-0.

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MLB

Without A-Rod, Rangers ruling the AL West

Quick starts leaves Texas atop AL West

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — After three straight last-place finishes in Texas, Alex Rodriguez wanted out.

Now the American League MVP's former team is tied for the AL West lead, while Rodriguez and the New York Yankees are struggling.

The Rangers, built around a core of young players, are 11-8 after the opening stretch of the season against division opponents. They're even with Anaheim for first place — and Texas won five of seven against the Angels.

"Us being young and everything said about us, we came out and just wanted to play well," catcher Gerald Laird said Monday. "It's just chemistry. Our team is really open and we like

to have fun and do a good job."

When Texas traded Rodriguez just before spring training, having already let go of sluggers Rafael Palmeiro and two-time AL MVP Juan Gonzalez, there were plenty of dire predictions of a 100-loss season.

Imagine the thoughts after the Rangers lost their first two games. But three weeks later, Texas tops the division after a three-game weekend sweep of Seattle that culminated with a 14-6 win.

The Rangers are still scoring a lot of runs (5.8 per game) despite the departed power hitters, and lead the majors with a .315 batting average — the only team over .300. Their pitching staff, the worst in the majors three of the last four seasons, has a 4.34 ERA, fifth-best in the AL.

"We have a lot of confidence in our young guys," manager Buck Showalter said. "I'm not intentionally low-keying. It's reality. We've played 19 games out of a 162-game schedule. So far, so

good."

Especially for a team coming off four straight last-place finishes.

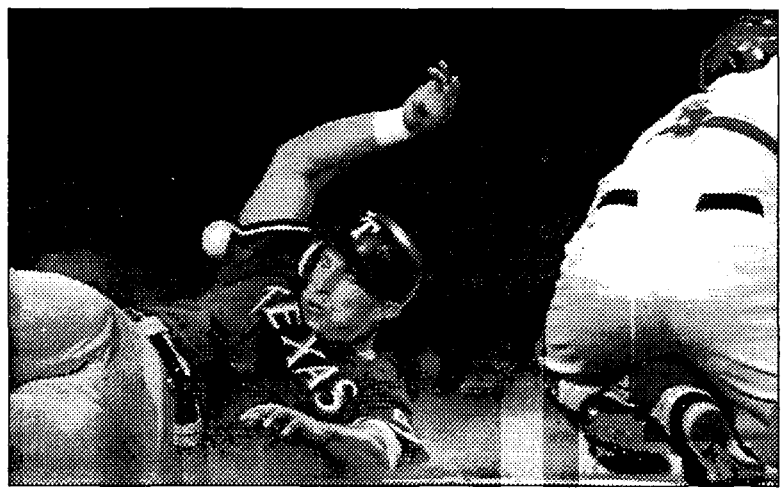
During the three seasons with Rodriguez, the Rangers lost 270 games and were atop the division for only three days; one of those after winning last year's season opener.

While Rodriguez is finally starting to shake his slump in New York, the Yankees were swept by Boston last weekend to drop to 8-11 and 4 1/2 games out in the AL East. The last time New York was three games under .500 this late in the season was 1997, the last time they didn't finish first.

"It's not going to get any easier. I'd rather go through this now than any other time," Rodriguez said. "We will turn this around."

The Rangers, whose last division title was in 1999, have sure turned it around without A-Rod.

The last time Texas was three games over .500 was at 30-27 in June 2000, the summer before



Ranger Lance Nix slides past Angels catcher Bengie Molina to score during the second inning April 20. Texas is 11-8 on the season.

Rodriguez arrived. The Rangers then lost eight in a row and spent most of the time since at the bottom of the AL West.

Things are much different this season. Not only their record, but the feeling surrounding the team.

"We have a sense of direction.

We talked about it all winter, and I think it was ultimately culminated with the trade," general manager John Hart said. "We were going to commit to as many young players as we could. We also realize we do have holes, this is not a finished product."

OLYMPICS

Olympic officials want help in banning drug cheaters

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Worried they're running out of time to keep drug cheaters out of the Athens Games, U.S. Olympic officials want some help from federal authorities.

And they aren't just going after athletes who have failed drug tests. Instead, they hope to use a clause in the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency's rules to bar athletes who acknowledge the use of steroids and other banned substances, including in grand jury testimony.

The U.S. Olympic Committee wants to make sure it doesn't have a PR disaster on its hands during the Aug. 13-29 games.

"Our image is going to be just fine if we send a clean team," acting USOC president Bill Martin said Monday. "The last thing we want to happen is to select the wrong folks."

Martin and other Olympic officials say they need assistance to keep out competitors using banned substances. They would love access to grand jury transcripts in the Bay Area Laboratory Co-Operative case involving the alleged distribution of steroids to top athletes.

While such grand jury proceedings are secret by law, the Senate Commerce Committee chaired by Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., issued a subpoena for the BALCO testimony.

That could override the secrecy provision, according to Rory Little, a Hastings College of the Law scholar and a former federal prosecutor. Little said it would be "highly unusual for the Department of Justice to be giving up grand jury material in the middle of an investigation." But even if the Justice Department challenged such a

subpoena, Little said, a court could order that such documents be released.

Justice Department spokesman Mark Corallo said he doesn't know whether any material has been turned over to McCain's committee. Rebecca Hanks, a spokeswoman for McCain, declined to comment.

"America does not want to send a dirty team to Athens, but the ball's not in our hands right now," Martin told The Associated Press in a telephone interview. "We've got just a little bit over 100 days left before those games, and time is truly of the essence."

According to an AP poll released Monday, nine out of every 10 Americans believe the use of steroids and other performance-enhancing drugs by Olympic athletes is a problem.

Forty-three percent of those responding to the survey called it a major problem; another 49 percent see it as a minor problem. Only 6 percent don't consider it a problem.

Craig Masback, the head of USA Track & Field, hopes federal and anti-doping authorities turn over any evidence of drug use as quickly as possible "so that the guilty will be punished and the innocent will be cleared of suspicion."

"That is all we can do," Masback said. "We did not do the tests, we did not test the samples. We did not do the federal investigation, we do not have the affidavits, we were not in the grand jury."

Section 9 of the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency's protocol gives that agency the authority to bring a drug case against an athlete in lieu of a positive drug test "when USADA has other reason to believe that a poten-

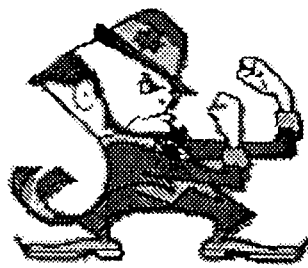
tial doping violation has occurred, such as admitted doping."

Over the weekend, two American track stars — Marion Jones and her boyfriend, Tim Montgomery — were connected in reports to BALCO founder Victor Conte. The San Francisco

Chronicle and the San Jose Mercury News, quoting sources who requested anonymity, reported that Conte told federal agents he gave steroids to Jones and Montgomery.

Jones, who won five medals at the 2000 Olympics, and Montgomery, the world record-

holder at 100 meters, repeatedly have denied steroid use. An attorney for Jones said she never received steroids from Conte. An attorney for Conte said he never provided steroids to Jones or Montgomery, and never gave such information to federal agents.



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NHL PLAYOFFS

Nabokov shuts out the Avs

Goalie turns away 33 in Sharks' 1-0 win

Associated Press

DENVER — Evgeni Nabokov's stinginess has the San Jose Sharks one win away from their first trip to the conference finals.

Nabokov stopped 33 shots for his second shutout of the playoffs and Vincent Damphousse banked in a shot off Colorado goalie David Aebischer midway through the third period, helping the Sharks beat the Avalanche 1-0 Monday night and take a 3-0 lead in the best-of-seven series.

