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ND mourning will extend beyond campus

Mass at Basilica commemorates pope

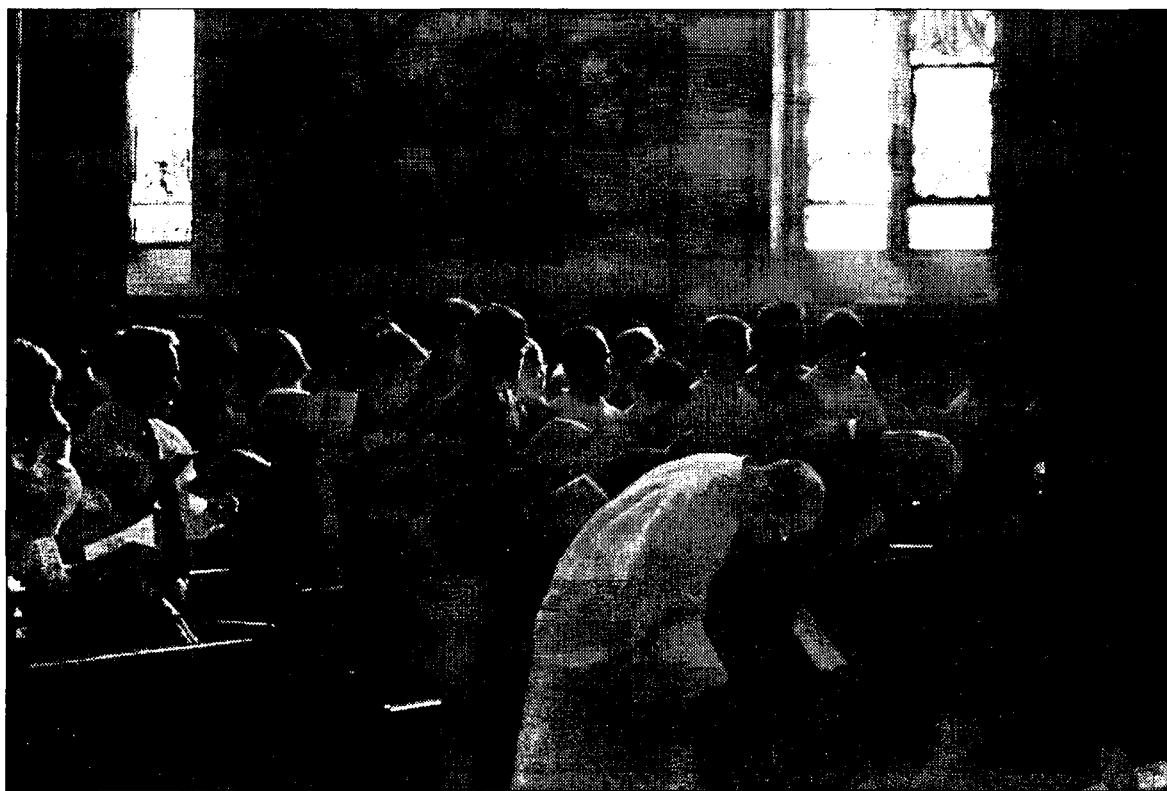
By MEGAN O'NEIL
Saint Mary's Editor

With white Easter lilies still adorning the altar, the Notre Dame community joined the rest of the world in mourning the death of Pope John Paul II Monday afternoon in a commemorative Mass at the Basilica.

The church pews were filled to capacity with students, staff, faculty and community members, many of whom clutched rosaries in prayer.

Roughly 40 Holy Cross priests joined outgoing University President Father Edward Malloy as he celebrated the Mass and honored the late pope.

In his homily, Malloy described John Paul II as a renaissance man, saying he was an



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University President Father Edward Malloy, bowing at right, presides over a memorial Mass for the late Pope John Paul II at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, a service which packed church pews Monday.

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University to send reps to Rome funeral

By HEATHER VAN
HOEGARDEN
News Writer

Notre Dame will have University representatives at Pope John Paul II's funeral Friday in Rome, University spokesman Matt Storin confirmed Monday.

Storin said the Superior General of the Congregazione Di Santa Croce, Very Reverend Hugh Cleary, his two assistants and Father Carl Ebey will officially represent the University at the funeral, set to take place at 10 a.m. on Friday in Rome. At Notre Dame, that is equivalent to 4 a.m. on Friday.

Storin said Ebey, the procurator general of the Congregation, is a former Notre Dame accounting professor. Cleary is, in effect,

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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Baron kicks off term with humor, business

Administration approves four new officeholders

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

If Monday night's Council of Representatives meeting is any indication, student body president Dave Baron will lead Notre Dame with a sense of humor.

Before calling the meeting to order, Baron said this year's Council "is going to be hardcore," placing extra emphasis on the last syllable.

In the first Council meeting under the new administration of Baron, vice president Lizzi Shappell and chief executive assistant Liz Kozlow, repre-

sentatives approved four new officeholders.

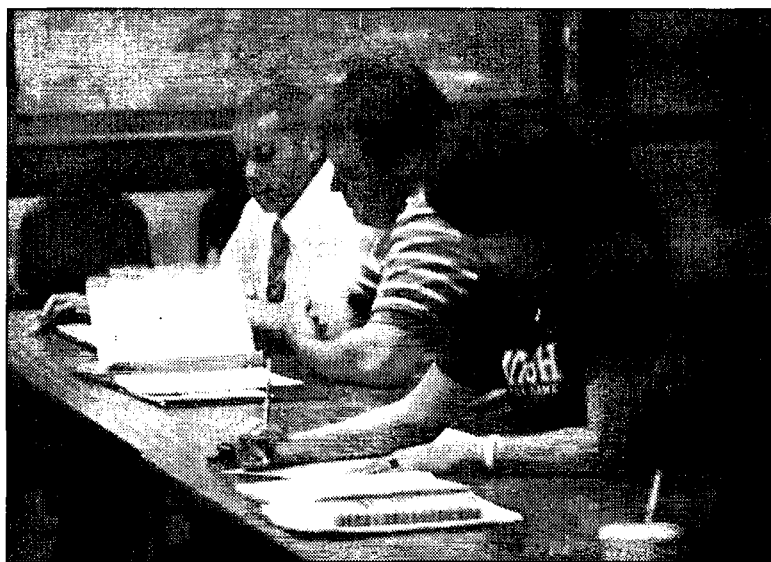
Alyce Baumgartner was approved as student union secretary.

"She is extremely dedicated," Kozlow said. "All my work with her has been extraordinary."

The council approved Adam Duvall as policy branch controller, a position he also held for the 2004-05 school year under the Istvan administration.

"All the work Adam has done has been impeccable," Baron said. "He has done a

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Members of the Council of Representatives start their new term by filling open positions on the Council's staff.

Campus copiers examined

Review underway to assess efficiency

By KATIE SCARLETT
O'HARA
News Writer

A review facilitated through Business Operations is underway to examine the efficiency and services of on-campus copy centers, possibly resulting in a consolidation of five locations.

Assistant Vice President for Procurement Services Tim Gibney said a committee of stakeholders including "business managers from various colleges [of Notre Dame], copy center managers and representatives from Business Operations" have drafted a Request For Proposal asking "suppliers to propose to us how they will operate if we consolidate."

The Request For Proposal specifically asks for input on the consolidation of five of the copy centers — LaFortune, Hesburgh Library, Grace Hall, Athletics and OIT — into one production center.

After the proposal

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Plan proposed to provide cable in dorms



JUSTIN RICE/The Observer

Satellite dishes dot the lawn outside Stanford residence hall. Some dorms do not allow dishes, prompting students to request cable.

By KATIE LAIRD
News Writer

As the new Notre Dame student body representatives settle into their new positions, plans are well underway to improve student life, including the possibility of attaining cable in the dorms.

Student body president Dave Baron said although cable was not underlined on his and vice president Lizzi Shappell's platform earlier in the semester, he hopes to work with the University

to see what the possibilities are for the future.

"[Cable] is a major aspect of improvements to campus technology that we will be pressing, along with getting printers in every dorm and putting wireless internet connection in dorm social spaces," Baron said. "The investigation of feasibility and implementation of this prospect will be a priority in our administration."

Student government represen-

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INSIDE COLUMN

Powder blue skies

The last time I got teary-eyed about a sporting event — discounting Irish football of late for obvious, sentimental reasons — was when the 1997 North Carolina team lost in the Final Four to Arizona. That was a team for the Carolina ages.

Rama Gottumukkala

Headlining the act were Vince Carter and Antawn Jamison, whose stars are still shining brightly in the NBA. And filling in all the necessary team details were 7-footer Serge Zwikker, Shammond Williams with his long range bombs and Ed Cota, a pass-first gem in an era of score-first point guards. I maintain it was a crime that Cota went undrafted in the pros.

Scene Editor

Picking Carolina to win it all has killed me in every one of my March Madness pools since 1997, except for in 2000, when I was one of the two people outside of UNC students who picked them to reach the Final Four as an eighth seed. And that's how it's gone the last few years — pick Irish football and UNC basketball to buck the odds and bring home the championship. And finally, after many March nights of picking up the pieces of my shattered dream, the Tar Heels have fulfilled that wish.

The stage was set for a terrific finish to an immensely satisfying NCAA tourney. The storylines were all zingers. Roy Williams trying to end the "Williams curse" by finally winning the big one? Check, as unstoppable as a well-run Carolina fast break. Carolina facing off against a dangerous Illinois team that has been the consensus No. 1 team for months? Another check, as timely as a McCants dagger trey. A team loaded with talent, with five probable NBA lottery picks, finally coming together and realizes their potential? As sure as a Felton fast-break lob to May.

I'll be the first to admit I was extremely paranoid Illinois would make another improbable 15-point comeback when they tied up the game late in the second half. And just when I couldn't metaphorically chew my nails any harder, the much-maligned Carolina defense stepped up. Big time. Not allowing a single basket over the final two and a half minutes of the game, the UNC "D" erased any doubts they were the team to beat during the tourney and the year, at least in terms of potential.

These Carolina players will be remembered in Chapel Hill and college basketball fans' fond memories for years to come. But I'll remember it as a beacon of hope for a sports fan embittered by 31-point poundings by USC and heart-breaking losses to Boston College. When I wake up to headlines across the nation that scream cheesy one-liners of Carolina's greatness, such as "Heeling Power" on ESPN.com, I'll be able to smile and wait knowingly for the next of my shattered dreams to come to fruition.

After learning from my Carolina misses, I'll have no qualms with picking ND to win it all every year from now on. So don't be surprised if the college football skies bleed Irish blue and gold next year. Just as soon as the downpour of Carolina power blue subsides.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS THE BEST BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL TEAM NAME YOU HAVE HEARD?



Ann Flies
sophomore
Pasquerilla
West

"Julia's Team."



Nick Curcio
sophomore
Knott

"The Zonkeys ... they're things, right?"



Annie Pugel
sophomore
Pasquerilla
West

"I haven't actually heard any."



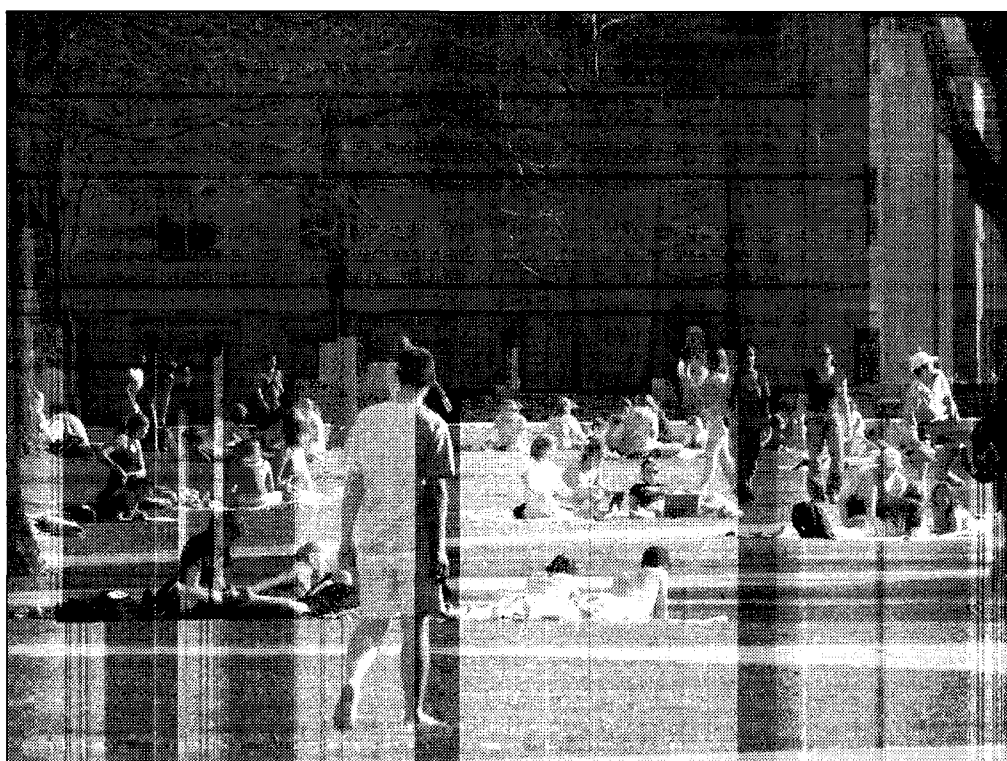
Ryan Brennan
junior
Knott

"The Gonk, but they call them 'The Gaaank.'"



Vince Niov
sophomore
Keenan

"SARS Unit."



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Students enjoy the warm weather on North Quad Monday, spending quality time with school books, friends and the sun.

IN BRIEF

The softball team will face off against Eastern Michigan in a doubleheader today at 3 p.m. and 7 at Ivy Field.

Ray Ofden, of the department of mathematics at the University of Glasgow, will speak today on "Biomechanics of Soft Biological Tissue: Structure and Modeling." The lecture is sponsored by the department of aerospace and mechanical engineering and will take place in 138 DeBartolo Hall.

The baseball team will face Toledo today at 5 p.m. in Eck Stadium.

The South Bend Center for Medical Education is sponsoring a lecture by Gary Fromm, M.D., entitled "Sleep Disorders" tonight at 7 p.m. in 102 DeBartolo Hall.

Robert Audi, Gallo Professor of Business Ethics; and professor of management and philosophy will give a Cahill Lecture entitled "Ethical Leadership and Leadership in Ethics" today from 5 p.m. to 6:30 in the Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business. The Hesburgh Award for Business Ethics will also be presented to Amy Domini, CEO of Domini Social Investments.

Jorge Chapa, professor and founding director of the Latino Studies Program at Indiana University, will give a lecture entitled "Apple Pie and Enchiladas" Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 6:15 in the Hesburgh Center auditorium.

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

OFFBEAT

Teacher starts classroom brawl

DALLAS — A high school teacher faces an assault charge after police say she walked into a middle-school classroom, grabbed that teacher's hair, yanked her out of her chair, and dragged her across the room while punching her in the face and kicking her.

According to the police report, Paulette Baines grabbed Mary Oliver in front of the class full of gifted students Friday. Baines was angry because Oliver told her daughter to quit loitering by lockers and go to class, Dallas school district

spokesman Donald Claxton said.

Oliver said Baines was yelling at her as she entered the classroom.

"I want you to know I didn't raise a finger. I didn't raise my voice. I didn't do anything to aggravate the situation," Oliver said. "I did everything possible to defuse the situation."

Wheelchair pageant queen loses crown

APPLETON, Wis. — Ms. Wheelchair Wisconsin has been stripped of her title because pageant officials say she can stand — and point to a newspaper pic-

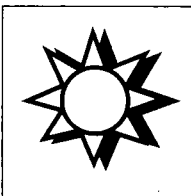
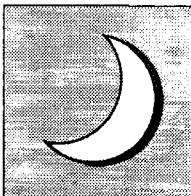


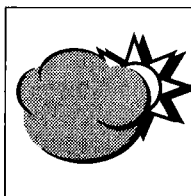
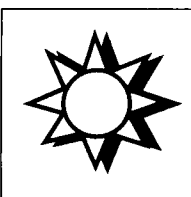
ture as proof.

Janeal Lee, who has muscular dystrophy and uses a scooter, was snapped by The Post-Crescent newspaper standing among her high school math students.

"I've been made to feel as if I can't represent the disabled citizens of Wisconsin because I'm not disabled enough," Lee said Thursday.

Lee, 30, of Appleton, had planned to go to the national pageant with her younger sister, who also has muscular dystrophy and won the competition in Minnesota.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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	HIGH 75 LOW 68	HIGH 66 LOW 55	HIGH 65 LOW 40	HIGH 47 LOW 38	HIGH 58 LOW 36	HIGH 59 LOW 39

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Outgoing members bid farewell



Departing student body president Sarah Catherine White, left, completes her final BOG meeting as incoming president Kelly Mitros looks on.

By KELLY BALE
News Writer

At their last meeting Monday before turnover, members of the current Saint Mary's Board of Governance thanked each other and said their goodbyes while incoming members observed the proceedings.

"I've had a wonderful year, I've learned so much from all of you and I've been inspired by all of you," outgoing student body president Sarah Catherine White said.

Other outgoing BOG members also thanked the board for their dedication to the group throughout the year.

"I would like to sincerely thank everyone on BOG because I enjoyed working with you so much," outgoing

student body vice president Mary Pauline Moran said. "I will take so many memories from this year with me."

White hoped that incoming board members could use this opportunity as a shadow experience and invited the new elects to observe BOG procedure and to ask questions.

BOG approved a co-sponsorship with the Notre Dame Student Union Board, the Notre Dame Class of 2007 and the Saint Mary's Class of 2007 for the Battle of the Bands on April 22. Sophomores Claudia Toth and Kathleen Kindt presented the co-sponsorship to BOG and emphasized that the event, which will be held at Legends and will feature 10 groups and musicians, will be a tri-campus one and that they hope to gain more partic-

ipation from all three campuses.

During discussion of the event, Student Activities Board president Lauren Fabina said she had attended and enjoyed last year's Battle of the Bands.

Toth and Kindt said Saint Mary's has been involved in the planning of Battle of the

Bands and that the event will be advertised on the Saint Mary's campus.

Several BOG members felt it was good that Saint Mary's was participating in planning and advertising the event, and this fact was taken into consideration when deciding how much money the co-sponsorship would be approved for.

In other BOG news: Student Diversity Board will sponsor a frost your own cookies event on Wednesday at 10 p.m. in McCandless Hall.

A Memorial mass for Pope John Paul II will be held Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Church of Loretto.

The SMC Tostal and Spring Fiesta will be held on April 21.

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ND business council ventures to Canada

By LISA SCHULTZ
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Last weekend, 12 members of Notre Dame's Student International Business Council traveled to Windsor, Canada to fulfill the SIBC mission statement of "Peace through Commerce."

Members of both the Finance and Global Development divisions participated in the International Political Economy project, a semi-annual event highlighted by a debate about an international topic that is both globally and economic-centered, junior and co-director of the International Political Economy project Matt Walsh said.

"The debate is more than a debate," Walsh said. "In a way it is a diplomatic statement that our two countries, especially young students form both countries, can work together to have an intellectual discussion about issues that will affect us in the future as well as now."

This semester's topic was whether the political and economic rise of China will positively or negatively affect North America in the future. The students of the hosting school, the University of Windsor, took the negative side and won

the debate.

Notre Dame has hosted University of Windsor students in the fall semester the past two years. The relationship with the Canadian commuter school was established from a former Notre Dame SIBC member from Canada.

Although the teams were serious about the debate, relations were friendly between the schools. Notre Dame students attended a wine and cheese party and a dinner with the University of Windsor group.

"It seemed like they [the University of Windsor students] were genuinely glad to host us," said freshman Jack Millhouse, a member of SIBC's Finance and Accounting divisions. "They treated us well."

The debate weekend also grants the students exposure to experienced members of the International Political Economy field. This year, judges of the debate included professors and deans of the University of Windsor as well as a Ford Corporation executive.

Notre Dame faculty member and SIBC advisor Susan Soisson accompanied the students on the trip.

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athlete, an actor, a playwright, a poet, a scholar, a teacher and a pastor.

"He was a son of Poland by birth and deeply rooted in that Catholic culture," Malloy said. "And then one day the church universal called him for that form of special service called the pope."

Malloy recalled his personal meetings with the pope and their effect on him.

"I was invited twice to co-celebrate Mass with him in the papal chapel in Rome," Malloy said.

Both times, Malloy said, the pope was already on his knees deep in prayer when he entered the room.

"There was a manifest sense of holiness that exuded in that place," Malloy said.

After celebrating Mass, John Paul II would greet visitor after visitor, Malloy said, something that made him greatly loved by the faithful.

"He loved Catholic higher education and he pushed all of us involved in it to be clear about our sense of mission ... and to transform society," Malloy said.

Malloy also described John Paul II as a model of servitude and a great evangelizer whose extensive travels ignited the faith of millions across the globe.

"He took seriously the apostolic obligation to preach the good news throughout the world," Malloy said. "He knew the value of the media in enhancing his presence."

Malloy said the pope did not limit himself exclusively to Catholics. Instead, he strove to heal the divisions which split the Christian community.

John Paul II also reached out in an unprecedented manner to non-Christian faiths.

"He was the first pope ... to spend time in a synagogue and a mosque," Malloy said. "He knew we have so much in common, that we worship the same God."

Malloy said the pope showed great courage in speaking out against evil in the world, particularly the Jewish holocaust and Eastern European communism. John Paul II worked tirelessly to create a world in which life is honored and respected, Malloy

said.

"He was an advocate for the poor and defenseless and exercised the pontifical voice in the face of government and leadership," Malloy said.

Malloy went on to say John Paul II was very conscious of suffering in the world and struggled with it himself. Malloy noted even after being shot, the pope traveled to his intended-assassin's jail cell and forgave him.

In recent years, Malloy said, John Paul II faced a series of serious health problems that made it increasingly difficult to appear and speak in public.

"As he grew older he had to deal with growing infirmity ... He struggled as someone who was proud of his capacity in front of an audience," Malloy said.

Malloy spoke encouraging words about the Church's future and the selection of a new Holy Father.

"We are confident that with the gift of the Holy Spirit those entrusted with choosing his successor will do the right thing," Malloy said.

After Mass, dozens of attendees filed past a depiction of Pope John Paul II and signed a book honoring the dead.

