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Students abroad experience pope's funeral

Pilgrims flood Roman streets to pay tribute

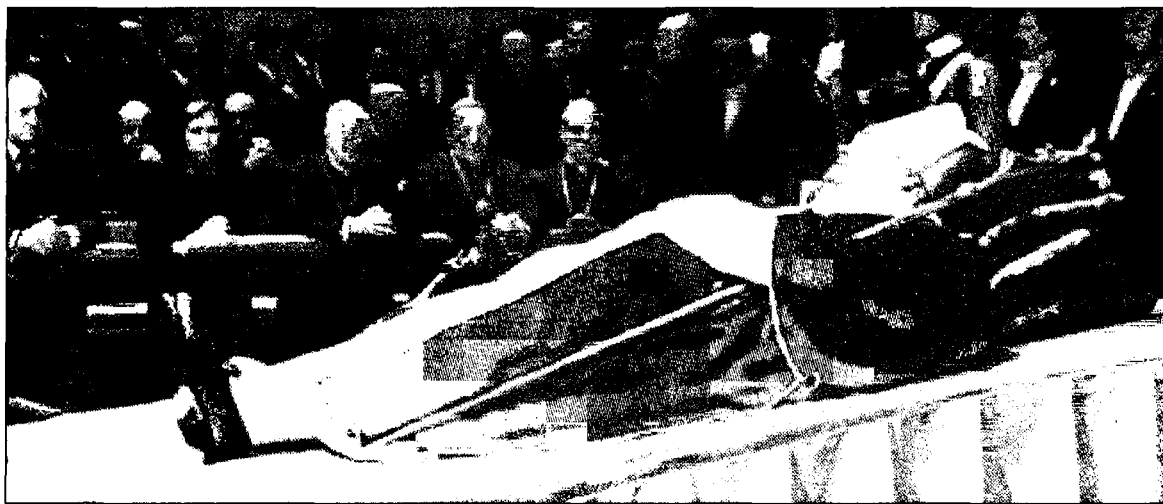
By RICKY McROSKEY
News Writer

ROME — During the past several weeks, Notre Dame students studying in Rome have had the unique opportunity to witness the events surrounding Pope John Paul II's final days, followed by the tremendous outpouring of love and respect when he was laid to rest.

The week's events concluded with the pope's funeral Friday, an event watched around the globe by tens of millions — the largest funeral in history. Presidents, prime ministers and dignitaries flocked in from all over the world to attend.

However, the size of the crowd made it nearly impossible for Notre Dame students to be inside St. Peter's Square for the Mass, and even some Vatican priests weren't able to obtain tickets. Some students stood in

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Above, Pope John Paul II lies in state. At right, mourners gather at the Vatican in Rome for funeral services.

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Pontiff's last days remembered fondly

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

ROME — As the world looked on and mourned the death of Pope John Paul II, many Saint Mary's students were able to experience the events surrounding it firsthand.

Students studying abroad in Rome this semester spent several hours this week waiting in line to view the pope's body, fighting crowds, or even camping out on sidewalks to be a part of the historic event.

Prior to the death of Pope John Paul II, many Saint Mary's students had a chance to take part in papal audiences or blessings.

Sophomore Allison Beyer was one of a few students in attendance at the pope's final papal audience in late January, one of his last public vocal blessings.

"There has been so much to

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SMC announces '72 graduate as commencement speaker

By NICOLE ZOOK
Assistant News Editor

It won't be the first time the women in a Saint Mary's graduating class will hear words of wisdom from a distinguished former Belle at commencement.

Janet Endress Squires, M.D., director of the division of child advocacy for the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh, professor of pediatric medicine at the Pittsburgh School of Medicine

and 1972 graduate, will deliver the 2005 commencement address May 14.

Squires joins a list of notable Saint Mary's women who have returned to their alma mater to give such a speech,

including author and 2003 speaker Adriana Trigiani and last year's speaker, vice presi-



Squires

dent of Xerox Diane Daly McGarry.

Marketing Communications director Nick Farmer said he believes Squires is an excellent choice for graduation speaker and will greatly add to the ceremony.

"Saint Mary's is proud to welcome Dr. Squires back to campus," he said. "She's a prominent physician, an educator and a strong voice for children, and I think she'll offer an inspiring message to the class of 2005."

Squires has been recognized

nationally for her work with abused children and children with HIV after serving as director of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center's pediatric HIV clinic, program for Referral and Evaluation of Abused Children (REACH) and division chief of the University's General Academic Pediatrics. Squires received awards from the Texas Pediatric Society, Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Dallas Business Journal and Children's Miracle Network. She will receive an honorary

degree from Saint Mary's in May.

Also receiving degrees are Sister Marian Teresa Gomes, CSC and Heifer Project International.

Gomes is the former area VII coordinator for the Holy Cross Sisters and the president of Holy Cross College in Dhaka, Bangladesh. Under Gomes' direction, Holy Cross was recognized as the best university in Bangladesh in 2003.

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First campus-wide food drive succeeds

By KATIE WAGNER
News Writer

Notre Dame students implemented the University's first ever campus-wide canned food drive Saturday, donating all goods to the Northern Indiana Food Bank.

More than 100 students collected approximately 4,000 lbs of food during the food drive, which took place between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Saturday.

Saturday's activities concluded with University President Emeritus Father

Theodore Hesburgh blessing the donated food items at the Stepan Center at 4:15 p.m.

Co-coordinators Patrick Corrigan and Matthew Hughes said a "lofty" goal of collecting 10 tons of food was set. But "[the output] was hard to predict for the first year," Corrigan said.

"I wish we would have reached our goal, but I was not disappointed with the efforts," he said. "I was thrilled with the amount of people that came out and the enthusiasm."

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SAGA faces limited backlash

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Saint Mary's Editor

Speculation that the Saint Mary's administration and possibly President Carol Mooney herself would intervene in the March 21 Board of Governance (BOG) approval of the Straight and Gay Alliance (SAGA) has dwindled in the weeks following the vote.

In fact, there has been little of the negative backlash from the College community many student government officers said they feared during debates over the group.



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

Former Saint Mary's student body president Sarah Catherine White tallies votes on the Straight and Gay Alliance (SAGA) on March 21.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Business majors do work

Breaking news for Notre Dame students: Business majors do work. Seriously. Sometimes they even do a lot of work. Maybe even more than you.

We all know that Notre Dame is a campus of stereotypes. I've taken it upon myself to defend the oppressed townies, Zahm guys and SMC chicks, although apparently the Belles still don't like me very much. I really was just making a joke about husband-hunting, although if you're this defensive ... I'm not even going to go there.

But even people who tolerate Zahm, respect those at all-women's MIAA conference schools and look past the zip code of Penn High School graduates can still cling to the belief that a major in business is the same as a major in partying. As someone who has shared living quarters with engineers and pre-meds, I have experienced firsthand the discrimination that comes along with a degree (pending graduation) in business administration.

Some of the most stressed-out people I know are business students. I know marketing majors who get up early every weekend to do work. I know accounting majors who don't go out on Fridays because they have too much to do. I know finance majors who don't do any work at all, ever, unless lying on a couch and watching Family Guy is work. But people like that tend to be exceptions to the rule. Mostly, we business majors are busy with projects, exams, papers and homework — I know for a fact I take more exams and do more projects than my pre-professional roommate.

For the record, I'm not trying to bring down the engineers or the archys or the pre-meds. I'm not trying to discriminate against Arts and Letters kids. Come on, my other major is English — don't act like you're not impressed.

I'm just throwing an idea out there: maybe you need to rethink your views on business majors. Let's face it, the vast majority of engineers, architects and doctors are going to end up working for a business major. It's business majors who can keep a company running properly, despite all your skills in the applied and life sciences. Who runs the hospital? A CEO. That's usually someone with a business degree. And an accountant somewhere down the line will be the one signing your paycheck.

Having fun in college doesn't mean you can't be a serious student. Majoring in business really does teach you immediately applicable life skills. How else would I know how to design a Web page, read the Wall Street Journal's endless pages of stock quotes or make a detailed budget for a project? Without business majors, this school would crumble.

So the next time you're on your way to lab and look down your nose at a business major, think twice. Maybe that kid's all-nighter was spent in the library, not at Heartland. Don't be jealous that you're stuck in lab and he or she could be your boss someday.

Mendoza? Fine by me.

Kate Gales
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CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error, an article in the April 8 issue of The Observer stated workers will begin rebuilding scaffolding around the golden dome May 14. They will resume work May 16. The Observer regrets the error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE CHANGES TO CLASS REGISTRATION THIS YEAR?



Emelina Choi
sophomore Breen-Phillips

"I miss my friend, DART."



Mike Lee
junior Dillon

"Changes? What changes?"



Zhan-Wei Khaw
freshman Keenan

"I don't care 'cause I don't know my DART time."



Kaity McCoy
sophomore Breen-Phillips

"I think it's confusing and there will be a lot of problems."



Clare Halloran
sophomore PE

"I actually think it will be helpful."



Tatiane Hsu
freshman Cavanaugh

"I'm lost, I don't know what's happening."



ERIC SALES/The Observer

Students dance at the Hawaii Club's "A Day in the Sun" luau on Saturday.

IN BRIEF

Welsh Family Hall will host a presentation entitled "Balancing Career and Family" in the Family Room at 7:30 p.m. tonight. Speakers include women's basketball coach Muffet McGraw, dean of the Mendoza College of Business Carolyn Woo and law professor Michelle Shakour. Food will be provided.

Jack Welch, retired chairman of the board and chief executive officer of General Electric Co., will lead a question-and-answer session and sign copies of his new book "Winning" at a presentation Wednesday April 13 at 4:30 p.m. in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business. The event is free and open to the public.

Author and scholar Adela Cortina will speak on the ethics of development and recognize the career achievements of Notre Dame economist Denis Goulet at 5 p.m. Thursday in the Hesburgh Center auditorium. Cortina will put forward a model of development ethics in a talk titled "Development Ethics: A Road to Peace."

The Keough Institute for Irish Studies will host the annual meeting of the American Conference for Irish Studies from Wednesday to Sunday. The five-day meeting, entitled "Ireland Beyond Borders," will include lectures by Seamus Deane, Keough Professor of Irish Studies at Notre Dame, and numerous other Irish writers.

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

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

OFFBEAT

Teacher forces girl to unclog toilet

BONITA SPRINGS, Fla. — After a girl got sick in the bathroom of her kindergarten class, the teacher made her don rubber gloves and manually remove a clog from the toilet, according to a lawsuit filed by the girl's mother.

Lori Januska sued Bonita Springs Charter School this week after she said her 5-year-old daughter, Heather, clogged the toilet Sept. 22 and her teacher made her remove the clog as the entire class watched.

The suit said "a vulnerable 5-year-old was subjected to cruel, unusual and traumatic disciplinary actions which directly

resulted in severe emotional distress, pain and suffering and mental distress." The girl suffers from an incurable gastrointestinal condition.

The suit, which seeks unspecified damages, claims the school staff was negligent in hiring an unqualified teacher.

Woman who bit into finger has lawsuit history

LAS VEGAS — The woman who claims she bit into a human finger while eating chili at a Wendy's restaurant has a history of filing lawsuits — including a claim against another fast-food restaurant.

Anna Ayala, 39, who hired a San Jose, Calif.,

attorney to represent her in the Wendy's case, has been involved in at least half a dozen legal battles in the San Francisco Bay area, according to court records.

She brought a suit against an ex-boss in 1998 for sexual harassment and sued an auto dealership in 2000, alleging the wheel fell off her car. That suit was dismissed after Ayala fired her lawyer, who said she had threatened him.

The case against her former employer was settled in arbitration in June 2002, but it was not known whether she received any money.

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ND alum overcomes blindness, strives for greatness

Graduate says his time at the University prepared him for medical school and future endeavors in the world of science

By STEVE KERINS
News Writer

Tim Cordes graduated from Notre Dame in 1998 at the top of his class, an enormous achievement under any circumstances. For Cordes, however, the accomplishment was even more noteworthy — he is blind.

Now, after earning his M.D. from the University of Wisconsin and graduating in the top sixth of his class, he is working toward his Ph.D. studying how a bacterium that causes pneumonia and other infections regulates its toxins.

"In general, I view my time at Notre Dame as a series of glimpses of how things could or should be," Cordes said. "Possibility seemed to be lurking around every corner."

Cordes said his condition did not limit him during his years at Notre Dame.

"Giant projects could be undertaken and delivered at a moment's notice, guys like me could get dates to SYRs — you name it. This sense of hope and promise has kept me going on those long days since," he said.

Cordes said his Notre Dame experience prepared him for medical school and his future plans.

"More practically, my biochemistry major was a great foundation for both medical school and my graduate work," he added. "The theology and philosophy I received also have helped me deal with the more human issues of medicine and life."

Cordes also considered the sources of inspiration that helped him along the way.

"One of the most inspiring things about my time at Notre Dame was the tremendous people I met," he said. "I was surrounded by generous, talented individuals."

He told the story of a stu-

dent he met during freshman orientation who volunteered to read for him.

"He repeatedly refused to be paid for his work," Cordes said. "One day, he fell asleep on me in mid-sentence. He was pushing himself so hard, but yet, still tried to stop and give of his time for others."

He continued, "Likewise, there were rectors and faculty who really took time to mentor and teach. With people like that around, it was easy to be inspired."

This inspiration carried over to Cordes' medical school experience.

"What inspires me about medical school is that when I'm treating a patient, I'm bringing all I know of the science and all I know as a human being and focusing it in that one instant on helping another," he said.

After completing medical school in December, Cordes joined the ranks of the small but elite group of blind doc-



Tim Cordes studies the nerves and tissues of a human shoulder during anatomy class at the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 1998.

tors in the United States. Once he has finished his Ph.D. in biomolecular chemistry, he plans to pursue a residency in psychiatry or

internal medicine as well as continuing to research.

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Drive

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Other goals were to generate excitement for next year's food drive and to improve Notre Dame's relationship with the South Bend community.

"When you have this kind of thing, you're looking to improve it each time ... and go into it knowing you can improve it each time you do it," co-coordinator Christine McGlinchy said. "I think this is more than anything a trial run."

Co-coordinator John Corker agreed with McGlinchy and said he was not deterred by not reaching the drive's initial goal.

"This year we're going for participation and enthusiasm," Corker said. "We're try-

ing to work out all the kinks in it and get some excitement about this event."

Hughes said he thought the participation of Notre Dame students could greatly influence the actions of those in South Bend.

"This is something we're really going to push hard to continue providing for ND and the South Bend community," Hughes said. "We figure that if we get enough of an ND response, then we're going to get enough of a South Bend response, just because of our presence there."

Five "squads" were responsible for collecting food from a designated South Bend or Mishawaka neighborhood that ranged from 600 to 1,000 houses. Each squad consisted of students from dorms geographically close to each other.

"We're going for participation and enthusiasm."

John Corker
food drive
co-coordinator

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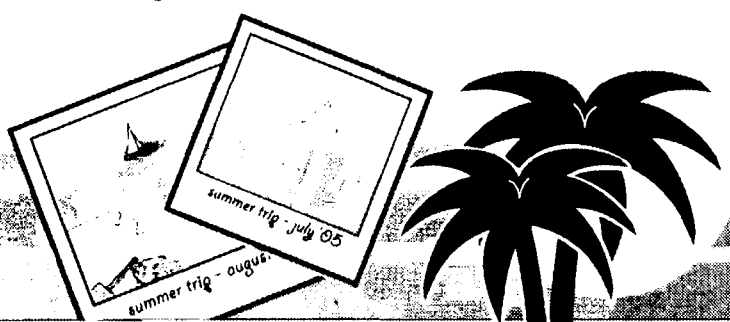
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Social work program hosts forum on families, children

Saint Mary's students organized annual event as part of Human Behavior and Social Environment II class

By KIMBERLY ABEEL
News Writer

The students of Saint Mary's social work program hosted a community forum Friday addressing current issues pertaining to families and children.

The forum, planned primarily by the 20 students of Social Work and Anthropology professor Frances Kominkiewicz's Human Behavior and Social Environment II class, addressed healthcare, education and child protection in the South Bend, Michiana and Indiana communities.

"We hope to give people the power of knowledge of the issues and of how we can come together to resolve the issues. My hope is that this event will serve as a

springboard for future efforts that will eventually bring resolution," Kominkiewicz said. "The forum is a way we can work with the community to solve these issues."

The HBSE II class plans the forum annually, but this year's event is especially unique given its topic. In past years the department has won awards for its extensive efforts in the area of gerontology. This year, however, the students decided to address issues affecting children and families.

A significant amount of work in the course is directed toward organizing this forum.

Students in the class conducted extensive research to select and prepare constructive topics, seeking input from local social service agencies, including South Bend area high schools and the Center for the Homeless.

To choose speakers for the event, students gave presentations and voted on what perspectives they thought would be most beneficial. Speakers for the forum included John Broden,

Indiana state senator; Carolyn Hahn, Executive Director of the South Bend Center for the Advancement and Study of International Education (CASIE); Charles Smith, Director of the

Division of Families and Children of St. Joseph County; Patricia Hancock, a Saint Mary's visiting professor; and Lilia Periquet, former part-time faculty member and field instructor for the Saint Mary's social work program.

Kominkiewicz said students benefited greatly from their work on the forum.

"The students really developed leadership and did an outstanding job in putting this event together," Kominkiewicz said.

Junior Megan Kennedy said she enjoyed organizing the event.

"It went really well and we had an amazing turnout," Kennedy said. "There was a lot of support from both in and outside of the social work program and it was great to form connections so many influential community members outside of the College

as well."

For junior Jessica Jarvis, the most enjoyable part of the class was "the community atmosphere and how everyone took an active role in putting things together."

Jarvis said she hoped the forum would have a positive impact.

"I hope that this helped promote networking between agencies in the community, the College, and residents of the area," Jarvis said.

As for future efforts, the department will continue working in this area and communicate progress made by the forum with the use of an e-mail list and various community update procedures.

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take in during this past week regarding the pope's death," Beyer said. "It is incredible to see the flooding of Rome as people remember and celebrate the life of one man."

Thousands gathered in St. Peter's Square to keep vigil as the pope's health was gradually failing. When it was announced that he had died at 9:37 pm on Saturday evening, the entire crowd fell silent — some even falling to their knees in grief. After the silence, the crowd erupted in applause to celebrate the life of Pope John Paul II.