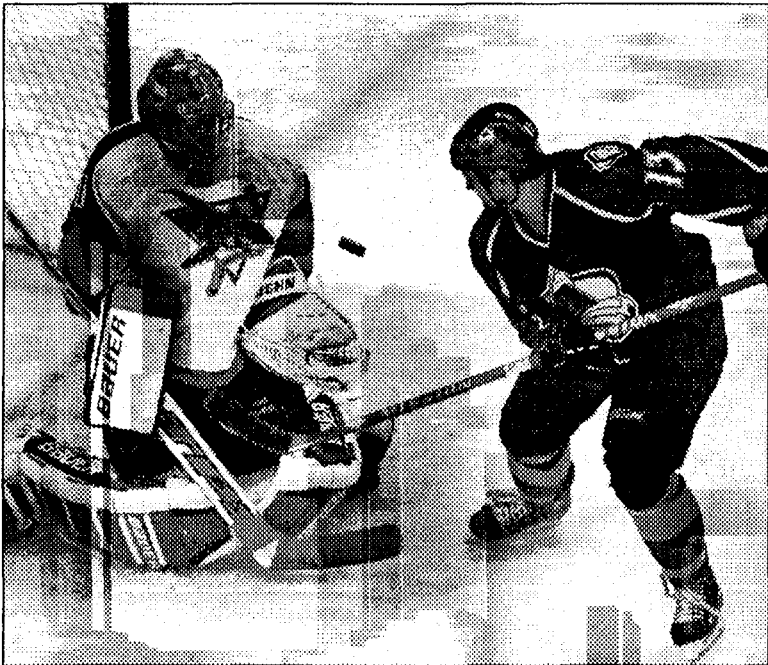
San Jose fought off Colorado's early rush, stuck to its puck-control offense and continued to ride Nabokov's playoff-long hot streak to set up a possible sweep Wednesday in Denver.

The Avalanche were much better defensively, limiting San Jose's chances and cutting down on the miscues that left Aebischer helpless at times in the first two games.

Colorado held San Jose to 17 shots — five in the third period — but continued to struggle finding the net against the stingy Sharks. The Avalanche have three goals against San Jose after scoring 19 in five games against Dallas in the first round.

San Jose didn't have a shot in the third period until Damphousse knocked in his own rebound off Aebischer's back with 11:01 left.

Aebischer blocked Damphousse's first attempt after Patrick Marleau's shot bounced



San Jose goalie Evgeni Nabokov makes a save against Colorado winger Dan Hinote. The Sharks' win gives them a 3-0 series lead.

hard off the boards, but Damphousse used Aebischer as a backboard to score inside the left post from behind the goal.

After being outworked and outthrustled the first two games in San Jose, Colorado was intent on making sure that trend didn't go on once the series shifted to Denver.

The Avalanche had an extra jump in their step early in front of the home crowd, flying into San Jose's zone, zipping crisp passes, and pounding the Sharks with hard checks every chance they got.

But Nabokov made sure Colorado's early rush didn't lead to any goals with several tough stops, including a glove save on Milan Hejduk after a nice drop

pass from Peter Forsberg. Nabokov also got a break when John-Michael Liles' shot from the blue line hit the left post through traffic.

San Jose controlled the flow much better in the second period, keeping the puck in Colorado's end a good chunk of the time. The Sharks just didn't get many good scoring chances out of it, with just six shots.

Colorado added 12 more shots in the second period, but still couldn't solve Nabokov. He got a piece of Hejduk's open shot from the slot on a power play midway through, then dived back to cover after the puck ricocheted between him and Colorado's Dan Hinote on a rebound in the closing seconds.

GOLF

Singh tastes victory at Houston Open

Records 4-under 68 in the final round

Associated Press

HUMBLE Texas — Vijay Singh is usually unbeatable entering the final round of a tournament.

He proved it again Monday.

Singh shared the lead with John Huston in the rain-delayed Houston Open going into the last round, but he pulled away with a 4-under 68 for his sixth straight win when leading after three rounds.

Singh finished at 11-under 277 for a two-stroke victory over Scott Hoch. It was Singh's second victory in Houston, where he won two years ago.

"The last few times when I did go into the lead, I've been striking the ball well, so when you do that you don't feel threatened that someone else is going to overtake you," Singh said.

"You just let your game do the talking."

Hoch was second after a closing 67. Huston (71) was another shot back, followed by Stephen Ames (69) and Dudley Hart (70).

"Today was the best I've played in a long, long time," Singh said. "I struck the ball really solid from tee to green. Looking back, I'd like to play this way all the time."

He hasn't been far off all year. It was the second victory of 2004 for Singh and his 17th on the tour. In 11 events this

year, he's finished in the top 10 six times.

John Daly and Hoch started the last round three shots back. Daly got to within one stroke of the lead before fading late. He finished with a 71, leaving him six strokes back for the tournament.

Weather problems interrupted play three consecutive days at the Redstone Golf Club and pushed the tournament into Monday, where third-round play was completed for most of the field earlier in the day.

Singh opened the event with a 74, but his second-round 66 equaled the low round of the tournament. He completed his third round earlier Monday, making an 88-foot chip for eagle at the 12th hole that gave him a 69 and a share of the lead with Huston after 54 holes at 7 under.

Singh began the final round after a short break and birdied two of the first three holes, rolling in a 20-foot putt at the par-5 No. 1.

At the 209-yard par-3 third hole, his tee shot stopped less than 2 1/2 feet from the pin. His putt for birdie gave him the lead outright at 9 under.

With Daly on the opposite end of the course making birdies, Singh had seven consecutive pars before a birdie at the par-4 No. 11, where he putted in from less than 10 feet.

As Hoch closed in, Singh coolly added a 10-foot birdie at No. 15.

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Baseball America Top 25

| | team | record | previous |
|----|----------------------|--------|----------|
| 1 | Texas | 41-6 | 1 |
| 2 | Stanford | 31-6 | 2 |
| 3 | Rice | 33-7 | 3 |
| 4 | Miami | 30-9 | 4 |
| 5 | Long Beach State | 29-9 | 5 |
| 6 | Louisiana State | 31-11 | 7 |
| 7 | East Carolina | 35-6 | 9 |
| 8 | South Carolina | 29-11 | 10 |
| 9 | Mississippi | 31-11 | 6 |
| 10 | Wichita State | 28-7 | 12 |
| 11 | NOTRE DAME | 32-8 | 8 |
| 12 | Arkansas | 29-13 | 20 |
| 13 | Tulane | 30-12 | 18 |
| 14 | UC Irvine | 26-11 | 16 |
| 15 | Oklahoma | 26-16 | 13 |
| 16 | Texas A&M | 33-12 | 17 |
| 17 | Virginia | 35-9 | 15 |
| 18 | Auburn | 28-14 | 14 |
| 19 | Oral Roberts | 33-7 | 19 |
| 20 | Southern Mississippi | 30-11 | 11 |
| 21 | Florida | 31-12 | NR |
| 22 | Clemson | 27-14 | NR |
| 23 | Tennessee | 31-11 | 21 |
| 24 | Central Florida | 32-9 | 23 |
| 25 | North Carolina | 31-11 | 25 |