First year seminarian student and 2004 Notre Dame graduate Tom Hofmann attended Monday's Mass and said he admired the pope's spiritual guidance.

"I felt a strong tie with the Holy Father," Hofmann said. "I felt that he led us well and that his issues on life resonated with me."

Students Ali Donovan and Jamie Grebowski said honoring the pope in the Basilica was especially meaningful.

"It is a really important event within the Catholic church. This is the only pope I can ever remember," Donovan said.

Stephenie Tsui called Malloy's homily touching and said although she never had the opportunity to travel to Rome to see John Paul II, she was impressed with his willingness to open up the Church to interfaith dialogue.

"[Visiting other places of worship] is really good because a lot of people are afraid to [learn about] other people's religions," Tsui said.

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Cable

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tatives met with OIT chief information officer Gordon Wishon last month to see what processes would have to take place before cable could be approved. As with any technology enhancement, there are many logistic and economic challenges that must be settled before Student Affairs can approve the cable, including cost and installation fees, Wishon said.

"The Officers of the University and the Board of Trustees are very sensitive to the cost of tuition, room and board and are not at all anxious to add an even greater burden of cost onto students and parents," Wishon said.

He said the University will not be able to absorb the cost of the cable installation and fees due to the range of academic needs competing for scarce funding.

The other obstacle that student government faces, according to Wishon, is the process of installing the cable into every

residence hall and dorm room.

"Installation of cable in every residence hall would take months," Wishon said. "[It] would be disruptive to students' lives, since it would involve crews of installers pulling cable through and behind walls, and across ceilings ... in addition, a solution to the problem of the cost of installation and service will need to be found."

Some students have hooked up satellite television in their dorms, which has

stirred response. Some men's dorms and many women's dorms do not allow satellites.

"They're irregular across the board on which dorms allow and which don't allow

satellites ... There have been some complaints about that," Baron said.

There has been some concern regarding potentially negative effects of community cable.

"I question the validity of this," Baron said, explaining that many students move off campus because of the absence of cable, thus damaging the community that is supposed to be preserved.

He believes the overall benefits of cable for the students are very useful.

"The academic benefits in terms of access to local, national and world news will be invaluable," Baron said.

Wishon agreed, saying the benefits of dorm cable, besides the obvious entertainment value, are many.

"We would expect to use the cable TV service to deliver content of academic interest, such as foreign language programs, pre-recorded seminars of special interest and distribution of video from live events occurring on campus, such as performances taking place in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center," he said.

Student government representatives plan to meet this month with the Residence Life Chair and Wishon to discuss what still needs to be worked out before the next step can be taken and the possibility of starting work this summer, Baron said.

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the University's permanent representative in Rome, Storin said.

When Pope John Paul I died in 1978, the University sent Father Bernard Ransing to the funeral. Ransing, a Holy Cross priest, was a member of the Congregation of the Religious in Rome.

Storin said it is more difficult to have representation in Rome since Notre Dame is not officially part of the Church hierarchy.

"When you consider that about 100 heads of state and government will attend, plus

hundreds of cardinals and most of the 3,000 bishops of the church, additional representation might be logistically difficult," he said. "We and other universities serve the church best as academic institutions and not as pastors or superiors, though we have a pastoral function. Our connection to the central Church is actually through our bishop, Bishop [John] D'Arcy."

On the campus of Notre Dame, the University has scheduled a daily rosary and prayer vespers to last through Thursday. It has also scheduled a special "Theology on Tap" with Professor Lawrence Cunningham to discuss "The Conclave and the Election of the

New Pope," set for Wednesday at 10:30 p.m. in Legends.

On display in the Basilica is a zucchetto — or white skull cap — worn by Pope John Paul II and a crucifix he gave to University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh that is modeled after the crucifix on the pontiff's pastoral staff.

Black bunting will hang around the doors of the Basilica until a new pope is elected, according to Campus Ministry.

Also, a Book of Remembrance for Pope John Paul II is available in the Basilica for those who want to inscribe their names to honor his memory.

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Registration 411

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Prisoners protest detainees' transfer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Prisoners at Iraq's largest detention facility protested the transfer of several detainees deemed "unruly" by authorities, throwing rocks and setting tents on fire in a disturbance that injured four guards and 12 detainees, the military said Monday.

Friday's protest at Camp Bucca — which holds about 6,000 prisoners, nearly two-thirds of all those in Iraq — caused only minor injuries before being brought under control, authorities said. It was the third major incident at an Iraqi prison in three days.

Murtadha al-Hajaj, an official at radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's office in the southern city of Umm Qasr, near Camp Bucca, said several al-Sadr supporters were wounded during the confrontation. He said they were protesting a lack of access to medical treatment and claimed U.S. guards opened fire, although he did not know if they wounded prisoners.

Police battle with Islamic militants

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Security forces battled the biggest group of Islamic militants in a nearly two-year campaign against terror, killing seven in a gunbattle Monday and cornering up to 10 others in an isolated desert town, Saudi officials said.

The forces were besieging the building in which the remaining militants were holed up and hoped to take them alive, Interior Ministry spokesman Brig. Mansour al-Turki told The Associated Press.

During the two-day gunbattle, police had to seal off a girls' elementary school in ar-Rass, central Saudi Arabia, 220 miles northwest of the capital. When the fighting quieted, the teachers and students were evacuated.

NATIONAL NEWS

Son accepts father's Medal of Honor

WASHINGTON — Paul Ray Smith's 11-year-old son, standing only chest-high to President Bush, accepted the nation's highest award for valor on Monday for his late father, who exposed himself to enemy fire in Iraq and saved at least 100 of his fellow U.S. soldiers.

Outnumbered and exposed, Army Sgt. 1st Class Smith stayed at his gun, holding back an advancing Iraqi force until a bullet in his head claimed his life. Bush presented the Medal of Honor on the second anniversary of the day Smith died in battle on April 4, 2003, near Baghdad International Airport.

"The Medal of Honor is the highest award for bravery a president can bestow," Bush said in an East Room ceremony that began and ended in prayer.

Weeklong anti-terror drill begins

HILLSIDE, N.J. — The biggest anti-terrorism drill ever held in the United States got under way Monday with a mock biological attack in New Jersey and a simulated chemical-weapons explosion in Connecticut.

Named TOPOFF 3, the \$16 million, weeklong exercise is meant to find weak spots in the nation's emergency planning.

"I want to make it clear that we are going to push our plans and our systems to the very limit," U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said. "So we expect failure because we're actually going to be seeking to push to failure, and that is ... the best way."

LOCAL NEWS

Senate panel approves tax increase

INDIANAPOLIS — Local income and state cigarette and alcoholic-beverage taxes would go up under legislation a Republican-dominated Senate panel approved 8-4 Monday along party lines.

House Bill 1120 would provide at least \$600 million during the next two years to help pay for a \$24.2 billion Senate Republican plan to balance the state's budget while giving public schools modest annual funding increases.

The 284-page tax bill, which is drawing considerable opposition, also would divert at least \$70 million a year from some communities.

John Paul II had presidential influence

U.S. leaders from past 26 years identified with many elements of Pope's agenda

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Five American presidents in a row eagerly sought audiences with Pope John Paul II, even when the pontiff expressed strong opposition to some of their policies, such as President Clinton's support for abortion rights and President Bush's invasion of Iraq.

All five who occupied the White House during John Paul II's 26-year papacy — Carter, Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Clinton and George W. Bush — beat a path to the Vatican.

The current president visited the pope in Rome three times in his first term, most recently in June.

"Every American president, whether Republican or Democrat, could find elements of John Paul II's agenda to agree with," said James Guth, a specialist in religion and politics at Furman University in Greenville, S.C.

"Conservative Republicans identified with his role in the downfall of the Soviet communism, his concern for moral issues like abortion and euthanasia that have become part of the Republican party platform," Guth said. "At the same time, Democrats recognized the pope's travels throughout the Third World, his identification with the poor of the world."

John Paul II became the first pope to visit the White House when Carter warmly welcomed him in 1979. That kicked off a string of frequent and high-profile meetings between the pontiff and U.S. presidents.

The pope received Carter at the Vatican the following year. Reagan met with John Paul II four times — twice at the Vatican, twice in the United States. The first President Bush visited the pope twice in the Vatican.

Clinton met with him four times — in the United States in 1993, 1995 and 1999 and at the Vatican in 1994.



A parishioner touches an image of Pope John Paul II following a memorial Mass in Boston. The Pope's influence was felt by millions of Americans, including Presidents Carter, Reagan, George H.W. Bush, Clinton and George W. Bush.

When the current president called on the pope in June, he presented the pontiff with the presidential medal of freedom and called him "a devoted servant of God."

Bush sat stoically as the pontiff read with a frail voice a lengthy statement expressing "grave concern" about events in Iraq. Bush brightened as the pope concluded the session with "God bless the United States."

Bush later told an audience of Catholics, "Being in his presence is an awesome experience."

It is only natural that U.S. presidents wanted to be seen with the globe-trotting pope from Poland, said Allan J. Lichtman, a presi-

dential historian at American University in Washington.

"He was a very charismatic, significant world figure with tens of millions of followers in the United States and hundreds of millions of followers worldwide," Lichtman said.

Lichtman also said the magnetic appeal of John Paul II to U.S. presidents coincided with a lessening of anti-Catholic sentiment in the United States.

"When Reagan established formal diplomatic relations with the Vatican, it was very controversial," Lichtman said, noting that Reagan sought the Rev. Billy Graham's help in trying to smooth things over with evangelical leaders.

"The Catholics have blended in," said the Rev. Gerald Fogarty, a Jesuit priest and professor at the University of Virginia who specializes in U.S.-Vatican relations.

But Fogarty suggested it was not solely fondness for the pope that motivated U.S. presidents to seek him out.

Reagan's decision in 1984 to send an ambassador to the Vatican helped him gain more influence over outspoken American Catholic bishops, Fogarty suggested.

Clinton's overtures to the pope, he said, were part of a strategy "to recreate the old alliance between Catholics and the Democratic party."

The current president's wooing of the pope and Catholic voters paid off.

MEXICO

Third World seeks pope from its own ranks

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — As cardinals rushed to the Vatican on Sunday to begin the process of selecting a new pope, many back home were asking a pointed question: If most of the world's Roman Catholics live in the developing world, why has every pope been European?

The possibility that the next pope could come from Latin America, Africa or Asia is creating a buzz from Mexico City to Manila, from Tegucigalpa to Kinshasa. Many Latin American Catholics said the only way to improve on a papacy they overwhelmingly supported would be to select someone from their own ranks.

Their hopes were fueled by the last papal conclave, in which a Polish archbishop became the first non-Italian pope in 455 years, as well as by the global outreach John Paul II made the cornerstone of his papacy. They also have been boosted by sheer numbers: Half the world's 1 billion Roman Catholics live in Latin America alone, and the church is seeing explosive growth in Africa and Asia.

Even outside Roman Catholicism, leaders from the developing world saw a chance for change.

"We hope that perhaps the cardinals when they meet will follow the first non-Italian pope by electing the first African pope," Anglican Archbishop

Desmond Tutu said Sunday from Cape Town, South Africa.

Many Catholics in poor countries said a pope from their own regions would better understand the challenges they face, and would make the church more relevant in the lives of its increasingly diverse followers.

"It will further help the church, whose membership is growing fastest in Asia, Africa and Latin America, if a new pope emerges from one of those areas," said Isidore Chukwuemeka, a Catholic in Lagos, Nigeria. "That will help build loyalty in the universal church and reassure people that the rich countries are not calling the shots."

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process, the committee will then evaluate the responses and make a decision whether or not to consolidate.

A possible location for this production center has not been named and Gibney guesses the committee will not reach a decision until late May.

Tim Wright, manager of ND Print Services in OIT and owner of Copy Wright, Inc., which owns and operates the Copy Shop in LaFortune, is already preparing for a definite closing of ND Print Services.

Whatever the committee decides, "ND Print Services [in OIT] will be closed and [we] will transition ND Print Services to the Copy Shop [in LaFortune]," Wright said.

Wright said this transition has been underway since he became manager in 2002. He said he was hired knowing "eventually ND Print Services would go away."

OIT Director of Resource Management Craig Fitch said any change is "still going through the proposal process" and he is not "at liberty to say" whether or not ND Print Services' location in OIT will be shut down.

"The services will not go away, just where and how they are provided could change," Fitch said.

Though there are eight other copy centers on campus, the OIT location has been responsible for printing flipbooks for art students' final projects.

Wright, who speculates the OIT location will be closed by mid-April, said the equipment used for this printing might be returned to Xerox before the end of the semester. A five-year lease with Xerox expired this year.

Wright said he has contacted other vendors with the hope of obtaining equipment needed for the flipbook printing.

He said the LaFortune Copy Shop could provide the printing for this semester's projects with new equipment.

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COR

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great job preparing statistics whenever we need them."

Michael King was approved as Web site administrator for the second consecutive year. Kozlow said King's experience would help him continue to improve the Web site.

King said he hopes his work

on the Web site will help draw more students to it.

"We're going to try to make the website more appealing so students know what is going on in student government," King said.

Finally, the Council approved Chad Bassett as Student Union Board director of operations.

"Chad has incredible professional skills and strong business skills," SUB manag-

er Jimmy Flaherty said. "He has demonstrated tremendous time management skills."

After all nominations were approved, Baron told representatives about the direction he hopes COR will take in the coming year.

"COR has the best perspective, since we gather all the campus leaders into one room," Baron said. "COR is a think tank, a sounding board,

a spitball for various topics."

Baron also promised to have at least one topic to discuss at every COR meeting.

"We'll talk about everything from campus beautification to the University's Catholic character," he said. "We'll bring in student speakers to tell us what they are doing on campus."

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Community boasts largest private airfield

Associated Press

OCALA, Fla. — John Travolta has a thing for airplanes. He likes flying them. He likes hearing them. When he wakes up, he likes looking out the window and seeing his Gulfstream II jet and Boeing 707 in the front yard.

As it so happens, whenever Travolta steps out — say, to a movie set or one of his homes in Maine or California — he hops into one of his jets, taxis on down the street to the community runway and lifts off, unfettered by autograph junkies, Sunday drivers or road hogs.

Ah, the joy of residing in Jumbolair Aviation Estates, an exclusive, 550-acre "fly-in community" with a \$6 million runway — the largest, paved, private airfield in the United States.

Once a home to African crocodiles, elephants, white rhinos and a 400-pound gorilla named Mickey, Jumbolair is fast becoming a sanctuary for comfort creatures whose most common desire is to eat, sleep and play within shouting distance of their flying machines.

The idea of parking one's wings next to one's abode is hardly novel; there are roughly 400 airports across the United States where homes with private hangars are built around tarmacs and airstrips.

But some fly-in communities rise above the rest.

There's "Spruce Creek," in Daytona Beach, Fla., which offers 18 holes of golf, a clubhouse and a flying school; there's "Mountain Air" in Burnsville, N.C., which has an 18-hole

MOUNTAINTOP course, an award-winning clubhouse, lodge, and eight miles of hiking trails through the Blue Ridge Mountains; there's "Lajitas," in Lajitas, Texas, between the Big Bend National Park and the Texas State Park, which has two championship golf courses, quail hunting grounds, equestrian activities, tennis courts, a spa, and gourmet dining.

And then there's Jumbolair.

Carved into the hilly horse country of central Florida, this retreat markets itself as America's "premier residential aviation community." For day-trippers, it promises "extreme luxury"; for homebuyers, "a lifestyle and a dream that few people will ever experience."

Amenities?

There's a Nautilus Center, a wet bar with billiard table, Olympic-sized pool, tennis center, conference halls, 9,000-square-foot ballroom (where two gourmet cooks, Sean and Farrell, spoil guests at tea-time with sweet-potato pancakes layered with salmon, poached eggs and dill hollandaise), stables, and, for residents who walk their stallions daily, several hundred acres of untrammeled pasture.

Along a sandy road lined with monstrous, 200-year-old oaks and a meadow of grazing thoroughbreds, stands a white, Old-South-style mansion deco-

rated with more than 2 million fine-art antiques: the Jumbolair Inn and Country Club.

There are five suites at this inn. Each has a huge bathroom with stuff like bright red, claw-footed soaking tubs, gold-plated fixtures, porcelain tiling. Two share a balcony with vistas of meadows, horse barns, and, not to forget, the mansion of Mr. Saturday Night Fever himself.

What makes Jumbolair the envy of all airports is not Travolta, though; it's the runway.

This one is 7,550 feet long, 250 feet wide, and elevated (100 feet, to keep the runway from flooding during downpours). At the north end is a 10-acre landing pad. Along the sides runs ground lighting, for night owls.

Taxiways lead to the pilots' homes. (To avoid chance run-ins between aircraft and four-wheeled vehicles, each home-site has a street in the front and a taxiway at the rear.)

And, although commercial airports often build runways longer than 8,000 feet, a private airstrip the magnitude of Jumbolair's isn't likely to be duplicated soon, the pricetag being the main inhibitor.

Terri Jones-Thayer, a one-time model (Revlon's perfumed "Charlie" girl of yore), and her husband, Jeremy Thayer,

owner of an upscale custom-jewelry outfit, are developing Jumbolair together. They take a certain pride in knowing that any jet, fighter or otherwise, can land just a few hundred yards from their mailbox.

To borrow a term used by some locals, they are "unique."

Says Jones-Thayer, "You know, we have NEVER had to advertise Jumbolair. Not once. It's all word of mouth."

Says her spouse, "We're private, secluded, very discreet. And just imagine: You can fly any sized jet in here, and after just a few steps you're at our inn." How much does a night at Tara cost? Four hundred dollars, which, in Thayer's estimation is a real bargain.

"The Tennessee Blackberry Inn costs \$1,000 a night. Of course, you can't compare that to this. THIS is a lot nicer."

This, at one time, was a Vanderbilt retreat, a headquarters for Nautilus, a playpen for baby elephants.

Its name, Jumbolair, was the invention of Arthur Jones, the man who brought us Nautilus, and it happened this way:

In the '70s, the 54-year-old inventor was looking for a youthful, diamond-cut face to attach to his fitness equipment, and he found it on a Pepsi billboard: the mug of Terri Brantner, 16, a former "Miss Florida Pre-Teen."

CHILDREN AND CHILDHOOD IN GRECO-ROMAN ANTIQUITY APRIL 8-9, 2005

Center for Continuing Education, McKenna Hall

Friday, April 8, 2005

- 9:15 Keith Bradley, Welcome
- 9:25 David Ladouceur, Introducing Children in Antiquity
- 9:50 Mark Golden, Children's Deaths and Parental Responses among the Greeks and Romans
- 10:40 Break
- 11:00 Christopher McLaren, Childhood, Play and Riddling in Heraclitus
- 12:00 Lunch
- 2:00 Marc Kleijwegt, The Mechanics of Parental Love: Slavery, Surrogate Children and the Appropriation of Love in the Roman World
- 2:50 Mary Rose D'Angelo, Childhood and Early Christian Family Values
- 3:40 Break
- 4:00 Daniel Sheerin, Early Christian Views of Child Abuse
- 5:00 Reception

Saturday, April 9, 2005

- 9:15 Keith Bradley, Welcome
- 9:20 Richard Saller, Children in the Roman Economy
- 10:10 Jonathan Edmondson, The Children of Roman Spain
- 11:00 Break
- 11:15 Martin Bloomer, Out of Infancy: the Grammar of Child Development in Quintilian
- 12:15 Lunch
- 1:45 Beryl Rawson, Other Disciplines, New Methodologies: A Key to the Future?
- 2:35 Break
- 2:45 Keith Bradley, Reflections on Children in Antiquity
- 3:05 Roundtable Discussion

The study of children and childhood is currently one of the most prominent areas of international research in the social and cultural history of Greco-Roman antiquity. How children lived their lives in ancient Greece and Rome, how they were perceived, socialized, and prepared for adult life are all subjects of ongoing debate.

This conference brings together scholars from the international community and scholars from Notre Dame engaged in research on children in antiquity. Together they will present papers on a wide array of subjects, examining the place and roles of children in Greco-Roman, and early Christian, society from ideological, philosophical, cultural, sexual, economic, demographic, affective, and educational points of view.

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7:30-9:00 p.m.
Opening remarks, reading
by poet, scholar, and biographer
Paul Mariani

Monday, April 4

1:30-2:30 p.m.
Reading by novelist and short story writer Katherine Vaz
4:30-5:30 p.m.
Reading by journalist, novelist, and poet Demetria Martinez
7:00-8:30 p.m.
Reading by novelist and short story writer Tim Gautreaux

Tuesday, April 5

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Roundtable discussion featuring all four writers
Chaired by Valerie Sayers and Campbell Irving

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IN BRIEF

Shipping line guilty of waste dumping

LOS ANGELES — A Panamanian shipping line on Monday pleaded guilty to more than two dozen counts of illegal waste dumping around the United States and was ordered to pay \$25 million in one of the largest fines ever imposed on an ocean polluter.

Evergreen International, one of the world's largest shipping lines, concealed the discharge of waste oil, obstructed Coast Guard inspections and altered records for three years ending in 2001, federal officials said. The company entered its plea in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles to 24 felony counts and one misdemeanor.

U.S. attorneys from five jurisdictions affected by the pollution — Los Angeles, Seattle, Portland, Ore., Newark, N.J. and Charleston, S.C. — hailed the plea agreement as a major victory in the fight against shipping companies trying to skirt the law.

"We take these crimes very seriously and if they won't police themselves, we will do it for them," Christopher Christie, U.S. Attorney for the District of New Jersey, said on a dock across from Evergreen's shipping yard in San Pedro, Calif. "You can't lie to the federal government with impunity and get away with it."

Judge approves sale of ATA Holdings

INDIANAPOLIS — A federal bankruptcy judge on Monday approved the sale of ATA Holdings Corp.'s Chicago Express commuter airline to an Indianapolis real estate investment and management firm.

Okun Enterprises Inc. had the winning bid at the auction of the regional airline Thursday, three days after ATA closed Chicago Express' operations. Owner Edward Okun also agreed to purchase two of ATA's Saab 340B aircraft.

Okun will pay between \$3 million and \$4 million for Chicago Express' assets and \$2.44 million for two 34-seat Saab 340 turboprop aircraft.

The sale was subject to regulatory approval and was scheduled to close by May 4.