"When I first walked into St. Peter's Square the day after Pope John Paul II died, I was overwhelmed by the songs and prayers being offered in his memory," sophomore Katie Osmack said.

It was the undying spirit of the pontiff and the longevity of Pope John Paul II's term that drew so

many Catholics from around the world to come to Rome, students said.

"When he died I felt his life should be celebrated," sophomore Laura Cucco said. "This one single man has influenced the world in so many ways. I felt I should pay my respects to such a wonderful man."

This collective desire caused the population of Rome to nearly double during the past week, and as a result, some students waited for hours in line to view the pope's body.

"I stood in line for 12 hours with two of my close friends and thousands of perfect strangers," sophomore Jessica Jordan said. "Although the wait was long and I was exhausted, hungry and dehydrated, I could not help but feel an overwhelming sense of pride in my Catholic faith. There I was, standing amongst people I could not even hold conversations with, yet I knew we were all there to mourn and celebrate the life of an extraordinary man."

Pope John Paul II's funeral,

which was Friday morning, was attended by hundreds of dignitaries including President Bush and First Lady Laura Bush.

Sophomore Megan McCandless stood in St. Peter's Square during the funeral. She walked to Vatican City without the intention of being able to enter the square, but was pleasantly surprised when she found that she was able to do so after standing in a line for just a few minutes.

"It was one of the most amazing experiences of my life," McCandless said. "Despite camping out on the streets for several days, the people in the crowd were very peaceful and considerate."

Thousands of pilgrims flooded the sidewalks with sleeping bags and tents to try to attend the funeral. To accommodate them, the city of Rome distributed blankets, food and water.

However, due to the extensive number of visitors and limited standing room in St. Peter's Square, many students chose to view the funeral on television. Some also opted to watch the

funeral coverage on monitors in Rome's piazzas and churches, but the majority of Saint Mary's students watched live footage of the funeral in the program's classroom building.

In the wake of the pope's death, many students studying abroad in Rome will spend much time reflecting on their feelings

and emotions regarding the event.

"I do not think that I am aware yet of just how much I have been absorbing or how much influence living in Rome during this time has had on me," Beyer said.

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SAGA

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The decision whether or not to grant SAGA official club status was delayed a week on March 14 after former student body president Sarah Catherine White said board members needed time to research the need and role of such a group at Saint Mary's. At two different BOG meetings officers discussed whether a straight-gay alliance fit within the Mission of the College and how alumnae would react to a vote approving the group's application.

Speaking on behalf of vice president of Student Affairs Linda Timm, director of Marketing Communications Nick Farmer praised BOG for its "excellent work processing information" and said its decision was "appropriate."

"SAGA's recognition as a student organization in no way infers approval of homosexual behavior or any lifestyle that is contrary to Church teaching on human sexuality," Farmer said.

Farmer said the goals of SAGA are "important" and that the dignity of each individual must be recognized and respected, no matter his or her

sexuality. According to Farmer, SAGA could provide students the opportunity to find the support they need through discussion and sharing.

"It is important to note that there is a difference between support for each individual regardless of her sexual orientation and advocacy of a lifestyle that involves sex outside the bonds of consecrated marriage," Farmer said.

SAGA will be subject to the same rules as all other clubs on campus, Farmer said. That includes upholding the Mission of Saint Mary's and filing the proper paperwork with Student Activities annually.

Farmer said the College received one phone call from a parent of a current student expressing concern about BOG's decision. The parent was directed to a 1997 document published by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, "Always Our Children," which clarifies how Catholics must behave toward homosexuals.

Reaction among the student body has been equally subdued. There have been no protests or rallies against the approval of SAGA and it has generated little conversation.

"It doesn't really bother me," freshman Emily Herman said.

"I am really indifferent about it."

Herman said it was an impossible situation since BOG could not please all students no matter which way it ruled.

Senior Jillian Rolewicz said she supported BOG's approval of SAGA.

"I don't see why [SAGA] shouldn't be [approved]," Rolewicz said. "I think it is a great idea for those who want to be involved."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Earthquake hits near Sumatra

JAKARTA, Indonesia — An undersea earthquake that hit Sunday near the Indonesian island of Sumatra sent people fleeing from their homes in panic, but the temblor was not strong enough to generate a tsunami, seismologists and meteorologists said.

The 6.8-magnitude tremor's epicenter was centered about 70 miles southwest of Padang, a city in western Sumatra, at a depth of nearly 19 miles, the U.S. Geological Survey said.

"Many people in Padang are panicking," said Yusuf, an official from Indonesia's Geophysics and Meteorology Agency who uses only one name. "People have left their houses, especially those living on the coast."

Tremors from the earthquake were felt in several areas surrounding the Malaysian city of Kuala Lumpur, national meteorological chief Chow Kok Kee told TV 3 news.

Cardinals stick to silence vow

VATICAN CITY — Pilgrims gazed forlornly at the third-floor window where Pope John Paul II traditionally appeared on Sundays and cardinals held to their vow of public silence ahead of next week's secret vote on a successor.

The cardinals who celebrated Masses around Rome confined their remarks to tightly scripted homilies after pledging Saturday to make no more public statements betraying their thinking before selecting a new leader for the world's 1.1 billion Roman Catholics.

Mourning pilgrims and curious tourists lined up in a pelting rain to visit St. Peter's Basilica, where John Paul was laid to rest.

NATIONAL NEWS

DeLay advised to answer questions

WASHINGTON — The No. 3 Republican in the Senate said Sunday that embattled House Majority Leader Tom DeLay needs to answer questions about his ethics and "let the people then judge for themselves."

Sen. Rick Santorum's comments seem to reflect the nervousness among congressional Republicans about the fallout from the increased scrutiny into DeLay's way of doing business. One of DeLay's GOP colleagues in the House called him an "absolute embarrassment" and doubled DeLay would last as majority leader.

DeLay, R-Texas, has been dogged in recent months by reports of possible ethics violations. There have been questions about his overseas travel, campaign payments to family members and his connections to lobbyists who are under investigation.

Rudolph plea may reveal assistants

MURPHY, N.C. — Kenny Jane Wade understands the anti-government sentiment that may have led some people here to help feed and shelter serial bomber Eric Rudolph during his years on the lam.

Wade, who owns a cabin near where some of Rudolph's stash of explosives was found this week, said the mistrust has been part of mountain culture since the days of the so-called revenueurs — federal agents who arrested people for making moonshine during Prohibition.

LOCAL NEWS

Council to decide on layoffs

ANDERSON — The Madison County Council will meet Tuesday to decide whether to lay off some county employees to close a \$1.3 million budget shortfall.

Tax collections in 2004 fell short by \$9.5 million, or approximately one third of the county's \$28 million budget.

Employee salaries account for \$22.3 million of the annual budget.

Austerity moves such as cutting department budgets by 5 percent and leaving unfilled jobs vacant has eliminated much of the shortfall, but a \$1.3 million deficit remains.

ISRAEL

Israelis keep protesters out of holy site

31 Jewish extremists arrested for planned march into the al-Aqsa compound

Associated Press

JERUSALEM

Thousands of Israeli police mobilized at Jerusalem's most sensitive holy site Sunday but confronted only a handful of Jewish extremists intent on scuttling a Gaza pullout by tying up security forces. In Gaza, militants fired dozens of mortar shells after Israeli forces killed three teenagers.

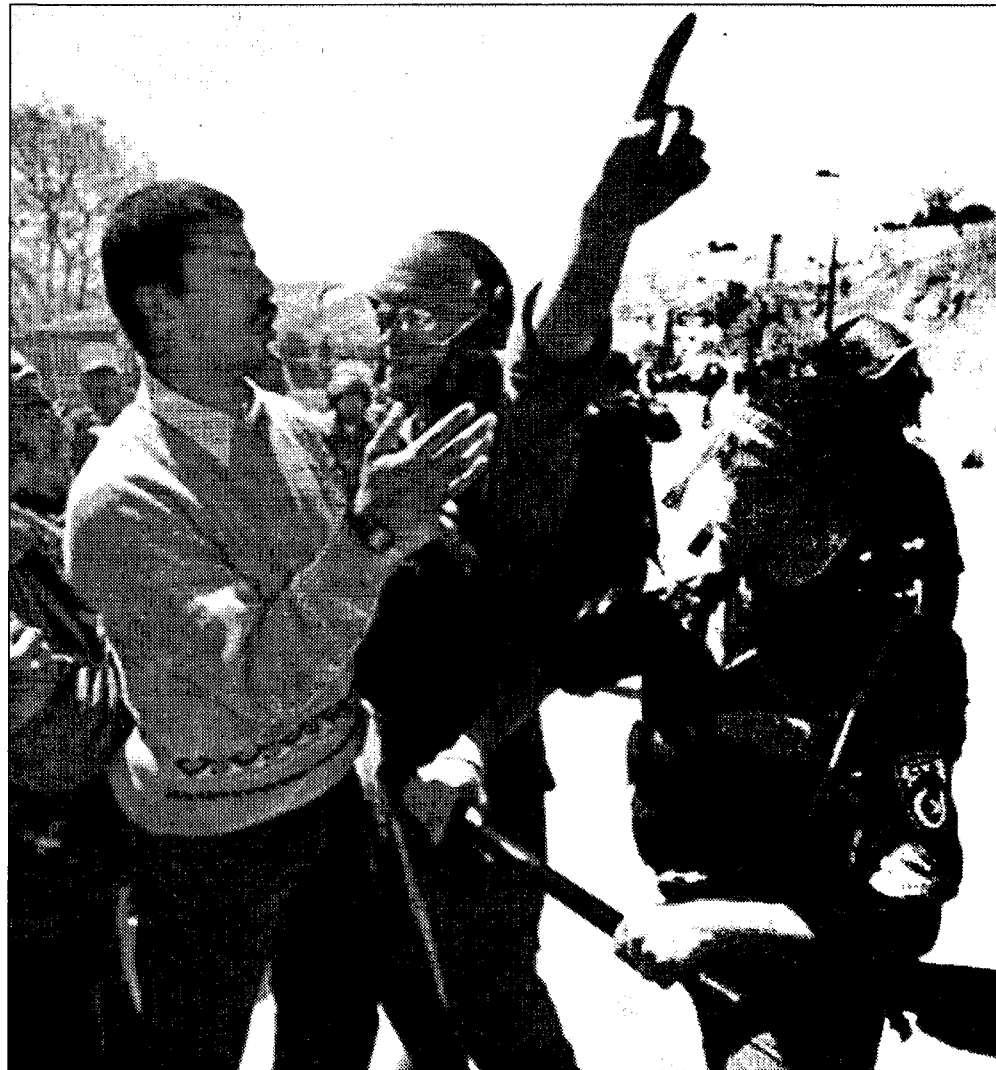
Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, speaking on a plane taking him to Monday's meeting with President Bush, said the mortar fire "is a flagrant violation of the understandings" reached at the February truce summit with Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas.

"And this will be a central issue to be raised in my talks with President Bush," Sharon said.

Police arrested 31 extremist Jews who planned to demonstrate Sunday in the Old City of Jerusalem, along with a West Bank Hamas leader who spoke at the holy site. But the 10,000 demonstrators pledged by organizers never materialized. Only a few dozen showed up.

Despite the low turnout, Israeli officials acknowledged the protesters appeared to have accomplished their goal of showing how easy it will be to divert large numbers of troops from their main mission this summer — the planned Gaza pullout.

At the center of the drama is the most sensitive and hotly disputed holy site in the Holy Land — a hilltop known as the Temple Mount to Jews and Noble Sanctuary to Muslims. It is where the Al Aqsa Mosque compound, including the shrine marking the spot where Muslims believe Mohammed ascended to heaven, is built over the ruins of the biblical Jewish Temples.



Israeli riot police scuffle with Palestinian demonstrators near Lions Gate in Jerusalem's Old City. Thousands of Israeli police mobilized in anticipation of the demonstration.

Clashes at the site could ignite violence across the region, explaining the presence of 3,000 riot-ready Israeli police around the walled Old City, preparing to confront a handful of demonstrators.

Extremist Jews who make up a new group called "Revava," a biblical word that means 10,000, stated openly that their goal is to storm the sensitive site in July, when thousands of Israeli police and soldiers are in Gaza to evacuate 9,000 settlers — forcing Israel's leaders to pull the forces from Gaza, send them to Jerusalem and, in that way, stop the pullout.

The Sunday protest, they said, was just a test.

In anticipation of the protest, hundreds of Palestinians spent the night in the mosque compound, ready to confront Jewish demonstrators.

Hassan Yousef, a senior West Bank leader of the violent Islamic group Hamas, entered the mosque compound despite tough police restrictions, including a ban on male worshippers younger than 40 and those from the West Bank.

"Al Aqsa is in danger," Yousef said. "The attempts to desecrate Al Aqsa have not ended."

Yousef was detained on his way back to the West Bank, police said. He was released recently from an Israeli prison after a two-year term and has been a relatively moderate voice in the Islamic group since then.

Outside the Old City walls, hundreds of young Palestinians scuffled with baton-wielding police, who kept them away from the shrine. Two Palestinians were hurt, with one suffering a head injury after being hit by a club. Eventually, the Palestinians knelt in orderly lines on the road ringing to Old City to perform Muslim prayers.

Blizzard disrupts travel in Colorado

Associated Press

DENVER — Hundreds of travelers were stranded at the Denver airport and along highways Sunday as a blizzard blew across eastern Colorado with wet, heavy snow.

Seven to 10 inches of snow was forecast in Denver and up to 30 inches was possible in the foothills west of Denver, Colorado Springs and Boulder, the National Weather Service said.

"I can see just across the street and that's it," Heather Vansickler said at the Country Store in Palm Lake, 45 miles south of Denver.

Fat, moisture-laden snowflakes were blown sideways by wind gusting

to 30 mph. Xcel Energy reported that 10,000 customers were without power in the heavily populated Front Range region.

All airlines canceled departing flights from Denver International Airport during the morning, airport spokeswoman Laura Jackson said. United Airlines, the biggest carrier at the airport, canceled all of its flights for the whole day, she said.

Planes on the ground were icing up faster than they could be cleaned, said Joe Hodas of Frontier Airlines, which had planes landing but not taking off.

Hundreds of people were stranded at the airport, many stretching out on couches and the floor, using coats for

pillows, or waiting in slow-moving lines at fast-food restaurants in the terminal.

"I need a drink and the lines are an hour-long to get one," passenger Brandi Hoenig said.

She and her husband, Jim, were on their way home to Cocoa, Fla., after a honeymoon ski trip, but their flight was canceled and all nearby hotels were filled. "We can't get a flight until Tuesday afternoon," Jim Hoenig said.

Alister Cleland and his family were stuck at the airport on their way home to Durham, England, after a week at the Beaver Creek ski resort. "We liked the snow there, but there's too much here," he said.

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the surrounding plazas while others simply huddled around televisions to see the Mass. For all of them, the meaning of the funeral was significant.

"For me, it was moving just witnessing the sheer amount of people who came," junior Caitlin Dahl said. "It really attests to the influence the pope had on the entire world."

For the duration of the two-and-a-half-hour Mass, thousands mourned the death of the pope but also celebrated his life as one that brought great joy and inspiration to the hearts of his followers. Leaders from different faiths came to pay their respects and in doing so testified to how Pope John Paul II's charity and humility transcended differences in faith and religion.

"Seeing cultures from everywhere be there for the funeral made it a world event," junior Anna Scott said. "It was especially moving seeing the Eastern Churches' involvement in the funeral."

Towards the end of Mass, the crowd in St. Peter's Square erupted with a chant to honor the late pope.

"Hearing the crowd continually say 'Santo, santo' [saint, saint] was very powerful," junior Brittany Cross said. "You could feel the love and respect all these people had for one man."

For most of the students in Rome, the news of the 84-year old pontiff's death came at the end of their spring break on a Saturday when many were traveling throughout Europe.

"It was very difficult watching all the people mourning in St. Peter's Square on TV when we were away," junior Claire Chiappetta said. "I really wanted to be there and could not wait to get back."

The following day most returned to Rome and went immediately to St. Peter's Square to pay their respects to the pope. In the Square, people of different nationalities prayed, sang, or lit candles to commemorate the life of Pope John Paul II. Scattered around the piazza were notes written in different languages with different inscriptions: "I love you, papa." "We miss you." "Thank you, Holy Father."

In the next few days, those living in Rome witnessed an unprecedented influx of pilgrims to Rome as an estimated four million people — Rome's population is three million — arrived to say one last goodbye to the Church's first Polish pope. Lines to see Pope John Paul II's body stretched for miles, and Notre Dame students waited anywhere from three to 14 hours to get an opportunity to see the body.

The 45-minute walk to school for Domers became an hour and a half due to the influx of people. News cameras were ubiquitous, with international journalists eager to capture the mood and sentiments of students. Several Notre Dame students were interviewed on stations for local, national and international news, and served to provide the rest of the world a glimpse into the

remarkable, and somewhat chaotic, atmosphere in Rome.

Junior Justin Kohley experienced firsthand what it was like to be among the million pilgrims when he spent the night before the funeral outside, sleeping in one of many squares that held foreign pilgrims without a place to stay.

"It was amazing seeing the number of people outside, the pilgrims, who were willing to sleep without a roof over their heads just to get the opportunity to be here," he said. "It was incredible being a part of the whole event."

And though Pope John Paul II's funeral represented the culmination of his life and received an unprecedented degree of global

attention, several key moments toward the end of his papacy also touched those in Rome.

Many Notre Dame students, not only from Rome but also from Toledo, Spain; London, England; and Dublin, Ireland were present for Easter Mass in St. Peter's Square, the first Mass in the pope's pontificate he was too sick to preside over.

Many of the students waited for more than three hours — much of it through rain — to secure a seat in St. Peter's Square before the 10 a.m. Mass began. Students stood in the middle of the 100,000-person crowd at St. Peter's, where people from diverse countries and cultures stood together to celebrate Easter Sunday.

"It was very meaningful seeing how people from all over Europe

and the world came together," junior Rebecca Wellman said. "We could really experience the 'Catholic' aspect of Easter."

Perhaps the most memorable moment of the Mass came when the pope made an unexpected appearance from his bedroom window to bless the faithful. The crowd grew silent as the pontiff struggled to produce words, shaking as he whispered a blessing over the people. Seeing the pope's unrelenting courage and dedication to his flock inspired many in the crowd.