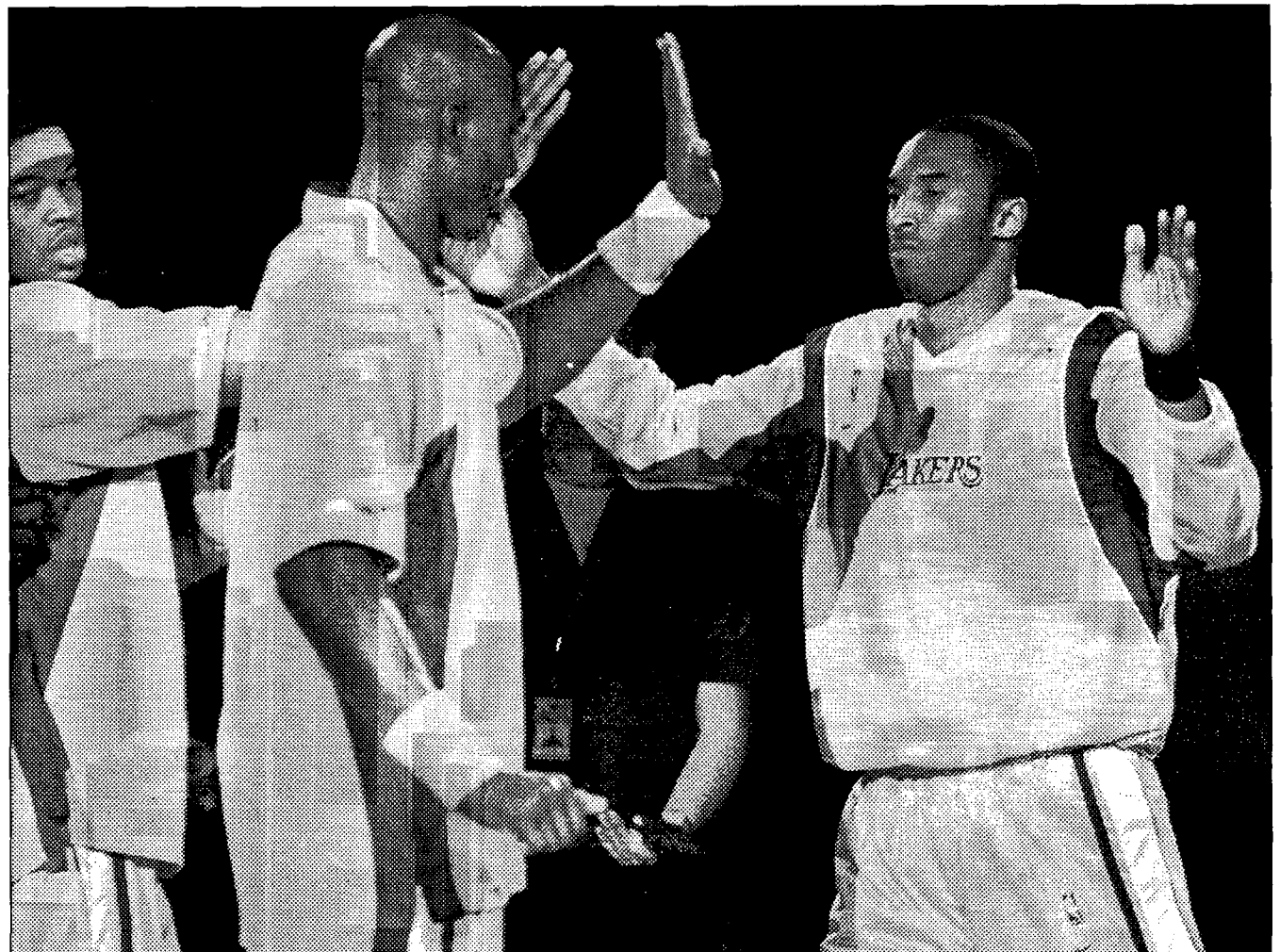
Women's Rowing Top 20

| | team | points | previous |
|----|---------------------|--------|----------|
| 1 | Washington | 494 | 1 |
| 2 | Brown | 481 | 2 |
| 3 | Michigan | 423 | 3 |
| 4 | Princeton | 411 | 5 |
| 5 | Ohio State | 396 | 4 |
| 6 | Yale | 359 | 7 |
| 7 | Stanford | 355 | 6 |
| 8 | California | 340 | 8 |
| 9 | Harvard | 293 | 10 |
| 10 | NOTRE DAME | 267 | 9 |
| 11 | Virginia | 254 | 11 |
| 12 | Michigan State | 214 | 13 |
| 13 | Syracuse | 211 | 12 |
| 14 | Washington State | 143 | 14 |
| 15 | Southern California | 121 | 15 |
| 16 | Northeastern | 106 | 16 |
| 17 | Oregon State | 103 | 20 |
| 18 | Cornell | 83 | 17 |
| 19 | Duke | 67 | 18 |
| 20 | Boston | 51 | 18 |

Women's Softball Big East Standings

| | team | conf. | overall |
|----|----------------|-------|---------|
| 1 | NOTRE DAME | 12-0 | 39-13 |
| 2 | Villanova | 11-5 | 27-18 |
| 3 | Virginia Tech | 9-7 | 33-19 |
| 4 | Providence | 8-8 | 30-18 |
| 5 | Seton Hall | 7-5 | 32-14 |
| 6 | Boston College | 7-9 | 27-21 |
| 7 | Rutgers | 6-10 | 23-26 |
| 8 | St. John's | 5-7 | 21-23 |
| 9 | Connecticut | 5-9 | 22-20 |
| 10 | Syracuse | 3-7 | 19-23 |
| 11 | Pittsburgh | 3-9 | 18-28 |

NBA



Los Angeles Lakers' forward Kobe Bryant, right, is greeted by teammates Karl Malone and Devean George after being introduced before a game against the Golden State Warriors at Staples Center April 13.

Hearings continue in Bryant rape case

Associated Press

EAGLE, Colo. — Attorneys in the Kobe Bryant rape case opened a three-day hearing Monday with more closed-door arguments over whether the sex life of his 19-year-old accuser can be used against her at trial.

Defense lawyers say injuries found on the woman could have been caused by sex with multiple partners before and after her encounter with Bryant. The prosecution says her sexual history is irrelevant in determining whether the woman was assaulted.

Among those called to testify Monday were the woman's former boyfriend and an Eagle County sheriff's detective.

State District Judge Terry Ruckriegle has heard testimony from more than a dozen witnesses in previous hearings about the woman's sexual activities around the time of the alleged attack.

The judge has said he wants to end arguments this week on the relevancy of the woman's sexual history. Arguments have not yet been scheduled on a separate defense challenge to Colorado's rape-shield law, which general-

ly bars the defense from introducing an alleged victim's sex life as evidence.

The woman's attorney, John Clune, has denied that she had sex with anyone in the hours after her encounter with the NBA star.

Bryant, 25, has said he had consensual sex with the woman at the Vail-area resort where she worked last June. If convicted of felony sexual assault, the Los Angeles Lakers star faces four years to life in prison or 20 years to life on probation.

Bryant, who played in a playoff game Sunday in Houston and was sched-

uled to play again Wednesday night in Los Angeles, entered the courthouse through a back door. There were no fans on hand.

The judge reserved Tuesday to resume a closed-door hearing over a defense request to throw out evidence including Bryant's recorded statement to investigators and a T-shirt stained with the woman's blood.

Bryant's attorneys also want to know how much money has been given to the woman and her family from a state victims' compensation fund and have sought access to the woman's diaries.

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Tampa Bay at Montreal, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Detroit at Calgary, 8 p.m., ESPN

NBA

Minnesota at Denver, 9:30 p.m., TNT

MLB

Chicago at Arizona, 8:30 p.m., FOX Chicago
Atlanta at San Francisco, 9:15 p.m., TBS

SUPERCROSS

World Grand Prix, 3 p.m., ESPN2

IN BRIEF

Tillman's body arrives at Dover Air Force Base

PHOENIX — The body of former Arizona Cardinals safety Pat Tillman arrived at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware on Monday, a military official said.

Tillman's family didn't release what funeral home the body would be taken to, said Shari Lawrence, a spokeswoman for the Army Human Resources Command.

Tillman, who gave up his NFL career to join the Army Rangers in 2002, was killed in combat Thursday in Afghanistan.