U.S. Bankruptcy Court Judge Basil Lorch III approved the Chicago Express auction as part of ATA's Chapter 11 reorganization last month after rebuffing a \$100,000 offer from Boston investor Jack E. Robinson's NatTel LLC.

ChevronTexaco will buy rival Unocal

Takeover focuses on valuable natural gas sources in Asia and the Gulf of Mexico

Associated Press

SAN RAMON, Calif. — ChevronTexaco Corp., the nation's second largest oil company, is buying smaller rival Unocal Corp. for about \$16.4 billion, hoping to further elevate its already surging profits by boosting its oil and natural gas supplies in Asia.

The deal announced Monday proposes to unite San Ramon-based ChevronTexaco, which trails only to Exxon Mobil Corp. in the U.S. oil business, with El Segundo-based Unocal, the nation's ninth biggest oil and gas production company.

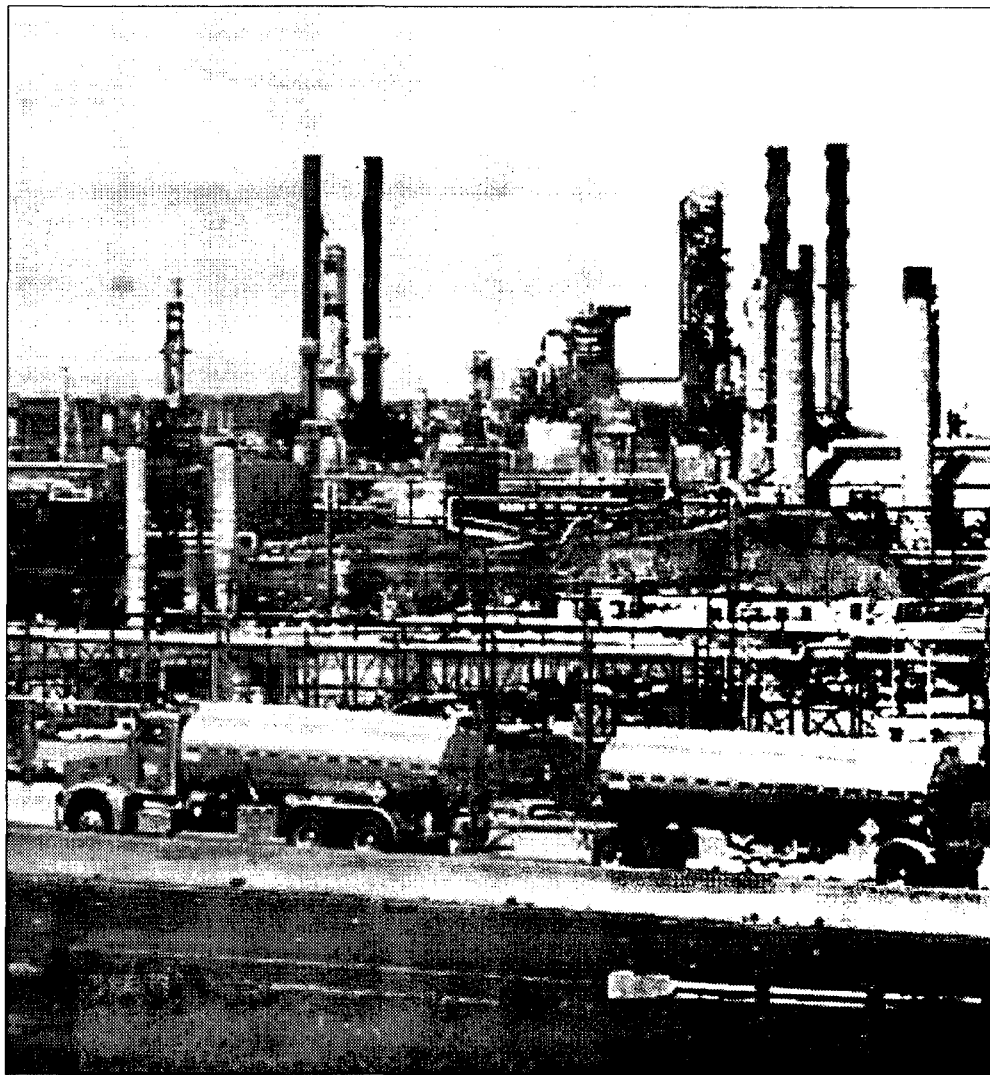
ChevronTexaco initially valued its acquisition price, consisting of stock and cash, at \$62 per share, nearly 4 percent below Unocal's closing price last week.

The offer disappointed investors, who had driven up Unocal's market value by 20 percent since the media reported ChevronTexaco's was discussing a possible takeover a month ago. Unocal's shares slipped \$4.74, or 7.4 percent, to \$59.61 during Monday afternoon trading on the New York Stock Exchange, while ChevronTexaco's shares fell \$2.16, or 3.6 percent, to \$57.15.

As part of the deal, ChevronTexaco will assume \$1.6 billion of Unocal's debt and sell about \$2 billion in assets.

ChevronTexaco Chairman David O'Reilly told reporters Monday that he expects the proposed takeover to receive the required regulatory approvals so it can be completed before year's end.

Based on the two companies' most recent results, ChevronTexaco would have annual sales of about \$163 billion after the acquisition is completed. That means the combined company still would be far smaller than Irving, Texas-based Exxon Mobil, which rang up nearly



A tanker truck passes the ChevronTexaco refinery in Richmond, Calif., on Monday. ChevronTexaco Corp., the nation's second biggest oil company, is buying its rival Unocal Corp. for \$16.4 billion in cash and stock.

\$300 billion in revenue last year.

Unocal has been considered an attractive takeover target for years, largely because of its valuable cache of natural gas in Asia and oil in the Gulf of Mexico. The company reportedly drew interest from the China National Offshore Oil Corp., a large state-owned company, and Italian oil company Eni SpA before settling on a sale to ChevronTexaco.

ChevronTexaco prizes Unocal for its natural gas supplies in Asia, O'Reilly said. That rapidly growing

part of the world could shape up as a potential gold mine for ChevronTexaco because China and India are consuming more energy to fuel their economies, a phenomenon likely to drive up prices for years to come.

Unocal's oil supplies in the Gulf of Mexico also figure to give ChevronTexaco even more clout in the North American oil and gasoline markets.

O'Reilly predicted Unocal would "fit like a glove" with ChevronTexaco. "This squarely fits with our key objectives," O'Reilly told reporters in a Monday con-

ference call.

Like other major oil companies, ChevronTexaco already has been flourishing, thanks largely to a rapid run-up in oil prices that has pushed U.S. gasoline prices well over \$2 per gallon, squeezing consumers and businesses alike.

ChevronTexaco earned \$13.3 billion last year, the most profitable year since its inception in 1879, and Unocal earned \$1.21 billion last year.

O'Reilly is betting that ChevronTexaco can make money by drawing on Unocal's energy supplies.

Stocks decrease despite weak job report

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Signs of strong growth in the service sector and another jump in oil prices spooked investors Friday, pushing stocks lower even as a weaker-than-expected job creation report alluded to a slowing economy that might forestall inflation. In afternoon trading, the Dow Jones industrial average was down more than 100 points.

The early release of the Institute for Supply Management's service sector index, which wasn't due until Tuesday, showed greater-than-expected growth in non-manufacturing businesses — worrying skittish investors that inflation might yet take hold and prompt the Federal Reserve to push for potentially jarring interest rate hikes.

That announcement stole momentum from the Labor Department's

jobs report, which showed that only 110,000 new jobs were created in March — half of the 220,000 economists had expected. February's figure also was revised lower by 19,000 jobs. The nation's unemployment rate fell to 5.2 percent from 5.4 percent in February.

"We rallied nicely on the jobs report, but then we got a conflicting message from the ISM report. That report doesn't usually carry as much weight, but it hit the bond market hard, and that moved to stocks pretty quickly," said Brian Pears, head equity trader at Victory Capital Management in Cleveland. "In a market where we're really this nervous to begin with, it only takes a little bit to turn things around."

In afternoon trading, the Dow Jones industrial average fell 102.64, or 1 percent, to 10,401.12.

Broader stock indicators also

retreated. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was down 9.33, or 0.8 percent, at 1,171.26, and the Nasdaq composite index dropped 13.50, or 0.7 percent, to 1,985.73.

The bond market reversed three sessions of gains after the ISM services report, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note rising to 4.53 percent from 4.48 percent on Thursday. The dollar was mixed against other major currencies, while gold prices fell.

A sharp jump in oil prices also sapped investors' confidence. A barrel of light crude at one point reached a new high of \$57.70, up \$2.30, on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

"The 800-pound gorilla in the middle of the room is the lift in oil prices," said A.C. Moore, chief investment strategist for Dunvegan Associates in Santa Barbara, Calif.

Authorities thwart mobsters' Vegas escape

New York cops moved to the Sin City to escape their past, but local officials refused to forget

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The two men entered Piero's Italian Cuisine, a dimly lit restaurant just off the Strip where a scene from the gangster movie "Casino" was filmed.

It could be a typical eatery in New York, where the men, Louis Eppolito and Stephen Caracappa, had been police detectives before retiring to the desert good life about a decade ago. They'd worked closely on the NYPD, and when they moved with their families to Las Vegas they bought neighboring houses. Dinners out were a relaxing ritual, one in which the two could confide in each other and talk old times.

But as they walked toward the maitre d's stand at Piero's on the night of March 9, surrounded by heavy oak paneling and white tablecloths, the familiar scene

suddenly soured.

About a dozen DEA and FBI agents converged on the pair. They threw the lanky Caracappa and the barrel-chested Eppolito against the wall and handcuffed them. Tucked in Eppolito's waistband, agents found a loaded and chambered .45-caliber semiautomatic handgun.

The best friends said nothing, but their expressions were ashen as they were whisked off to a local jail, to be held without bail until federal marshals shipped them back to New York for trial.

Eppolito, 56, and Caracappa, 63, were charged with eight murders, two attempted murders, murder conspiracy, obstruction of justice, money laundering and drug distribution in one of the worst corruption cases in the annals of the New York Police Department.

Even the most seasoned law

enforcement officers were shocked by the allegations — that the two ex-cops had worked for organized crime, supplying lethal information about informants and even serving as mob hit men.

"I have never dealt with anything this egregious," said John Peluso, assistant special agent in charge of the DEA's New York field office, who ran the investigation and helped collar the alleged Mafia cops.

"They are toxic."

Las Vegas is all about second chances.

For a decade after leaving New York, Eppolito and Caracappa had their second chance. The former detectives apparently believed they were untouchable because only one or two people could actually put the finger on them, said a law enforcement source who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

"Anyone that goes 10 years without incident," Peluso said, "would certainly believe they're in the clear."

Twice before, Eppolito had been cleared in investigations of purported mob ties.

In 1984, FBI agents had searched the New Jersey home of Rosario Gambino, a Sicilian mobster, and discovered a confidential police file. It was the same folder that a detective had given Eppolito less than a year before.

How did it get in the Mafioso's house? Investigators suspected Eppolito. His photocopied fingerprints were on the file, and the FBI said the copies were made at his precinct. There also was an inconclusive photograph of Eppolito with Gambino.

On the morning of Nov. 24, 1984, the details of the probe were leaked and ran in the New York Daily News.

Helpers trip up sensors

Patrol complains about volunteers

Associated Press

TOMBSTONE — Volunteers who have converged on the Mexican border to watch for illegal immigrants are disrupting U.S. Border Patrol operations by unwittingly tripping sensors that alert agents to possible intruders, agency officials complained Monday.

Scores of participants in the Minuteman Project began assembling late last week and clusters of volunteers began regular patrols Monday, in an exercise some law enforcement authorities and civil rights groups fear will result in vigilante violence. Many of the volunteers were recruited over the Internet, and some planned to be armed.

Over the past few days, they have set off sensors, forcing agents to respond to false alarms, said Supervisory Border Patrol Agent Jose Maheda.

"Now we not only have to look out for aliens and drug smugglers, now we have to look out for these untrained civilians who are unfamiliar with the landscape," Border Patrol spokesman Andy Adame said.

Adame said apprehension numbers have gone down since the volunteers arrived, an indication fewer people might be trying to cross. But he also noted the Mexican military and police have apparently been conducting an operation south of the border town of Naco, which tends to drive down crossings.

"No one's crossing and that was the goal, to show the government that if we have people out here no one's going to cross," said Chris Simcox, Minuteman field operations director.

IRAN

President solicits support for nuke program

Associated Press

VIENNA — Iranian President Mohammad Khatami appealed Monday to the United States to drop its opposition to his country's nuclear activities — programs Washington says are directed at making weapons.

On an official visit to Austria, Khatami also expressed regret at the loss of expression in Iraq, but suggested the violence there was unleashed by the U.S. invasion that led to Saddam Hussein's toppling nearly two years ago.

Iranian-American relations are frigid — President Bush has listed the Islamic Republic, along with North Korea and prewar Iraq, as forming an "axis of evil," and Tehran regularly accuses the Bush administration of unwarranted hostility.

Khatami's appeal for U.S. acceptance of Iran's program and his comments about the American deaths were thus in stark contrast to Iran's usual harsh anti-American rhetoric.

"We urge the Europeans as well as the Americans to support us ... in being able to cover our electricity (needs) with the atom," said Khatami, whose comments in Farsi were translated into German.

Terror and violence in Iraq is causing suffering not only to the local population but "also the young Americans ... (who) fall there and are victims," he said after meeting with Heinz Fischer, his Austrian counterpart.

The softer tone was possibly an effort to sway the European Union during talks the Europeans hope will lead to Iran committing to indefinitely sus-

pend work on uranium enrichment.

But despite the mild language, Khatami continued to insist on Iran's right to enrichment — which can create both fuel for energy and the core of nuclear weapons — saying his country's "rights" to the technology were guaranteed by international laws.

Iran has been under intense international scrutiny since the discovery more than two years ago that it had been conducting clandestine work on nuclear enrichment for nearly two decades.

Iran has suspended enrichment and related activities while it negotiates with France, Germany and Britain — talks which the three European powers hope will lead to a permanent end to enrichment. But

throughout the talks, Iran has insisted its freeze is temporary and short-term.

Confirming Iranian reports, Israeli officials in Jerusalem and diplomats based in Vienna said Monday that Iran recently offered to give EU inspectors or experts from the International Atomic Energy Agency full access to all Iranian nuclear sites if it were allowed to run approximately 3,000 centrifuges — the key enrichment equipment.

An Israeli official said Israeli Brig. Gen. Yossi Kupperwasser told a meeting of the Israeli foreign affairs and defense committee in parliament that the Iranians pledged to keep the level of enrichment at 3.5 percent — far below the 90 percent-plus needed to make nuclear weapons.

"We urge the Europeans as well as the Americans to support us."

Mohammad Khatami
president

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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Gospel according to Mel, as the TV industry views it, is that religion sells.

With Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" ranked among the 10 highest-grossing movies ever and with glowing visions of "The Da Vinci Code" profits before them, TV networks are embracing a newfound faith.

A miniseries about the Book of Revelation airs next week, while shows about a Catholic priest probing the supernatural and an Episcopalian minister who converses with God are on the drawing board.

Traditionally soft-focused spirituality, exemplified by "Touched by an Angel" and "Joan of Arcadia," is giving way to programs rooted in specific religions and their elements.

Do networks have a prayer of turning stronger fare into ratings winners?

There are believers — especially those connected to the shows — and doubters.

When "Revelations" was pitched to four networks, they "all bit," said executive producer Gavin Palone, who sold the project to NBC before

Gibson's film was released. Debuting April 13, the miniseries is about a scientist and a nun investigating evidence that the "End of Days" as predicted in the Bible is near.

"The Book of Daniel," about a minister (Aidan Quinn) who abuses prescription drugs and is visited by a "cool, contemporary Jesus," is in development at NBC. Fox is working on "Briar + Graves," a pilot about a priest teaming with a neurologist to examine unexplained events.

"I think the thing that's surprising is that it's taken them so long," Palone said. "We've always lived in a country that was distinctly religious, a country that believes in God."

"The fact that the entertainment industry has not reflected it and has been so fearful of portraying it on screen says more about executives in the movie and television industry as opposed to the country," he said.

The public's appetite for religion-themed projects has emerged as broadcasters continue their quest for edgy programming able to compete with unfettered cable shows such as HBO's "The Sopranos" and FX's "The Shield."

But network executives

shouldn't necessarily let Gibson's success go to their head, said media analyst Larry Gerbrandt.

"If you're going to depict spirituality on television, to reach the 'Passion of the Christ' audience, it has to resonate as truth, as authentic, if that's what you're going for," said Gerbrandt, who said he was speaking as both an analyst and a Christian.

If "Revelations," for instance, doesn't exhibit fidelity to its source, he said, "I either find it offensive or say, 'Oh, there's just one more producer looking for a cheap hook.'"

One producer, whose drama about a priest lasted a few scant months in the 1997-98 season on ABC, has his own reservations about whether bold network shows about faith are feasible.

"Nothing Sacred," created by David Manson and Bill Cain, a Jesuit priest, won critical acclaim and awards but couldn't capture an audience.

"I think people like their religion spoon-fed, and that's not the way we approached it," Manson said. "We weren't doing 'Touched by an Angel,' we weren't doing a sort of simple, all-embracing spirituality that didn't ask any questions."

Court says creditors cannot go after IRAs

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court gave bankrupt Americans another layer of financial protection Monday, ruling that creditors cannot seize their Individual Retirement Accounts.

The unanimous decision shields a nest egg relied upon by millions of people. The justices said IRAs should join pensions, 401(k)s, Social Security and other benefits tied to age, illness or disability that are afforded protection under federal bankruptcy law.

Justice Clarence Thomas, writing for the court, said a bankrupt Arkansas couple was entitled to keep more than \$55,000 in retirement savings from creditors. He reasoned that IRAs are benefits tied to a person's age under the federal statute because a tax penalty is imposed if a person makes withdrawals before age 60.

"That penalty erects a substantial barrier to early withdrawal," Thomas wrote. "Funds in a typical savings account, by contrast, can be withdrawn without age-based penalty."

The ruling affects 16 states and the District of Columbia, which do not have their own state laws protecting IRAs. The remaining 34 have separate state laws on bankruptcy protection, with a few of those, including New York, California and Iowa, that have language mirroring the federal bankruptcy statute.

IRAs let most investors contribute up to \$4,000 annually to a fund that grows tax-free until withdrawals. It is the retirement plan typically used by workers between jobs, according to AARP, the advocacy group for people over 50.

Unlike many other retirement plans, IRAs permit cash withdrawals for any reason at any time, but holders 59 1/2 and younger must pay a 10 percent penalty for doing so.

Some lower courts had ruled the fact that investors can make IRA withdrawals at any time made the retirement account more like savings accounts, which are unprotected from creditors under

bankruptcy law.

In Monday's opinion, however, Thomas noted that IRA withdrawals by those younger than 60 are few, effectively making the account a benefit based on age. "The deterrent to early withdrawal it creates suggests that Congress designed it to preclude early access to IRAs," he wrote.

The ruling comes at a time when more people are finding themselves in debt. Last year, about 1.56 million people filed for personal bankruptcy, compared with 875,000 a decade earlier. In 2003, bankruptcy filings peaked at 1.63 million.

"We're pleased," said Jean Constantine-Davis, a senior attorney for AARP. "It's really important to encourage people to contribute savings in their working years and to keep those savings sacrosanct."

The case involves Richard and Betty Jo Rousey of Berryville, Ark., who accumulated \$55,000 in company-sponsored pension and 401(k) plans at Northrop Grumman Corp. before he took early retirement in 1998. When Mrs. Rousey was laid off a month later, they rolled the funds over to IRAs.

The Rouseys have been unable to hold down new jobs, partly due to his chronic back pain, according to their lawyers. Richard, 60, and Betty Jo, 57, now live on \$2,000 a month.

Under federal bankruptcy law, their retirement savings won't be given blanket protection. A separate provision in the law shields the assets only to the extent the money is "reasonably necessary for the support of the debtor and any dependent."

According to lawyers for AARP, the 16 states principally affected by the ruling are: Alaska, Arkansas, Connecticut, Hawaii, Michigan, Minnesota, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Texas, Vermont, Washington and Wisconsin. The case is Rousey v. Jacoway, 03-1407.

In other action Monday, the Supreme Court agreed to consider whether states can be sued in bankruptcy proceedings.

Newspapers nab Pulitzer Prizes

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NEW YORK — The Los Angeles Times and The Wall Street Journal captured two Pulitzer Prizes apiece Monday, with the Times winning the public service award for exposing racial injustice at an inner-city hospital and the Journal cited for its incisive stories about the plight of cancer survivors.

Two other entries with medical themes were honored as well. Deanne Fitzmaurice of the San Francisco Chronicle won in feature photography for a photo essay on an Oakland hospital's effort to mend an Iraqi boy nearly killed by an explosion. And Boston Globe reporter Gareth Cook's story detailing the complex scientific and ethical dimensions of stem-cell research won for

explanatory journalism.

The Associated Press won in breaking news photography for a series of pictures of bloody combat in Iraq. The award was the AP's 48th Pulitzer.

As a crowd gathered around the photo desk at AP headquarters, President and CEO Tom Curley stood atop a chair beside Executive Editor Kathleen Carroll to congratulate the staff.

"These folks showed incredible courage this year," Curley said. "They took some extraordinary pictures, they captured some incredible moments in history and they did it in a way that made all of us proud."

Unlike last year, when the Los Angeles Times won five Pulitzers, this year's awards were widely distributed. The Star-Ledger of Newark, N.J., won in breaking news for its

coverage of New Jersey Gov. James E. McGreevey's resignation after he admitted having an affair with a male lover who was appointed as the state's director of homeland security.

It was only the paper's second Pulitzer in 173 years, and its newsroom erupted in exultation when the award was announced. "It's very satisfying because it's an award for the whole paper," said Star-Ledger Editor Jim Willse, who estimated that about 100 staffers were involved in the coverage.

Another story involving a politician's misdeeds — a former governor's sexual misconduct with a 14-year-old girl while he was a mayor — earned Nigel Jaquiss of the Willamette Week of Portland, Ore., a Pulitzer for investigative reporting.



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I'll be watching you

For some, the phrase "I'll be watching you" might conjure up memories of the '80s and a hit song by Sting and The Police. For others, it will remind you of the '90s travesty "I'll Be Missing You" by the artist formerly known as Puff Daddy. (I admit it, I had the single).