"Being able to see someone like that, who suffers with dignity and feels such unselfish responsibility to the Church, was really incredible," junior Matt Stefanski said. "I felt privileged to be there."

Before Easter, the Stations of the Cross took place on Good Friday at the Roman Colosseum. During the service, thousands of pilgrims prayed with the ailing Pontiff, who was not at the Colosseum, but in his private chapel, too weak to attend the service in person. The crowds could see Pope John Paul II, visibly shaking, via video monitors placed around the Colosseum, but could not see his face. Instead, the cameras showed the back of the pope as he prayed in front of an image of the crucifix. This solemn moment resonated with Notre Dame students.

"Being able to be there and feel the atmosphere with so many people gathered around the Colosseum was incredible," junior Danny Martucci said. "It was an amazing experience that I will never forget."

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"It was incredible being a part of the whole event."

Justin Kohley
junior

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As an organization, the Heifer Project is an unusual choice for award recipient. The humanitarian non-profit agency began in Elkhart in 1944 and has since benefited poor families in 115 countries by giving them livestock, food and agricultural training. Many Saint Mary's students and faculty have been involved with the program.

Executive Assistant to the President Susan Dampeer called the Project "an extraordinary charity" and said while the College has never awarded an honorary degree to an organization before, Heifer Project International is certainly worthy of the honor.

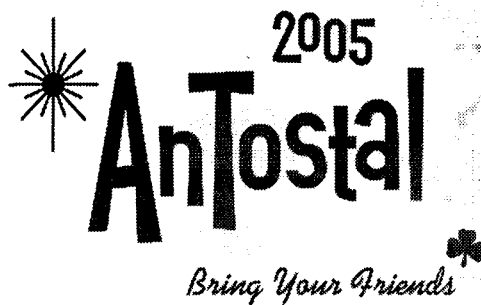
"Saint Mary's has a huge commitment to service, and I think that the fact that our students recommended [Heifer Project International] really shows how much we value service," she said.

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NYSE	7,181.50	-46.88
S&P 500	1,181.20	-9.94
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	11,796.83	-77.92
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IN BRIEF

GM pulls ads from L.A. Times

LOS ANGELES — General Motors Corp. says it will stop advertising in the Los Angeles Times, at least temporarily, because of dealer concerns over "factual errors and misrepresentations" in the newspaper's articles and editorials.

The newspaper, which is owned by Tribune Co., will review coverage that prompted the complaints from the world's largest automaker, said Times spokesman David Garcia.

GM spokesman Brian Akre would not identify which stories or editorials the company objected to, but said it had been a series of reports over the past several months. "We made our objections known to the Times and we prefer to keep those private," he said Friday by telephone from Detroit.

He said the decision was made this week because of "strongly voiced objections from our dealers in Southern California regarding factual errors and misrepresentations in the Times editorial coverage."

"We recognize and support the news media's freedom to report and editorialize as they see fit," Akre said. "Likewise, GM and its retailers are free to spend our advertising dollars where we see fit."

The ban covers corporate advertising, not individual dealer ads in the classified section, he said.

Uphill battle in store for dissidents

NEW YORK — The eight former executives and shareholders of Morgan Stanley seeking the ouster of Chief Executive Phil Purcell collectively own 11 million shares of the investment firm.

But that's just 1.1 percent of the total shares outstanding — and doesn't begin to give them control of Morgan Stanley.

Former Morgan Stanley president and would-be CEO Robert Scott was on the road this past week, courting investor support for the so-called Group of Eight's campaign to oust Purcell on grounds the company has fallen behind other Wall Street firms in performance, profits and share price. A series of personnel changes over the week, seen by dissidents as a reward for Purcell loyalists, led the group to go public and take their case to shareholders.

ENGLAND

MG Rover on brink of collapse

Car manufacturer files for bankruptcy as a result of mounting financial problems

Associated Press

LONDON — MG Rover Group, the last major British-owned car manufacturer, succumbed to its mounting debts Friday and filed for a form of bankruptcy protection after a deal with a Chinese automaker fell through and a government loan was not granted. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP was appointed administrator of MG Rover after the Shanghai Automotive Industrial Co., concerned about the extent of the financial problems it had recently discovered at the British company, pulled out of emergency talks in China about its planned takeover.

However, Prime Minister Tony Blair — wary of the political pitfalls of the collapse of Rover just four weeks ahead of a general election — said he and Treasury chief Gordon Brown talked with their Chinese counterparts Friday and believe a deal could still be arranged with SAIC.

"It is possible that there may be the opportunity to do something with the Chinese company, although not the original prospect," Blair said after talks with PWC and union officials at Rover's Longbridge plant in central England. "We will do everything we can to keep car production and as many jobs as possible at Longbridge."

Returning to London on Friday after the SAIC talks in Shanghai, Rover Chairman John Towers, said: "This has been a setback. ... But we've got other options. ... I'm not giving up."

Rover was pushed to the brink Thursday as news of SAIC's cold feet was leaked, and the company shut down production at its Longbridge factory after spooked suppliers stopped providing parts.

About 6,000 workers at Rover's factory in central



After speaking with Chinese counterparts, Prime Minister Tony Blair believes a deal with SAIC could still be arranged.

England will now have a tense wait over the weekend while PWC examines Rovers' books, including reports of a 400 million pound (\$750 million) "black hole" in the pension plan, to discover whether the iconic company can be salvaged or whether it will be broken up and sold off to repay creditors.

The government has been heavily involved in the proposed takeover, attending emergency talks between SAIC and Rover officials and the Chinese government — which needs to approve any deal — that fell apart in Shanghai on Thursday.

Blair also talked by tele-

phone with Chinese Prime Minister Wen Jiabao on Wednesday night and government officials had offered Rover a 100 million pound (\$188 million) bridge loan to keep the company solvent to assist the deal. However, the government said that loan was always dependent on the deal going ahead.

"Once there was no prospect of a deal there was of course no possibility of a bridging loan," Trade and Industry Secretary Patricia Hewitt said.

SAIC said it had put significant time, effort and resources into discussing the partnership, but consid-

ered it "imprudent to enter into a transaction in which the insolvency risks of its joint venture partner could have transferred significant financial liabilities on to the proposed U.K. joint venture."

"In spite of the possibility of the British government making available short-term bridging finances, SAIC's fundamental concerns relating to the ongoing financial state of MG Rover were not resolved," SAIC said.

PWC joint administrator Ian Powell said the accounting firm would look at ways to continue operations.

Buffett found only to be a witness

Associated Press

ALBANY, N.Y. — Billionaire investor Warren Buffett is merely a witness who could "shed light" on transactions involving the former chief executive of insurer American International Group Inc., which is now at the center of federal and state probes, New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer said Sunday.

Buffett, who heads Berkshire Hathaway, will meet Monday in New York with regulators as part of an investigation by Spitzer and the Securities and Exchange Commission into allegations of accounting impro-

prieties at AIG involving a unit of Buffett's company.

The company's former CEO, Maurice "Hank" Greenberg, was forced out in mid-March as those allegations mounted. Greenberg is scheduled to speak with regulators on Tuesday.

"We believe (Buffett) can shed light on a series of transactions that ... Hank Greenberg participated in," Spitzer said in an interview with ABC's "This Week" television program.

Spitzer stressed that Buffett was "not a subject or a target of our investigation," but said, "There are

some ambiguities that will be hopefully addressed (Monday) in our discussion with Mr. Buffett."

"He is a witness in our view, and the focus of this investigation is AIG and the much broader reach of the offshore entities that AIG has created that we believe were, in many respects, fraudulent," Spitzer said.

Buffett was subpoenaed in January and has said he would cooperate.

The New York Times reported Friday that documents from a 2000 reinsurance transaction at the center of the probes had been doctored several months after the deal was struck.

Dems criticize Bush's U.N. ambassador nod

Senators refuse to support John Bolton

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Ahead of a contentious confirmation hearing, Democrats on Sunday sharpened their criticism of President Bush's nominee to be U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, saying John Bolton has a poor record as a policy-maker and little regard for the world body.



Bolton

But the chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., said Bolton was the president's "instrument of reform" for the United Nations and his bluntness should not disqualify him from serving.

Lugar said he would vote to confirm Bolton, but committee

Democrats who appeared on the Sunday talk shows said they expected to go against the president.

The committee, with a 10-8 Republican majority, planned a Monday morning hearing on Bolton, who has served in the past three Republican administrations and has been one of the strongest conservative voices on foreign affairs.

Senate Democrats have circulated a portion of a two-year-old Senate Intelligence Committee report questioning whether Bolton pressured a State Department intelligence analyst who tried to tone down language in a 2002 speech on Cuba.

In that speech, Bolton said Cuba was trying to develop biological weapons and was transferring its technical expertise to countries hostile to the United States. At the time, some officials said the information should not have been publicly disclosed. Cuba has denied the weapons allegation.

Bolton, the undersecretary of state for arms control and international security, has

stirred controversy because of his gruffness, occasional outbursts, opposition to a number of treaties and outspoken criticism of the United Nations.

"I appreciate that many people have views about John Bolton's personality, his bluntness, the way that he handles himself," Lugar told CNN's "Late Edition."

"These are not, in my judgment, disqualifiers for a presidential nominee who is going to the U.N. to create reform," Lugar said.

But Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del., told CNN he would not vote to confirm Bolton. He said at a time when the president is relying more on U.N. cooperation with U.S. efforts in the Sudan and the Middle East, "I think it's a bad idea to have a man there who doesn't have much regard for the U.N."

When Senate Democratic leader Harry Reid of Nevada was asked if he would consider joining a filibuster on the president's nominee, he told CBS's "Face the Nation" he didn't know.

"He doesn't appear to be the

best guy for the job, but let the committee work on this," Reid said.

Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., had words of praise for Bolton, saying he had an "exemplary record."

"I think he's the right man for the U.N. because he brings the kind of candor that you need to an organization that's got a lot of trouble, does not have a lot of support here in the United States, does not have a lot of support in the Congress, particularly the Republican side," Santorum told ABC's "This Week."

"And I think having a man of that kind of strength is going to be an important thing for the U.N. to regain its credibility in the Congress."

Sen. Christopher Dodd, D-Conn., said he thought there was very credible information that Bolton tried at least twice to have intelligence analysts removed from their jobs because he was going to state a position which contradicted the information that the intelligence community believed was correct.

Jackson witnesses surprise

Associated Press

SANTA MARIA, Calif. — They may not be as unpredictable as Michael Jackson, but witnesses in the singer's child molestation case have surprised lawyers on both sides with unexpected testimony.

Flight attendant Cynthia Bell had been expected to testify this past week that Jackson shared wine with his young accuser on an airplane trip — but she said no such thing.

Bell testified she served Jackson wine in a Diet Coke can but did not see the boy drink from it.

Prosecutors also thought Jesus Salas, the pop star's former house manager, would say he served wine to Jackson and several boys. But on the witness stand, Salas suddenly remembered he had also brought soda for the boys.

Jackson, 46, is on trial on charges of molesting a 13-year-old boy at his Neverland ranch in 2003, and one of his counts alleges he plied his accuser with alcohol, but the testimony left prosecutors with no direct evidence to prove that allegation.

"The DA's come up empty-handed," said Jim Hammer, an analyst at Fox News and a former San Francisco prosecutor. "You shouldn't be surprised by your own witnesses."

The Jackson case has seen an unusual number of people change key aspects of their testimony or say something unexpected, said Loyola Law School professor Laurie Levenson. It could be a sign that prosecutors are overwhelmed by the number of witnesses or by how quickly the case went to trial, she said.

"When you do last-minute preparation, you're more likely to have surprises," Levenson said.

Women describe sexual harassment, lax safety

National Institute of Health members recount instances of intimidation and disregard for welfare

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Women at the National Institutes of Health faced sexual intimidation and repeated disregard of their concerns for the welfare of patients in AIDS experiments, according to testimony by two senior female officers and documents gathered by investigators.

One longtime medical officer at the government's premier medical research agency alleges that the harassment and disregard for federal safety regulations are so widespread that employees are now afraid to hold up experiments even if they see a safety problem.

Her sworn testimony and other documents were obtained by The Associated Press from a variety of sources inside and outside NIH.

"It can be fairly uncomfortable," NIH medical officer Betsy Smith testified in a recent civil case deposition that has been turned over to federal and Senate investigators. "There are a number of things that you really don't talk about."

In such a work environment, "You don't hold up any projects even if you feel there are safety issues for certain projects," she said.

Testimony by Smith and the chief compliance officer for AIDS research, as well as e-mails involving more staffers and several bosses, paint a picture of a sometimes raunchy, profane-language atmosphere inside an agency regarded for its pristine science.

Documents tell of a supervisor sending a red bra to a former female subordinate and of women being hugged or kissed by bosses. In one instance, a supervisor invited a colleague to a West Coast rock concert and suggested they also visit an AIDS clinic there so the trip could be charged to taxpayers.

Smith and the top regulatory compliance officer in the NIH's AIDS division, Mary Anne

Luzar, stepped forward in interviews with investigators and in sworn depositions in recent weeks and expanded upon allegations made last year by an agency whistleblower, Dr. Jonathan Fishbein. Their videotaped testimony was given in Fishbein's lawsuit against the agency.

Fishbein alleges he is in the process of being fired as the AIDS division's chief of human research protection because he raised concerns about patient safety and shoddy science. The NIH says the reason he was fired was poor performance.

The Senate and the inspector general at the Health and Human Services Department are investigating the allegations. In addition, officials told The Associated Press, the NIH is conducting an internal investigation on sexual harassment.

NIH managers acknowledged in interviews that there are problems in their AIDS research program, which pays hundreds of millions of dollars for experiments across the globe. They said they could not address specific allegations because of the investigations, but were taking steps to end any sexual harassment and improve communication among employees when safety issues arise.

"We must be sure our staff works productively and in a timely fashion with our investigators to resolve any issues related to the conduct of our studies, with the highest priority paid to patient safety," said Dr. H. Clifford Lane. He is deputy director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, which oversees the AIDS research division.

Lane said "sexual harassment is not tolerated at NIH and we are committed to insuring that all employees are treated with dignity and respect."

The two new witnesses testi-

fied in recent weeks to actions they alleged made the workplace intimidating. Examples included: female workers receiving unwanted hugs, kisses or catcalls in the hallways; a safety order on a major experiment delayed for nearly two years; and safety conclusions changed or disregarded by supervisors.

Luzar, the AIDS division's compliance officer, alleged that her bosses frequently sided with the front-line researchers they are financing, rather than with the agency's safety and regulatory experts.

"I think we (safety officials) got in the way, and that we were an impediment to the science," Luzar testified. She described the division managers as "totally unsupportive" of safety concerns and bending to "tremendous pressure" from drug companies and researchers in the name of trying to cure AIDS.

"I think the culture was certainly strong for a period of time that the ends could justify the means," she testified.

Smith said Fishbein was a strong advocate for improving safety for research participants and the effort to fire him is "a warning to other individuals."

She said after Fishbein was forced out, NIH held a meeting at which Fishbein and his allegations were attacked and a picture of one of Fishbein's relatives was shown on a screen. Smith said the event was so intimidating that fellow safety and medical officers "called it scientific terrorism."

Documents obtained by the Associated Press show that nearly a year ago, NIH managers were warned by the agency's civil rights protection office in a letter that the deputy director of the AIDS division, Dr. Jonathan Kagan, had sent numerous e-mails containing "profanity and sexual innuendo" and "unprofessional and inappropriate statements."

The letter included e-mails showing Kagan sent to a male

worker a picture of a bare-breasted woman with the caption "priceless" and sent a note jokingly instructing an employee to leave his pager behind and bring "bongs," or drug paraphernalia, to an event. Kagan also used profane language in a variety of communications, the e-mails show.

NIH officials acknowledged they took no action after getting the letter last May. The investigation remains open, they said.

Luzar, who had disagreements with Kagan over her performance, testified that Kagan once hugged her inappropriately upon hearing her father had died, and routinely kept a mug on his desk with a phrase that included a four-letter expletive.

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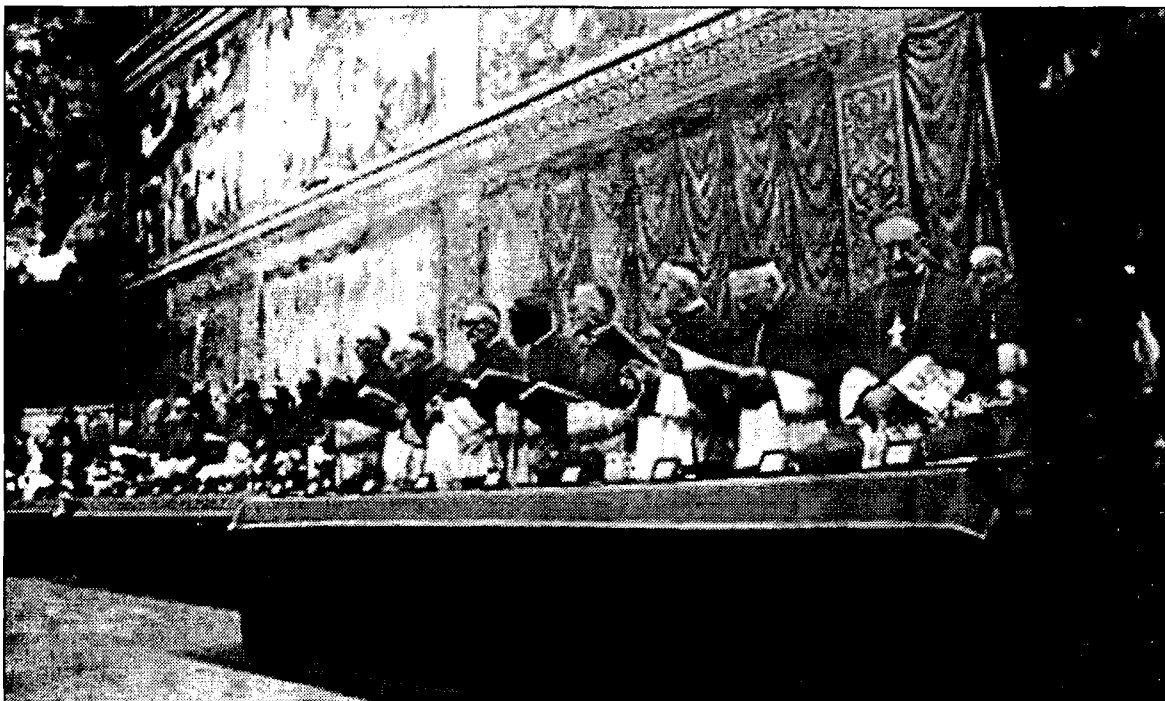
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American Catholics seek reform

Followers are after changes in celibacy rules, women in the priesthood



Cardinals participate in a ceremony at the Vatican. It is not clear whether the new pontiff will be progressive or conservative, however American Catholics have voiced desires for change.