His brother, Spc. Kevin Tillman, also a Ranger with the 2nd Battalion of the 75th Ranger Regiment, was expected to accompany the body to the funeral home, Lawrence said.

Funeral arrangements were pending for the 27-year-old former Cardinals player who was a star at Arizona State before being drafted by Arizona.

Giaffone replaces Buhl on IRL team

INDIANAPOLIS — Former IRL rookie of the year Felipe Giaffone will drive for Dreyer & Reinbold Racing the rest of this season in place of Robbie Buhl.

Buhl, a co-owner of the Indianapolis team and one of the original drivers in the Indy Racing League, retired as a driver last week.

"Everything happened really fast, so I'm still learning with the team," Giaffone said Monday.

Giaffone started last and finished 10th in his rookie Indianapolis 500 in 2001. He was the IRL's top rookie that season, with 10 top-10 finishes in 13 starts. His only victory was at Kentucky Speedway in 2002.

His best finishes with Mo Nunn Racing last year were thirds at Phoenix and Japan, and he missed five races with a broken leg and pelvis from a crash at Kansas.

Kearns out with broken forearm

PITTSBURGH — Austin Kearns' left forearm was broken when he was hit by Ryan Vogelsong's pitch Monday night in Pittsburgh.

The Cincinnati Reds right fielder was hit while batting in the first inning.

The Reds did not immediately make a roster move to replace Kearns, who is all but certain to go on the 15-day disabled list. He will be examined Tuesday in Cincinnati by Reds physician Timothy Kremchek and will not accompany the team to Milwaukee.

Kearns returned to the lineup after sitting out Sunday's 6-0 loss to Pittsburgh. He is in a 2-for-23 slump that dropped his average to .137.

This is the second injury in two seasons for Kearns who finished third in NL Rookie of the Year voting in 2002.

MEN'S TENNIS

Scott, Irish ready for tournament

By KATE GALES
Sports Writer

Two seemed to be the number defining the men's tennis team this year.

Two was the number they were seeded going into this year's Big East tournament, and two was the number of losses they had in the conference. Two was the number of doubles matches they struggled to win in each match, and two is the number of rivals who are fighting in their last Big East tournament.

Two was the number of senior tri-captains on the squad.

And two is the number of years that have passed since the Irish last held the Big East title.

"We can prepare all we want and talk about it all we want ... but I don't think it's going to matter," said Matthew Scott, who played mostly at No. 2 singles this year. "I just need to strap on the blue collar and get the job done."

Scott and fellow senior tri-captain Luis Haddock, as well as senior Paul Hidaka and junior tri-captain Brent D'Amico, tasted victory at the 2002 Big East tournament. They plan to leave Miami next weekend with nothing less.

"We've gone to Miami every year for the Big East," Haddock said. "We've had a good experience there, [but] I have nothing else in mind except winning the tournament. Nothing else will make me happy."

The Irish depart early Wednesday morning, allowing almost two full days to adapt to windy, hot and humid Coral Gables, where the tournament will be held. Their first match is at noon Friday against the winner of the Miami/Boston College game.

Notre Dame and Miami have met in the finals every year since 1995-96, when the Irish joined the Big East. With an overall record of 13-8 and ranked No. 33 nationally, the Irish are the highest-ranked team in the tournament despite being 1-2 in conference play.

"It's the kind of thing you don't need to get yourself up for — you already are," said Scott of the Notre Dame/Miami tennis rivalry. "It gives you something [more] to play for."

Miami and Virginia Tech —



TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Matthew Scott volleys against Purdue on Feb. 8. The No. 33 Irish will play either Miami or Boston College Friday at noon.

the Irish's two conference losses — leave the Big East next year.

"Having lost to both teams gives us a special inclination to do well," said coach Bobby Bayliss.

Although the departure of Miami and Virginia Tech will change the makeup of the league, he pointed out that incoming Louisville and South Florida have serious commitments to their tennis programs.

Bayliss was required to submit the roster in advance for the tournament, meaning that his ever-changing doubles line-ups will stay put for the duration. Scott and Haddock will be the top doubles team.

"What these guys do together well is break their opponent down from two back," Bayliss said. "They're both pretty experienced and they have good chemistry."

"We played one match together when we were sophomores," Scott said.

"Which we won," Haddock was quick to point out.

The two played together briefly in the fall as Brent D'Amico recovered from an

injury and started playing together full-time midseason.

"The best thing we do is our movement and court coverage," said Scott.

"I know exactly what shots he can hit and what shots he can't hit," Haddock added.

They agreed that it was good to know that "somebody has your back."

"That's probably why my back hurts so much," joked Haddock.

Their easy banter was a constant reminder that these two have seen the ups and downs of the collegiate tennis program and are consummate teammates — this year, for the last time.

"I'd like to see them end their careers in style," he said. "I'd like to see them have a chance to take it as far as they can ... I can't ask for much more out of each of them."

He paused, with the Big East tournament looming in his mind.

"Well, maybe a little more," he said to the two of them.

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NBA

Celtics fire head coach Carroll

Associated Press

WALTHAM, Mass. — John Carroll got a job recommendation instead of a job from Danny Ainge.

"John Carroll did a fantastic job for our team based on the situation he was given," Ainge said Monday after announcing that Carroll would not be promoted from interim coach and given a permanent job.

"In the right circumstances, at the right time and the right place, John Carroll is very qualified to coach in the NBA," Ainge said. "This is a time that we need to make a change."

Carroll was in his seventh season as a Celtics assistant coach when Jim O'Brien resigned on Jan. 27 over philosophical differences with Ainge.

The Celtics went 14-22 under Carroll to finish the regular season 10 games below .500, but they still managed to eke out the last playoff berth in the Eastern Conference. They were swept in the first round by the Indiana Pacers.

Carroll left the team's practice facility before Ainge spoke on Monday and was not available for comment. Players and owners also left the team's breakup meeting without commenting.

But Carroll seemed to know what was coming.

"I have been a coach my whole life. I think when you are a coach you understand that coaching is a very precarious job," he said after the Pacers completed the sweep with a 90-75 victory on Sunday.

"I've been very fortunate to be in one place for seven years here with the Celtics, and I'm very appreciative of the responsibility that I was given."

Ainge said he is in no hurry to make a decision about a new coach.

"I'm not going to have a gun to my head, because there's no immediate need," Ainge said before joking: "I would like to have a head coach in place now, so he could answer these questions and I could go to Europe and scout players."

Speculation on replacements has focused on Paul Westphal, Lionel Hollins, Doc Rivers, Dwane Casey, Jeff Hornacek and Avery Johnson. Ainge, who coached the Phoenix Suns from 1996-99, would not comment on candidates except to say he was not himself a candidate.

Asked whether Carroll would be offered a job in the organization, Ainge said: "Not unless the new coach would like to have John Carroll on his staff."

Ainge disputed published reports that the new coach would not have the authority to fill out his staff.

Carroll, who coached Duquesne from 1989-95, took over when O'Brien resigned over differences with Ainge. Although the Celtics made the Eastern Conference finals and semifinals the previous two seasons, Ainge traded star Antoine Walker and O'Brien favorites such as Eric Williams and Tony Battie.

The moves netted injured big man Raef LaFrentz and Ricky Davis, among others, and made it difficult for O'Brien to implement his disciplined, defensive style. Like Rick Pitino before him, O'Brien gave up on trying to restore the Celtics to their past luster and quit; the Philadelphia 76ers hired him last week to be their coach.

The Celtics, who own a record 16 NBA championships, have now had six coaches in the 18 years since their last — by far the longest drought in franchise history.

Carroll took over a team that had been .500 and second in the Atlantic Division and lost 12 of its first 13 games. But he was able to turn things in time to make the playoffs.