In a post September 11th era, however, these lyrics evoke an entirely different scenario.

Woody Allen once quipped, "I believe there is something out there watching us. Unfortunately, it's the government."

This phrase has become more and more apropos in today's society, and legislation such as the Patriot Act has only enhanced this viewpoint among American civilians.

For the most part, I don't believe the new laws will have a significant effect on my life, although if the Central Intelligence Agency really wants to see what books I've been checking out of Hesburgh, I suppose they now have carte blanche. (Note: they'll learn a lot about terrorism in Spain and Ireland and the nature poetry of Gary Snyder).

From the amount of money I spend at Martin's to my affinity for Waddick's green tea, I've always felt that in a governmental analysis, my life is sadly (or perhaps fortunately) uneventful.

Still, on principle, I've objected to legislation which allows the government to delve into citizens' private records and communication.

I admit that my stance is somewhat hypocritical. I understand that the government will violate civil rights in their investigations. If doing so will protect America from future attacks, I do not always disagree with these acts.

However, to legalize civil rights violations leaves citizens with no recourse should the government choose to abuse this power.

After spring break, events in my hometown showcased the increasingly frighten-

ing nature of governmental power in America today. A boy with whom I attended high school was arrested on charges of terrorism.

His crime?

A paragraph written in an online blog which was supposedly only to be read by other students at his college.

In an unsuccessful attempt at humor, he wrote an extraordinarily cliched entry advocating the violent overthrow of the school's security in light of recent drug arrests they'd made. Once brought to the school's attention, they turned the case over to federal authorities, and he was arrested in Milwaukee.

He currently awaits trial.

Of course, the school had an obligation to further explore any threats. In an era of school shootings, to ignore the real possibility of violence on campus would be both irresponsible and foolish.

I also understand that should the trial go through, and it appears that it will, he has every chance of being declared innocent. I don't know every detail of the case which has prompted this federal investigation, but, in my opinion, it seems to be a huge overreaction.

Is failed humor now a felony charge? Would it not behoove authorities to investigate the case to see if it warrants a trial, rather than jumping to the main event? What implications does this case have for free speech on college campuses?

Clearly, college administrators and police may not know this student well. Honestly, I don't either. However, I can pretty much guarantee you that this former editor of our high school literary magazine could have written a revolutionary proclamation much better than the obviously parodied entry that I read — although the cliches alone may have been a crime.

I believe everything will work out for this student in the end. He attends one of the top liberal arts colleges in the nation, and has a bevy of concerned Whitefish

Bay parents talking about his case at home. Not to mention his classmates, who have rallied around his cause with impressive fervor.

These events, however, prompt further questions:

What if such accusations were against a more marginalized member of the population?

Would such a person have the knowledge and resources to work within the system?

Not all members of society can rely on furor and outcry from an influential sector of the populace. In its definition of terrorism, will America revert to a class system based on wealth and influence? Is freedom of speech only for those who have the educational and monetary background to effectively articulate themselves?

In previous cases, the Supreme Court has stated that speech should not be limited unless it directly incites violence. Perhaps authorities believe this college student meant to do so.

However, the speed with which they carried out the arrest and the trial eclipsed any sort of investigation into the case until after charges were brought.

Granted, terrorist attacks and school shootings have transformed modern America. The government has a series of new threats against which they must safeguard civilians.

Abandoning rationality and prudence in the justice system, however, is not the answer.

All I can say is, it's a good thing Jonathan Swift isn't writing "A Modest Proposal" today.

Irony appears to be lost in the United States.

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"Being deeply loved by someone gives you strength; loving someone deeply gives you courage."

Lao Tzu
Chinese philosopher

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Expression does not mean exclusion

To begin, I would like to congratulate all of the performers in this Friday's Latin Expressions performance. Your tireless efforts made the show worth watching. My quarrel is not with you.

I would also like to congratulate the talking heads who came on stage between acts for having a great comedy routine, and for trying to endorse an ethnic "us vs. them" mentality within the audience. You succeeded marvelously.

In fact, you even succeeded in turning part of the audience against the Koreans. Good show. It could have just been me, a white male who happens to enjoy Latino music, but I felt a bit uncomfortable after they started giving "shout-outs" and being grouped into the "everyone else we didn't mention" category.

Europeans are a bit less homogeneous than you'd think. And after subsequent anecdotes about how exclusive the Latino club is, how no one else can ever be, nor even understand what it is to be Latino, and how "you don't know us" no matter how much exposure you've had to Latino culture, it was clear that perhaps these talking heads had lost their path in their zeal to appeal to the Latino audience.

Correct me if I'm wrong, but Latin Expressions was created to be a program in which the members are supposed to express pride in their heritage through whatever medium they choose, be it dance, song, poetry or machete-wielding (amazing job by the way).

What Latin Expressions was definitely not about is trying to promote inter-ethnic conflict and rivalry.

"Now hold on," you might say. "It was just playful banter. We didn't intend to polarize the audience into their constituent ethnic groups. It

was a performance, so lighten up."

That may be so, but I could also ask each raindrop if it believed it was responsible for the flood, and in turn, each would respond no.

Every slur thrown and every ethnic joke slung only lays another brick on the walls that seem to be forming a barricade around different ethnic groups.

One might respond that there was no harm done, and giving shout-outs was only part of the show. I'm sure the Koreans who were booed might have a different take.

I may be making something out of nothing, but I sure didn't appreciate how the audience was being sectioned off by genetic background.

I thought Notre Dame was a family. I'm sure there will be quite a few minority students nodding their heads saying "Well, now you know how we feel."

Before you think of me as some naïve, whiny, white boy, I ask you to try and understand that perhaps the perpetuation of ethnic divides isn't in the best interest of us all.

To the talking heads, I say this: Yes, it is your time in history, your time to be proud, your time to distinguish yourself and your time to be special and unique.

But it is not your time to put down other non-Latinos as "them" or "others," no matter how good it feels or how funny it might be at the time. No good can come of it.

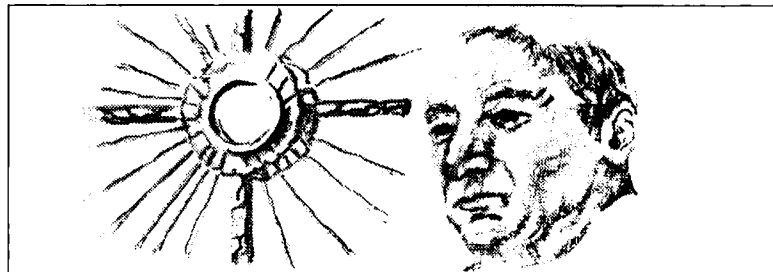
I ask that future Latin Expressions talking heads be more considerate.

David Prina
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U-WIRE

Pope's legacy consistent with life



The world would be very different if it were not for Karol Józef Wojtyła.

Soon after the Polish-born priest was established as the Pope of the Roman Catholic Church, he

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returned to Poland where massive public audiences flocked to him — this, at a time when Poland was a Warsaw Pact satellite state of the Soviet Union and an official atheist nation.

These visits bolstered the Solidarity movement, a Catholic — and CIA — backed trade union that sought to peacefully oppose the Communist Party of Poland.

By 1989, members of the Solidarity party were allowed to compete in Poland's elections, and Solidarity's successes in gaining control of Poland from the country's USSR-backed leaders, in turn encouraged anti-communist movements in other countries as well.

In 1981, an assassin shot him. He survived, fittingly — John Paul II was a man of peace who opposed people of violence and came out ahead.

This accomplishment won't be the only thing history will remember Pope John Paul II for.

He had an interesting life.

He traveled more than any other pope, meeting religious and spiritual leaders, presidents, pre-

mieres, prime ministers and kings. He was a Catholic Pope who touched the Western Wall and visited Auschwitz. He concerned himself with the spiritual, and if he had a crusade, it was against materialism and consumerism. If he took a side in the Cold War, it was against both the iniquity of capitalism and the oppression of communism.

He was a controversial figure who many disagreed with on matters such as abortion, contraception, and the death penalty, but even his most ardent critics must admit that the position he took was always for life, forgiveness and freedom — whether opposing the death penalty, the war in Iraq or the deaths caused by world poverty.

Unlike many other religious leaders of the past, and many religious leaders of the present, and most likely many religious leaders of the future — the only holy war Wojtyła waged was against war and death itself. And for that, we should look on his passing with the sadness we have when decent people who work for a better world depart it.

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Etiquette for equality

They are everywhere. They've infiltrated our workplaces, churches, schools and social gatherings. In dealing with us they may be patronizing or thoughtless, clueless or experienced and polite.

I am talking about the four out of five Americans who do not have a disability. Since education about the 20 percent who do seems to be severely lacking, it seems only fair to offer gentle advice for manners on how to deal with those who do tasks differently.

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There is a golden rule to dealing with individuals with disability in your life: See the person first. A disability of any kind is only one characteristic of a person, and the odds are that you will have something in common to talk about.

With that in mind, be prepared to take cues on how to act from each case separately, as people react differently to their own disabilities — some with humor, privacy, embarrassment, openness, a "strictly business" attitude or any combination.

There is only one thing we have in common: If you have a good joke about our situation, we have heard it a million times before. Kindly shove it.

If there may be a silver rule, it is to toss the patronizing concept that disability means brave suffering. Bravery implies we had a choice, and suffering implies disability is miserable. It is indeed miserable to be

faced with tasks impossible to complete, but thanks to equal access, education and employment laws, we should not find anything to be miserable about day-to-day life. Consider: If the job gets done, is there still a disability? Focus on the task, not the method.

It is perfectly acceptable to politely offer assistance to someone with a disability. Most likely he or she will be grateful for your consideration. However, wait until help is accepted, as dodging in to the rescue uninvited can be dangerous as well as insulting. Allow individuals the dignity to choose for themselves what tasks they can and cannot do.

With this established, let's get more specific.

For the blind: Identify yourself and others. If you have met before, remind him of the nature of the meeting, as he will not have visual clues to jog his memory. Describe any visual scenarios used in conversation, keep pathways clear, and describe surroundings, especially obstacles, if moving.

For the hearing or speech impaired: Do not shout. It's extremely rude and rarely helps. If she uses an interpreter, speak to the person, not the interpreter. You may touch a deaf individual lightly to get her attention. If you do not understand someone's speech, admit the problem so it can be addressed.

For those in wheelchairs: Sit at the same level for extended conversations. Do not phrase a question about her situation as "What is wrong with you?" because there is nothing wrong with using a wheel-

chair. Look at the person, not assistive devices. Make sure locations you will be at are accessible and pathways clear.

For invisible disabilities: Sometimes you may be approached with a request that seems strange to you, so be aware that not all disabilities are visible. Someone with a learning disability may want you to write down seemingly simple instructions. Someone weakened from cancer may wish to sit while waiting in line. They will be grateful if you help without judging.

Don't be afraid to ask questions. Those with disabilities realize that people are curious, and probably have the monologue explanation rehearsed down to an art. It is far better to ask respectfully than to continue your interactions with misconceptions and discomfort of the unknown.

And have patience. The kinks will get worked out, and the individual you are dealing with is a pro at handling them. Remember, the person with disability deals with dozens of unknowledgeable people every day while living in a world that was not designed for his strengths. If it were possible, he could probably loan you barrels of patience.

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DVD REVIEWS

Eastwood classic western gets special treatment

By BRANDON HOLLIHAN
Scene DVD Critic

Once upon a time, Clint Eastwood didn't cry in his movies. He seldom spoke, and what he did say ("do you feel lucky ... punk?") would be remembered forever.

Not only, however, is his part in the Spaghetti Western "The Good, the Bad and the Ugly" of worldwide acclaim, but everything pertaining to the film has gone down as a work of art. And Eastwood isn't the only hero to the film's inception. The film, originally released in 1966, was re-released in a special edition DVD last year and befits a movie of this caliber.

Lee Van Cleef and Eli Wallach complete a trio of sensational characters, and director Sergio Leone gives the film great purpose in its cinematic and storytelling. Ennio Morricone's score, an instant hit, also adds to the entertainment on the screen.

The three main characters of the film — Blondie (Eastwood), Angel Eyes (Van Cleef) and Tuco (Wallach) — jockey with each other in the search for a deceased

soldier's hidden fortune, all in the midst of the Civil War in the Southwestern territories. The War's repercussions affect the characters, as they find themselves in different places — a Union Prison Camp, a monastery aiding wounded soldiers and a calamitous battle for a narrow bridge over a river.

The cinematography, costuming and larger-than-life performances are crucial to creating not only an entertaining film but a film with underlying morality, as well. Blondie, Angel Eyes and Tuco kill professionally and excessively, as do the soldiers caught in the war. The difference is that while the three characters kill to protect themselves and proceed towards a greater goal, the bloodshed in the war seems almost meaningless.

At one moment, as Union soldiers prepare to leave a town, Leone holds the camera still for an unflinching view of a thieving soldier's plight under a shooting squadron, with Angel Eyes and some of his hired cronies looking on. The scene has nothing to do with the plot but is immensely meaningful to the director's drive to portray violence as an alternative in which one finds little purpose.

Greed is also a key theme in "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly." The famous "Ecstasy of Gold" sequence at the site of the money is filmed chaotically with a climactic musical scoring from Morricone, as the bandit is almost driven mad in his search to find the treasure's exact location.



Photo courtesy of movieweb.com

Blondie (Clint Eastwood) is one of three gunmen who set out to find a hidden fortune in the classic western "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly."

The special edition DVD is heavier on historical criticism with extra bonuses such as lost footage or film documentation. Film historian Richard Schickel provides commentary for the film, which is insightful but a tad boring. He's more concise in the two documentaries regarding Leone's film technique, "Leone's West" and "The Leone Style."

Another good documentary is "The Man Who Lost the Civil War," an account of a failed Civil War campaign in the West by Confederate Brigadier General Henry Hopkins Sibley.

The core feature in the deleted scenes is a re-piecing of a scene in which Tuco, already searching for Blondie as payback for an earlier double-crossing,

almost finds him in a remote town where the hero relaxes with a lover. The scene was never entirely shot, but photographic stills and narrative attempt to describe what Leone was aiming for in the scene.

The legend of "The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly" has grown to the point where it seems to hit cable television airwaves every other weekend. Great characters, brutally precise directing and a multi-layered story make Leone's work the standard for the Western film era and an important event in the history of filmmaking in this re-mastered edition.

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The Good, the Bad & the Ugly

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Animated 'Star Wars' fare fills in key details

By MARK BEMENDERFER
Scene DVD Critic

Not many creatures, animal or otherwise, have yellow eyes. At least, yellow eyes are not the norm for humans and are almost always associated with something sinister and not human. So it's oddly appropriate that on May 19, the release of the third "Star Wars" prequel, Anakin Skywalker will finally have yellow eyes as he makes his transition to an evil Sith Lord.

However, Episode 3 takes place towards the end of the Clone Wars, one of the greatest wars in "Star Wars" history. It takes place between the second and third prequels, which would leave a few fans in the dark.

This is where the animated series "The Clone Wars" steps in. Animated by "Samurai Jack" creator Genndy Tartakovsky, "The Clone Wars" attempts to give fans filler material on one the Republic's greatest wars. And while on many levels it succeeds, the first volume leaves a bit to be desired.

Each of the original cartoons was only around 3 minutes long, which unfortu-

nately keeps any real plot depth from developing. The basic story isn't too deep, but should be of interest for fans. The Jedi and Republic attack the Separatists on many different home fronts. Each cartoon centers around a particular Jedi doing his part against the Droids.

This gives Star Wars fans the opportunity to see their favorite lesser characters in action. Many of the lesser Jedi get scenes, or even entire cartoons dedicated to them. It was also a nice change of pace to see Storm Trooper predecessors that could hit the broad side of a barn, unlike in the live-action "Star Wars" walks.

The cartoon also shows what mischief the other side of the conflict gets into. Count Dooku, not content to sit around and wait for his probable demise in Episode 3, stages a giant melee in hopes of recruiting the greatest fighter.

In one of the volume's many cool scenes, the viewer is introduced to another lightsaber swinger — Sith wannabe Asajj Ventress. Ventress steps up and impresses Dooku enough that he sends her after Anakin. Their fight marks one of the highlights of the first volume, of which there are a few.

But this is where the problem lies — the first volume, due to the length of each of the original cartoons, feels like a bunch of highlights clipped together without the actual story to link them. Slow parts are required to help create the story, and to give the viewer a chance to soak

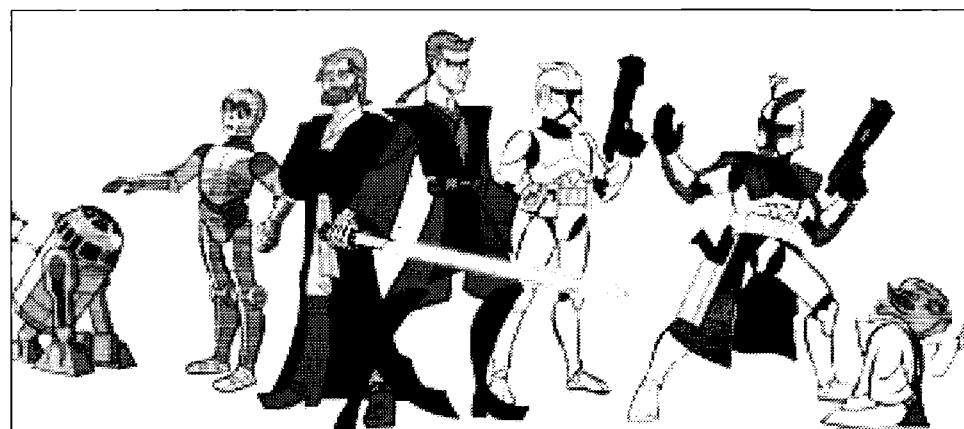


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"Clone Wars," a series of cartoons that takes place between Episode 2 and 3 of the "Star Wars" series, explores previously unseen Jedi battles.

in what they just saw. And in such a crucial period of Star Wars history, namely that of Anakin's descent to evil, the lack of story development is a shame.

Beyond Anakin's usual disobedience, there is not much in the way of him beginning to embrace the Dark Side. Two scenes in particular do stand out however, one with Emperor Palpatine encouraging Anakin to defy Jedi orders and then the other in his climactic battle against Asajj Ventress. However, due to the length of each episode, neither one is fleshed out too deeply.

The chapters correspond with the beginning and ends of each of the cartoons, so fans can skip to each one individually. Being a cartoon, the colors look vibrant and nice. No complaints in the sound department either.

But the special features are rather lacking. There are two commentaries, but one of them is next to worthless for

the average Star Wars fan. The only special feature worth a real mention is the "Bringing the Saga: From Clone Wars to Revenge of the Sith" feature. It has interviews with Tartakovsky and George Lucas himself, plus some random people associated with Star Wars. It too doesn't go too deep however, but is still a nice bonus on the DVD. There are also some screen shots and scenes from the upcoming "Star Wars" film, but nothing that hasn't been seen in the trailers already.

Fans should check this out, but only at a discounted price. The full price of a DVD may be too much to pay for this, even if it does have the first appearance of upcoming villain General Grievous. However, it is worth a watch because a new character is introduced and he just happens to have villainous yellow eyes.

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Fox



MOVIE REVIEW

Comic book noir leaps to life in 'Sin City'

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA and
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Scene Editor and Scene Movie Critic

Rama: When asked about why the critically-acclaimed cult comic "Sin City" took so long to be translated to film, creator and co-director Frank Miller simply said he was allergic to Hollywood at the time.

"Sin City's my baby, and I wouldn't want my little girl to go down the river," he said.

All it took for Miller to change his mind was director Robert Rodriguez's invitation to come down to Texas and shoot a test with friends and members of his crew. When Miller discovered the "test" was Rodriguez's finished take on the first scene in a proposed film, complete with Josh Hartnett and Marley Shelton — well, the rest is history.

At long last, the stylized pulp-crime noir has landed, more than a decade after the source material first mesmerized readers. "Sin City" does not disappoint either long-time fans of the comics or someone completely oblivious to Miller's works. Rodriguez has done a phenomenal job breathing life into Miller's starkly beautiful creations and the result is the most grounded, faithful comic book adaptation yet.

"Sin City" tells three different tales during the course of its two-hour running time, all centered in Basin City. This violent, crime-invested hell-hole is the staging ground, where the police department is as corrupt as the gangsters and criminals that rule the streets. The three stories interweave at points but each center on a different male lead motivated to action by beautiful women.

Chief among these protagonists is Marv (Mickey Rourke), a tough, almost impossible-to-kill street thug with a soft spot for women. When he discovers that Goldie (Jamie King), a beautiful woman who he sleeps with for only one night, has been murdered while lying next to him, he roams Basin City in a vengeful rampage looking for justice. Also key to the plot is the plight of Dwight (Clive Owen), who tries to defend his secret lover Shellie (Brittany Murphy) and his former flame Gail (Rosario Dawson) from Jackie Boy (Benicio del Toro), a crooked cop prone to violence. Rounding out the trio of tales is Hartigan (Bruce Willis), perhaps the one good cop in Basin City. After being incarcerated for a crime that he didn't commit, he gets out and vows to protect Nancy Callahan (Jessica Alba) from the advances of a serial rapist known as the Yellow Bastard (Nick Stahl).

These three stories form the backbone for a swooping descent into the world of Miller's creation and the end result takes your breath away. The visuals employed by Rodriguez are unique in that the film



Hartigan (Bruce Willis), an honest cop, realizes he is putting Nancy Callahan (Jessica Alba), background, in danger in the third act of "Sin City."

is primarily in black-and-white, with splashes of vibrant color for dramatic effect. The resulting visuals are simply stunning and a joy to behold.

Filmed primarily on a blue-screen with the backgrounds and sets added digitally after filming, the swooping camera movements and fists-to-the-wall action are faithfully captured and take your breath away. "Sin City" feels very much like a living, breathing comic-book populated by human characters that will do whatever it takes to get their way.

The cast list is impressive from top to bottom. Diverse and talented, the principal actors are headlined by a veritable who's who of A-list stars, rising young actors and respected thespians known for character roles. The blend of this talent steadily balances a film that rips the audience's attention from one storyline and whisks viewers off to a new locale and a different protagonist's interior dialogue.