Associated Press

The majority of America's Roman Catholics tell pollsters they want a greater voice for the laity in the church, that priests should be allowed to marry and that there should even be women in the clergy.

As the world's focus turns to the secretive election of the pope April 18, those U.S. Catholics might want to prepare themselves for some disappointment.

The winner seems certain to continue John Paul II's progressive policies on social issues such as war and peace, human rights and concern for the poor. But on hot-button concerns that so captivate U.S. Catholics, and often the media, expect no changes. That includes the late pope's firm policies against women priests, divorce and remarriage, birth control, gay sex, same-sex marriage, abortion, mercy-killing and stem cell research using human embryos.

Stands like that are "too close to the heart of the tradition for the next pope, or any pope, to change," says Russell Shaw, former spokesman for the U.S. bishops' conference.

Prominent American Catholics both from the left and right agree with Shaw, though they do see possibilities for flexibility at the margins.

A moderate pope might speak less about birth control than John Paul did, for instance, or tolerate theologians' discussion about topics like women priests. A pope might stop using such issues as litmus tests in picking bishops. Or he could subtly allow local dioceses to decide whether to allow Communion for some remarried Catholics, even if they lack annulments.

However, it's also conceivable the next pope will be more conservative than John Paul — which in some ways would please Catholics in developing countries, where the faith is growing.

The Rev. Joseph Fessio, provost of Florida's Ave Maria University, says John Paul brilliantly proclaimed Catholic tradition but "he really hasn't, in a lot of cases, backed up that teaching with disciplinary action or enforcement." That's something Fessio would like to

see more of.

Paul Baumann, editor of the liberal lay magazine *Commonweal*, acknowledges an ultraconservative is a definite possibility — one he sees as unattractive.

"The likelihood of there being a progressive pope is slight to nil," Baumann said. "I think it's much more likely that we'd get a very conservative pope, but one without the charisma or public presence of John Paul."

He hopes for a moderate conservative who'll emphasize church unity.

And as far as women priests go there's not a chance, said Kathleen Cummings, who teaches women's history at the University of Notre Dame.

"The Catholic Church is a patriarchal institution," she said. "It's a structure run by males" that "views women primarily if not exclusively as wives and mothers."

The Rev. James Martin of *America* magazine says four Vatican sources told him that, under John Paul, the Vatican was about to issue a decree clamping severe restrictions or an outright ban on seminarians who acknowledge they're gay — even if they are celibate.

Martin thinks that would "be ruinous for the church," but notes that, with the pope's death, the heads of all Vatican agencies step down. However, lower-ranking staffers who prepared that policy remain in place. The next pope would decide whether to shelve or affirm the policy.

Is there anything left for the majority of Catholics surveyed in an Associated Press-Ipsos poll released last week, who said they wanted reform in the makeup of the priesthood and church governance?

Their one hope may lie in celibacy rules for priests, Catholics across the spectrum say, though quick or sweeping change is unlikely.

Baumann believes the celibacy rule could be toppled in five or 10 years. Even a conservative like Shaw says it's more important to have enough priests to provide sacraments than to maintain the old rule, and he expects some cardinals and bishops to press the next pope for reconsideration.

The church already ordains married Protestant clergy who

convert, and Eastern Rite priests — who share liturgies and other traditions with Eastern Orthodoxy but are loyal to the pope — can marry.

Shaw, however, doesn't see any pope allowing marriage for men who are already ordained, or readmitting priests who quit to marry.

Whatever type of leader the cardinals choose, it won't just be important for American Catholics or even Catholics around the globe, says papal biographer George Weigel: "In an important sense, they will be electing a pope for the world as well as for the church. The papacy now matters to virtually everyone."

Alleged shooter says son was mistreated

Associated Press

CANTON — A man charged with shooting and critically wounding his son's high school football coach had gotten into altercations with students and coaches before and may have believed his son was being treated unfairly, witnesses said.

Assistant football coach Howard Bell said Friday that football coaches at Canton High School became wary of Jeffrey Doyle Robertson after he threatened students he believed were picking on his son and pushed an assistant coach at a picnic when the coach tried to intervene.

"We already had said we were afraid of the guy. We saw how he had acted around the kids," Bell said.

Once, during a game last season, Bell said Robertson stormed onto the field and confronted a coach, demanding to know why his son hadn't played in the first half. Bell said Robertson then took his son out of the game.

Robertson, who had been barred from the school for his earlier clashes with coaches, allegedly charged into the high school field house just after classes started Thursday and shot head coach Gary Joe Kinne.

Kinne was in critical but stable condition at a hospital Saturday. He was expected to undergo surgery to repair his damaged liver and remove the bullet lodged in his back.

After the shooting, Robertson, 45, slashed his wrists in a wooded area outside of this town about 60

miles east of Dallas, authorities said. He was arrested and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, punishable by two to 20 years in prison. He remained jailed on \$1 million bond Saturday.

Bell said Robertson didn't have a particular problem with the head coach and had actually scheduled a parent conference with an assistant coach on the morning of the shooting. Several other coaches were just minutes from returning to the office when Kinne was shot.

"Obviously, he loved his son," Bell said. "He was just overprotective. Everybody wants their kid to be a player, a star, but unfortunately, that just isn't the way it is."

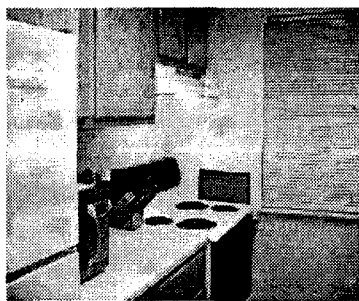
Police have said they don't believe any one incident triggered the shooting. Robertson had a long reputation of being a hothead and starting fights, but he'd been quiet in recent months, police chief Mike Echols said.

Rhonda Miller, a cousin of Robertson's wife, said Robertson is being portrayed unfairly. She said he is a good family man driven to violence by an athletic department and school administration that wouldn't act on his concerns.

Miller would not give specifics on his beef with coaches except to say that he believed his son was being treated unfairly.

"He's a man I would want with me at any time. He loves his family," Miller said. "You know, you do anything for your kids."

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CHINA

Anti-Japanese protesters take to the streets

Rowdy demonstrators gather in Beijing to voice concerns over a controversial new textbook

Associated Press

BEIJING — Anti-Japan protests over a controversial new Japanese textbook erupted in southern China on Sunday, a day after a violent rally in Beijing. Tokyo demanded an apology and better protection for its citizens as a simmering diplomatic row threatened ties between the Asian heavyweights.

Demonstrations against Japan have spread since Tokyo last week approved new textbooks that critics say fail to address the Japanese military's brutal wartime invasion and occupation of Asian nations in the first half of the 20th century, including forcing Asian women into sexual slavery for troops.

On Saturday, about 1,000 demonstrators threw rocks and broke windows at the Japanese Embassy in Beijing after a noisy rally by more than 6,000 people in the university district in the capital's northwest, where some burned a Japanese flag.

The protest was the biggest in the tightly controlled Chinese capital since 1999, when the U.S. Embassy was besieged after NATO warplanes bombed Beijing's Embassy in Belgrade during the war over Kosovo.

Most protests in the Chinese capital are banned, but the government occasionally allows brief rallies by a few dozen people outside the Japanese Embassy on key war anniversaries. Anti-Japanese sentiment runs deep among Chinese, with

many resenting what they see as Tokyo's failure to atone for its wartime aggression.

China said Sunday it had ordered anti-Japanese protesters in Beijing to stay "calm and sane" and mobilized extra police to maintain public order, but Japanese officials complained that not enough was done.

When the protesters arrived at the Japanese Embassy, security forces let them throw stones, embassy spokesman Ide Keiji said.

"They let them do that. They didn't stop, they didn't arrest," he said.

Japan's ambassador to China, Anami Koreshige, called the violent rally in Beijing "gravely regrettable" and called on

Chinese authorities to protect Japanese citizens and businesses, as well as the embassy and other consulates in China, Keiji said.

Japanese Foreign Minister Nobutaka Machimura also summoned China's ambassador on Sunday to lodge a protest and demand an apology and compensation for damages.

Keiji said Japan had used diplomatic channels to "repeatedly request" protection of Japanese interests last week following demonstrations in the southern cities of Shenzhen and Chengdu, and received assurances from Beijing.

Meanwhile, China said Japan should do more to improve relations between the two nations.

GERMANY

Survivors celebrate liberation

Associated Press

WEIMAR — Survivors of the Buchenwald concentration camp joined German leaders Sunday to mark its liberation by U.S. troops 60 years ago and to warn that the suffering of its hundreds of thousands of prisoners must never be forgotten.

Some 240,000 prisoners passed through the camp just outside the city of Weimar between 1937 and 1945 — Jews, Soviet prisoners of war, prominent political prisoners, Jehovah's witnesses and others. About 56,000 died, many worked to death by the Nazis.

About 1,000 people gathered in a cold drizzle as German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder and camp survivors observed a minute of silence and placed flowers where prisoners were forced to assemble.

Earlier, Schroeder expressed shame in Germany's name and honored the victims in a ceremony at Weimar's National Theater, a symbol of the city's classical cultural heritage.

"They fell victim to hunger, sickness, the sadistic terror and systematic murder," Schroeder said in a speech. "I bow before you, the victims and their families."

Though Buchenwald was not expressly built for mass killing, as Auschwitz was, it was just as much part of the Nazis' effort to wipe out anyone deemed un-German. Starvation, disease, overwork and medical experiments claimed many lives.

Jerry Hontas said he arrived as a 21-year-old Army medic the day after U.S. troops reached Buchenwald.

"It was so incredible — stacks of bodies, the smell, the total shock and confusion, people walking around by the thousands," he said. "We had no concept for this kind of insane cruelty."

By that time, Georg Sterner, a Hungarian Jew, had been at Buchenwald for 10 months. He recalled looking out from Barracks No. 37 when the first U.S. tank crashed through the barbed-wire perimeter fence on April 11, 1945.

"We always kept up hope," said the 77-year-old retired engineer from Budapest.

The official ceremony was part of a weekend of commemorations. It began with music by Ludwig van Beethoven, a representative of the cultured Germany of which Schroeder said the Nazis were "the absolute negation."

A women's choir sang a song written by two Austrian inmates at Buchenwald that became the secret camp anthem.

"Oh Buchenwald, I cannot forget you, because you are my destiny," they sang. "Only those who leave you can grasp how wonderful freedom is."

ENGLAND

Charles and Camilla wed in simple service

Associated Press

WINDSOR — Prince Charles and Camilla Parker Bowles wed in a modest town hall ceremony Saturday with the blessing of the queen and the Church of England, sealing a tangled love affair ignited at a polo match more than 30 years ago.

Once married, the royals knelt beneath the towering Gothic arches of St. George's Chapel in Windsor Castle, nervously

pledging their undying love and confessing their "sins and wickedness" — a phrase from the Church of England's Book of Common Prayer — as their vows were blessed by Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams.

Despite years of public and media criticism, even ridicule, Charles and Camilla's shared affection appeared to finally to have won them a measure of acceptance from the British

public, many of whom blamed their relationship for poisoning Charles' marriage to Britain's beloved Princess Diana.

"He did a bit of a dirty job on Diana," said Tina Quinney, 59, one of the thousands of people lining the streets of this royal town. "But the past is the past."

The ceremonies went off flawlessly on a bright, sunny day despite sinister omens: A change of location for the civil wedding vows, unsubstantiated

reports of the queen's "fury" that the couple would wed at all, and a one-day postponement for Pope John Paul II's funeral.

Camilla is now officially the Princess of Wales, though she will be known as the Duchess of Cornwall in deference to enduring public affection for Diana. When Charles is crowned, she will be queen — but the prince's office says she will use the title Princess Consort.

It remains to be seen, however, whether the bride will ever be known as Queen Camilla.

Throughout the day, the couple suffered from jitters and displayed tenderness, even playfulness. Their hands knocked against one another several times before they found a comfortable clasp during the church blessing. Outside, Camilla clutched her hat awkwardly in a blustery wind as she waved to well-wishers with her bouquet of spring flowers.

But the affection between the couple, who first met and fell in love in the early 1970s, was apparent. Charles, 56, reached over to help his new wife, 57, find her place in her prayer book as they stood before the archbishop. He gently touched her arm as a signal when it was time to kneel.

Camilla appeared emotional at times during the service; he was fidgety and somber. Even the normally reserved queen — whose views about her son's wedding have been the subject of endless media speculation — beamed as she emerged from the chapel.

The couple sped away for their honeymoon on the prince's Balmoral estate in Scotland in a car festooned with red, blue and white balloons and the words "Just Married" scrawled on the back window.

The wedding, the second for both Charles and Camilla, was far simpler than his spectacular 1981 nuptials with 20-year-old Diana. Saturday, the local registrar, Clair Williams, conducted the 25-minute civil ceremony at Windsor's 17th-century Guildhall, or town hall, before fewer than 30 guests — mostly relatives of the bride and groom.

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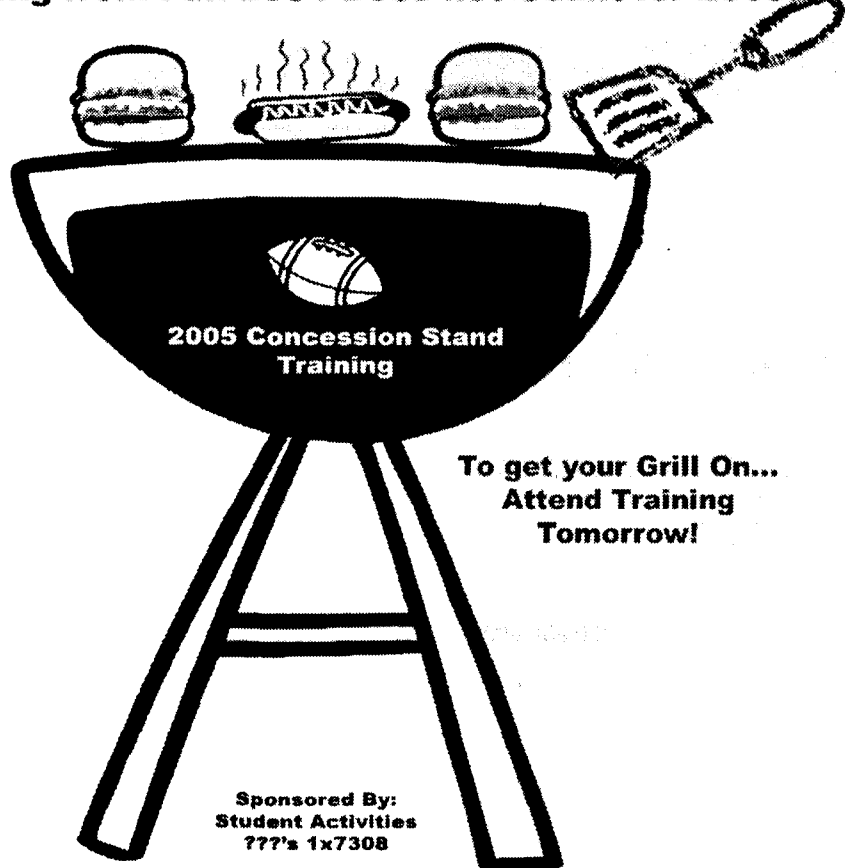
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The dialogical imperative

When I entered this university as a freshman, I initially enrolled as a joint theology and philosophy major. My rationale (which was needed to assuage my perplexed parents) was that as a senior in high school, I had already begun to unravel the deep and profound mysteries of Creation, and I was confident that these disciplines would allow me to finish that task in my four years away at college.

Well, four years later, I sit here "knowing" a lot less than when I first sat in a classroom beneath the Golden Dome. As a freshman, I found Kant's assertion of a categorical imperative — that moral law derived from human reason that obligates certain acts — to be compelling. As a senior, after thousands of classes, debates, protests and papers, I'm much closer to arguing for a dialogical imperative. That is, all I know is that I have a lot more to learn, and the best way to learn it is through dialogue with others. While this may seem like a weak conclusion to my Notre Dame academic experience, I believe it actually has much to offer our results-oriented society.

This became further clear to me on Saturday, when an experiment in dialogue took place at the Common Ground Forum. Leaders from student organizations and publications with perspectives that span the political spectrum came together for an afternoon of discussing the roots and intersections of their values. Participants heard numerous diverse faculty perspectives on personal and political values, and then spent time discussing amongst themselves. Right to Life students

engaged gay rights activists, and Irish Rover editors met Common Sense writers.

What emerged from these conversations were several consensuses. First, we gain much more through discussing with individuals who see things differently than we do than from discussing with those who already agree. Our biases are pointed out and the weaknesses in our positions brought to light. Furthermore, as a psychology professor briefly presented, it is cognitive dissonance that catalyzes moral development. That means that it is precisely disagreement and conflict that bring growth.

Second, dialogue is both means and ends. In our society, the importance in political processes is placed on the end result. Do we go to war or not? Should wealthy people pay more taxes or less? The centrality of questions such as these plays on adherence to ideology instead of into a dialogical process.

These polarizing debates pull us into extremes and push us to invalidate each other rather, rather than calling us to work together.

As a theology professor expounded at the forum, we are interdependent entities whose well-being is necessarily mutual. We bring to the table our own thoughts and experiences, humbly exchanging them with those of others and forming a social fabric that works for all. The battle is thus fought more in the process than in the results, but in so doing positive results are also guaranteed.

Third, rigid ideology can be destructive. All people have different paths and experiences in life, and to render one's own experiences as the ultimate authority is more of a mechanism for maintaining a sense of control than it is a

genuine discernment of truth.