"When I walk out of here today I'll walk out with my head held high, knowing that I've done whatever I could possibly do to help this franchise move on in its quest," he said Sunday.

"A lot of people never thought we'd be here, but we're playing basketball in mid-April, we lost to a very good team. I feel very comfortable with that, and I've had a lot of fun being able to do it."

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NFL

Colts believe they've filled the missing gaps

Pick two linebackers, two corners, safety in this year's draft

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Forget major changes.

Bill Polian and Tony Dungy figured all the Indianapolis Colts needed for a Super Bowl run was a little fine-tuning. Just add some more speed, a little depth and a new infusion of young talent.

Polian, the team president, and Dungy, the coach, believe that after taking a safety, two cornerbacks and two linebackers in this year's NFL draft, last weekend's mission was accomplished.

"I don't think so," said Polian, the team president, when asked if he'd look to fill any remaining holes with veteran free agents. "The quarterback situation may be interesting, depending on who shakes free, but we like who we drafted."

While the Colts got none of the big names, like a Dwight Freney, who could have made a major impact next season, they didn't have much choice.

Picking 29th in the first round of a draft that was thin on defensive talent, the Colts did the next best thing — acquiring extra draft picks to throw more players into the mix.

Trading up would have been costly in terms of picks and the salary cap, too, especially considering the Colts have four major free agents to re-sign after next season in wide receiver Marvin Harrison, running back Edgerrin James, right tackle Ryan Diem and left guard Rick DeMulling.

So the Colts need to save every dime they can.

That forced Polian to be creative with his choices. He trad-

ed down twice before selecting big-hitting safety Bob Sanders from Iowa, who will cost far less than the only safety taken ahead of him, Miami's Sean Taylor.

Yet Polian thinks Sanders gives the Colts' defense something it sorely needs — attitude. "It energizes everybody," Polian said. "His coach, Kirk Ferentz, pointed it out in the fall when I talked to him. He said 'Bob does something very few players do. He makes the mentality of the defense different, tougher, because he strikes.'"

That's what the Colts must now bank on.

Losing two key contributors at cornerback, Walt Harris and David Macklin, during the off-season depleted their depth in the secondary. But the loss of starting linebacker Marcus Washington to the Washington Redskins in free agency put a gaping hole in the Colts' defense.

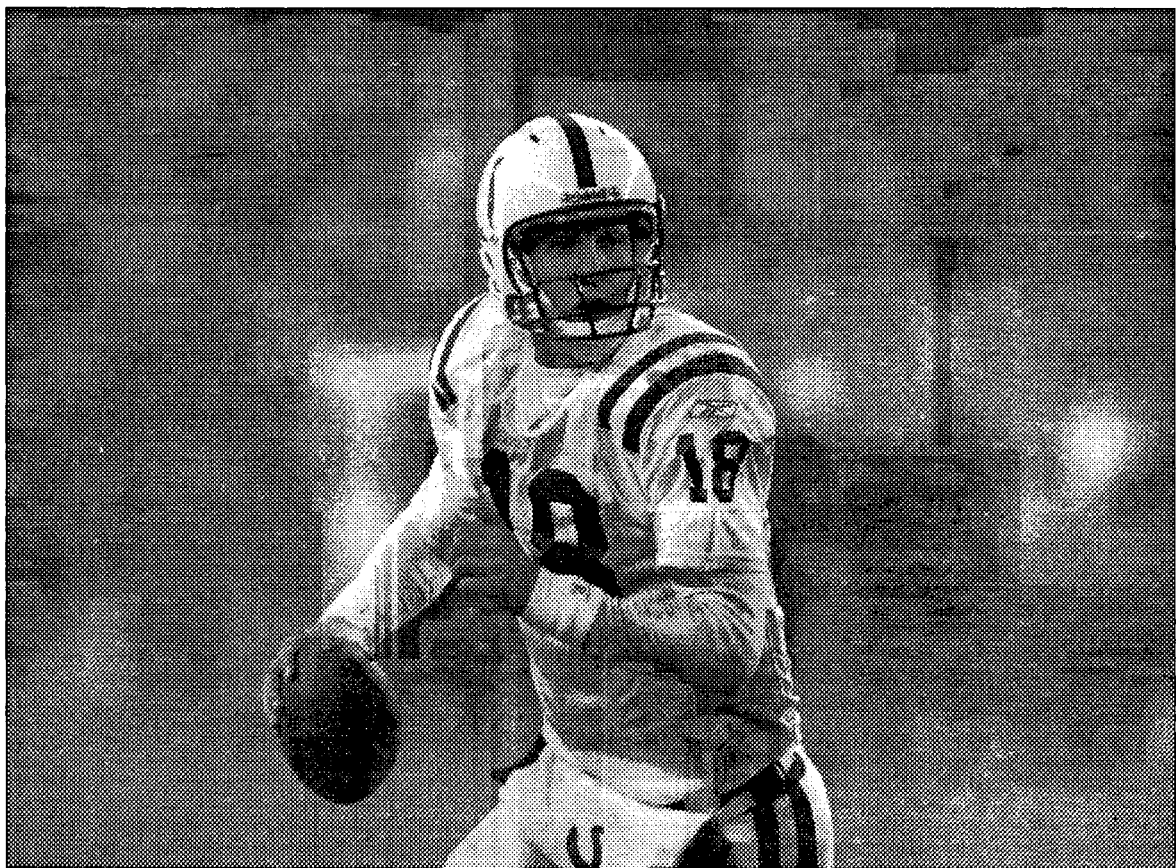
Yes, they took Purdue's Gilbert Gardner and Florida State's Kendyll Pope in the third and fourth rounds, but there is no guarantee either will be ready to start this year. Both are small, fast linebackers, the kind that have thrived in Dungy's zone coverage through the years.

The only other options are second-year players Keyon Whiteside and Cato June and Jim Nelson.

When asked who would be the starter Friday when minicamp opens, Dungy did a double take.

"I've not thought that far ahead," he said. "Normally, we do it by the seniority system, so it would probably be Jim Nelson."

Dungy has been here before, though. In 2003, the Colts let outside linebacker Mike Peterson depart via free agency.



Colts MVP quarterback Peyton Manning looks for a receiver as he rolls right in the AFC Championship game on Jan. 18. The Colts think that last weekend's draft will fuel another playoff run.

That forced David Thornton, a second-year player, into the starting lineup. Many wondered how he would handle the job, and Thornton was consistently among the Colts' leading tacklers.

This year's philosophy seems a little different.

By using three picks on defensive backs, the Colts seem to be counting on a deeper, faster secondary to carry the load.

With second-year safety Mike Doss and Sanders, the Colts

now have two hard hitters. By moving Donald Strickland back to cornerback, the return to health of Joseph Jefferson, the continuing emergence of Nick Harper and the addition of draft picks Jason David and Von Hutchins, there's little doubt the Colts are deeper and faster.

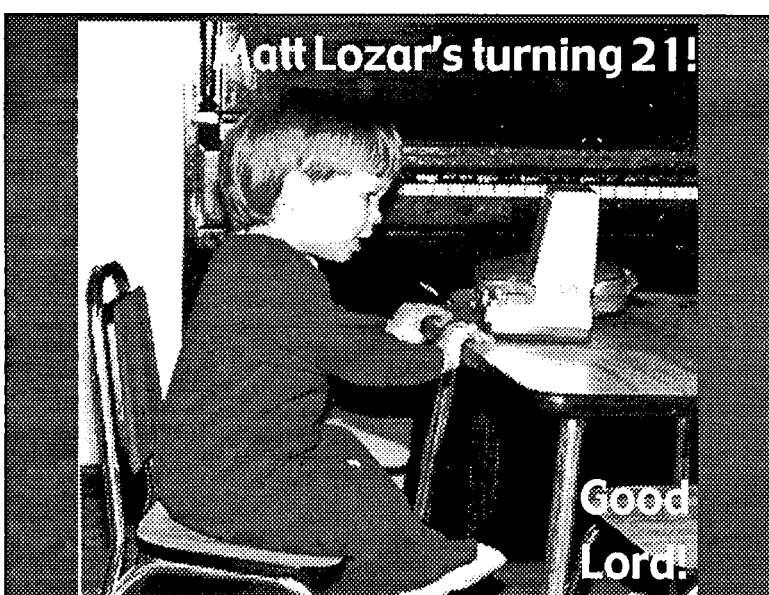
But are they better?