There are too many excellent performances to pin down the weight of the film's dramatic success to any one particular actor. But Rourke shines in a career-resurrecting performance that resonates with the emotion that hides behind the brutish looks of his character. Rourke infuses Marv with a sensibility that makes the audience root for a misanthrope who has no qualms with dragging a criminal on the road, side-by-side with a speeding car. And that's not even the worst shred of violence in the film.

Violence motivates almost all of the action in the film, with numerous severed limbs, one partial decapitation and countless bullets fired. While the violence

will undoubtedly cause cringes and general queasiness, the heart of the film doesn't beat with the bloodshed. Instead, the focus remains on the resolve of Marv, Dwight and Hartigan as they refuse to back down from their fairly honorable goals. And for the two hours the characters dominate the storyline, viewers can't help but root for these anti-heroes despite the carnage they wreck.

Powered by the visions of the two principal directors and spearheaded by Rodriguez, "Sin City" is a film that viewers won't easily forget. The trio have helped create a masterpiece of film noir that brims with style and rises about the sins of the characters to paint a striking portrait of Miller's "baby."

Brian: "Sin City" is a hyper-stylized film noir taken to a wild extreme, a vertiginously battering experience that introduces a world where the good guys kill for love, the bad guys kill for novelty and the femmes are all fatales. It is also one of the most energetic and inherently watchable films in years, both a brave experiment and grand entertainment.

The film was directed by Robert Rodriguez, who seems to be firing on all cylinders. His goal was to reproduce the "Sin City" comics frame-for-frame, and he has come startlingly close to that goal. He has reproduced the comics so lovingly and accurately and has directed with such flair and enthusiasm that we can forgive him "Once Upon a Time in Mexico" and almost forgive him "Spy Kids 3-D." Almost.

Frank Miller, who wrote and illustrated all of the graphic novels, is credited as a co-director and Quentin Tarantino shows

up for a scene (a brilliant, appropriately pulpy hallucinogenic car ride that is long on both dialogue and style). The film is episodic, based on three of Miller's books: The Hard Goodbye, The Big Fat Kill, and That Yellow Bastard.

The first story is about a gold-hearted thug named Marv, who kills his way to the top in pursuit of the person who killed Goldie, the one woman who ever showed him kindness. The second is about Dwight, who becomes entangled in a gang war involving Jackie Boy, a crooked cop, and Gail, an old girlfriend who happens to be both a prostitute and the leader of one of the gangs.

The third story revolves around Hartigan, the one good cop in all of Sin City, who tries to protect Nancy from the Yellow Bastard, a pedophile whom Hartigan permanently disfigured during a previous encounter.

A picture like "Sin City" is all style. The gorgeous black-and-white cinematography is splashed with colors and effects in all the right places. The acting and dialogue is a loving pastiche of film noir clichés; this is initially jarring, but becomes extremely enjoyable (and often quite funny) once the audience is acclimated.

This is a film in which one character doesn't just behold another, she "makes a pez dispenser out of him" and Hartigan didn't just feel helpless, he "felt as skilled as a cerebral palsy victim doing brain surgery with a pipe wrench." The film creates its own insular world far more convincingly than most, a world in which characters take bullet after bullet and keep moving, and nobody seems to have a day job.

"Sin City" is quite violent, but in such an over-the-top, cartoonish kind of way that the violence is galvanizing rather than repulsive. Still, this film is decidedly not for children or the faint of heart: dismemberment, cannibalism, mutilation and electrocution are all on display. That isn't to say that Sin City has no moral compass whatsoever. Love stories form the core of all three plots and while the differentiation between "good" and "bad" is often thin, the delineation is still perceptible.

Credit has to be given to Robert Rodriguez for his tenacity and steadfastness. Trying to reproduce a comic exactly on the screen is risky and unusual for a mainstream film, as was the crediting of Miller as co-director (Rodriguez quit the Director's Guild over that decision). Thankfully, it all paid off, resulting in one of the most energetically refreshing films in recent memory. As exciting, innovative, stylish and postmodern as they come, Sin City is highly recommended and is a benchmark film.

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Dwight (Clive Owen), left, warns Jackie Boy (Benicio del Toro), a corrupt cop, to stay away from his girlfriend in the second act of "Sin City."



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Marv (Mickey Rourke), right, gets information from his parole officer, Lucille (Carla Gugino), to help aid his quest for vengeance in the first act of "Sin City."

MLB

Reds, Padres each rally to win on Opening Day

Tigers' Young is first to hit 3 HRs in opener since 1987

Associated Press

DENVER — Trailing by two runs in the ninth inning, the youthful Colorado Rockies weren't supposed to have the experience to come through.

They did. Rookie Clint Barmes hit a two-run homer to cap Colorado's four-run ninth inning off Trevor Hoffman, helping the Rockies open the season over the San Diego Padres with a 12-10 win.

Ryan Speier got two outs in the ninth to win in his first career appearance. Jeff Baker started the ninth-inning rally and became the fifth Rockies player to homer in his major league debut. Cory Sullivan made his first career at-bat one to relish, lining a double into the corner in left to get Colorado within 10-9.

Seattle 5, Minnesota 1

Two at-bats with his new club, two home runs for Richie Sexson. If you'd have made that forecast to Seattle's slugger a week ago, he wouldn't have thought it was possible.

Sexson homered twice and

drove in five runs in his Seattle debut, and 42-year-old Jamie Moyer pitched 5 2-3 strong innings Monday to lead the Mariners over the Minnesota Twins.

Chicago Cubs 16, Arizona 6

Aramis Ramirez celebrated a new contract and combined with his teammates to give the Chicago Cubs a record-setting offense on opening day.

Ramirez went 3-for-4 with a two-run homer and four RBIs, and the Cubs amassed 23 hits.

Chicago set a team record for runs in an opener, topping by one its total in 1899 and 2003.

Derrek Lee had four hits and five RBIs, including a three-run homer and two doubles. Todd Walker, Jeromy Burnitz and Corey Patterson also had three hits apiece for the Cubs.

Toronto 5, Tampa Bay 2

Roy Halladay tried to keep it simple, just like he has all spring.

Reverting to his Cy Young form of two years ago, the Toronto right-hander pitched seven-plus strong innings, and the Blue Jays got home runs from Vernon Wells, Orlando Hudson and Eric Hinske to beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

Hudson hit a two-run homer off loser Dewon Brazelton in the fourth inning. Six pitches later,

Wells followed with a solo shot off one of the catwalks supporting the roof at Tropicana Field.

The Devil Rays, who've struggled offensively all spring, finished with 10 hits — nine of them singles. They were 1-for-9 with runners in scoring position.

Philadelphia 8, Washington 4

Washington's new team played like Montreal's old one.

Kenny Lofton hit a three-run homer and Jon Lieber pitched 5 2-3 effective innings, leading the Philadelphia Phillies to an 8-4 victory Monday in the first game played by the Washington Nationals.

Terrmel Sledge homered and drove in three runs for the Nationals, who moved during the offseason after 36 mostly losing years as the Montreal Expos. Washington, which hadn't had a major league team since the expansion Senators left for Texas following the 1971 season, plays its home opener April 14 against Arizona.

Chicago White Sox 1, Cleveland 0

Mark Buehrle was in a hurry on opening day.

Working quickly, throwing strikes and letting his fielders get involved, Chicago's lefty was in rare form.

Buehrle retired the first 12 batters and allowed just two hits in eight innings. The first White Sox season opener at home in 15 years took just one hour and 51 minutes to play.

Cleveland starter Jake Westbrook, wasn't bad either, giving up just four hits in eight innings and getting the first complete game of the season.

Playing its first season opener at home since the final year of old Comiskey Park in 1990, Chicago finally broke the scoreless duel in the seventh, thanks to an error by Indians shortstop Jhonny Peralta.

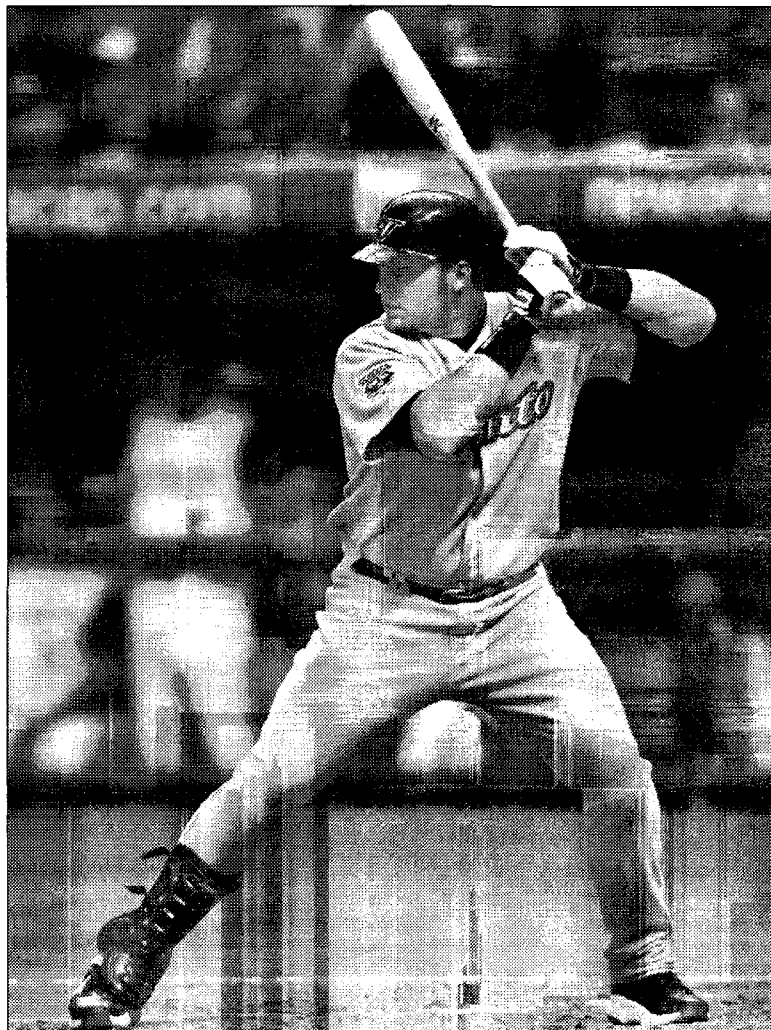
Paul Konerko doubled down the left-field line, moved to third on Jermaine Dye's fly to right and scored as Peralta misplayed Aaron Rowand's one-out grounder. Peralta was the first player other than Omar Vizquel to start for the Indians at shortstop since 1993.

Baltimore 4, Oakland 0

Sammy Sosa was doing a little dance in front of his locker as the crowd around him began to grow. He stepped back from the TV cameras and microphones to turn down the volume of the pulsating salsa music on his personal DVD player.

"I don't want to get released," he said, flashing his trademark smile.

There's no danger of that happening anytime soon in Baltimore, where Sosa received a hero's wel-



Toronto's Eric Hinske bats against Tampa Bay in the Blue Jays 5-2 win in St. Petersburg, Fla.

come before getting two hits Monday in the Orioles' 4-0 victory over the Oakland Athletics.

Luis Matos homered and Rodrigo Lopez pitched six innings to help Baltimore earn its fifth consecutive opening-day win.

Cincinnati 7, N.Y. Mets 6

Pedro Martinez blew 'em away. Carlos Beltran knocked 'em in. Everything was going exactly according to plan for the new-look Mets — until Adam Dunn exposed the one area they overlooked.

Dunn's second homer of the game tied it in the ninth, and Joe Randa followed with a solo shot off Braden Loper that sent the Cincinnati Reds to victory Monday in front of the biggest crowd in Great American Ball Park's history.

For the first time in their 129 season openers, the Reds finished one off with a homer.

Martinez struck out 12 and allowed only one hard-hit ball — Dunn's three-run homer — during his six innings. Beltran had three hits, including one of the Mets' three homers, as they went ahead 6-3.

Milwaukee 9, Pittsburgh 2

Ned Yost might not make a

more surprising move all season than writing Jeff Cirillo's name on his opening-day lineup card. The Milwaukee manager might not make a better one, either.

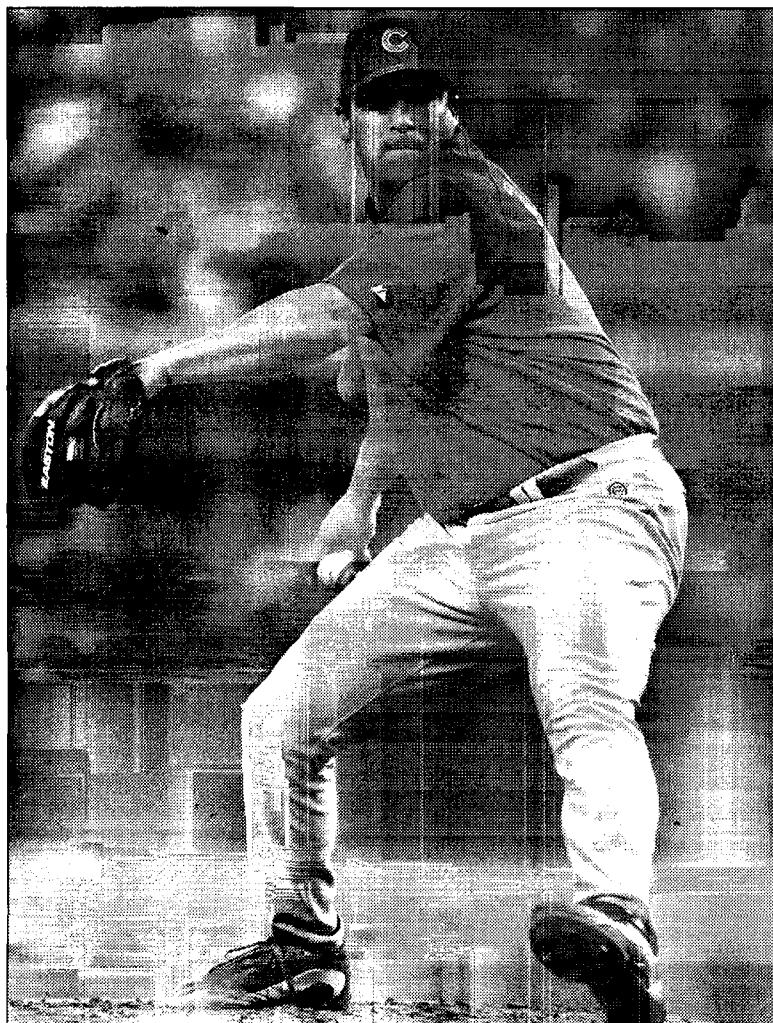
Cirillo homered and doubled in his return to the Brewers, and Ben Sheets outpitched Oliver Perez in a matchup of two of the NL's best young starters.

Sheets was given little support during a 2004 season that was much better than his 12-14 record indicated — the Brewers scored one run or fewer in nine of his losses. But he got plenty of help in his fourth consecutive opening day start from Milwaukee's newest regular, shortstop J.J. Hardy, and the oldest, Cirillo.

Detroit 11, Kansas City 2

Dmitri Young got to the top step of the dugout, pivoted and tipped his helmet to a roaring crowd after becoming just the third player to hit three homers on opening day.

Young went 4-for-4 and matched a career high with five RBIs, and Jeremy Bonderman won as the youngest opening-day starter since 1986 to lead the Detroit Tigers over the Kansas City Royals.



Carlos Zambrano of the Chicago Cubs pitches in the third inning against the Arizona Diamondbacks Monday.

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Since today is opening day, quotes from Major League

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Are you trying to tell me Jesus Christ can't hit a curveball?

What league did you play in last year?
California Penal

Every time you hit the ball in the air, I want you to drop down and give me 20 pushups.

Yeah, we have uniforms and everything

Lou, how would you like to manage the Indians next year?
I dunno. I've got a guy on the other line who wants to buy some white-walls, let me call you back.

SWIMMING

Phelps wins 2 more races, withdraws from backstroke



Michael Phelps waves to the crowd after winning the 200-meter individual medley at the U.S. World Championship Trials.

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Two more races, two more wins, and Michael Phelps finally had enough.

Phelps overtook American record holder Jason Lezak, who faded at the finish, and won the 100-meter freestyle in 49 seconds flat Monday night. It was the fastest he has ever swum that event.

About a half-hour later, he was back in the pool and easily won the 200 individual medley in 1 minute, 57.44 seconds for his fifth and final victory in the U.S. world championship trials at the Indiana University Natatorium.

"I'm done for the week," said Phelps, who then withdrew from the 200 backstroke he was scheduled to race on Tuesday. "I'm starting to get back into training now and focusing on Montreal."

The top two finishers in each event automatically qualified for the world championships in Montreal this summer. The 19-year-old Phelps also won the 100 butterfly and the 200 and 400 freestyles. With the possibility of three relays,

he could swim in as many as eight events in Montreal, the same number he competed in last year at the Olympics in Athens, where he won six gold medals and two bronzes.

"We're going to be talking about that, to finalize the schedule," he said of his plans for the July 24-31 meet in Montreal. "We wanted to come in here to have a wide variety of options, to see what we could do. Definitely, we have a lot of things to choose from."

"I didn't know what kind of shape I was going to be in coming into this, but definitely after the week of work it was training itself, being able to come in here and swim against these guys and try to put up some fast times," Phelps said. "It was pretty much like a practice swim itself."

Lezak earlier won the 50 freestyle to continue his streak of qualifying for every U.S. team in major international competition since the 2000 Olympics.

Ten years older than Phelps, Lezak set the American record of 48.17 seconds in the 100 freestyle two years ago. He was the fastest in

Monday morning's preliminaries at 49.55 and led the final heat at the 50-meter turn, when Phelps was seventh.

But, just as he did Sunday night in overtaking world record-holder Ian Crocker in the 100 butterfly, Phelps came on strong and caught Lezak at the finish, touching the wall first by .09 second.

"It looked like I died. I faded big time," Lezak said. "I took it out hard and didn't have the proper training to finish. I took time off (after the Olympics) and never got back into the full training cycle until about six weeks before the meet, so it wasn't enough."

He said it wasn't a matter of race strategy.

"I always do my own thing," Lezak said. "I'm aware of what my competition does. I just went out and did my race and couldn't finish it at the end."

In the 200 IM, in which Phelps holds the world record of 1:55.94, he finished almost a second ahead of Ryan Lochte and almost three seconds ahead of third-place Eric Shanteau.

MLB

Nationals debut with energy, excitement and loss

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — If any of the Washington Nationals looked up while walking toward the visitors' dugout for their regular-season debut, they might have noticed the framed uniforms of NL teams lining the walls.

Up where a Nationals jersey should have been, there was a gray uniform with "Montreal" in

neat, red script. It's been a long journey from Canada to the U.S. capital, and now that Washington has a major league team for the first time since the Senators left in 1971, it might take a while for everyone to get used to the idea.

With "Washington" written in blue block letters across their chests, the Nationals played their first official post-Montreal game Monday, opening the season and their new era with an 8-4 loss to

the Philadelphia Phillies.

"We're making history here. As an Expo, at Shea Stadium at the end of the year, we were the last players to wear that uniform. And now we're the first to wear this uniform," left fielder Terrmel Sledge said.

"They haven't had baseball in D.C. in 35 years, so it's a whole new atmosphere."

Sledge hit the first home run in Nationals history, a two-run shot

off starter Jon Lieber in the sixth inning.

Other Nationals' firsts included Brad Wilkerson's single leading off the game — his uniform is headed to the Hall of Fame — and Sledge's RBI groundout that drove in Nick Johnson with their first run with one out in the second.

That 1-0 lead prompted a group of fans in the upper deck to chant, "Let's go, Nats! Let's go, Nats!"

"I don't know if we heard that on the road the three previous years," Nationals manager Frank Robinson said. "It was good to hear that, but you don't get caught up in it."

There were plenty of Nationals jerseys and hats dotting the full house of 44,080; it's only about 130 miles from RFK Stadium to Citizens Bank Park.

"The past couple of days, I've been thinking about the sellout crowd — what is it, about 40,000 people? — watching us playing baseball," Sledge said. "I'm geeked up. It's a dream."

The Expos lived a nomadic and unstable existence the past three years.

First, baseball wanted to fold them. Then came two seasons with 22 "home" games in Puerto Rico. And then came the protracted process of getting the District of Columbia Council to finalize the deal for the Expos' move to Washington.

"It feels good just to be back on the field ... to get it out of the way. I'm glad it's over, and now we can relax and go out and play baseball," Wilkerson said. "My first big league experience was in Montreal. I have a lot of friends in Montreal. But, to be honest, it's good to move on."

Last year's 67-95 record made it easier to embrace a new home. To a man, players spoke this spring about a fresh start.

"The energy about this team ... I hope it carries through the season. It's exciting knowing that everything is back to normal — like every other ballclub, playing

all your games in one place," Robinson said.

"Mentally, it's a different feeling here, and that can really help a ballclub, help players."

General manager Jim Bowden came aboard in November and brought in Jose Guillen, Vinny Castilla, Cristian Guzman and Esteban Loaiza. But Bowden is limited by a \$50 million budget set by major league baseball; the Nationals are owned by the other 29 teams and a new owner isn't expected to be in place before midseason.

"Today's the culmination of a lot of hard work by a lot of people," team president Tony Tavares said. "Everybody's picking us last and I kind of like that, because we'll show people we're better than that."

Five of nine starters were the same Monday as opening day in 2004, and Robinson spent much of spring training fretting about his offense. He sent Wilkerson out in the leadoff spot, and put Johnson fifth.

Getting hits was not a problem in Game 1 for the Nationals: Every player in the starting nine got at least one, including pitcher Livan Hernandez. But the 2004 Expos' lone All-Star gave up seven earned runs in his 4 2-3 innings and took the loss.