Moreover, ideological camps and labels can be destructive when not thoughtfully reached. When we place ourselves within them, we avoid thinking through all of their assumptions and implications, a dangerous and subtle form of complacency striking at even the most active individuals. Monikers of "liberal" and "conservative" especially are often ascribed to without any understanding of a philosophical foundation for either (if such even exists in the political arena), and all labels are misleading in that they render a complex individual with layers of experiences and thoughts into the sum of a single category. And wherever we tend to fall in these categories, each of us can find areas of both agreement and disagreement.

While the implications of dialogue-oriented political and social processes could be immense, perhaps the most striking element of the Common Ground Forum was found just in the people present. Abstract categories and labels have prevented me from forming friendships with many others who share a strong desire to improve the world around them and to seek truth with their lives, people who because of their differences perhaps have the most to offer. Hopefully in the future we may become better at bridging those perceived gaps and at working together to find ways to build healthier communities and selves.

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"It is better to hide ignorance, but it
is hard to do this when
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Heraclitus
philosopher

The new progressive party

"We all want progress, but if you're on the wrong road, progress means doing an about-turn and walking back to the right road; in that case, the man who turns back soonest is the most progressive."

C.S. Lewis penned this quote decades ago, though its insight could not be more relevant in today's political geography. Surprised to find themselves with a majority in Congress and the White House, Republican leadership now faces the real prospect of its ideas taking permanent hold and transforming the country and the broader world. The party of Reagan still holds its recently deceased grandfather in mind like Obi-Wan to Luke Skywalker, but today's conservative progressives now hold the reins to determine our future.

The self-proclaimed progressives of the past, or liberals by any other name, now rush to the defense of traditional institutions borne of the New Deal of FDR and Great Society of LBJ. With grandest irony, we observe MoveOn.org mobilizing against any plans for reform until the letter "D" follows the signatories' names (for the record, the web domain StandStill.org remains unclaimed). Conservative and liberal leaders alike ponder the question "are Democrats out of ideas?"

In a sense, the charge is unfair because every election leaves the minority party facing the distasteful

choice between soft or hard obstructionism, as Republicans of the middle-twentieth century can attest. Still, the buzzwords emanating from Democratic party leadership focus on "repackaging" or playing George Lakoff-inspired language games, rather than pondering whether their premises conflict with the broader public will.

Until the 2006 midterm elections, liberals who grew comfortable with Republicans as mere defenders of the status quo now recoil in horror as conservatives push in another direction. Though conservative grand strategies on the domestic and global scale are barely adjusting to the light as they emerge from the annals of think tanks, grassroots support for positive change is swelling. Before the November election, many political analysts assumed that the high percentage of Americans who claimed the country was on the wrong track would stick like a thorn to President Bush's side. Instead, Bush won a higher percentage of the popular vote than any Democratic presidential candidate since 1964.

The most likely solution to this conundrum, aside from discredited claims of electioneering, is that Americans are slowly reaching the conclusion that we've missed the turn miles ago, and we'd better find a shortcut back to the right path or reverse course entirely. Whether the impetus happened to be a terrorist attack on American soil, or a single judge bypassing the legislative process to proclaim

the legality of gay marriage, the practice of standing athwart history and yelling "stop" failed to be sufficient.

Hence the rise of conservative progressives: proponents of tax reform, welfare reform, social security reform, neoconservative foreign policy, and Paul Wolfowitz. Their premise is relatively simple: shatter the unacceptable status quo. President Bush witnessed years of broken promises from Yasser Arafat and alienated him from the playing table, and Palestinian support for a militant PLO eroded. The United Nations devolved into a façade of cooperation as its failures grew to outweigh its successes — now Bush will appoint the diplomatic equivalent of Dr. Phil to ensure its overdue reform.

President Bush understands that his legacy of the future will not be determined by his approval ratings of the present. Washington insiders grow skeptical about the prospects for various reforms, just as it will when Democrats shut down Congress before accepting another open pro-lifer to the federal judiciary. Yet these beltway politicians thrive on conventional wisdom, which is written only after someone defies and thus redefines earlier conventional wisdom.

As conservative progressives turn in the opposite direction and move forward, liberal progressives must drown out the status quo Democrats who appear too close to "Bush-lite" and increase their pull in the political tug of war. Consequently, the 527-groups who

claim broad support like an overzealous, soon-to-be-dethroned monarch now mold the Democrat identity as traditionalists. Years of failure under centrists followed the Clinton jackpot years, and the 2006 midterm elections will provide evidence of whether Americans buy the new repackaged stance. Should Republicans repeat their success and tilt the Congress further in their direction, a liberal unraveling may occur that only can be stopped by the rise of New York's junior senator.

In the mean time, conservative progressives will march on, testing the true boundaries of national contentment with their ideas, and hopefully initiating the public withdrawal from countless entitlement programs that cannot be sustained. More foreign nations may topple their oppressive regimes with or without our direct aid but knowing that Washington ideologically and perhaps militarily supports democratic reform. As today's status quo political analysts attempt to paint Bush's portrait as one of failure, he will pursue conservative progress as far as politically viable, leaving tomorrow's historians to measure his actual success.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Appreciating the basics



One of my fondest memories of Notre Dame is of the campus lit up on a wintry night and the reflections off the snow and the buildings around the Dome on a walk back from the Hesburgh Library at 1 a.m.

It is a memory that I treasure in these days of darkness here in Jinja, Uganda, as we wait for a blown transformer to be replaced, and knowing that after two weeks of no power, it could be a while yet before light returns.

So while Sean Ryan humorously cites in his April 7 letter to the editor that the collapse of power in Northern Indiana, Michigan and a power failure at Notre Dame lasting for the rest of the semester as one of the worst possible things to happen at Notre Dame, for some people in the developing world, this kind of experience is a common reality.

Rather than writing end of term papers with typewriters, the 29 Holy Cross candidates here in Jinja have to "hand write" their final papers and prepare for their exams by torchlight and paraffin lanterns.

It is an amazing experience to know that something as basic as electricity isn't always available.

Rev. David Kashangaki
alumnus
Jinja, Uganda
April 9

U-WIRE

Supreme Court could alter drug cases

As I write this column the United States Supreme Court is deliberating on the fate of over 32 individuals directly and many millions more by extension. I want to introduce a few facts.

The case before the court is one stemming from a 2002 lawsuit filed by two medical cannabis patients, Angel McClary Raich, Diane Monson, and two caregivers, John Doe Number One and John Doe Number Two, who filed a complaint and motion for preliminary injunction against Attorney General John Ashcroft and former DEA administrator Asa Hutchinson.

They asked Judge Martin Jenkins to issue a preliminary injunction during the pendency of this action and a permanent injunction enjoining defendants from arresting or prosecuting plaintiffs, seizing their medical cannabis, forfeiting their property, or seeking civil or administrative sanctions against them for their activities.

A decision in Ashcroft v. Raich is expected before the end of June 2005.

The following lives hang in the balance of this case:

The Wo/Men's Alliance for Medical Marijuana (WAMM) has a high stakes interest in the outcome of the Raich case. On Sept. 5, 2002, 30 armed DEA agents raided WAMM's Davenport marijuana garden and the home of its founders, Valerie and Michael Corral. Agents chainsawed 167 marijuana plants while holding the Corrals and a patient at gunpoint. But the DEA's exit was blocked by patients who successfully negotiated for the Corrals release. No charges were ever filed.

Ed Rosenthal says if the Raich outcome is favorable, charges against him for possession and maintaining a place for cultivation would not be crimes because he was never charged with sales.

Eddy Lepp, a 57-year-old Vietnam veteran, says he and his wife, Linda Senti, were growing medical cannabis for about 4,000

patients. If Raich-Monson wins a ruling that says non-commercial, intrastate medical-marijuana transactions are not subject to federal law, it will clearly benefit Lepp.

The criminal appeals of Judy and Lynn Osburn and the related civil forfeiture action against their Ventura County ranch home of 28 years turns on the disposition of the Raich case. Judy Osburn is the former director of the Los Angeles Cannabis Resource Center, which was raided and shut down by the DEA in October 2001.

In March 2004 Anna and Gary Barrett became the first federal defendants permitted to tell a jury that the marijuana they grew was for medical purposes. If a jury finds that the Barretts were in compliance with California's medical marijuana laws, U.S. District Judge Nora Manella said she would direct jurors to acquit the couple. Before the Raich preliminary injunction patients who went to trial and their witnesses could not mention medical marijuana under threat of contempt charges.

When the home and offices of Marian "Mollie" Fry, M.D., and her husband, attorney Dale Schafer, were raided in 2001, the DEA took some 6,000 patient files. Fry has not yet been indicted.

San Diego activist Steve McWilliams was arrested in 2002 on cultivation charges after displaying marijuana outside City Hall.

"If we lose Raich and our own private acts are interstate commerce and the states don't have the right to define medical practice then states don't have much value for what they can do for citizens. The feds have taken over," McWilliams said.

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CONCERT REVIEW

Celtic music mastered

*Natalie MacMaster fiddles with expertise and ease in an entertaining show*By MARIA SMITH
Assistant Scene Editor

Maybe Celtic music doesn't remind everyone of home.

Maybe it shouldn't remind me of home either. My family lives in Idaho and my ancestors were mostly English. The other assorted countries that my family originated from certainly don't give me a claim to the music of Scotland and Ireland.

But I did grow up listening to Colcannon — a traditional Irish band who often played around Boulder — and also a lot of bluegrass, which is a close cousin of Celtic music. I lived in Scotland for six months, which was a long enough time to pick up a little bit of Scottish loyalty and a taste for Scottish folk tunes. My sister played her share of fiddle tunes growing up, and as a harpist, I performed more than a few renditions of "Danny Boy" and other Irish favorites.

So maybe it makes sense that, for me, really good Celtic music feels homey. Maybe for other people, Celtic music is just another miscellaneous genre with which they feel only a small connection.

But for Natalie MacMaster the magic of Celtic music — and specifically Cape Breton music — obviously lies in its connection to her background, her family and the place where she was raised. MacMaster probably owes a good deal of her success to that connection — audiences can feel the heritage of a long line first of musicians, first from Scotland and then from Nova Scotia, throughout her music. MacMaster's home in Cape Breton is obviously an amazing place and it is a place of which she is proud. The ease with which the fiddler talks about her home and her music easily puts an audience at ease as well.

This is not to say that MacMaster and

her backing band are not amazingly talented in their own right. MacMaster is a dynamic performer with unbelievable energy. Her fiddling is impeccable and she may not step dance on the level of a professional dancer, but she's certainly no slouch. Her band plays together beautifully; some musicians just don't have chemistry, but these five guys come together exactly like a good Celtic band should.

However, there's something about the window into the culture of Cape Breton Island that this music provides that makes these musicians especially powerful. There are probably relatively few people in the world who think to connect the name Nova Scotia with the words New Scotland and probably fewer who realize how direct the link between the first Scottish settlers and the music of Cape Breton today is — this is certainly not something that had ever occurred to me. But if Cape Breton music truly is a purer Celtic form than the music of Scotland today, then the island is evidence that there are always people who know, love and live by their traditions.

MacMaster is refreshing partly because she is so obviously proud of her home and its music.

"There are more fiddlers per capita in Cape Breton than in any other part of the world," MacMaster said. "Look how we've blossomed."

It's true that the music has evolved a bit. Modernizing Celtic music is not an uncommon pastime and is not always a pleasant one, but Natalie MacMaster and her musicians introduced some different musical elements to the equation quite successfully. The second half of the show was certainly less traditional than the first, and featured more electric guitars, jazz notes and other sounds foreign to Celtic music. Guitarist Brad Davidge obviously has a penchant for blues, rock and



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Natalie MacMaster, above, dances while she plays the fiddle. MacMaster captivated the audience with her fun and carefree spirit.

other less than Celtic genres, as he demonstrated in a rendition of "Danny Boy" that fell somewhere between Ireland and North American pop radio. Bassist John Chiasson took the vocal on a number that might have been heard from a combo in a jazz and blues bar.

But there can be no mistake about the identity of this band — these are Cape Breton musicians playing Cape Breton

music. Whether their music reminds us of our own homes or just gives us a window into the amazing place that these people call home, we can all hope that Natalie MacMaster and all of Cape Breton's fiddlers continue to make music for a long time to come.

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TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

MacMaster's band included a host of extremely talented contemporary Celtic musicians that each bring a unique flavor to the show.



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MacMaster, in the midst of a more serious song, hails from Cape Breton, where there are more fiddlers per capita than anywhere else in the world.

OPERA REVIEW

Notre Dame Opera shows versatility

By MARY KINGSBURY
Scene Writer

This past weekend the Notre Dame Opera and the Notre Dame Music Department teamed up to offer a dynamically contrasting combination of drama. Encompassing both aspects of the Greek theatre masks, the Notre Dame Opera moved its audience from tears to mischievous laughter. Everything about the performance, from its charming scene design to its superb vocal depth, was at a level nothing short of professional.

The opening Puccini opera "Suor Angelica," is the only all-female opera composed to date. It includes a chorus and is the first opera Notre Dame has ever performed in Italian. The English translation was provided in supertitles. Rebecca Paul brilliantly mastered the role of Sister Angelica, a 17th-century nun who has been forced into a convent by her relatives for having a baby out of wedlock. As the plot develops, Sister Angelica blossoms into a saintly, selfless woman — a favorite among her fellow nuns. With characters varying from the decrepit old abbess (Katy Nichols) to a chubby social butterfly (Mary Willoughby), the atmosphere of the convent

provided comic relief to an intense plot.

The cheerful environment of the convent is shattered midway through the act, when Sister Angelica's scheming aunt appears with news of the death of Angelica's son. Holding a striking resemblance to Ezma from Disney's "The Emperor's New Groove," Mary Waltner's villainous performance led to the climax of the opera. Distraught by the news of her son's death, Angelica poisons herself. Immediately regretting her sinful action, Sister Angelica pleads to the Virgin Mary to intercede for her forgiveness. Rebecca Paul's moving interpretation of a mother's virtuous longing for her child juxtaposed with the gravity of mortal sin yielded much acclaim from the audience.

The opera concludes with the Virgin (Jamie Piloni) and son (Giovanni Stroik) appearing as a sign of God's forgiveness. Sister Angelica dies peacefully, envisioning herself in heaven holding her beloved child. As the orchestra faded, everyone in the house held their breath in a moment of awe, followed by thunderous applause and standing ovation.

A 20-minute intermission followed, allowing the performers and the audience to change gears from the tender "Suor Angelica" to the racy "Mamelle de Tirésias."

To start the second half with a splash, Rebecca Paul reclaimed the stage, this time wearing horns and dragging a mortified Nicholas Tonazzi fully clad in loincloth and a cape. A spoof on a Wagner opera, the disappointed diva leaves the stage when the conductor shows her that the composer of this score is Poulenc. His "Mamelles de Tirésias" (The Breasts of Tirésias) is subtitled an "opera buffa in a prologue and two acts" (libretto by Apollinaire). The score is sensuous, mysterious, insinuating and at times has a very cabaret-like feel. This opera was performed in English, which worked well to convey its humor.

A bit risqué, but utterly hilarious, the cast of "Mamelles de Tirésias" completely captivated their audience with anticipation of what could possibly come next. The prologue set the stage with Michael Shaw, in the role of the Director, wearing nothing but lingerie from the waist down and dancing with a whip. Lauren Price (Therese) and Paul Appleby (le Mari) opened the act in a lover's spat. The character



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"Mamelle de Tiresias" provided a great deal of comedy along with vibrant color.

Therese (Price), in protest to her husband's continuous plea for sex, proceeds to unzip her blouse and pop her oversized breasts (two large latex balloons) and grow a beard. A complete gender reversal occurs when le Mari (Appleby) embraces motherhood by birthing 40,000 children in hopes to repopulate the town of Zanzibar.

The fanciful plot encompassed everything from Gabriel Torres and Nicholas Tonozzi parading around the stage on roller-skates to Eric Petrucci dancing around in a diaper as one le Mari's newborns. At one point vocal music professors Georgine Resick, Joan Troyer and John Riley-Schofield chimed in from the audience, and the cast united to proclaim the lesson of war: make love and multiply. To finish off the evening, a cascade of latex balloons drop from the ceiling, symbolic of the return of Therese's breasts, "Les Mamelles de Tiresias."

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"Suor Angelica" hit the more serious note of the pair of operas, focusing largely on sin and grief.

PLAY REVIEW

Shakespeare with a twist

By MARIA SMITH
Senior Staff Writer

What do you get when you take "Twelfth Night" of the 16th century and into the 1980s?

An Illyria built on rock and roll.

In the Not So Royal Shakespeare Company's performance of Shakespeare's comedy, Viola, Orsino and Olivia got down to U2, Huey Lewis and the News and other icons of '80s rock.

Senior Elizabeth Grams, who played Feste the fool, had a chance to give some musical renditions of Shakespearean lines that hailed even farther back to the 1970s.

It is not uncommon to use gimmicks like this to give the plays by the most beloved playwright of the English language a little bit of a distinctive flair. The '80s twist was aptly chosen for the audience — Notre Dame party people are almost always glad to hear some good '80s tunes.

And in NSR's performance, it was indeed the party people who benefited the most from the '80s spin. In this particular performance of "Twelfth Night," Shakespeare's clowns reigned victorious. Sir Toby Belch, played by Brandon McGirr; Air Andrew Aguecheek, played by Emmanuel Zeroudakis; Fabian, played by Marty Schroeder and Maria, played by Meghann Tabor, stole the show from their straight-man counterparts.

Joe Garlock gave one of the best performances with his tongue-in-cheek portrayal of the dour Malvolio. The shtick between these five actors was undoubtedly the highlight of the show. The drunken, guitar-loving clowns brought to mind the unmotivated beer-loving high school graduates of "Dazed and

Confused" or "Say Anything." Belch and his friends were appropriately annoyed when "the man" Malvolio tried to get them down.

Unfortunately the musical focus also obscured some themes — several lines were lost to loud music and as amusing as the dance numbers could be, they didn't always gel with the more serious scenes. Some of Feste's lines, although well set to their music, were difficult to understand.