All the Colts can do now is wait and hope that they've gotten enough help in the draft to make a run at New England, a team that beat the Colts twice

last season on the way to its second Super Bowl title in three years.

"Well, I saw the ESPN commercial and they were talking about the two-time Super Bowl MVP picked in the sixth round," Dungy said, referring to New England quarterback Tom Brady. "Obviously, you're chances of getting an impact guy are greatest when you're in the top 10 picks."

But you've got to have confidence in them."



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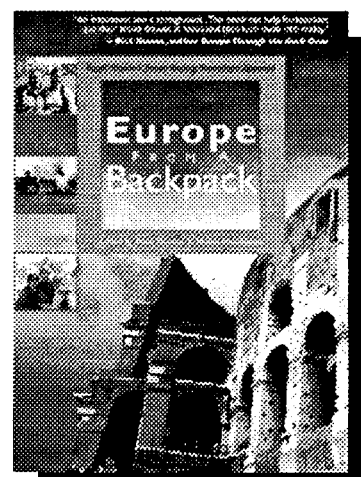
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MEN'S LACROSSE

Howell has overcome injuries

Senior has developed into one of team's best players this year

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

To avoid all the possible adjectives and superlatives, it's best put in simple terms.

He's back. For the past two years, senior Matt Howell had been plagued by everything from a broken thumb to several knee surgeries.

The latest injury came when Howell was stricken with appendicitis, which forced him to miss the second half of the 2002-03 season.

By this time, he had already established himself as one of Notre Dame's top offensive weapons. Howell led the team in scoring, and at one point, led the nation in assists.

But he did not let these setbacks get the best of him.

Last week, Howell was named the Great Western Lacrosse League Player of the Week, a culmination of the

success he has found this season.

He received this honor after registering eight points against Fairfield, one shy of the school record.

This season, Howell is second for the Irish in scoring (37), goals (20) and assists (17). He is currently tied for 18th nationally with 1.55 assists per game and has six multiple-goal games. Howell accomplished this feat just six times prior to this year.

Howell's perseverance has become an inspiration for other members of the team.

"Although he is not a very vocal person, he is the type of leader that shows by example."

Pat Walsh
Irish All-American

"He just keeps going out there, and it shows us how much heart he has and how much he loves the game." All-American Pat Walsh said.

It is not by coincidence that Howell

received the player of the week honor. He previously won this accolade after the 2002 season opener, when the Irish defeated No. 16 Penn State 10-

9. Howell registered one goal and netted five assists in the victory.

But his strengths go beyond personal achievements on the field.

Walsh views Howell as not just a great player, but as a leader for the team.

"Although he is not a very vocal person, he is the type

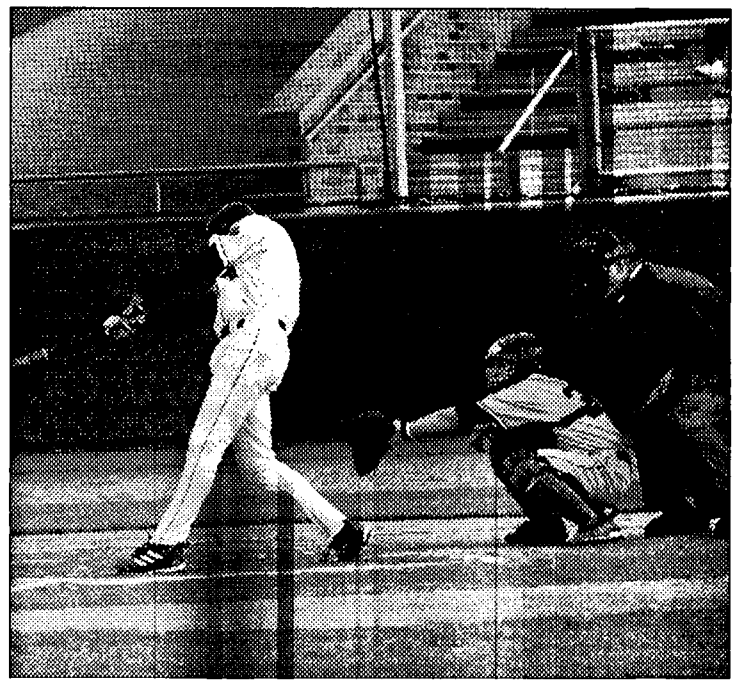
of leader that shows by example," Walsh said. "He has had two or three surgeries but does not shy away from the rough hits in the game and just keeps coming back."

And from the way his teammates have described him, Howell seems like every coach's dream.

"He knows what his strong points are and does everything he can really well," Walsh said. "He coordinates the offense so well and can create a lot for everybody."

Howell and the Irish have won five consecutive matches and currently stand at 7-4. Behind Howell's leadership, the Irish are hoping to finish strong as they travel to face No. 3 Maryland this Saturday.

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MEG DAVISSON/The Observer

Matt Macri hits a home run against Toledo April 21. The Irish struggled this weekend, dropping three of four games.

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loss to fall to 5-2 on the season, allowing four earned runs in 4 2/3 innings pitched.

In the nightcap, the Irish needed some late inning heroics from left fielder Cody Rizzo. After striking out Notre Dame's first two batters in the inning, Pirate right-hander Tim Sabo fell behind 2-0 to Rizzo, and the Irish sophomore made him pay with a solo home run down the left field line.

Irish closer Ryan Doherty came on in the bottom of the inning and shut down the Pirates three-up, three-down to preserve the 4-3 Irish win for his seventh save of the season. Senior Joe Thaman got the win in relief for the Irish, and Chris Niesel got a no decision in the start for Notre Dame, allowing two earned runs over six innings.

"The second game was a great win for us, because it was really a tough environment," Mainieri said. "I thought Niesel pitched well, and we scratched together a few runs. We got the big home run by Rizzo in the ninth inning, and Ryan Doherty came in and did a tremendous job in the bottom of the ninth."

In the first game against Pittsburgh Sunday, the Irish fell into an early 5-0 hole after three innings due to some shaky defense and timely Panther hitting.

"We had one bad inning defensively early in the game, and we didn't get [starting pitcher] Jeff Samardzija much defensive support," Mainieri said.

But the Irish bats would come alive as Notre Dame mounted a comeback with a pair of runs in the fourth on a Bransfield home run and a sacrifice fly from catcher Javi Sanchez.

In the next inning, the Irish tied it up at five on consecutive RBI doubles from first baseman Matt Edwards and Bransfield and an RBI single from Sanchez.

But that would be as close as Notre Dame would get, as Seton Hall put three runs on the board in the bottom half of the inning to go up 8-5. The Irish narrowed the lead to two runs on an RBI triple from third baseman Matt Macri in the next inning, but the Irish offense couldn't manage another comeback, falling 8-6.

Samardzija was touched for eight runs over four innings in the loss to fall to 2-2 on the season.

Things only got worse for the Irish in the nightcap Sunday. Notre Dame carried a 6-3 lead into the bottom of the ninth inning on the strength of three home runs from Macri, Bransfield and left fielder Craig Cooper.