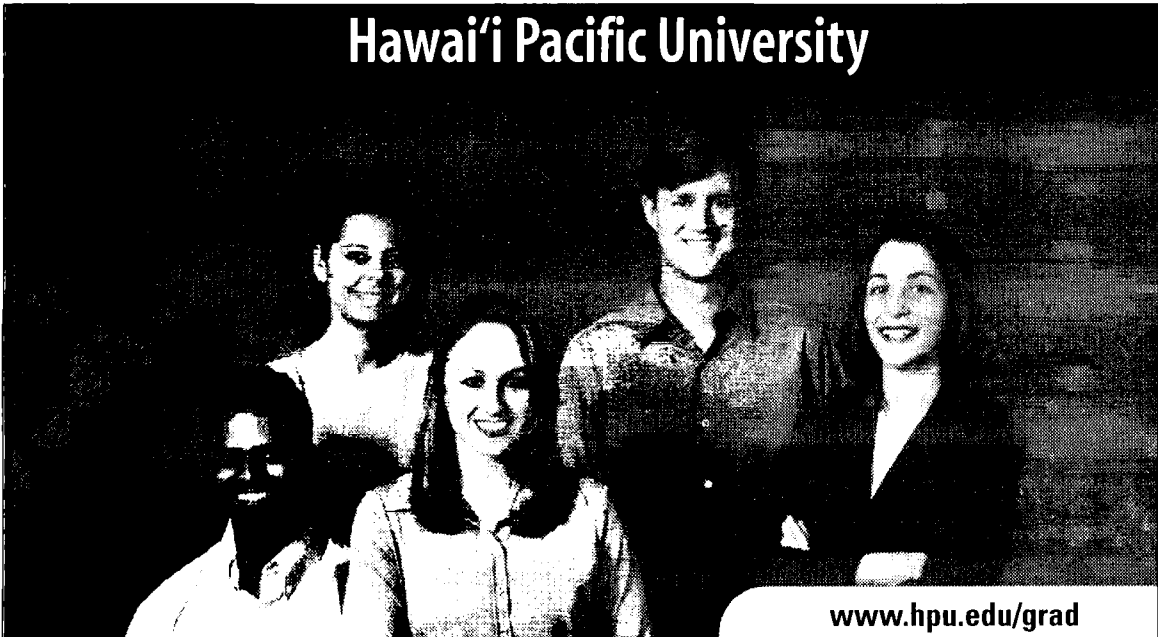
"I'm going to be ready for next time," Hernandez said. "I'm not the kind of guy to put my head down."

So the first win in Nationals history will come another day. Still, there was another "W" that the team and its fans were pleased to see: that curly white letter stitched on their blue road ballcaps, reminiscent of the letter the old Senators wore.

All those team firsts go into the books, and memorabilia will head to Cooperstown, but Robinson has other concerns.

"You just kind of forget about that until the end," he said. "Then it's, 'Well, we lost our first one.'"

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4	Mississippi
5	Duke
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8	Georgia
9	Florida
10	Texas Tech
11	Oklahoma State
12	Southern California
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14	Mississippi State
15	Texas A&M
16	Stanford
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5	Calvin	10-4	0-0
6	Albion	12-8	0-2
7	Hope	10-6	0-2
8	Kalamazoo	1-13	0-2
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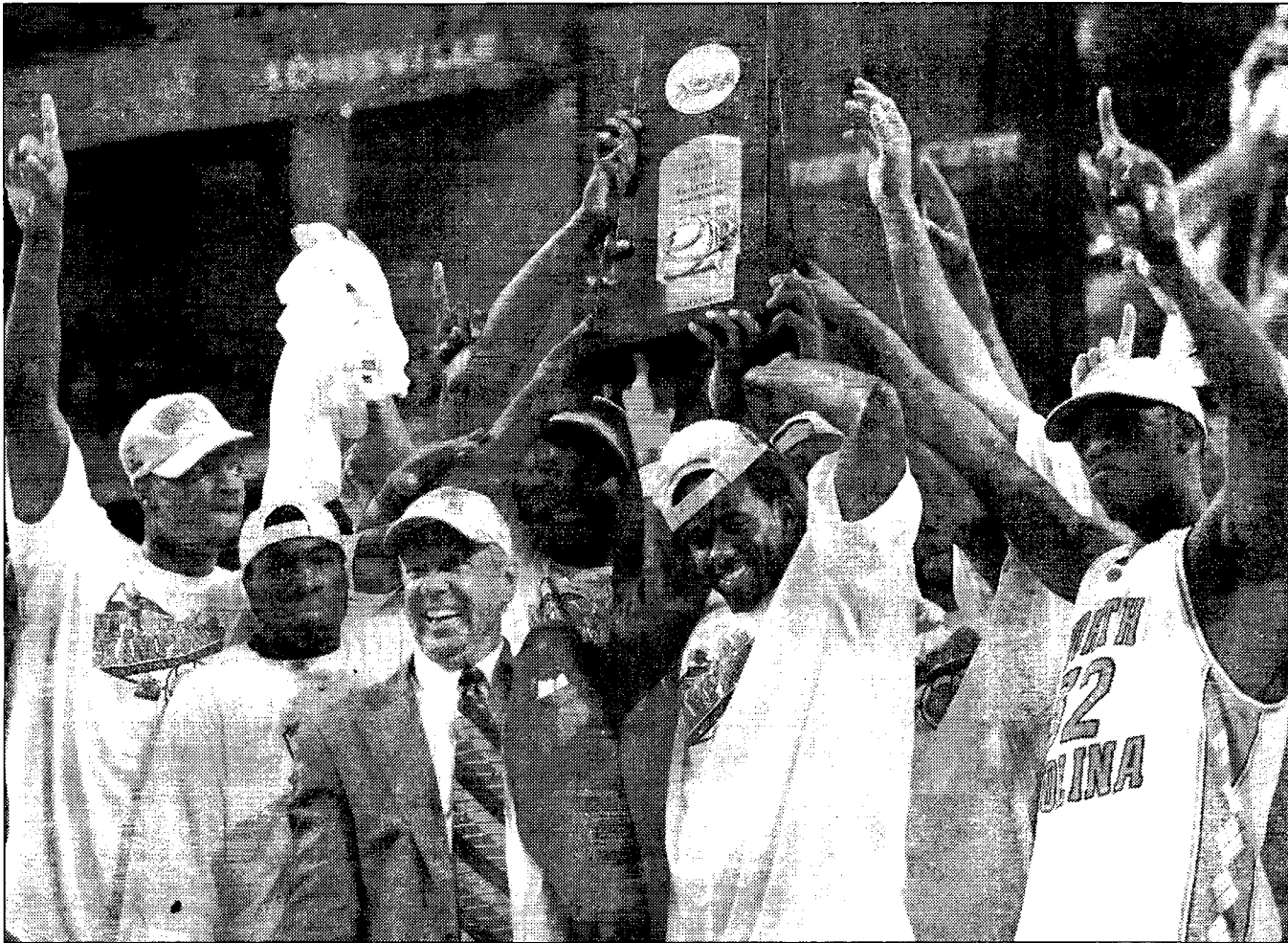
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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL



North Carolina coach Roy Williams celebrates with his Tar Heels after winning the program's first NCAA championship since 1993. Williams won his first title Monday night as North Carolina held off Illinois, 75-70.

Tar Heels cut down nets in St. Louis

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Of course, there was no way it was going to be easy. North Carolina did it, though, and now it's time to stop asking Roy Williams that doggone question.

Sean May had 26 points and the Tar Heels didn't allow a basket over the final, excruciating 2 1/2 minutes Monday night to defeat Illinois 75-70, a win that finally gave Williams, the 17-year coaching veteran, the national championship that was missing from his otherwise stellar resume.

Freshman Marvin Williams had a tip-in with 1:26

left, Raymond Felton made three free throws down the stretch and the Tar Heels (33-4) won their first title since 1993.

Led by May's 10-for-11 shooting, Carolina took a 65-55 lead with 8:51 left and it looked like Williams would cruise to the championship. But Illinois (37-2) never quits.

Forward Jack Ingram hit a pair of outside jumpers and Dee Brown scored six points as part of a 10-0 run that tied the game at 65 with 5 1/2 minutes left to set up a fantastic finish.

When it was over — after Felton had made his last two free throws, after May had cradled his 10th

and final rebound — Williams took off his glasses and started looking for people to hug.

A few moments later, he was crying, much like he has at the end of every season — though no ending has been as sweet as this one.

Luther Head led Illinois with 21 points. He had a wide-open look at a 3-pointer that would have tied the game with 17 seconds left, but it bounced off, and coach Bruce Weber's magical ride with the Illini wound up one win short of the real fairytale ending he hoped for.

His opponent, Williams, left Kansas to take over the

Tar Heels two years ago. Williams took a ton of heat for leaving Kansas after losing in the title game in 2003.

He defended the move, saying coming back to his alma mater had always been his dream. Then, this week, he dealt with a more familiar question: Did he need to win a title to call his career a success?

He told the story of Smith insisting he was no better a coach after he finally won one in 1982, but Williams conceded that answering that "same doggone question" did get a little annoying at times.

He finally broke through in a terrific game.

IN BRIEF

Boeheim, Calhoun elected to Basketball Hall of Fame

ST. LOUIS — Syracuse's Jim Boeheim and Connecticut's Jim Calhoun, who led their teams to NCAA titles in 2003 and 2004, were elected to the Basketball Hall of Fame.

Coach and broadcaster Hubie Brown, Brazilian women's star Hortencia Marcari and Sue Gunter, who coached LSU to 708 wins, also were voted into the hall in balloting announced Monday.

Boeheim and Calhoun, longtime Big East rivals, each recorded his 700th career win this season and became the first coaches with 700 wins to face each other when their teams met March 5. They have three national titles among them — two for Calhoun, whose Huskies also won the title in 1999.

Brown was elected under the category of contributor for his impact on the game as a coach, clinician, broadcaster and ambassador.

He left the Memphis Grizzlies this

season when he retired and was voted NBA Coach of the Year in 2004 to go with the same award he won in 1978 with Atlanta.

38 minor leaguers violate steroids policy

NEW YORK — Seattle's Damian Moss and the Los Angeles Angels' Francisco Cordova were among 38 players suspended Monday for violating baseball's minor league steroids policy.

Oakland's David Castillo was suspended for 60 games, the penalty for a third violation. All the others were suspended for 15 games, the ban given to first offenders.

Eight of the 38 positives came from the Seattle organization, seven from the Chicago Cubs, five each from the Los Angeles Angels, Oakland and Texas, and four from San Diego. There were two from Colorado, and one each from St. Louis and the Chicago White Sox.

The commissioner's office said one suspension was the result of offsea-

son testing and the rest stemmed from 925 tests conducted during spring training.

Runner-ups qualify for U.S. swim team

INDIANAPOLIS — Ian Crocker qualified for the U.S. world championships team on Monday without swimming a stroke.

USA Swimming, the sport's governing body in the United States, announced all second-place finishers at the trials have been added to the U.S. team that will compete in Montreal in July.

Crocker, the world record holder in the 100-meter butterfly, finished just behind Michael Phelps in that event Sunday night. At the time, only the winner of each event was guaranteed a spot on the U.S. team.

Monday's ruling gave Crocker another chance to go head-to-head against Phelps, who already had qualified for the U.S. team by winning the 100 butterfly and the 200 and 400 freestyles.

**Keough Institute for Irish Studies,
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Next Semester, the Keough Institute is offering
courses in Anthropology, Folklore, Irish-language,
Literature [in English and Irish]. History and
Politics.

••ANTHROPOLOGY••

•*Irish and American Dance*, IRST 21601:01, MW 4:30-5:45, James McKenna
This course will teach a range of fundamental steps in addition to at least two finished tap dance pieces set to CD music. Several hard show Irish tap dances will be taught and depending on the ability of the students, several other completed dances are possible.

•*Archaeology of Ireland*, IRST 40503:01, MW 3:00-4:15, Meredith Chesson
This course explores the culture and heritage of Ireland through the lens of the island's rich archaeological record. Combining lectures, student presentations, discussion exercises and panel projects, students in this class will learn about the social, political, and economic developments in Irish societies from the Neolithic to the Medieval periods.

••FOLKLORE••

•*Folklore in Irish Literature*, ENGL 20528:01, TR 3:30-4:45, Julie Henigan
This course will examine the traditional myths, tales, songs, customs, rituals, and beliefs that have long been used by Irish historical and creative writers as material for their literary works.

••IRISH LANGUAGE••

•*Beginning Irish I*, IRST 10101:01, TR 9:30-10:45, Brian Ó Conchubhair
An enjoyable introduction to Modern Irish.

•*Beginning Irish I*, IRST 10101:02, MWF 10:40-11:30, Tara MacLeod
An enjoyable introduction to Modern Irish.

•*Beginning Irish I*, IRST 10101:03, MWF 1:55-2:45, Tara MacLeod
An enjoyable introduction to Modern Irish.

•*Beginning Irish II*, IRST 10102:01, TR 12:30-1:45, Brian Ó Conchubhair
A continuation of IRST 10101 and further develops the students' linguistic ability and knowledge of Irish

•*Beginning Irish II*, IRST 10102:02, MWF 4:05-4:55, Tara MacLeod
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•*Intermediate Irish*, IRST 20103:01, TR 9:30-10:45, Sarah McKibben
This class follows on IRL 10101 and 10102, with particular attention to more advanced grammatical structures, speaking and reading.

•*Introduction to Old Irish*, IRST 20105:01, TR 12:30-1:45, Peter McQuillan
The aim of this course is to enable students with no previous knowledge of Irish, medieval or modern, to take the first steps towards acquiring a reading knowledge of Old Irish [the language of 7th-8th Century Ireland].

••HISTORY••

•*Irish History I*, IRST 30404:01, MWF 9:35-10:25, James Smyth
This course explores the main themes in Irish history from Elizabethan Conquest (1603) to the Act of Union (1800).

•*The Fighting Irish Since 1534*, IRST 30407:01, TR 3:30-4:45,
Éamonn Ó Ciardha

This course will focus on the cult of the 'Fighting Irish' [the Irish at war] in history, literature, art, iconography, film and media between the reformation [1534] and the Good Friday Agreement [1995].

••POLITICS••

•*Conflict and Consensus in 20th Century Ireland*, IRST 40540:01,
TR 2:00-3:15, William Kissane

This course examines the government and politics of the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland through the lenses of democratization, state-development, nationalism and unionism.



Plate 12. An Irish lord (MacSweeney) dines in the open air, ca. 1575. Woodcut, probably by John Derrick. John Derrick, *The Image of Irelande* (1581).

••LITERATURE [IN ENGLISH AND IRISH]••

•*20th Century Irish and Native American Literature*, IRST 20229:01, TR 9:30-10:45, Jessica Dougherty-McMichael

From the outset of colonization in both Ireland and North America's literature was employed in similar fashion to romanticize, demonize and, more often than not, silence Irish and Native American cultures. Today, with the surge in post-colonial literatures, Irish and Native American literatures have found new voices that look to the past in order to explore the present.

•*Belfast, Dublin, London and Paris from Baudelaire to Bono*, IRST 20230:01, TR 12:30-1:45, Joan Arbery

As one of the most dominant themes of modernity, the city figures as a poster child of trendsetters, go-getters, floozies and philanderers. This course focuses on four cities intimately connected through literature, art, music and film.

•*Anglo-Irish Literature: Cultured Misrule, Dissolute Lords and Rebel Countesses*, IRST 20518:01, MWF 1:55-2:45, John Witek

This course will examine the role of the Anglo-Irish in the politics in the politics and literary life of Ireland from the Act of Union (1800) to the last decades of the 20th Century.

•*Culture and Politics in Northern Ireland*, IRST 30222:01, TR 2:00-3:15, Mary Smyth

This course explores the politics of culture, and the cultures of politics, in the North of Ireland during the twentieth century.

•*The Hidden Ireland: Themes and Issues in Eighteenth-Century Irish Poetry*, IRST 30107:01, TR 2:00-3:15, Breandán Ó Buachalla

Daniel Corkery's study of the literature and society of Irish-speaking Munster in the eighteenth-century (*The Hidden Ireland*, first published in 1924) is an acknowledged classic of Irish literary history. This course will examine aspects of the corpus of eighteenth-century poetry in the Irish language in the light of Corkery's analysis and of subsequent reassessments of that analysis (Louis Cullen and Breandán Ó Buachalla, for example). Selections from the corpus of poetry will be taken from Ó Tuama and Kinsella *An Duanaire*: poems of the dispossessed (1981).

•*Poetry and Politics in Early Modern Ireland*, IRST 40304:01, W 6:00-9:00, Breandán Ó Buachalla

The political poetry of the period 1541-1688 will be discussed and analyzed against the tumultuous political, military, socio-economic, and cultural trauma of 16th and 17th century Ireland.

••GRADUATE COURSES••

•*Theory and Theatre*, IRST 90520:01, MW 3:00-4:15, Susan Harris

This course investigates the history of Western theater and its relationship to the evolution of literary theory. Although the course will focus primarily on the evolution of the English-language theater, it will also locate that tradition in a European context, including figures like Artaud, Brecht, Grotowski and Pirandello, etc.

•*20th Century Irish Literature in Translation*, IRL 13186:01, TR 2:00-3:15, Sarah McKibben

This course examines Irish-language (Gaelic) literature from the Irish Revival at the turn of the twentieth-century to writing from the very end of the twentieth century and beyond.

•*Introduction to Early Irish Literature*, IRL 23101:01, TR 9:30-10:45, Peter McQuillan

An introduction for students to the richness and variety of literature produced in the Irish language during the medieval period (700 and 1200 A.D)

•*Poetry and Politics in Early Modern Ireland*, IRL 60303:01, W 6:00-8:30, Breandán Ó Buachalla

The political poetry of the period 1541-1688 will be discussed and analyzed against the tumultuous political, military, socio-economic, and cultural trauma of 16th and 17th century Ireland.

•*Colonial Fictions, 1880-1930*, ENGL 90525, TR 6:00-9:00, Meets from 8/23-10/14/2005, Seamus Deane

Class participants will read several Irish and English novels of canonical stature from this period in the light of the questions they raise about the nature and experience of colonialism and of its linkages to modernity.



Plate 15. The English return after retaliation on the Irish cattle raiders. Woodcut, probably by John Derrick. John Derrick, *The Image of Irelande* (1581).

MLB

Cubs, Ramirez agree on \$42 million, 4-year deal

Associated Press

PHOENIX — Third baseman Aramis Ramirez and the Chicago Cubs agreed Monday to a \$42 million, four-year contract that includes a mutual option for 2009.

Ramirez batted .318 with 36 homers and 103 RBIs last season and would have been eligible to become a free agent at the end of the 2005 season.

"It's a good feeling knowing that I'm going to be here for four more years," Ramirez said, "and get this over with and just go and play baseball."

He can terminate his new deal after 2006 and become a free agent.

"That's just an option, but I don't think I'm going to exercise that," Ramirez said. "I want to be a Cub for the rest of my life."

Ramirez gets a \$1 million signing bonus plus an \$8 million salary for this season, superseding the \$8.95 million, one-year contract he had agreed to earlier this year. He gets \$10.5 million in 2006, \$11 million in 2007 and \$11.5 million in 2008.

The contract's fifth year, with an \$11 million salary, would become guaranteed if Ramirez plays 270 games in 2007-08 or can be exercised by mutual

agreement between the player and the club.

Ramirez had wanted a deal done before the opener. Otherwise, he said, he would not negotiate until the season was over.

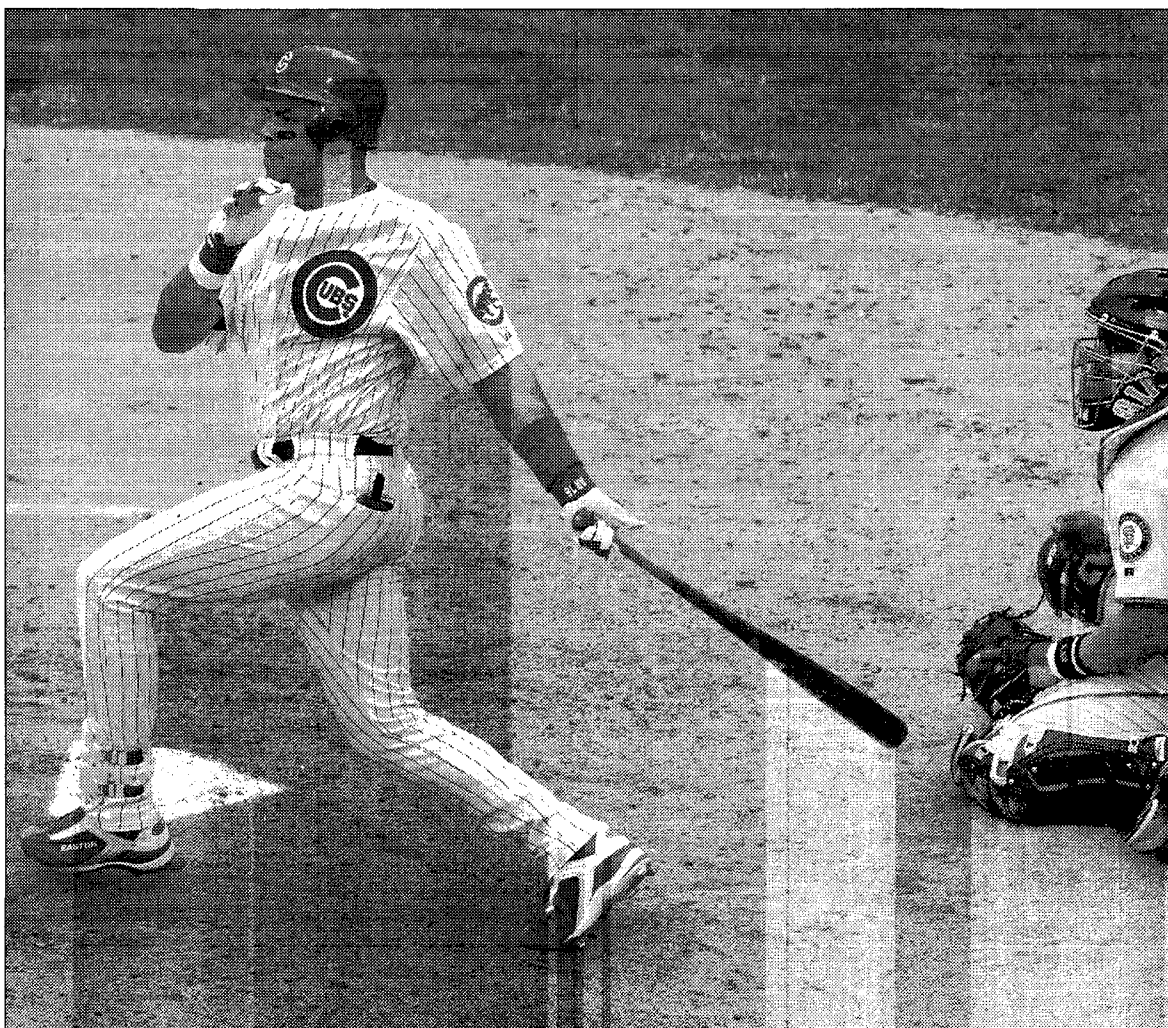
"I talked to him about it [Sunday]," manager Dusty Baker said before Chicago's opener against Arizona. "He was in a bit of a turmoil and he expressed how much he wanted to stay and how much he liked playing for the Cubs and liked playing in Chicago. You like to hear that — that a guy's happy where he is and he wants to stay there. In our minds and in his mind, he's going to get better and better."