Virginia Woolf once called Shakespeare one of the few "androgynous" writers, that is, one whose writing is neither distinctively male nor distinctively female. Shakespeare not only had a talent for dynamically portraying both male and female characters, but a fondness for working with both simultaneously. Some of Shakespeare's most memorable characters appear in his "transvestite comedies," dressed in the guise of the opposite gender and often wooing characters of their own sex more or less accidentally.

NSR has shown a fondness for these transvestite comedies this year. "As You Like It," the play chosen for first semester, centers around Rosalind, a beautiful heroine who charms all sorts of people in the guise of a young man named Ganymede.

The famous love triangle between Viola, Orsino and Olivia in "Twelfth Night" is another case of mistaken identity. Viola dresses as a young man and calls herself Cesario in order to find employment in Orsino's house, but finds herself falling in love with him. Orsino sends her as a messenger to woo Olivia, who develops a passion for the youth she believes to be Cesario. Therefore, for the majority of the play each is unhappily in unrequited love.

The gender-blurring theme was perhaps more effectively developed in the fall performance, with

Grams in the role of Rosalind — so many characters fall for the so-called Ganymede that the issue of gender identity is hard to ignore. But the awkward chemistry between Viola, played by Liz Clouse, and Olivia, played by Molly Kealy, was certainly palpable. The union between Viola and Orsino at the end, when Viola's true identity is revealed, emphasize the importance of a good character which reaches above and beyond the turbulent relations between genders. Both of these plays, and all of these characters, certainly highlight a question about the degree to which gender roles are merely a construction.

Some of the fine points of the Shakespeare's language are almost inevitably lost in college productions, and "Twelfth Night" was no exception. The plot was a little bit difficult to follow at the beginning and the details of how Viola ended up dressed as a man in Orsino's household were certainly not clear. But the difficulty of reading Shakespearean English, let alone performing it, creates a charitable audience and as the play progressed the plot became easy to follow. Grams and Garlock stepped up to the Shakespearean challenge most successfully, but other actors were not far behind.

The actors' big-shoulder power suits and jean jackets were as effective as most costumes seen on the college stage — the reminder that Shakespeare's plays transcend time and place is always welcome.

In the spectrum of the Shakespearean world, "Twelfth Night" is neither Shakespeare's best play nor NSR's best performance, but both have more than a few virtues.

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MLB

Delucci dinger lifts Rangers over Mariners 7-6

Gotay leads Royals over Angels, Pirates outhustle San Diego

Associated Press

David Dellucci has been working hard on hitting left-handed pitching. It paid off Sunday.

Dellucci hit a two-run homer in the seventh inning off lefty Matt Thornton to help the Texas Rangers rally for a 7-6 victory over the Seattle Mariners after wasting a five-run lead.

"To have success against a left-handed pitcher, it takes repetition," said Dellucci, who hit only .107 (3-for-28) against lefties in 2004. "I knew I'd be a little more comfortable the second time around."

Thornton (0-2) walked Dellucci in the fifth inning.

Mark Teixeira led off the seventh with a double off Thornton. One out later, Dellucci reached the second deck in right field with his first homer of the season.

"It feels good to get the win, but I think what's on everybody's mind is that we haven't even started playing our best baseball," Dellucci said. "We came from behind a lot last year, so we feel very comfortable when we're down a few runs. Being behind doesn't phase us."

The Rangers seem to have figured out how to win at Safeco Field. After going 0-11-2 in their first 13 series at Seattle's ballpark since it opened in 1999, Texas has won two straight.

Texas now heads home to Arlington for their season opener.

"It will be nice to finally have some fans in our corner," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said. "We're looking forward to the emotion of opening day with our fans."

The Rangers scored five runs in the fourth with some help from a Seattle fan. After Dellucci walked with one out, Mariners starter Gil Meche gave up three straight hits, including Adrian Gonzalez's RBI single.

Next up, Rod Barajas hit a foul ball down the right-field line that Ichiro Suzuki moved

into position to catch. But a fan reached up and caught the ball.

The spectator offered the ball to Suzuki, who stared at the fan before walking away.

Mariners manager Mike Hargrove didn't complain about the fan's nice catch.

"It happens at every ballpark," Hargrove said. "The umpire had a good view on the ball. Had Suzuki been denied a chance to catch the ball, he would have called the hitter out."

Barajas took advantage of his second chance to hit an RBI double and give Texas a 2-0 lead. The Rangers added another run when Willie Bloomquist misplayed Alfonso Soriano's grounder for an error.

Michael Young made it 5-0 with a two-run single, chasing Meche.

Kansas City 8, L.A. Angels 3

Ruben Gotay wanted to come back strong after an embarrassing error the night before. Brian Anderson was determined to get off to a good start after the worst season of his career.

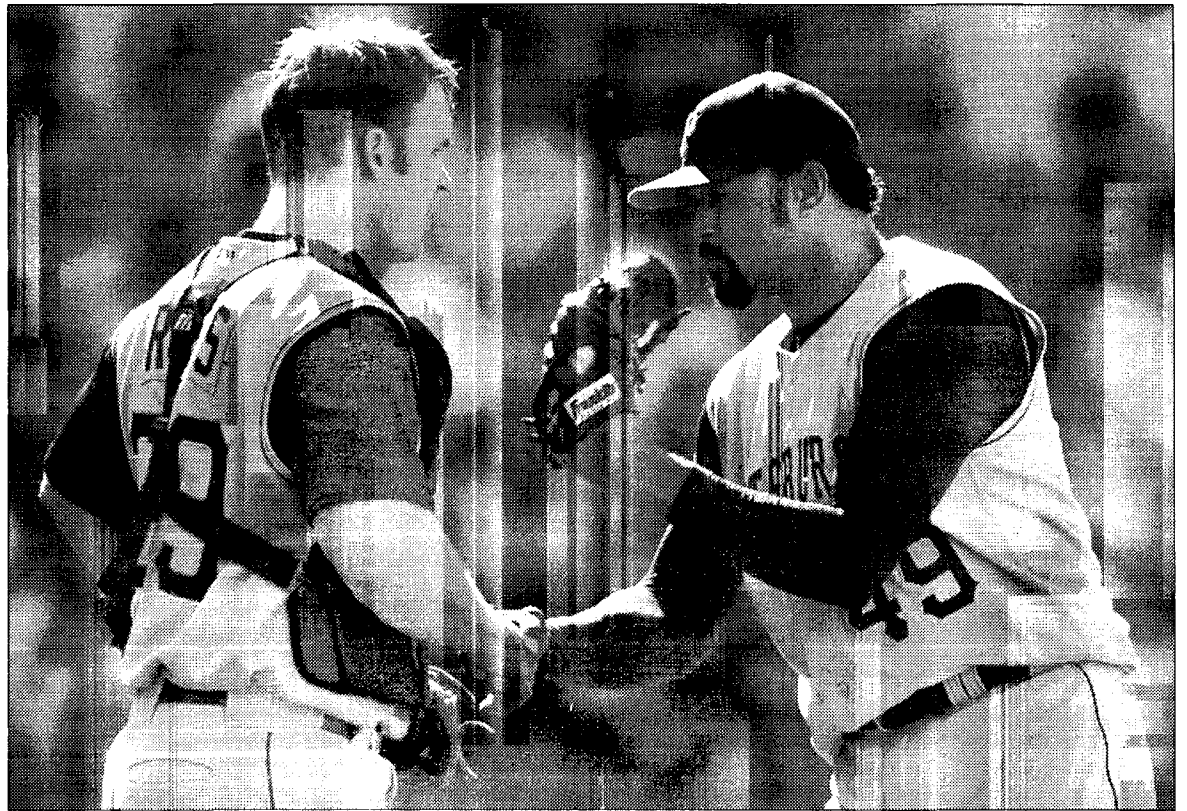
Both got what they were looking for.

Gotay went 4-for-5 with a homer and three RBIs while Anderson won his season debut, leading the Kansas City Royals to an 8-3 victory over Bartolo Colon and the Los Angeles Angels on Sunday.

"Having a game like this after what happened last night, it gets your confidence back," Gotay said. "I just wanted a chance to help the team by getting on base and getting RBIs. Colon's a good pitcher, but the thing is that we came out aggressive — not just me, but everybody — and we didn't lose that aggressiveness."

Staked to a 6-0 lead, Anderson (1-0) allowed three runs and five hits in six-plus innings. He gave up a homer to AL MVP Vladimir Guerrero, struck out five and walked none.

"When I started warming up, I felt locked in right from the beginning," Anderson said. "I was trying to tell myself to remember what I was doing in the bullpen and take it into the game."



Pittsburgh Pirates catcher David Ross congratulates closer Jose Mesa after the Pirates 6-3 win over the San Diego Padres. With the loss, the Padres dropped to 3-3 on the season, one game behind the Los Angeles Dodgers and San Francisco Giants in the NL West.

My biggest concern was having one outing this spring of 54 pitches and one of 72. And that was 11 days ago. So I knew I was going to be hyped-up early because it was my first time out there."

Mike Sweeney was 3-for-4 with a pair of RBI singles and Emil Brown also homered for Kansas City, which finished with 17 hits. The Royals, swept 7-0 by the Angels last season while losing a franchise-record 104 games, took two of three from the defending AL West champions.

"I didn't realize until yesterday that they had drummed us like that last year," Anderson said. "We just came in here looking to play good baseball against a quality team."

"They've got a tremendous ballclub. Just look at the lineup they throw out there and the pitchers they've got. So we knew we had to play extremely well to stay competitive with them."

Pittsburgh 6, San Diego 3

Rob Mackowiak helped Pittsburgh win with the kind of play that doesn't show up in

the boxscore.

"It was flat-out hustle," manager Lloyd McClendon said after the Pirates beat the San Diego Padres 6-3 Sunday to split a four-game series.

The turning point was short-stop Khalil Greene's two-out throwing error in the fourth inning that led to four unearned runs, and Mackowiak's smart baserunning was a huge factor.

With runners on first and second, Greene fielded Ty Wigginton's grounder and intended to go to second, but by the time he started to throw, Mackowiak was almost at the base.

Greene double-pumped and threw wide of first, allowing Jason Bay to score from second to break a scoreless tie.

Greene said the ball "took a funny little hop. I tried to smother it. He got to second faster than I thought."

"Throwing to first, I didn't have the best grip or get my feet set. I had to rush the throw a little bit," Greene said. "I hadn't anticipated even having to go to first."

With a runner on second, the

Padres weren't holding Mackowiak on first.

"You can get a bigger jump," he said. "I just ran hard, I guess, like you're supposed to, and was fortunate enough to get there."

It was enough to get the Pirates headed toward just their second win in six games.

"That's what we needed, I guess," Mackowiak said. "We needed someone to step up. I'm not saying that's what I was trying to do, but I mean, you play the game the right way, good things happen."

David Ross followed with a two-run single to left off Tim Lincecum (0-1), who was making his Padres debut, and pitcher Dave Williams hit an RBI single to center.

Catcher Miguel Ojeda had consecutive plays at the plate, but couldn't hang on to Klesko's throw from left as Wigginton scored on Ross' hit, and he didn't block the plate when Ross scored on Williams' single.

"I told my club leaving spring training, baserunning will win games for us," McClendon said.

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NBA

Sweetney's 20 points help Knicks knock off Pacers in OT

Kings stop hapless Lakers in battle of California teams; Pistons cool the Heat

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The rebound came right into Michael Sweetney's hands, and before the Indiana Pacers could react, the ball was back up and in the basket.

"That's the first time in my life that I ever made a shot like that," said Sweetney, who scored the game-winning shot in the final second of New York's 113-112 overtime victory on Sunday. "It's the first time I ever won a game at the buzzer."

The winning basket followed a miss by Stephon Marbury, and Sweetney finished with a career-high 20 points as the Knicks ended a nine-game losing streak, their longest in 20 years.

"Stephon went to the hole and they tried to block it, but it fell right into my hands and I just tipped it in," Sweetney said.

The Knicks blew a 12-point lead in the fourth quarter before a 3-pointer by Kurt Thomas, his second of the season, sent the game to overtime tied at 104.

The Pacers, who had their season-best six-game winning streak end, were ahead 112-106 with a minute left after a driving layup by Reggie Miller,

who led Indiana with 34 points.

But Sweetney, whose previous high was 19 points three times this season, made a basket and a free throw to pull the Knicks within three points. Jerome Williams then stole the ball from Stephen Jackson, and Marbury hit a layup to cut the lead to one with 31 seconds to go.

Kings 124, Lakers 105

This rivalry isn't what it was, mostly because the depleted Lakers and the revamped Kings don't really know who they are.

With the playoffs in sight, however, Sacramento is getting a good idea.

Kenny Thomas had a career-high 32 points and 14 rebounds, and the Kings beat the Lakers for their fourth high-scoring victory in five games.

Mike Bibby had 24 points and eight assists for the Kings, who blew out their biggest rivals with 68 points in the second half. Sacramento outrebounded the Lakers 62-32 and made 51 percent of its shots while scoring at least 118 points for the fifth time in seven games.

Coach Rick Adelman opened up Sacramento's offense after Chris Webber's departure, and the Kings have begun reaching triple digits regularly — even

before Adelman has settled on a consistent playing rotation.

Thomas, freed from the Philadelphia bench in the Webber trade, has benefited the most from the move and the Kings' wide-open style. He was dominant against the Lakers, scoring inside and outside against their subpar collection of defensive forwards.

Pistons 80, Heat 72

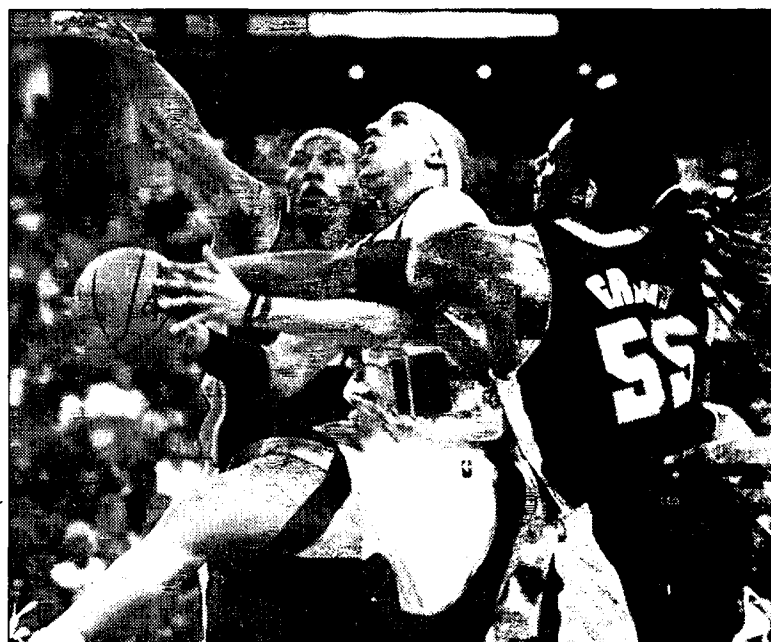
Shaquille O'Neal was on the bench in a suit, still recovering from a nasty stomach virus. Dwyane Wade played his worst game of the season.

And the Detroit Pistons happily took advantage of the Miami Heat's lack of star power.

Richard Hamilton scored 17 points, Tayshaun Prince added 16 and the Pistons stymied Miami for three quarters, then saw a 20-point lead trimmed to four down the stretch before holding on to win and end the Heat's franchise-record 18-game home winning streak.

With O'Neal out for a third straight game and Wade unable to get anything started, the Heat set season-lows for scoring in a game, half and quarter, established another low by shooting 34.6 percent and have lost two straight for just the fourth time all season.

"Anytime you win at 1 o'clock



Kings guard Mike Bibby, center, is fouled by Lakers defenders Brian Grant, right, and Caron Butler in Sacramento's 124-105 win.

on a Sunday in Miami, it's a tough game to win," said Pistons coach Larry Brown, whose team has won six straight. "They never gave up. I hope we are fortunate to play them in another series. It would be a great matchup."

The win moved Detroit within one game of clinching the Central Division title. Barring a total collapse, the Pistons will

be seeded No. 2 behind Miami in the Eastern Conference playoffs.

Eddie Jones had 19 points for Miami, which hurt itself by shooting 14-for-26 from the foul line. Wade had only five points on 1-for-6 shooting before fouling out with 4:13 left, ending his streak of 51 consecutive games in double figures.

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4	Texas	28-5
5	Tennessee	41-5
6	Texas A&M	34-2
7	Oklahoma	36-6
8	Baylor	33-5
9	Stanford	25-7
10	Georgia	33-8
11	Alabama	40-9
12	Oregon State	24-6
13	UCLA	19-9
14	Louisiana Lafayette	24-7
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GOLF



Tiger Woods gets the Green Jacket from 2004 Masters Champion Phil Mickelson after winning the 2005 Masters at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Ga. on Sunday.

Tiger Woods wins the Masters again

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Tiger Woods is the Masters champion once again, turning back a surprising challenge Sunday with a shot of sheer magic and a birdie putt to win a playoff he never expected.

A spectacular finish of birdies and bogeys finally ended when Woods produced the most important shot of all — a 15-foot birdie putt on the first extra hole to capture his fourth green jacket and finally put away the gritty Chris DiMarco.

Woods knew it was over when the ball was a foot

from the hole, taking two steps to the left as a smile broke out on his face and his right fist punched the air with fury.

Everything else about this Masters was up in the air to the very end.

First came the most improbable birdie on the 16th, when Woods skipped his chip shot up the slope and watched it crawl 25 feet down to the cup, where it paused for 2 full seconds before dropping.

"I would rank that as one of the best ones I've ever hit," Woods said. "It turned things around. It was pretty huge."

Then came an even big-

ger surprise. The greatest closer in golf looked like a first-timer at Augusta National, making a mess out of the last two holes to finish with two bogeys and allow DiMarco one more chance.

Woods made sure that was all he got.

DiMarco again came up short of the green, and chipped up for a tap-in par. He took his hat off and ran his hand through his hair, crouched and kept looking up at Woods and down at his feet, afraid to watch, perhaps knowing what was about to happen.

When the ball disappeared, DiMarco walked

slowly to Woods to congratulate him.

Woods closed with a 1-under 71 and won for the second time in a playoff at a major, wrapping up a long and bizarre week at Augusta National that included two rain delays, an eagle putt that Woods rolled off the green and into the creek, a record run of birdies to get back into the contention and, finally, the fight of his life.

He now has nine majors for his career, halfway home to the standard set by Jack Nicklaus.