But the 7-foot-1 Doherty was unable to keep the Panthers at bay in their last at bat, allowing four earned runs in 1/3 of an inning on three hits, two walks and one hit batter, as the Panthers won 7-6.

Freshman Dan Kapala actually came into the game after Doherty's troubles with the bases loaded, just one out and the game tied 6-6.

Kapala struck out P.J. Hiser for the second out and went ahead 1-2 on first baseman Tom Cashman before missing on a pitch low-and-inside that got by Sanchez, allowing the winning run to score.

"In the bottom of the ninth, Ryan Doherty just had one bad game," Mainieri said. "It's the first bad game he's had all season. It's unfortunate that it came at that time, but that's the life of a closer. When they have a bad game, it generally costs you a ballgame."

The Irish will look to bounce back today with a 6 p.m. game against Ball State (20-16) at Frank Eck Stadium.

Notes:

♦ After losing three out of four games over the weekend, the Irish have dropped in all four baseball polls. They now rank eighth in the Collegiate Baseball Magazine poll, ninth in the National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association poll and 11th in both the Baseball America and SportsWeekly/ESPN Coaches polls.

♦ The Irish have added a game with Manchester College Thursday to their schedule in order to make up for their cancelled game with Purdue that was rained out April 20. The NCAA allows baseball teams to play a maximum 56-game schedule in the regular season.

♦ Backup catcher Sean Gaston did not make the trip to Seton Hall and Pittsburgh over the weekend, as the freshman has been sidelined with mononucleosis.

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with the team weighed down by achievement. At the beginning of the season, Notre Dame had the freedom of the underdog, released from the manacles of expectation. And the underdog can play with a reckless abandon, taking chances with impunity. Mistakes are expected from an underdog. This type of freedom is what allowed the Irish to beat some high-profile opponents early in the year. Duke, James Madison and Stanford all went down because the Irish had yet to establish themselves during the season.

But there's something about a 10-0 start and a No. 2 ranking that makes other teams pay more attention. And all of a sudden, Notre Dame's opponents seem to have a little extra adrenaline rush that the Irish had not seen before. It was the same adrenaline rush that they had used while playing a top-ranked team. But now it is used against them. That little intangible is what made the difference in the heart-breaking one-goal losses to Georgetown and Johns

Hopkins.

And it will happen with all the Irish opponents. Out of nowhere, opposing stars start rising to the occasion when before there had been no occasion. Teams like Rutgers, previously stuck in .500 limbo, begin playing like a top 10 team as they did while limiting the Irish to one second-half goal on Sunday. After the loss to Johns Hopkins on Friday, Notre Dame captain Meredith Simon said that she wanted her team to play like an underdog again, with nothing to lose.

Simon had just discovered something that happens to every successful underdog — they become the favorite. And the favorite has its own set of challenges completely different from those of the underdog. The favorite must battle the onset of complacency and a lack of motivation. It's tough to compete with a fearless attitude on a tightrope of success when there is nowhere to go but down. One slip and you hit the concrete only to be surrounded by critics who don't want to help but demand to know why the heck you slipped.

But the great teams do compete fearlessly. Look at

Princeton who has won back-to-back national championships. They are the best because they have transformed their fear into swagger. It is the earnest hope of every underdog going into a big game to walk onto the field and see fear in their opponents' eyes. That is what Rutgers saw against Notre Dame. That is why the Irish committed two crucial turnovers at the end of the game allowing the Scarlet Knights to score the tying and go-ahead goals in the closing minute.

To get into the Members Only group of teams, Notre Dame must get to the point where they are the intimidators. Like Princeton, they need to show they will not back down, especially against the likes of a mediocre team like Rutgers.

But an Irish recovery will be even more difficult. Now their opponents know they are down and know they are afraid.

The Irish stand at a critical juncture of their season. With two big games against No. 13 Syracuse followed by tenth-ranked Vanderbilt to close out their season, the Irish can go one of two ways. They can stand up, embrace their success, and dominate opponents as they did early in the season.



Jess Mikula looks to pass against Johns Hopkins April 23. The Irish have lost four straight since going 10-0.

Or they can resort back to their pre-season role as an underdog.

The result of these two games will likely indicate how Notre Dame will perform in the NCAA tournament, a place where an (under)dog gets thrown a bone once in awhile, but usually

watches the proven teams feast on a championship.

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DePaul

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pitching and really held her composure well in all her games."

DeFau performed especially well in Notre Dame's four road victories this weekend over Big East opponents Villanova and Rutgers. She hit .643 in those games with four RBI, five runs, two doubles and one home run.

DeFau and her teammates wrested control of first place in the Big East from Villanova Saturday, defeating the Wildcats by scores of 4-0 and 2-0. The Irish continued their hot streak, taking two from Rutgers on Sunday by scores of 8-5 and 4-2.

"Going to play anyone in the Big East is never easy," Gumpf said. "That's one thing that's nice about being Notre Dame, is that everyone wants to beat us. The best thing, though, is that I think we can play even better than we did last weekend. Hopefully we can really start peaking here near the end of the season."

Stenglein took home three victories last week en route to improving her record to 6-0 in the Big East. In 20 innings of work, she collected 24 strikeouts and allowed just two earned runs.

She is also currently first in the Big East with a 0.58 ERA and six wins.

The Irish look to continue their impressive play over the last

week as they take on DePaul in a non-conference doubleheader at Ivy Field today beginning at 4 p.m.

This is the last non-conference matchup of the regular season for Notre Dame, who closes out its schedule with eight consecutive Big East games. The trip home is also a breath of air for the Irish, whose previous five games have all been on the road.

"I want us to use today's games to prepare for the Big East this weekend," Gumpf said. "We're looking forward to these games against DePaul because they're always a battle and we love playing each other."

The Blue Demons were ranked No. 12 in the preseason National Fast-Pitch Coaches Association/USA Today poll but have underachieved so far this year. DePaul (20-22-1) dropped below .500 after being swept by Southern Mississippi in a doubleheader Saturday.

Head coach Eugene Lenti has been at the helm of the program for 23 years, and has helped to turn DePaul into a perennial powerhouse team. Although the Blue Demons have struggled recently, the Irish know that this is not a team to be taken lightly.

"Their record is very deceiving," Gumpf said. "They're a good team and their coach has really done a great job with them over the years. We know it will be a battle."

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the Irish have beaten, will compete for eight slots to advance to the National Championships.

The tension seemed to mount all day for the golfers and coaches as the clock rolled towards 2 p.m., the time when the tournament fields would be announced.

"All day I was hanging by the phone," freshman Noriko Nakazaki said.

When that phone call finally came for each golfer, it no doubt made their day and season, a whole lot better and definitely more memorable.

"I was so excited at approximately 2:18 when coach called," Nakazaki said.

As the leading scorer of Notre Dame's best-ever team, Nakazaki certainly deserves to be happy. However, the freshman firmly believes that her personal successes, no matter how great, are secondary to the team's accomplishments.

"It feels great when I'm the

No. 1 [scorer] on the team," she said. "Without my team, I wouldn't be able to go to the NCAA's."

What makes the news even more exciting for the Irish is that, despite the talented lineup and solid play over the last few weeks, today's announcement was not much more guaranteed than it was at the beginning of the fall. Truly, this year's team has surpassed even their head coach's expectations.

"I thought it'd take us a couple more years [to get an NCAA bid]," King said. "We're ahead of schedule."

However as the team faces the most-high profile event of the program's history, the players must still balance the responsibilities of class work with their golf schedule.

"It's going to be a light week of practice," King said on how her team will spend the upcoming days. "[The girls] are going to have to reschedule their exams and get out of their dorms [over the next week.] It's going to be academics first."