Ramirez, 26, was just 16 when he signed with the Pittsburgh Pirates in 1994 and reached the majors in 1998. The Pirates traded him to the Cubs in July 2003.

"He didn't come here with a bad reputation, but it wasn't a great reputation," Baker said. "He just wanted to win. He's grown as a player."

Ramirez said the change of teams helped his attitude.

"Just being on a contender, and you mature as a player," he said. "I made a lot of mistakes. I was young. I came into the league when I was 19 years old. You mature as a person and as a player. I think I've done that."



Chicago Cubs third baseman Aramis Ramirez follows through on a hit against the San Francisco Giants at Wrigley Field on May 20.

PGA TOUR

Mickelson wins BellSouth Classic on 4th playoff hole

Masters champion ready to defend his title at Augusta

Associated Press

DULUTH, Ga. — Phil Mickelson made a 20-foot birdie putt on the fourth playoff hole Monday to win the BellSouth Classic over Rich Beem and give the defending Masters champion momentum heading to Augusta.

Mickelson, Jose Maria Olazabal, Beem, Jobe Brandt and Arjun Atwal tied at 8-under 208 after the final round in the rain-shortened 54-hole tournament to set up the five-man playoff.

Brandt and Arjun were eliminated on the first playoff hole and Olazabal was out after the third playoff hole.

"There were probably six to 10 people who could have won this tournament. I don't know how I dodged the bullet," said Mickelson. "I'm looking forward to the Masters."

Mickelson won it on the par 17, 455-yard 17th hole when he hit his drive in the fairway and put his second shot 20 feet from the hole before sinking the putt.

Beem, who hasn't won since the PGA championship in 2002, hit into a fairway bunker on the final playoff hole. His second shot was about 20 yards short of the green where he pitched to about 2 feet, setting up a par putt which wasn't needed.

Olazabal, the two-time Masters champion, had a chance to win on the par 5, 576-yard 18th in regulation to avoid a playoff, but missed a 5-foot birdie putt and settled for par and 69.

He also had a second chance to win on the first playoff hole, missing another 5-foot birdie putt on No. 18. He was eliminated on the third playoff hole when he hit two balls in the water on 18.

"I had a chance to win it (in regulation) and didn't. Had a second chance and missed it," said Olazabal, who also heads to the Masters with his game in pretty good shape.

Mickelson (69), Beem (68), Brandt (67) and little known Arjun Atwal (64), a native of India and a regular on the Asian tour for eight years, each birdied their last hole to earn a playoff berth along with Olazabal.

Mickelson and Beem had pars on the first playoff hole to advance to the second playoff hole along with Olazabal. Brandt and Atwal each hit into the water that guarded the green on 18, shot over par and were eliminated.

Olazabal, Mickelson and Beem each parred the second playoff hole, the 455-yard, par 4 to send it back to 18 for the

third playoff hole.

Mickelson and Beem advanced to the fourth playoff hole when each had tap-in birdies on No. 18.

With the weather sunny and in the 70s, the scores came down Monday after the first two rounds were washed out by rain on Thursday and Friday and delayed 99 minutes on Saturday at the TPC at Sugar

Loaf.

Scott McCarron, who led by a stroke entering the final round and the 1997 and 2001 winner here, shot a 76 and was well back at 214. Defending champion Zach Johnson had a 72 and was at 213.

Mickelson, the tour's leading money-winner, earned \$900,000 of the \$5 million purse.

The world's No. 4 player had a strange round as he prepared for Thursday's opening round at Augusta.

Mickelson wound up with seven birdies, two bogeys and a double bogey in regulation. He was all over the course with his driver on the opening nine, finishing with a 37, including hit-

ting into water twice and drawing a 1-shot penalty on each. He also tried to hit out of a creek bed and moved it only a foot on No. 9 and had bogey. He then had a bogey-free back nine for a 32 with four birdies.

"My swing started to feel good on the back. Somehow I hung in there and got lucky," he said.

Mickelson is one of the 19 players who remained in the field, playing in the Masters.

Tied for sixth, one stroke back at 209 were Frank Lickliter (68), Scott Dunlap (69), Arron Oberholser (69), and Tag Ridings (69).

Rain has affected eight of the 14 tournaments on tour so far this year.

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Phil Mickelson
golfer

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CLUB SPORTS

Gagnon finishes fourth in men's all-around competition

Men's and women's gymnastics teams place fifth in meet

Special to The Observer

Over 200 gymnasts representing 18 schools participated in this weekend's Clover Classic, at Gymnastics Michiana. The Irish placed fifth in both men's and women's competition. Triton won the men's division, with Penn State and Purdue placing second and third. Penn State took first in the women's division, followed by Ohio and Purdue.

Zach Gagnon placed fourth in all around competition for the Irish, as well as first on still rings, second on vault, fourth in high bar, and sixth in parallel bars. Brian Dunn, Mike McGrady and Paul Kane also earned points for the Irish.

Seniors Mary Blazewicz and Caitlin O'Brien continue to lead the Irish. Both barely missed placing in several events. Susan Jennings, Wendy Jo Svetnoff, Cecilia Torres, Krissy Jackson, Maurea Steed, Cigi Low and Jacquelyn Carney all contributed to the Irish scoring.

The club will close the season on April 16th, at the NAIGC Nationals in Buffalo, N.Y.

Rowing

The Men's Rowing Team headed to the beach to take on some of the most respected crews in the country this weekend at the San Diego Crew Classic.

In Saturday morning's varsity

qualifying race the Irish overcame rudder problems to make it to the afternoon's third final. Throughout the race the team kept up with close competition from Colorado and the UC San Diego. The last five hundred proved difficult when the team's steering failed and they fell behind to sixth place in the heat edging out San Diego State for a spot in the afternoon competition. The Irish ended with a time of 6:36.7 behind Colorado with a time of 6:19.4 and UCSD and UCL with times of 6:28 and 6:35.0, respectively.

The Junior Varsity Crew's heat was full of some of the toughest competition in their division. The men came out to an early start and held even with Stanford and UCLA through the first thousand meters but fell back during the last half of the race. Despite falling back the Irish posted a strong time of 6:41.75 right behind UCLA with a time of 6:35.6 and UC Davis with a 6:29.

During the first 500-meters of the varsity final, the Irish fell behind due to a sluggish start and some choppy water. Determination pulled the team up though, and by the thousand meter mark the Irish were even with Santa Clara, Sacramento State and the University of San Diego. "It was intense," two seat Tedd Hawks said. "We really came together during the second 500. Once we started walking we were determined to finish strong."

Notre Dame pulled out fourth place in the event with a time of 6:34.4 edging out Santa Clara and Sacramento State

but falling to USD and UCSB. UCL won the race with a time of 6:30.0.

"It was one of our best races this year," coxswain Abbie Daugher said. "The guys never let up even when we were down."

Men's Volleyball

The Notre Dame Men's Volleyball team traveled to Ball State this weekend to play in the MIVA Championships. The Irish play in the Midwest Ten Conference which along with the Big Ten and the Greater Midwest Conference, comprise the MIVA. The Irish opened the championships with a convincing win over Iowa.

They disposed of the Hawkeyes in two games, 25-23, 25-21, behind the blocking of Dan Parziale, Joe O'Connell and Mike Giampa.

The team then played Central Michigan and utilized the superior passing of John Tibble, Jamie Ward and Ryan Dax to easily dispose of the Chippewas in two games, 25-16, 25-22. The Irish then faced their toughest opponent of the day in the Ohio State Buckeyes. The Buckeyes outlasted the Irish in a tough three game match, 23-25, 25-20, 15-10.

The Irish finished the day with a convincing win over Ohio University, 25-18, 25-21. The Bobcats could not figure out setter Nolan Kane who continued to create one-on-one situations for his hitters by baffling the Bobcats' blockers.

On Sunday the Irish opened with Minnesota for the right to advance to the gold tournament. After a shoulder injury to Middle Blocker Joe

O'Connell the Irish had to make some unanticipated changes to their lineup, moving Ryan Goes from Outside Hitter back in to Middle Blocker. The last second changes weren't enough to overcome the veteran setter from Minnesota, as the Irish lost to the Gophers in three games, 19-25, 25-19, 15-12. With a new goal of winning the silver tournament the Irish came out fired up behind replacement outside hitter Drew Williams and quickly disposed of the Iowa Hawkeyes, again in two games, 25-21, 25-21. The Irish met Bowling Green University in the next round of the tournament. Kevin Overmann and Mike

Toomey led the Irish to an easy victory with well-placed jump serves, 25-21, 25-13. In the silver tournament finals the Irish faced conference rival University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Despite the solid play at outside hitter by Mike Toomey the Irish couldn't take home the championship, losing to UW-Milwaukee in two games, 25-22, 25-21. The Irish finish their season in two weeks at the National Championships in Kansas City, Missouri. Over 150 men's club teams will compete at the tournament, which consists of four divisions — 1A, 1AA, 2 and 3. The Irish reward for an extremely successful season was being placed in compete in the Division 1A tournament.

Women's Water Polo

Notre Dame's women's water polo team traveled to the Miami Ohio Invitational this weekend, an event featuring several top ten ranked teams. The Irish dropped their Friday opener to the host Redhawks, 3-2. Kimmy Moore and Bridget O'Neill scored the squad's two goals.

The loss would prove to be the only blemish on the weekend, as the Irish rallied to thump Northwestern 11-2 with O'Neill setting the pace with four goals. Moor and MC Cimino each added a hat trick, with Kristy Bohling accounting for the other goal. The Irish then defeated Purdue, 7-5, behind the balanced attack of Moore and O'Neill with two goals each, and Cimino, Bohling and Meghan Keane registering solo goals. On Sunday, the Irish posted an impressive 6-5 victory over the varsity squad from Slippery Rock. O'Neill's two goals again led a balanced attack, as Cimino, Boling, Katie Lanco and Kristin Schmidt each scored against the Rockets.

Sailing

Strong, winds of 15-25 and drizzle dampened opening day of the Big Ten Team Race at Michigan this past weekend. Although ten round robin races were completed, there were numerous capsize and two postponements due to wind. Despite sunny and warmer conditions on Sunday, the turn in the weather was not enough to help the Irish, who finished fifth in a strong five-team field. Northwestern took first place with a 6-2 record, followed by Minnesota and Wisconsin at 5-3, Michigan, 4-4, and the Irish, 0-8.

Cycling

Five members of the Notre

Dame Cycling Team traveled to Purdue this weekend to compete in the two day Purdue Road Race and Criterium. Law Student Geoff Gisler, Freshman Matt Prygoski and Sophomore Sean Calloway competed against a field of fifty riders in the Men's C road race on Saturday. The race was four laps of the race loop, totaling to 33.6 miles. Winds of up to 40 mph made this a very difficult race. Sean Calloway was involved in a crash on the first of the four laps, and pulled out of the race with minor injuries, while Gisler and Prygoski, in his first races, held strong to finish third and tenth respectively.

Mike Lavery and Dan Arlandson raced the Men's B road race, a six lap race of 50.5 miles. By lap three, the winds had broken the pack of 60 riders, many dropping out, or riding the rest of the race solo, or in groups of two or three, while a break away group of 20 riders was well in front. Lavery managed to stay with the lead pack, which diminished in numbers as the race progressed. At the finish, Lavery rolled through in 10th place, with Arlandson coming in nine minutes later in 25th position. This proved to be a solid performance overall for the opening road race.

Sunday's Criterium was a short course with many sharp curves and corners, raced on time rather than distance. In the 45-minute Men's C race, the speeds were fast, and the riding was aggressive. Matt Prygoski and Geoff Gisler were the only two members to race, while Sean Calloway sat out due to nagging pain from his previous day's crash. Both riders rode with the pack the entire race.

Gisler was feeling strong, and out sprinted another rider on the line to take the win, something only one other Notre Dame cyclist has ever done.

Prygoski finished in the middle of the 30-man field, not taking any chances in his first Criterium.

The Men's B pack raced soon afterwards in a 55-minute race, Lavery and Arlandson were the Irish representatives. Once again, the speeds were fast, averaging over 24 mph, and the riding was aggressive, with many riders attacking the field throughout the race in attempts to break away. Mike Lavery was part of a three man breakaway at 45 minutes, that held their lead for 2.5 laps, allowing Lavery to take second place points at an intermediate sprint. Overall, Mike finished 12th among 45 riders. Arlandson was forced to drop out after 30 minutes, due to a recent bout with the flu.

Ultimate

Notre Dame's ultimate club split their squads this weekend and traveled to two venues. The women competed at Wisconsin, winning two of three contests. Relying on the strength of their zone defense, the Irish opened with a 13-7 victory over Illinois. Defense proved the difference in the second game as well; but this time it was that of Northwestern. The Wildcats innovative defense stymied the Irish, who trailed 7-2 at the half.

Registration 411

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Course Renumbering Information

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Shutouts

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Dame's skipper.
"The first game we didn't do a good job of taking advantage of our opportunities," Gumpf said. "The second game it was more a case of their pitcher making good pitches and our team managing a few lucky hits, but in that first game I thought we could have done more."

Notre Dame jumped on top early in game one, stringing together two runs in the top of the second inning off Villanova starter Kristen Haynes. Laing opened the inning with a double, and Liz Hartmann reached first on an error while Laing moved to third.

Sarah Smith pinch ran for

Hartmann, but was called out at first base for leaving the bag too early. Carrie Wisen followed with a single that scored Laing from third to plate Notre Dame's first run.

Kelsey Wicks pinch ran for Wisen and then proceeded to effectively steal a run — swiping second base cleanly and then attempting to steal third. The throw down to third by Villanova catcher Cassie Koenig was wild, and Wicks came home to score on the error.

The Irish tacked on another run in the fourth inning, with Gessica Hufnagle leading off with a double. Hufnagle advanced to third on Laing's groundout and came around to score on a single by Hartmann.

Laing scored her second run of the game in the sixth inning, again leading off the

frame with a double. Laing stole third and then scored to make the score 4-0 after Mallorie Lenn reached first on an error.

In game two, Laing continued her hot hitting, knocking a solo home run to left field off Villanova pitcher Shannon Williams. The Irish would score their only other run in the game in the fifth inning, as Lenn led off with a walk, stole second, advanced to third on a groundout and came around to score on Sara Schoonaert's RBI single.

Notre Dame was also scheduled to play Rutgers in a doubleheader Saturday, but that series was rained out. It will be made up if the Irish have not already clinched the Big East title at the end of the regular season.

Notre Dame returns home to face Eastern Michigan in a doubleheader today beginning at 4 p.m. at Ivy Field.

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Senior pitcher Steffany Stenglén winds up at Ivy Field against Western Michigan March 24.

NHL

NHLPA rejects 2 proposals

Monday's meetings first since March 17

Associated Press

TORONTO — The players' association rejected two NHL proposals and the two sides met for seven hours Monday, trying to make progress toward ending the 6 1/2-month-old lockout.

The session at an undisclosed location in Toronto began around 1 p.m. EDT and wrapped up around 8 p.m. As expected, the NHLPA did not come armed with a proposal.

"The players' association began today's meeting by rejecting the two proposals made by the NHL on March 17," NHL executive vice president Bill Daly said in a statement. "Thereafter, we discussed the status of our current situation and, in general terms, possible concepts for moving the process forward. The meeting concluded with both sides agreeing to explore these concepts further internally, and to talk again later this week."

A bigger group got together this time around, with NHLPA president Trevor Linden and the players' executive committee joining the negotiations. The ownership group was led by chairman of the board Harley Hotchkiss of the Calgary Flames, as well as New Jersey Devils president Lou Lamoriello.

They joined NHLPA execu-

tive director Bob Goodenow, senior director Ted Saskin, NHL commissioner Gary Bettman and Daly.

"We discussed some concepts aimed at addressing the challenges faced by all of us as a result of the NHL's lockout and subsequent cancellation of the season," Saskin said in a statement. "Although no meetings were scheduled today, I expect Bob and Gary will be speaking soon to set up future discussions."

Also Monday, the NHL filed a second charge against the NHLPA with the National Labor Relations Board, this time challenging the union's threat of decertification for agents representing replacement players.

The NHLPA has warned agents, although not in writing, they faced possible decertification if they represented any player crossing the line to be a replacement player.

The NHL hinted at the use of replacement players at a March 1 board of governors

meeting, and planned to revisit the issue at an April 20 board of governors meeting in New York.

The league first filed a charge against the NHLPA with the NLRB on March 25 over a union policy that appears to financially penalize members who become replacement players.

The NHL became the first major American sports league to cancel an entire season in February because of the lockout.

The two sides had not met since March 17 in New York, when the NHLPA was presented

two proposals by the NHL, the first a team-by-team \$37.5-million salary cap deal that did not have a fixed link between player costs and league revenues.

The second offer was based on linkage, with player costs to take up no more than 54 per cent of league revenues.

The league had given the union until this Friday to work off the "de-linked" offer, but instead the union arrived Monday in Toronto without a counterproposal.

"We discussed some concepts aimed at addressing the challenges faced by all of us as a result of the NHL's lockout."

Ted Saskin
NHLPA senior director

SMC TENNIS

Belles open MIAA schedule at Tri-State

By PATRICK McCABE
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will tackle the Tri-State Thunder in a road match today at 3 p.m.

Although Tri-State is enjoying its inaugural year in the MIAA, the Belles have faced them for several years. The Thunder are currently 0-2 in conference play and 1-9 overall. The Belles are 0-0.

Despite the Thunder's record, Belles coach Dee Stevenson expects focus and diligence from his team. He also mentioned his teams was hungry and eager to begin league play.

"They have been waiting for this since spring break," he said. "This is a somewhat crucial match. We have beaten them often in the past, but we must start league play well."

Despite sending many underclassmen to play Adrian College this past Saturday, Stevenson intends to start his regulars.

"I will play my regulars since whatever our team does will affect [regular season] conference standings and postseason seeds."

However, the 3-5 start to the season has neither disheartened nor fazed the Belles.

Stevenson also addressed the loss of Grace Gordon to an ACL injury and the overall state of injuries dogging the Belles.

"This is a new situation for us," he said. "Prior to this season, I

have never had a player severely injured. Now, we have three who have injured knees. Grace's injury has constrained us to adjust our singles and doubles arrangements. We're all disappointed, particularly the girls and Grace."

But Grace continues to actively support and bolster the team's confidence.

"She accompanied us to the Chicago match and is now our team manager for the remainder of the season, although I have never had one before," Stevenson said.

Ironically, the Belles hope thunder will not be an issue for today's match.

Inclement weather has twice forced postponements of a match against Olivet and has frustrated Stevenson.

"We are hoping that our match is not rained out," he said. "We have already postponed one and want to avoid delaying another. The season is already short."

In addition to compressing the Belles' schedule, the foul weather had reduced court time and restricted the players to indoor conditioning.

Nonetheless, Stevenson forecasts clean play for Tuesday.

"We should exhibit no rust," he said. "The players have had more court time recently and practice a lot. We have to keep practicing to stay sharp," he said.

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and the usual array of participants who are more concerned with pre-gaming than the game's final outcome.

However, all eyes will be on the top-seeded team, aptly named "U Got a Bad Draw." Captained by Chinedum Ndukwe, the squad features Notre Dame quarterback Brady Quinn, Eric Laumann and Dan Stevenson from last year's KPMG team, which won the title.

"I can't remember having a returning champion with such a complete team," Maher said.

The team is prepared to take on any and all of the competitors in order to maintain their claim to the top spot.

"The most important thing for us is defending our title," Ndukwe said. "Obviously, last year was a battle — we came back from being down like 10 points or so the last three games of the tournament."

Like many other teams in the tournament, U Got a Bad Draw did not practice formally outside of game time.

"We have a tradition we started last year that we don't practice until the first game we play — so we don't practice," Ndukwe said. "That usually is what works for us best because we know each other on the team pretty well ... we're really an all natural team."

Choosing a name is sometimes the most important part of a squad's preparation for the tournament. Names often reflect pop culture — for example, the movie "Napoleon Dynamite" inspired at least eight team names this season.

SOME OF THE BEST TEAM NAMES

1. U got a bad draw
3. Looking for a sponsor at the moment
8. The bad guys from Space Jam
43. This much athleticism on one team should be illegal
78. Four jersey chasers who finally found one
79. Four engineers and their future boss
97. Really hoping we play girls or drunks in the first
138. Please pair us with some drunk people
157. One and one
180. We declined an invitation to the NIT
184. I met my future wife on thefacebook
256. Swing state
279. The first round is our championship game
283. 5 hot girls who will probably lose in the first round but are hoping to get lucky, again
308. We don't make shots, we take shots
359. Five guys who are going pro in something other than sports
373. The Dollar Value Menu
391. Give us some apples 'cuz we're making turnovers
414. At least we could beat Holy Cross
518. Brady where'd you get that tan
551. Hoosier daddy
554. We may not wear thong leotards but you'll want to call on us
566. 5'2" and under ankle biters
590. Check out these brackets

Unfortunately, some teams are simply numbered after their names fail to meet committee standards.

"I think it's probably just we've gotten away from remembering that it's a basketball tournament," Geist said. "There's been an increase in the interest in coming up with a team name ... I would hope the focus is more on the basketball tournament and the charity it benefits."

This year, tournament officials are working to publicize

Jumpball, a program located in Jamaica that offers free basketball clinics to disadvantaged youths.

"The way we play our tournament provides support for the Jumpball organization," Maher said. "We want everybody to know that this year the phrase is 'We play so they can play.'"

A portion of registration fees will benefit the organization.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Tri-State sweeps doubleheader

By TOM STILES
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's (5-10) dropped both games of its double-header to Tri-State University (12-7) Monday afternoon by the scores of 6-1 and 10-5. The Belles are now 0-2 against MIAA opponents and find themselves in the midst of a seven game losing streak, with their last win coming during the spring trip against Emmanuel College back on March 10.