But this didn't look like the same guy who won his first eight majors.

IN BRIEF

Arena Football player dies of spinal cord injury

LOS ANGELES — Former NFL defensive lineman Al Lucas died Sunday from a presumed spinal cord injury sustained while trying to make a tackle for the Los Angeles Avengers during an Arena Football League game, the team said.

Lucas was taken to California Hospital and all attempts to revive him were unsuccessful, team physician Dr. Luga Podesta said in a statement.

"It is with great sadness that we confirm the passing of Al Lucas. At this time, the thoughts and prayers of the entire Avenger organization are with his wife and family," team owner and chief executive officer Casey Wasserman said in a statement.

Television replays showed Lucas bending down to make a tackle. The Dragons' ball carrier and a blocker tumbled over his head and back, with the blocker's leg appearing to hit

Lucas in the head. Lucas did not move after falling to the ground.

Lucas was injured during kickoff.

Davenport wins second Bausch & Lomb title

AMELIA ISLAND, Fla. — Maybe Lindsay Davenport's clay-court success at Amelia Island will finally carry over to the French Open.

Davenport's powerful serve helped her offset 36 unforced errors and beat Silvia Farina Elia 7-5, 7-5 Sunday to win the Bausch & Lomb Championships for the second consecutive year.

"This is a huge win for me," Davenport said. "Whenever I can win on clay and in a really tough tournament, it gives me a lot of excitement."

It also could give her more confidence heading into the French Open next month. Davenport hasn't reached the quarterfinals at Roland Garros since 1999. The French also is the only Grand Slam that eludes the 28-year-old Californian, who won

the U.S. Open in 1998, Wimbledon in 1999 and the Australian Open in 2000.

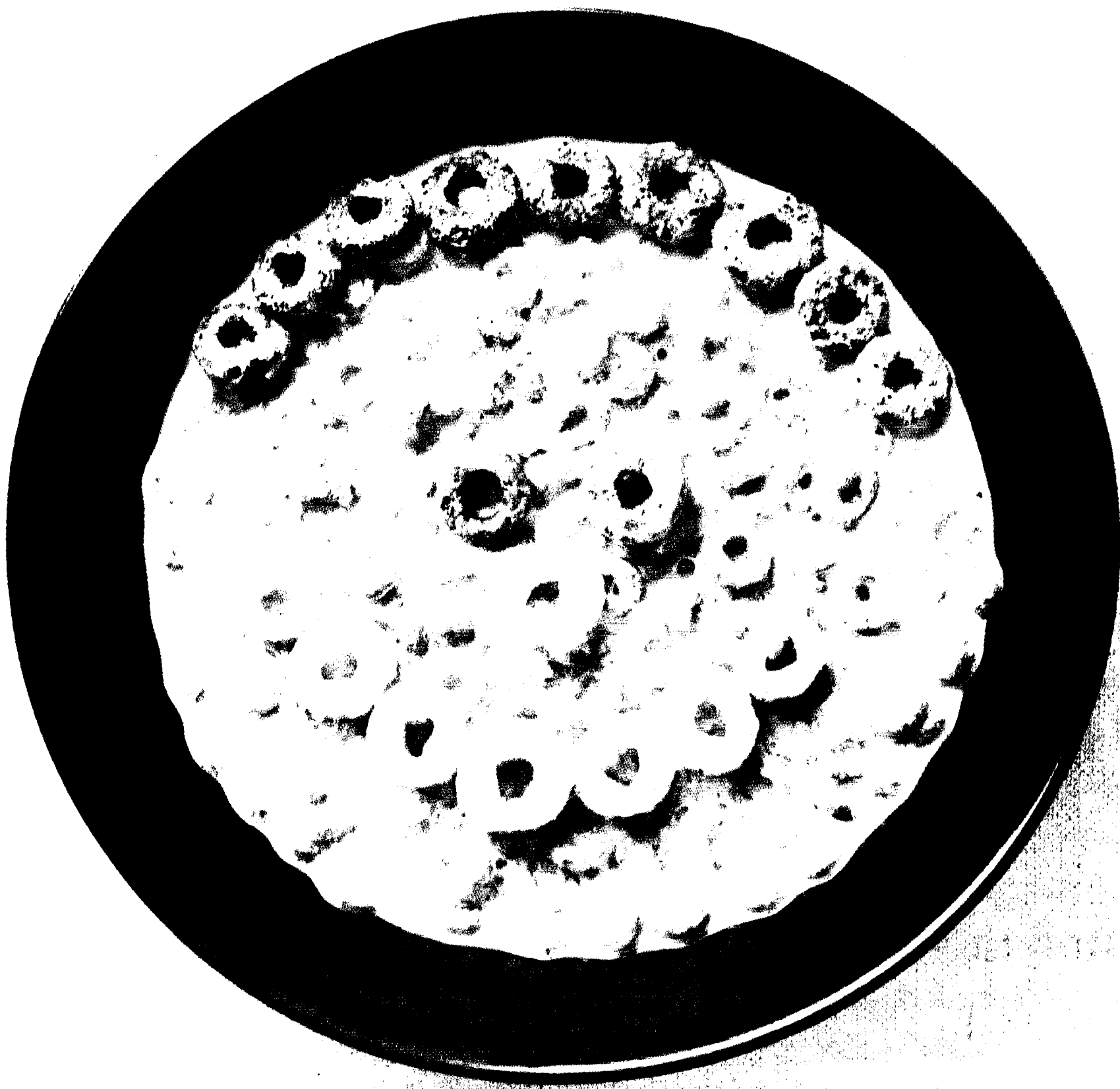
Red Sox to raise banner, return for celebration

BOSTON — The Boston Red Sox made their fans wait 86 years for another World Series title and only gave them five months to celebrate.

The champions return to Boston on Monday for a combined celebration to mark their first title since 1918, their home opener and a game against the rival New York Yankees — any one of which would be enough for a sellout at Fenway Park. It's also the first game back for manager Terry Francona, who left the team after complaining of chest pains before the third game of the season.

"We're excited to get back to Fenway," first baseman Kevin Millar said Sunday after a 4-3 loss to the Toronto Blue Jays dropped the Red Sox to 2-4 — last in the AL East. "It feels like we've been on the road since October."

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THE MASTERS

DiMarco comes up short yet again

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Surely one of these days Chris DiMarco will be leading a major when it counts.

But give him his due this time: He stared down Tiger Woods in one of the greatest duels in Masters history.

Matching Woods almost shot for shot in an epic showdown, DiMarco overcame a two-stroke deficit in the final two holes Sunday, nearly holing out a chip at No. 18 that would have claimed his first major championship.

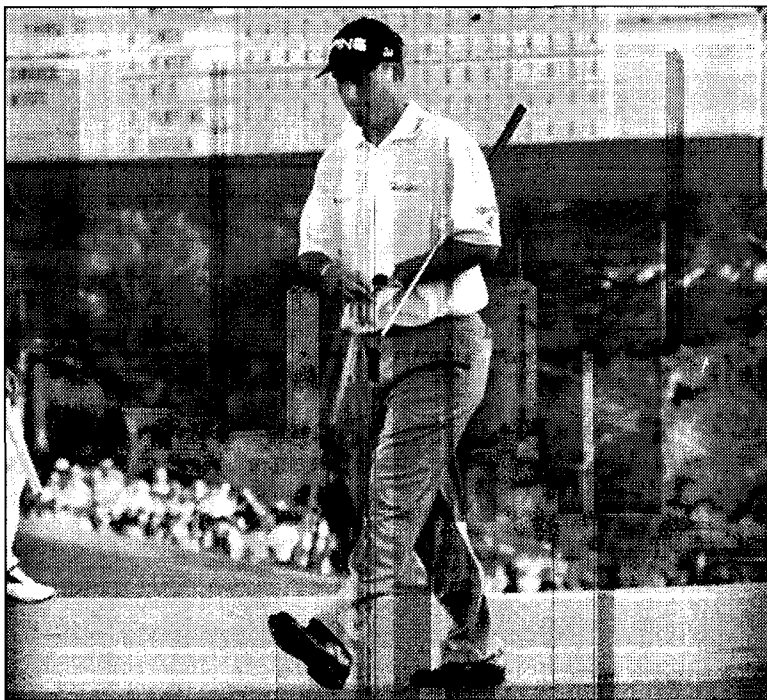
In the end, it wasn't quite enough. DiMarco forced a playoff but could only make par on the first extra hole. Then he could only watch as Woods rolled in a 15-foot birdie to win his fourth Masters and ninth major overall.

DiMarco keeps contending in the biggest tournaments — especially at Augusta. He's led at the end of a round five times in five years, including both the 18- and 36-hole marks of this one.

For the second year in a row, he played in the final group at the Masters. For the second straight major, he was involved in a playoff.

"This was a good gut check for me," DiMarco said. "I felt like I proved a lot to myself."

Last August, DiMarco was matched against Justin Leonard and Vijay Singh in a three-hole playoff at the PGA Championship at Whistling Straits.



Chris DiMarco walks past the leaderboard after losing to Tiger Woods in a playoff at the 2005 Masters Sunday.

Singh birdied the first extra hole and parred the next two for the victory. DiMarco had to be content with a closing 71, the lone player in the last nine groups to break par.

DiMarco put up an even lower score Sunday, finishing with a 4-under-par 68 that had him pumping his fist, dropping to his knees and thoroughly enjoying the moment.

This was just the sort of chance that someone with DiMarco's combative, gritty, emotional personality lives for. One hole against the greatest

player of the generation.

Winner take all.

"I told my caddie walking down 18, 'If you're not having fun doing this, there's something wrong with you,'" DiMarco said. "Sure, my stomach was churning. But it's nice to know when you're stomach's going crazy and you're going crazy, you can still perform."

"If I can do it in this atmosphere, I can do it anywhere."

Woods was certainly impressed.

"He never gives up," Woods said. "He never backs off."

NCAA HOCKEY

Pioneers knock off Sioux for title

Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Denver made sure the biggest celebration was the last one.

Freshman Paul Stastny scored two goals and Peter Mannino made them stand up with an almost flawless performance in goal to help Denver successfully defend its national title with a 4-1 victory over North Dakota on Saturday night.

After coach George Gwozdecky won his 400th game the last time Denver beat North Dakota, last month in the conference semifinals, he stopped the celebration to address his team.

"I told them, 'Thank you very much. But it sure would be a lot sweeter to celebrate after No. 405,'" Gwozdecky said.

It was the seventh national title for Denver (32-9-2), which was ranked No. 1 for most of the season.

Stastny, the son of Hall of Famer Peter Stastny, also had an assist on Gabe Gauthier's empty-netter. Jeff Drummond scored the Pioneers' first goal, Kevin Ulanski had two assists and Gauthier had an assist to go with his 26th goal of the year.

Mannino, who was selected

the most outstanding player of the Frozen Four, had a career-high 44 saves two nights after stopping 41 shots in a 6-2 win over Colorado College in the semifinals.

"My team allowed me to see the puck," Mannino said. "When there were rebounds, they cleaned them right away. I just wanted to keep [the Fighting Sioux] off the board, and it worked out."

With the score tied 1-1 midway through the second period, Denver scored on a power play. The Pioneers had six power-play goals in their win in the semis after scoring on just three of their 45 power-play chances leading into the Frozen Four.

Ulanski's hard slap shot from the top of the right circle sliced through heavy traffic in the slot, and appeared to glance off Stastny's stick. Stastny redirected it high over the right shoulder of goaltender Jordan Parise, who could do nothing but watch the puck settle into the net.

Only it didn't glance off Stastny's stick.

"It hit me right in the butt," he said with a laugh.

Stastny added his 17th goal in the third period to give Mannino and the Pioneers' defense a cushion.

Tiger hits shot for the ages

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Ga. — The shot was already brilliant before it hung tantalizingly on the lip of the cup.

Now it was about to become a part of Masters lore.

Tiger Woods didn't just help himself win a fourth green jacket with his improbable chip-in on the 16th hole. He gave the Masters a moment as memorable as any that had come before it.

When gravity finally took over and the ball toppled slowly into the cup early Sunday evening, the shot Woods hit from an awkward lie just off the back of the green became more than just an instant classic for television highlight shows.

It joined iconic moments of the past that have defined the Masters as golf's greatest stage.

Larry Mize chipping in to beat Greg Norman in a playoff in 1987. The eagle putt Jack Nicklaus made in 1986 on his way to a sixth green jacket, and the shot that stuck precariously on the bank of the 12th hole to allow Fred Couples to win in 1992.

Or, long before television, Gene Sarazen's 4-wood for a double-eagle on the 15th hole that set up his win.

"I was just trying to throw the ball up there on the hill and let it feed down there and hopefully have a makable putt," Woods said. "All of a sudden, it looked pretty good, and all of a sudden it looked like really good, and it looked like how could it not go

in, and how did it not go in, and all of a sudden it went in."

"So, it was pretty sweet."

It wasn't just the magnitude of the moment, or the difficulty of the shot, though the moment was huge and the shot was treacherous.

It was the image of the ball rolling slowly down the slope and stopping for two full seconds before finally dropping into the cup.

It didn't matter if you saw Woods make the playoff putt for his fourth green jacket a short time later. Seeing The Shot was bigger, and the fans who did erupted in a raucous celebration when it dropped.

"Somehow an earthquake happened and it fell into the hole," Woods said.

Woods was crouched over, as if he were deep in prayer, as the ball traveled its last few inches toward the hole.

When it fell, Woods raised himself up, yelled and began high-fiving caddie Steve Williams, while thousands packed around the green did the same with whoever happened to be next to them.

The shot came as Chris DiMarco was making a run at Woods, who had a precarious one-shot lead as they stood on the tee of the 170-yard par 3 hole that has been so pivotal in so many Masters.

DiMarco had honors and hit a good shot about 15 feet beneath the hole. Woods landed long with his 8-iron, and his ball caught up against the edge of the second cut over the back of

the green.

If DiMarco made his putt and Woods couldn't get up-and-down for par, the tournament that seemed to be his when he started the day with a string of four straight birdies might have been snatched from his grasp.

With one brilliant stroke, though, Woods walked off the green with a two-shot lead and enough of a cushion to still get into a playoff despite bogeys on the final two holes.

"I think under the circumstances it's one of the best I've ever hit ... only because of the turning point," Woods said. "If Chris makes his putt, I make bogey and all of a sudden it's a different ball game. All of a sudden I'm one back."

Woods didn't have many options from the precarious spot his ball ended up beyond the green. He couldn't hit the ball directly at the hole because of the slope, so he looked way left to make the slope work for him.

Woods remembered Davis Love III making a similar shot in 1999, but his was more difficult because it was up against the deeper rough. Afraid he might hit it fat because of the lie, he told himself to hit it hard enough to get up the slope and take his chances from there.

Woods found a spot well left on the green where the fading sunlight was coming through the trees and took a few practice swipes with his wedge.

"A lot of it is luck but I hit it pretty good," Woods said. "I hit it right on the spot."

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Two-tournament winning streak snapped at Purdue

Irish finish eighth in 13-team field at Lady Boilermaker Invite

By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame fell short of extending its two-tournament winning streak this weekend at the Lady Boilermaker Invitational in West Lafayette, Ind. The Irish finished eighth in the 13-team field with a three-day, 57-over par total of 921.

Katie Brophy led the Irish with a 13-over par 229, tying for 18th place in the tournament. The junior co-captain was the low scorer for the team for the sixth time this season. Brophy was still not satisfied with her performance, however.

"I was disappointed. I couldn't get anything going really," Brophy said. "I had some good shots out there, but I also had some shots that I was not so pumped about."

Sophomore Stacey Brown finished two strokes behind Brophy with a 231, while senior Karen Lotta recorded a 233. Noriko Nakazaki followed up her first place finish at last week's Indiana Invitational with a 21-over par 237.

Freshmen Jane Lee and Alejandra Diaz-Calderon rounded out the Irish lineup, shooting 239 and 247, respectively.

While the team was disappointed with its play, Brophy sees definite reasons for optimism.

"The thing is we are all really close to breaking through and playing really well, but

we are all just underneath our potential," she said.

Despite the eighth-place finish, Notre Dame took a major stride forward in its quest for an at-large bid to the NCAA Central Regional.

Regional Championship. Coming into the tournament, the Irish were ranked 19th in the Central region. The top 18 teams in the region qualify for the championship tournament.

Iowa State entered the tournament ranked 18th, but finished one spot behind the Irish in the Lady Boilermaker Invitational.

With its performance this weekend, Notre Dame overtook the important 18th spot in the rankings.

"We just didn't play to the best of our potential."

Katie Brophy
Irish co-captain

"We were really excited that we beat Iowa State because that means that we will have a good chance to go to regionals," Brophy said.

The Irish will next travel to Columbus, Ohio, for the Lady Buckeye Invitational this coming weekend. The tournament will be an important one for the Irish as Michigan State (17th in the Central region) will be in the field.

"The next tournament is important because Michigan State is one ranking above us," Brophy said. "If we play well and beat Michigan State then we will for sure go to regionals."

Notre Dame realizes, though, that it must turn in a better performance next weekend to accomplish this goal.

"We just didn't play to the best of our potential [this weekend] and we all know that," Brophy said.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish fall to Blue Devils, Cardinal

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

It was a weekend of almosts and could-have-beens for the Irish, as missed opportunities and strong goaltending sank Notre Dame this weekend. The Irish fell to 3-8 on the season after dropping a pair of games, losing to No. 2-ranked Duke 11-8 on Friday before falling 6-5 in a closely-contested game against Stanford on Sunday afternoon.

In both contests, the Notre Dame defense had to try to pick up for the struggles the team had with the ball.

"The defense played awesome; the defense kept us in the game," head coach Tracy Coyne said after Sunday's game against Stanford.

On Friday, the defense proved itself by containing Blue Devils junior star Katie Chrest, who has been practicing with the USA World Cup Team, holding her to two goals, the latter of which came with just 45 seconds to play in the second half.

"Megan Fitzpatrick was the

matchup on her, but I think other defenders collapsing and taking her out of her game, I think that really made a difference," Coyne said.