The team will leave for Normal on May 4th, and in the meantime, King hopes

"I want them to get out there and play some, and they'll call me to schedule individual help sessions."

Debby King
Irish coach



Photo courtesy of Dan Carey

Katie Brophy and the Irish are headed to the NCAA's for the first time in their history.

her players will be able to make use of as much of the golf course as possible, but realizes that there are other demands on them outside of golf.

"I want them to get out there and play some, and they'll call me to schedule individual help sessions," she said. "It's a stressful time for them, and they know I'm here for them."

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BASEBALL

Not so friendly confines

No. 8 Irish drop three of four Big East road games over weekend

By CHRIS FEDERICO
Senior Staff Writer

Notre Dame coach Paul Mainieri said before last Friday's games with Seton Hall that the upcoming Big East weekend would be an important one, as the top five teams in the conference standings were scheduled to play each other.

Unfortunately for Mainieri, it was his Irish that suffered the most in their biggest conference weekend to date. No. 8 Notre Dame (32-8, 12-5 in the Big East) lost three of four over the weekend with a split in a Friday doubleheader at Seton Hall (12-26, 6-11) 2-4 and 4-3, followed by a two-game sweep at the hands of Pittsburgh (26-10, 10-4), 6-8 and 6-7.

"I've said often that this conference is a very tough conference, and I think people sometimes snicker at me when I say that," Mainieri said. "But I'll tell you that the 25 guys on our team will say how difficult it is to win games in our conference, particularly on the road."

Notre Dame's two losses to the Panthers marked only the fifth time in its eight-plus years in the league that the Irish have been swept in a Big East doubleheader.

"I know Seton Hall played

with an awful lot of pep and vigor, and so did Pittsburgh, and Pittsburgh has an excellent team," Mainieri said. "They were all very tough games, and unfortunately we came up on the short end in three of the four."

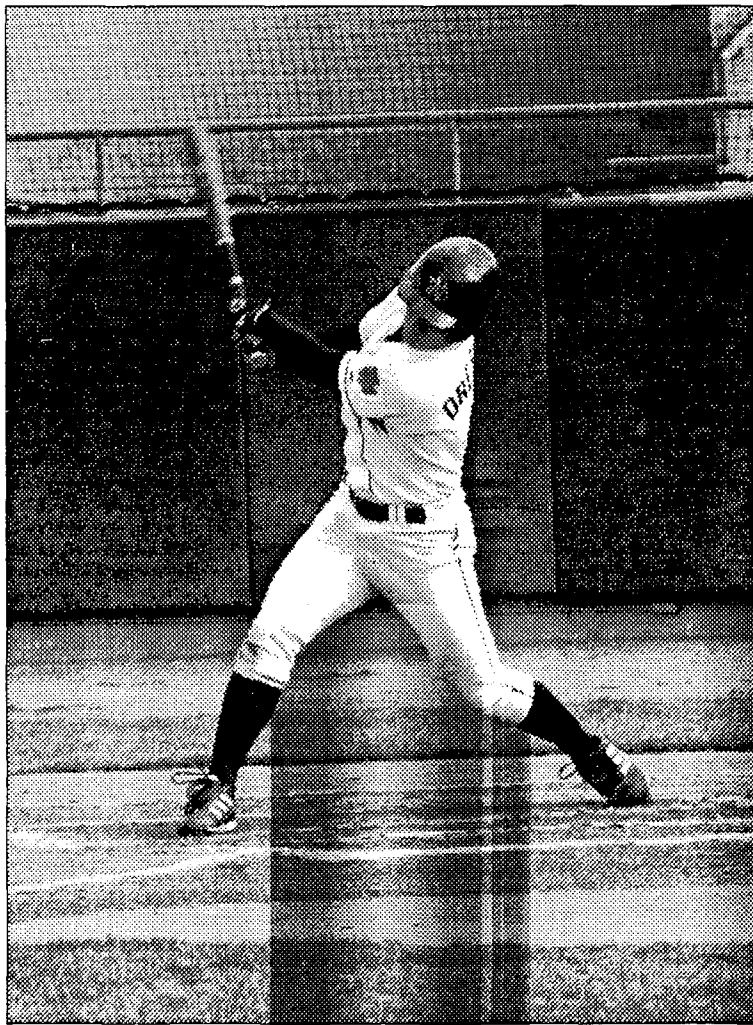
In the opener with the Pirates Friday, Notre Dame got out to an early 2-0 lead in the top of the first on a two-run double by designated hitter Matt Bransfield. But then the Irish hitters ran into a brick wall in the form of Pirate pitcher Jake Haggerty.

After allowing the two Irish runs, the Seton Hall hurler buckled down and retired the next 19 Irish batters en route to his third victory on the season as the Pirates won 4-2.

"You tip your hat to their pitcher," Mainieri said. "He pitched a tremendous ball game. We got to him in the first inning there, and then we just couldn't do anything with him after that."

"He was hitting his spots well, and the ump was giving him a pretty wide strike zone. It seemed like every one of our hitters was behind in the count, and we just couldn't get anything going."

Lefty Tom Thornton took the



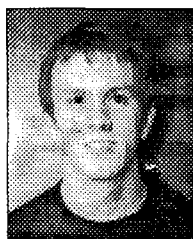
DAVE ROONEY/The Observer
Danny Dressman swings and misses against Toledo April 21. The Irish struggled this weekend, losing three of four.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish not handling role well

You know, the women's lacrosse team wasn't always the favorite. There was a time, way back in, oh say February, when they didn't have the cares they have now. They were just hoping for a return to the NCAA tournament after missing it last year.



Matt Mooney

But after a 10-0 start, expectations soared. The team began filling out its application for the Members Only Club of collegiate women's lacrosse. Yet there was still one test to pass. To become a member, a team must first learn to succeed despite the proverbial target now permanently stamped to its back. And after four subsequent losses — some good games, some not — the Irish are still trying to cope with that bullseye.

It wasn't always like this,

Sports Writer

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ND SOFTBALL

Team earns honors, returns home



DAVE ROONEY/The Observer
Heather Booth pitches against Illinois-Chicago April 15. Booth and the Irish return home to face DePaul today.

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

After taking over first place in the Big East following a 4-0 weekend, the honors continued to pour in for the Irish.

Senior Nicole deFau, who hit .588 over five games last week, was named Big East Player of the Week for the first time in her career. Junior Steffany Stenglein was named Big East Pitcher of the Week for the third time in her career, sharing the award with Boston College's Tekae Melandris.

"They both definitely deserved it," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "Nicole was on fire this weekend, and even when she didn't get a base hit she hit the ball hard somewhere. Steffany did exactly what the team needs. She gave us strong

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish finally make NCAAs

For the first time in history, golfers head to the tourney

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame is now doing the only thing that would make the program's history-setting season better — making it longer.

A day after winning the Big East Women's tournament for the second straight year, the Irish

received an at-large bid to compete in the NCAA tournament for the first time in the 19-year history of the program.

"I'm really excited," coach Debby King said. "I'm really happy for the team."

The tournament will take place on May 6-8 at the University Golf Course of Illinois State University in Normal, Ill. It will consist of three 18-hole rounds and will be played in the five-count-four format. Twenty-one teams including some familiar foes, five of whom

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

MEN'S LACROSSE

Matt Howell has overcome injuries to be a leader on and off the field for the Irish.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Luis Haddock won a Big East title last season and looks to lead the Irish again this year.

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The Colts hope that, with their newly-drafted players, they will be ready for a Super Bowl run.

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Sharks 1, Avalanche 0

With the win, San Jose is up 3-0 in the series.

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Vijay Singh won the Houston Open in Monday's final round.

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MLB

The Reds defeated the Pirates 5-2 behind Sean Casey after losing Austin Kearns to injury.

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