Rust may have played a significant role in the Belle's sluggish play, as the games yesterday were the first action the team has seen since mid-March. Unfortunately, all games of the Trinity International Tournament from this past weekend were cancelled.

Game one saw much of the same type of play that has resulted in the Belles finding themselves five games under .500. The Saint Mary's offense managed just five hits off Tri-State pitcher Abbie Walker, and the defense didn't help out freshman pitcher McKenna Corrigan by committing three errors in the field.

Junior third baseman Laura Heline had two hits, including the team's only extra-base hit, and scored the offense's only run of the game in the top of second when freshman catcher

Megan Myers delivered with an RBI single. Corrigan pitched well enough for the win in giving up three earned runs on seven hits in her six innings of work, but three Belles miscues accounted for the three unearned runs.

Game two saw each offense come alive, but four more errors and timely hitting by Tri-State eventually did in Saint Mary's. Junior pitcher Bridget Grall was roughed up for 13 hits and seven earned runs in seven innings, and the offense couldn't figure out Tri-State's Walker the second time around as she gave up only one hit in shutting down the Belles over the final three innings.

Myers and junior second baseman Meghan Marenkovic led the way on offense with two hits apiece. Marenkovic, freshman DH Beth Achterhoff, sophomore shortstop Sarah Miesle and junior centerfielder Audrey Gajor all chipped in with an RBI each.

Grall could not stop Tri-State's outfielder duo of Steph Dura and Karly Hooker, who each had three hits and combined for four RBIs and three runs scored.

Next up for the Belles will be Albion College this Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. at the Saint Mary's Softball Diamond.

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bles compared to Notre Dame's four hits, three runs and one double. The Irish were outhit on the game 17-9.

Into the eighth inning, Notre Dame had as many errors as hits — five. Rutgers led 9-3, the Irish fought back picking away at the Knights' lead with two runs in the top of the eighth.

In a dramatic comeback in the top of the ninth, the Irish sent eight batters to the plate and put up five runs after surrendering a run in the bottom of the eighth. Freshman Tony Langford launched the game-tying home run, his second homer of the game.

The instant classic headed into the 10th inning tied at 10.

Notre Dame closer Ryan Doherty fanned the first two Rutgers batters he faced but couldn't finish. One out away from sending the game to its 11th inning, the 7-1 New Jersey native — who pitched 2.2 innings — then yielded three singles in-a-row. The Scarlet Knights' Johnny Defendis lined the game-winning single to

left-center for the 11-10 victory.

Matt Edwards and Craig Cooper each had two-hit days for the Irish.

All-time, Notre Dame and Rutgers have competed in 18 games decided by two or fewer runs.

Junior centerfielder Alex Netley extended his hitting streak to 14 games with hits in each of the Monday games. Through the first 25 games, second baseman Brett Lilley leads the Irish with over a .550 on-base percentage. The Scarlet Knights were able to run throughout the two-game set — stealing seven bases on the Irish defense.

The Irish return to action tonight to face their third Mid-American Conference team this season — the Toledo Rockets (7-17) — at 5:05 p.m. at Frank Eck Stadium. Notre Dame is 2-0 against MAC opponents this season. In another midweek clash against a MAC opponent, the Irish will remain at home against Ball State (16-9) Wednesday before continuing Big East Conference play at Boston College this weekend.

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Special

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special teams through the beginning of spring practice.

"Bernie and I do this whole thing together," Polian said. "The package that we're running in the kicking game is a collection of everything he has done and liked and everything I have done and like and finally, everything Coach Weis has wanted to do."

Weis' involvement with special teams has had a "major impact" in creating a staff-wide emphasis on the kicking game so far, Polian said.

"I think it's a credit to the head coach with the emphasis on the kicking game to assign two coaches to it," Polian said. "Our players know that he takes it seriously because he assigned two coaches to it, and the rest of the staff works at it just like we do on punt and kick returns."

Parmalee and Polian are not setting out to make significant strategic changes on special teams.

"Schematically, we're going to do what we believe in, and if it's what they did that's fine," Polian said. "We'll tweak some personnel and find the best guys across the board, and we'll play them in the kicking game."

With returning personnel, Polian has seen a number of positives.

"I like our tempo when we're practicing in the kicking game," he said. "I think we have a lot of first-team guys on both offense and defense that are willing and working their butts off in the kicking game. I think that's a real positive. I think there's going to be good competition for the snapping job, and I think our kickers have done a pretty good job so far."

D.J. Fitzpatrick, a former walk-on now on scholarship who filled in for an injured Nick Setta at the end of the 2003 season, started as place-kicker and punter in 2004.

"We're really getting after special teams."

D.J. Fitzpatrick
Irish kicker

"I definitely want to handle both duties [again next season]," Fitzpatrick said. "I'm definitely trying to shoot for all three: kickoff, punt and field goal."

"I love being out there, and as a kicker, you don't get out there that much, so the more you can do, the better. It keeps me in the game, it keeps me loose and I just love it."

At this point, a number of players are competing for all kicking duties.

"It's open right now," Fitzpatrick said. "We have a new coaching staff and a new season ahead of us, so it's been a good fight with [sophomore] Geoff Price pushing me for punting and [sophomore]

Bobby Renkes and [sophomore] Carl Gioia for kicking, so we'll see what happens after the end of the spring."

Fitzpatrick is the leading punter and place-kicker from 2004. He had all 67 of Notre Dame's kicking points and took 79 of the 81 attempted Irish punts.

Competition for filling the roles of graduating senior kick returners Carlyle Holiday and Carlos Campbell is also wide open.

"We did not come in here with a preconceived idea about who would return," Polian said. "Coach Weis said to the team, 'Who wants to try?' And as we've worked in the phase this year in the first three practices, we've put a bunch of folks back there, and we'll do it all throughout the spring. It's an open dress rehearsal. If you've got an interest in doing it, we're going to put the guy back there and see what he can do."

Anyone interested in special teams was encouraged to try returning kicks, although offensive players tend to have an advantage in the traditional catching skills.

"There are too many to mention," Polian said when ques-

tioned about who would return kicks. "There's about 20 names who want to go back there and try it, and they're not all offensive players."

"There are skill guys on defense ... and that's fine, we'll take a look."

Regarding long snapping, the graduation of Casey Dunn leaves the position open.

"We have a few scholarship guys who are capable of long snapping, but I think what happens is a lot of times, you don't delegate a scholarship just for a guy who does nothing but long snapping," Weis explained. "I think it's a great venue or a great opportunity for a walk-on to come on and play, because if you have that skill, you could play ... you have a chance of getting on the field."

Changes will come, but the Irish are looking forward to improving after a difficult 2004 season that saw criticism from

many sides.

"We're pretty optimistic going into the spring," Fitzpatrick said. "Everybody's working hard. We had a good off-season lifting and conditioning. We're really getting after special teams, we've got all the coaches working on it and the attitude's very high. We see nothing but good things for us in the future."

Polian agrees with the kicker's assessment.

"Any good coach at any level will tell you the best way to make a football team better in a hurry is in the kicking game, and Coach has preached that since the day that we've arrived," he said. "He's emphasized it, we've got the entire staff coaching in the kicking game with a lot of energy, and I think our players are responding to it and that's a real positive."

"I think it's a credit to the head coach with the emphasis on the kicking game to assign two coaches to it."

Brian Polian
Irish assistant special teams coach

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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Weis secures 1st class of 2010 recruit

DeSmet Jesuit junior runs 4.3 40-yard dash

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

Over 21 weeks remain until Notre Dame's season-opener, but Charlie Weis has already secured his first victory as head coach.

Munir Prince, a running back/cornerback prospect out of DeSmet Jesuit High School in St. Louis, verbally committed to play football for the Irish during a Junior Day on campus Saturday. He is the first player from the class of 2010 to commit to Notre Dame.

Mike Frank of Irisheyes.com expects Prince to suit up at running back for Notre Dame.

"He's a tremendous player," Frank said. "He's got lots and lots of ability, and I think he's got all kinds of potential when it's all said and done."

With a 4.3 second 40-yard dash time, Prince rushed for 1,397 yards and 13 touchdowns his sophomore year. He then ran for 986 yards and 11 touchdowns last season as a junior while playing in only eight games and with a sprained foot.

The 5-foot-10 164-pound Prince, who has clocked a 10.6 second 100-meter dash, had

been committed to Iowa but reneged two months ago.

"I think [Notre Dame] kind of surprised him when they offered," Frank said. "When he came up for the first Junior Day [on Feb. 26-27], he didn't expect to be offered. But his whole family came up last weekend. He met with the dean of sciences and he wants to major in sports medicine. I think he's going to do really well."

Prince cannot sign a binding national letter of intent until next February.

Other schools recruiting him include Iowa, Nebraska, Northwestern, Ohio State and Michigan State.

Though Prince spurned the Hawkeyes, however, Frank does not see him going back on his word with

the Irish.

"I think he's pretty sold on Notre Dame and Charlie Weis," Frank said. "He made a commitment a long time ago to Iowa, and I think he thought maybe he should look a little harder at what he wanted to do."

Prince's high school teammate, tight end/defensive end Paddy Mullen, also attended last weekend's Junior Day. Notre Dame is recruiting Mullen but has not yet offered a scholarship.

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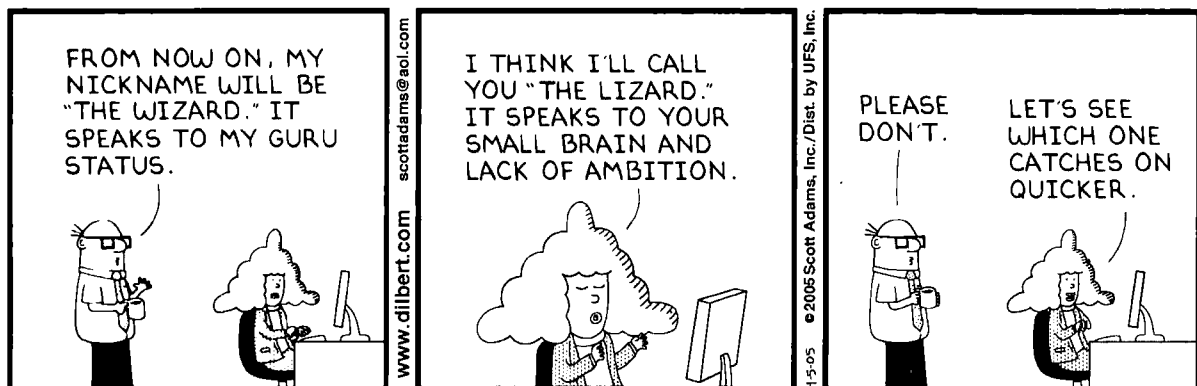
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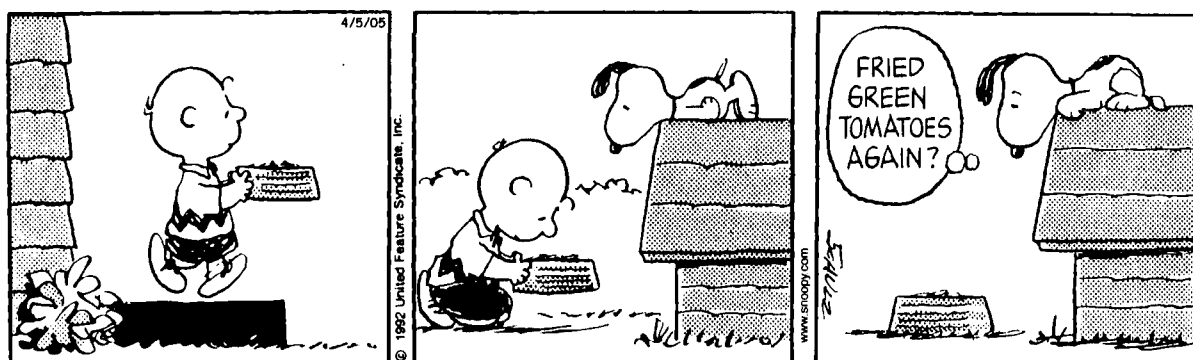
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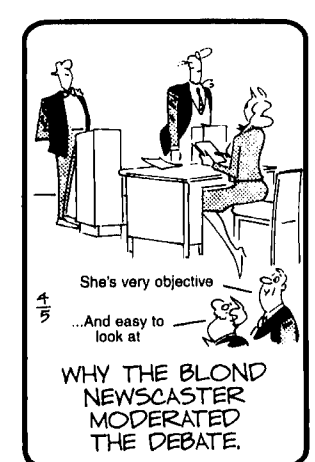
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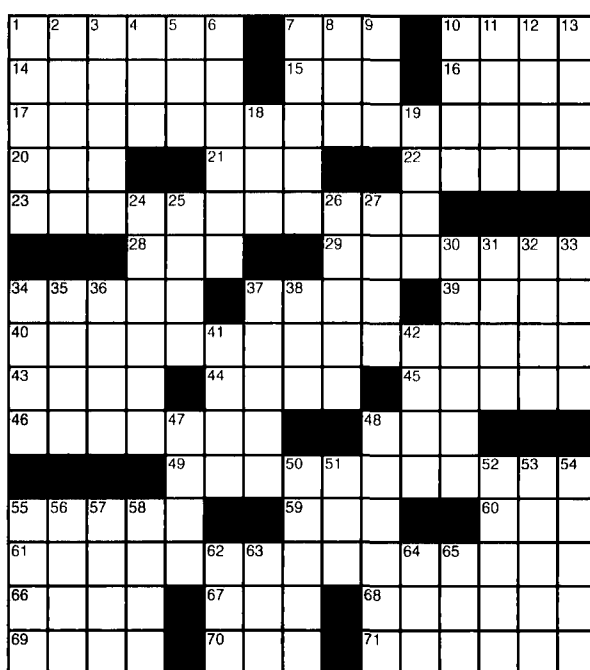
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 - Dry, as wine
 - It leaves marks on asphalt
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 - She wed George Washington
 - Niagara Falls' prov.
 - Karel Capek play
 - Church nooks
 - Where Washington relaxed
 - Wrath
 - Pi preceder
 - Friend in the Southwest
 - Forsaken
 - Ready for picking
- DOWN**
- State defense organization headed by Washington
 - Its flight attendants' greeting is "Shalom"
 - Magician's start
 - Word prefixed with poly-
 - Edison's New Jersey lab locale
 - "Welcome" site
 - Where Washington's forces wintered
 - Defense aid
 - Writer Fleming
 - Time Warner merger partner
 - Colonial force headed by Washington
 - Stanley Gardner
 - Belfry flier
 - corpus
 - Faculty head
- DOWN**
- Televised sign in football stands
 - Hersey's bell town
 - Love of artistic objects
 - D.C. summer clock setting
 - Fed. biomedical research agcy.
 - Deprive of food
 - Fab Four drummer
 - Directional suffix
 - Dancer Charisse
 - Old record problem
 - Popular sneakers
 - "Picnic" playwright
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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXIV

World's largest outdoor tourney tips off today

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

Fifteen minutes of fame or a lasting legacy? Bookstore Basketball offers chances for both.

Months of hard work selecting teammates, choosing a name and developing plays and defensive schemes are set to culminate tonight, when over 3,000 Notre Dame students and staff members will lace up their basketball shoes for Bookstore Basketball XXXIV.

Over 600 teams will participate in the nation's largest 5-on-5 basketball tour-

namment, an annual event at Notre Dame since 1972.

"I think it brings a great sense of excitement, a great sense of community," said Luke Maher, a junior who is the Executive Commissioner for this year's tournament. "It's great to see so many people out there — not only playing in games but out there supporting their friends and teammates."

Patrick Schafer, a sophomore and captain of team No. 274, echoed similar

sentiments.

"The tournament is a good way to get involved on campus," he said. "It's nice to get a team of your friends together and go out and just have some fun playing basketball with tons of people watching."

Among tomorrow's games, March Madness will make its debut.

"I have not played before, I'm super excited though," captain David Sena said. "We've never played before, but we've all played in

high school a little bit."

Faculty advisor Amy Geist said the number of the teams has increased slightly over recent years.

"We definitely have more teams signed up this year than we have in the past [few years]," she said. "I hope that that's a good indication of people on campus being excited about [the tournament]."

The field features varsity basketball players like Jordan Cornette, four of the five players on last year's championship team, teams with corporate sponsors

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FOOTBALL

Staff puts emphasis on special teams

Irish 'getting after' last season's area of disappointment

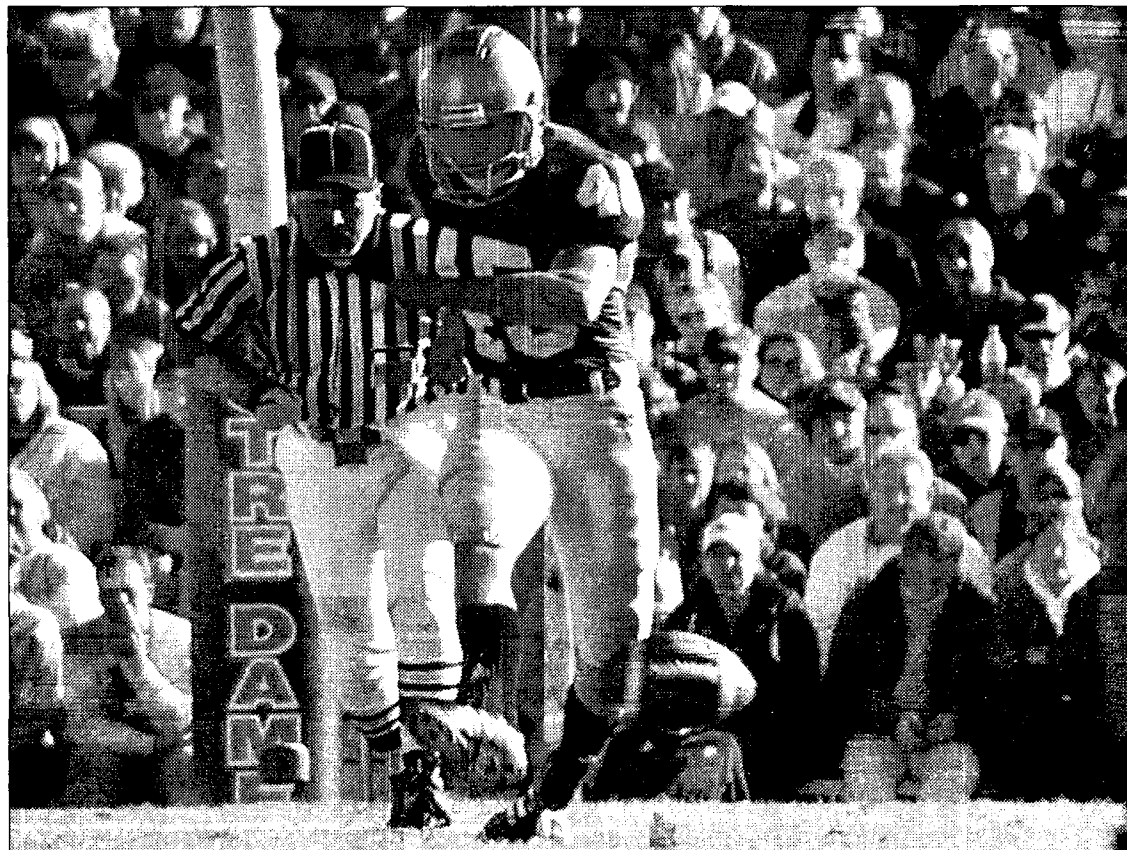
By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

The changes have come quickly for the Irish football squad. But entering the spring, no area is more uncertain than special teams.

Head coach Charlie Weis has emphasized the importance of special teams early, and the rest of the coaching staff has worked to identify players who could possibly contribute to the unit in any number of ways. Bernie Parmalee, Irish special teams coach, and his assistant Brian Polian have worked closely with Weis in developing

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Carl Gioia kicks off against Purdue last season. Coach Charlie Weis has emphasized improving Notre Dame's special teams this spring.

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BASEBALL

Irish fall twice at Rutgers

Winning streak snapped as Big East record falls to 3-3

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

Rain washed out the Notre Dame, Rutgers Big East series for two straight days. It also washed away any momentum the Irish had going into the conference showdown against the Scarlet Knights.

Riding a four-game winning streak as they headed to Piscataway, New Jersey to face archrival Rutgers, the Irish (13-12, 3-3 Big East) seemed poised for a strong showing against Rutgers, but the Scarlet Knights handled the Irish for the first 14 innings of their Monday afternoon make-up doubleheader sweep.

Rutgers won the first game 5-3 in seven innings and pulled off another squeaker in the second 11-10 in 10 innings in another classic series.

Rutgers' Jason Grover hit a grand slam in the fifth off of Notre Dame starter Tom Thornton in the opener. Thornton had retired the first nine batters he faced, but he had to work his way out of a bases loaded jam in the fourth and gave up the decisive four-run smash in the fifth — losing his fourth game of the season.

In the second game, Irish were outplayed up until the eighth inning — with Rutgers racking up 12 hits, nine runs and three dou-

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ND SOFTBALL

Stenglein, Booth pitch shutouts at Villanova

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Senior Staff Writer

Rain this weekend didn't rust the sharpness of the Irish pitchers. Both Steffany Stenglein and Heather Booth threw complete-game shutouts in Notre Dame's sweep of Villanova Monday afternoon in Philadelphia.

"Both our pitchers did a good job of playing their

game," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "Steffany really just dominated their hitters, and Heather did a good job of making them put the ball in play where she wanted. They were both phenomenal today."

Notre Dame (19-8, 2-0) won game one against the Wildcats, 2-0, behind Stenglein's dominating 10-strikeout performance. Booth followed with a gem

of her own in Notre Dame's 4-0 win over Villanova (19-13, 0-2) in game two of the doubleheader.

The Irish were paced offensively by second baseman Katie Laing, who had two doubles in game one and had a key home run in game two, finishing the series 3-for-6 with three runs scored.

"Katie really did a good job for us offensively,"

Gumpf said. "She was really on fire today, and that was good to see."

Notre Dame's offense managed 16 hits off Villanova pitchers, but left too many runners on base, especially in the first game of the series. The Irish left six runners on base with less than two outs in game one, a statistic that concerned Notre

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Sean May leads the Tar Heels to their first national title since 1993.

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