Regardless, Duke still jumped out to an early lead, getting goals from Kristen Waagbo and Caroline Cryer to take a 2-0 lead just 5:53 into the game. It was a lead they would never lose, as Notre Dame never got closer than a two-point deficit in the game. Behind four goals from freshman Rachel Sanford, the Blue Devils led 5-2 at halftime and built up to a 10-5 lead with 5:20 to go in the game before the Irish closed the game on a 3-1 run to make the game's last minutes interesting.

The last minute effort was initiated by freshman Caitlin McKinney, who scored with 4:20 left to cut the lead to 10-6. McKinney was very busy all afternoon, scoring three goals and adding two assists to lead the team with five points.

Despite the loss, Coyne was pleased with the way her team played.

"I think if we always played

like this, we'd be in the top five," Coyne said.

Unfortunately for her team, they did not play the same on Sunday, falling to Stanford in the lowest-scoring contest in the seven-year history of Notre Dame women's lacrosse.

The game started off at a frenzied pace, with both offenses ineffective despite operating at nearly full speed the entire first half.

Notre Dame jumped out to a 2-1 lead when junior Chrysti Foote, who finished with two goals and two assists and has already been offensive player of the week twice this year, scored one of each to give her team the lead 13:39 into the first half. However, Stanford quickly rallied and went into halftime with a 4-3 lead.

In the second half, the pace slowed down, and Notre Dame had opportunities to score.

However, the Irish were without McKinney the entire second half, as she was ejected with 2:09 left in the first period for checking to the head.

"Obviously, she's a huge part of the attacking unit and she generates a lot, but I still felt confident in the other players we had out there," Coyne said.

Ultimately, the game came down to the wire, as it was tied at five for most of the final seven minutes. The Irish had an opportunity to score with a minute to go in the game, but Stanford goalie Laura Shane got the biggest of her 14 saves to shut down Notre Dame's chances. Moments later, Nina Pantano beat Notre Dame's Carol Dixon for the game-winner for the Cardinal with just 14 seconds remaining.

"We got some good looks, but I was disappointed with how we executed at the very end on attack," Coyne said.

Notre Dame is in action again next Saturday at 1 p.m. against Georgetown at Moose Krause Stadium.

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BETH WERNET/The Observer

Irish attack Heather Ferguson looks to pass to a teammate during Notre Dame's 12-9 win over Rutgers on April 3.

WOMEN'S CREW

Team nearly sweeps state finals

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

The Irish returned with a near clean sweep from the Indiana State Championships this weekend in Indianapolis. The Irish blew opponents Purdue, Indiana and Louisville out of the water in a full day of competition.

The first varsity eight shell finished first in the morning races, before pulling in a second place finish, comparatively disappointing for the weekend, in the afternoon race.

The women completed the morning race with a time of 6 minutes, 56.8 seconds, a full seven seconds ahead of runner-up Indiana. Purdue pulled in the rear almost 25 seconds behind the victorious Irish.

The day concluded for the first varsity eight when Louisville took over first, a little under seven seconds ahead of the Irish, in the second race of the day.

Coach Martin Stone of the

Irish was mostly satisfied with how the weekend played out, only wishing that the afternoon race had gone better for his women.

"We needed to go faster, especially against Louisville," he said in regards to the afternoon race and the always-looming NCAA Championship bids up for grabs. "We have some strong teams to go up against in our region."

The rest of the weekend went flawlessly for a dominant Irish crew.

The second Varsity eight went unbeaten in two races, winning the first by over six seconds with Indiana and 24 seconds in front of Purdue. The Irish won the afternoon race by a similar margin, but won over new opponent Louisville, with Indiana coming in third.

Rookie Notre Dame rowers left Indianapolis in similar company with their upperclassmen teammates, as the Novice eight won both races. The first race saw Notre Dame emerge on top of Indiana and Purdue by a com-

fortable margin.

The second race provided the Irish with its toughest opponents of the day, each other. Notre Dame fielded two shells in the second race that finished in the top two spots, separated by 8.37 seconds.

The first varsity four boats in the morning finished one-two, ahead of Purdue and Indiana. The afternoon proved just as successful, with only one of the Notre Dame shells competing in the first division race, and stayed true to Irish form for the weekend coming out on top.

The second varsity four obliterated a much-slower Indiana boat by slightly below 20 seconds. Once again the Irish competed with each other in the afternoon race of the second varsity four, forcing the opposing schools to finish lower in the standings.

The Irish next face Michigan State Tuesday.

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MEN'S TENNIS

Notre Dame clobbers Ball State 6-1

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish took off early against Ball State and never looked back Saturday, forcing their way to a dominating win over their in-state rival.

It was fitting that the Irish finished their home season the way they began — with a resounding victory.

No. 32 Notre Dame defeated No. 62 Ball State 6-1 on Saturday, improving the team's record to 16-6 with one match to play before heading into the postseason.

"It's been a fun four years," senior co-captain Brent D'Amico said. "[There have been] great people on our teams — it's been a really enjoyable four years and this was a good way to go out, with everyone showing up today and not really laying down."

The hard work was noticeable to coach Bobby Bayliss.

"I'm really proud of the level of effort and focus that we kept through the match," he said. "I'm particularly pleased with the doubles point because they had won the doubles point from Illinois ... and we got clobbered by Illinois."

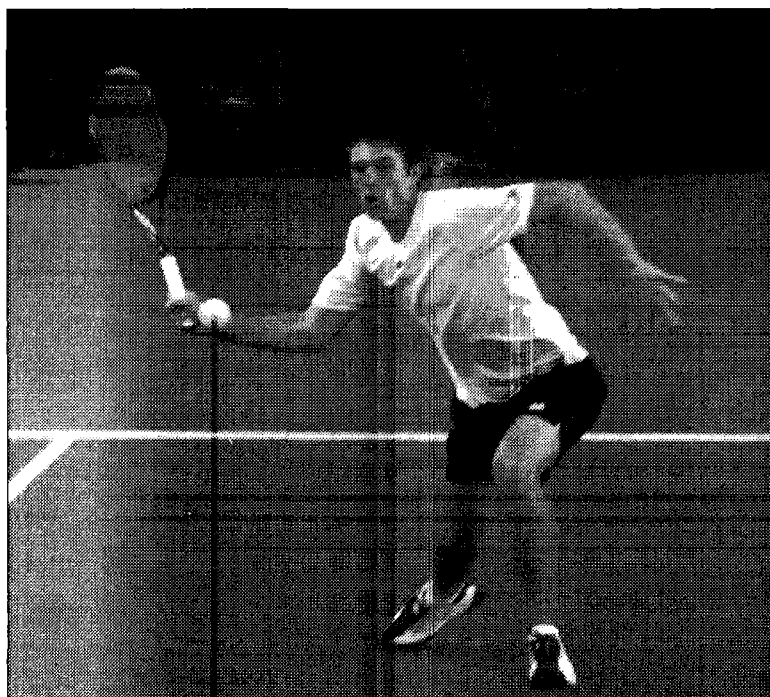
The Irish dropped just one set in doubles to tally the first point of the match, providing a boost to an up-and-down doubles season.

"I was disappointed we suffered the two early breaks at number one doubles and got down so far, but I'm very proud of the way we stayed in the match," Bayliss said. "That was a factor, because if they could close that out and get that first doubles match, it puts enormous pressure on both our teams."

Although the No. 1 duo of D'Amico and Eric Langenkamp would fall to No. 25 Baccarani and Thompson of Ball State 8-5, Bayliss thinks the rally from a larger deficit helped the team stay alive in doubles play.

"As we fought back from 6-1 to 7-5, we extended the match and actually won third doubles before one finished. It really helped out our two doubles," he said.

Stephen Bass and Sheeva Parbhu were first off the courts at



Stephen Bass returns a shot in a match against Michigan on March 26. Bass and the Irish defeated Ball State 6-1 Saturday.

No. 3, registering an 8-4 victory.

"Stephen and Sheeva are beginning to do what we thought they could do," Bayliss said. "That's a good win for us."

In the final doubles match on the court, King and Keckley clinched the point for the Irish with an 8-5 victory.

King would later clinch the overall match for the Irish with his victory at No. 2 doubles. Singles play was decisive in favor of the Irish, as the team lost only one set in addition to a point-deciding tiebreaker at No. 5 to cost the Irish a shutout.

"I'm particularly proud of the way everybody stayed on track," Bayliss said. "We got on top pretty quick in a number of the matches and that happens a lot ... today we really got on top and we kept them down. So that's a good sign, this is one of our best matches of the year, for sure."

Freshman Sheeva Parbhu was first off the courts at No. 4 after racking up a 6-2, 6-2 victory. In his rookie season with the Irish, he is 17-3 overall, seeing most of his playing time at No. 4.

D'Amico slashed his way to a 6-0, 6-2 victory at No. 3 to finish his

career at Notre Dame on a high note. King clinched the match at No. 2 with a 6-1, 6-2 victory.

Langenkamp won 6-4, 6-4 at No. 5 and Stephen Bass made a tough win at No. 1 look easy with a 7-6 (7-5), 6-3 victory.

However, the Irish were competitive in every set.

Irackli Ackhvediani lost a valiant effort at No. 5, falling 2-6, 7-5, 1-0 (10-7) in a hard-fought battle of tiebreakers.

"Everyone who won, I think, just did a great job," D'Amico said. "They won fairly quickly and handily, everyone did a great job."

With hard work, the Irish have a shot at winning another Big East title and hopefully making a deep run in the NCAA's.

"[We'll] just do what we do best — work hard," D'Amico said. "I think we'll have a little bit of a break after our last match and before Big East so we'll probably rest a little bit and recuperate there."

The Irish take the courts on Wednesday at Ohio State for their final match of the season.

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish sweep Panthers for 13th win in a row

By RYAN DUFFY
Sports Writer

Although most teams wouldn't like to be associated with the bad luck of the number 13, the Irish are more than content to have a 13-game win streak that has been built on skill, not luck.

Behind dominant pitching and an impressive hitting display that pounded out a fitting 13 runs, Notre Dame took both games of its doubleheader against Pittsburgh Saturday to move to 24-8 on the year and a perfect 4-0 in the Big East. The Irish defeated the Panthers 7-2 in the first game, and then completed the sweep with a 6-0 shutout in game two.

"This was a much better Pitt team than usual, so I was a little worried going in, but we hit well," coach Deanna Gumpf said. "We had some clutch hitting, some two-out hitting, and some players going deep. We scored a lot of runs in a lot of different ways."

The Notre Dame offense recorded 23 hits on its way to a big day on offense that continues the team's hot hitting. They were led by freshman Katie Laing, who had three hits and four RBIs, including a solo home run that helped start the Irish scoring rally in the first game.

"Katie's really stepped up a lot this year," Gumpf said. "She's been a nice addition to the lineup. She's small, but she adds some pop. She came in and has been great for the team."

After getting off to a slow start this season, the Notre Dame offense has heated up faster than the South Bend weather in recent weeks, and continues to pound opposing pitching and put runs on the scoreboard.

"A lot of the improvement on offense is just getting into a rhythm; I think our girls are getting more confident," Gumpf said. "They're starting to figure out what's working for them. When we're hitting the ball like we did against Pitt, it makes

everything easier. And when they're hitting the ball, this team is a lot of fun to watch play."

While Notre Dame's offense beat up on Pittsburgh, the starting pitching continued to be nearly unhittable.

Both senior Steffany Stenglein and junior Heather Booth struck out 12 Panthers in complete game victories, allowing only six hits and two runs between them for the doubleheader.

Stenglein scattered four hits through seven innings, and was in total control until the bottom of the seventh, when she allowed a two-run homer to spoil her chance at a shutout. She posted a double-digit strikeout game for the fifth time in her last six starts.

"Stenglein was just untouchable up until the seventh, and then she left one up there for them to hit," Gumpf said. "With the exception of that one pitch, she pitched a great game."

Booth turned in a similar performance in the second game, giving up only two hits on her way to a complete game shutout. Her 12-strikeout performance tied a career high, and included two clutch strikeouts with the bases loaded and no outs.

"Heather showed some guts in that second game," Gumpf said. "She had the bases loaded with no outs, and she shut down Pittsburgh's No. 4 and 5 hitters — just made them look silly."

With their starting pitching overpowering opponents and the offense starting to click, the Irish will look to extend their 13-game win streak when they take on Purdue in a doubleheader on Tuesday.

"Winning streaks are great, but the main thing this team needs to focus on is one game at a time," Gumpf said. "Take it one pitch, one hit, one inning and one game at a time."

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles drop two to Albion

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Senior Staff Writer

The Belles' lack of playing experience showed this Saturday as Saint Mary's (5-10, 0-2 in the MIAA) dropped a doubleheader on the road against Adrian (8-13, 3-3). The Belles fell 4-1 in game one, then dropped game two by a close 11-9 score.

The losses were the first of the MIAA season for Saint Mary's, which has now lost 11 games in a row. The Belles last won March 10 against Emmanuel (Mass.) College.

Saint Mary's fell behind early in both games, and matched Adrian nearly hit for hit in the doubleheader — the Bulldogs had 18 hits to the Belles' 17 — but the Belles hitters could not get the big hit when the team needed it.

Saint Mary's was also unable to take advantage of the Bulldogs' miscues. Adrian committed nine errors in the doubleheader, including seven in game two.

Bridget Grall started the first game for the Belles, allowing seven hits and four earned runs while striking out two. Adrian's Kelli Szczepanski scattered six hits while striking out three to earn the victory as both pitchers went seven innings.

Sarah Miesle picked up the only RBI for Saint Mary's in that game, doubling in the fifth inning to score Katie Cosimano from second base with two outs.

In the second game, Amando Trevino started on the mound for the Belles but did not make it out of the third inning, as McKenna Corrigan came on in relief with one out in the third.

Grall later relieved Corrigan, pitching the final two innings of the game.

Trevino allowed seven hits and eight earned runs in a shaky start that included three wild pitches. Corrigan allowed two earned runs, while Grall worked a scoreless sixth and seventh inning.

Jessica VanTroostenberghe pitched a complete game victory for the Bulldogs, and also hit a solo home run in the first inning. She allowed 11 hits and nine runs, all of which were unearned.

Laura Heline, Megan Myers and Kimberly Hodges each had one RBI in the Belles' losing effort.

Saint Mary's remains on the road to face first-place Calvin in a doubleheader Tuesday.

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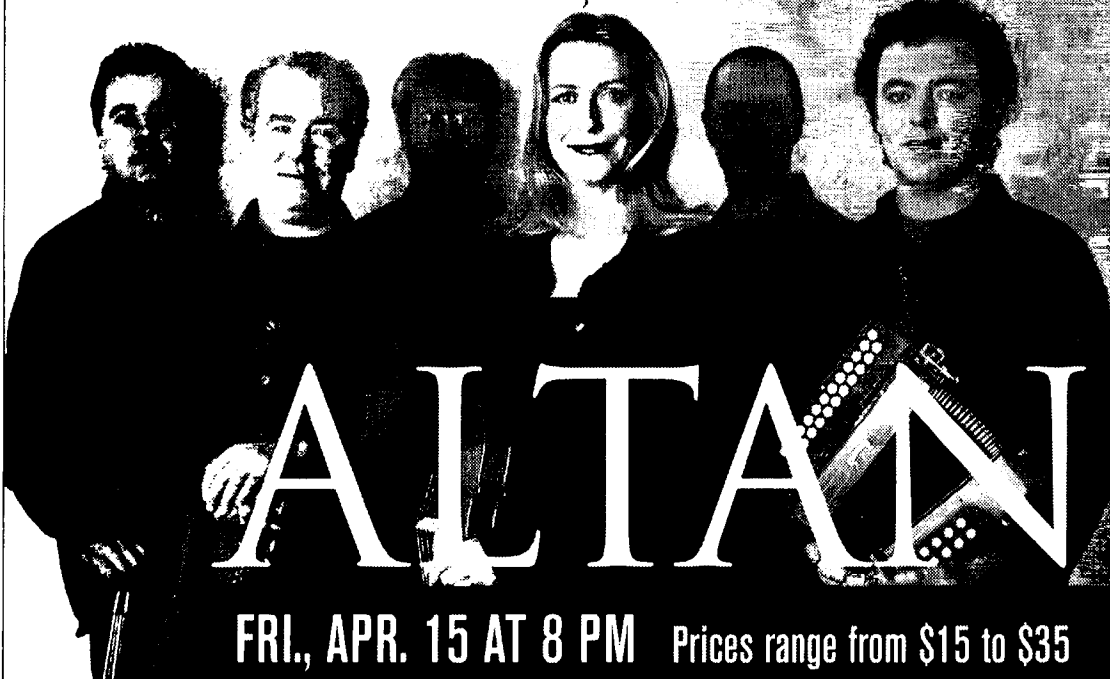


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FOOTBALL

Offensive players grasping Weis' playbook

Coach uses hands-on teaching techniques to install new system

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Charlie Weis has dipped his hands completely into Notre Dame's offense.

"It's a good thing that I have a dependable, veteran group of defensive coaches," Weis said, "because I'm not down there as much as I'd like to be with as much time as I'm spending on offense."

Though Weis made special teams the main focus of Saturday's practice in Notre Dame Stadium, the head coach and former Patriots offensive coordinator constantly sprinkled in aspects of the offensive system he is trying to implement.

So far, running back Darius Walker says it's working.

"Individually, I feel I have a great grasp on what the playbook is like and what coach Weis is looking for when I'm out there," Walker said.

Walker, quarterback Brady Quinn and several receivers spent much of the practice standing straight and still at their positions as Weis explained side adjustments, motion exchanges and various sets. The coach walked back and forth between the hash marks, pointing his players to

specific spots in explaining how to handle blitz packages, among other scenarios.

"I think Brady's gotten plenty of attention, and I think the other guys have gotten more mental reps than physical reps," Weis said. "There's definitely been some progress."

When players are getting physical reps, wide receiver Jeff Samardzija said groups like the receivers have to perform at a high level to attract Weis' attention and to gain favor in the coach's ever-evolving playbook.

"Coach [Rob] Ianello made the point that when we get three or four [receivers] out there at a time, we've gotta take advantage of it," Samardzija said. "We gotta show [Weis] when we're out there that he wants us that there and that he can work with it the whole game or however long he needs it."

In his offensive system, Weis traditionally identifies a defense's weak points and then pins those weaknesses against the strengths of his offense. For that to happen with Notre Dame, Weis first must understand the strengths of the Irish offense.

That is why he is experimenting with a variety of formations, including trips, four-wide and the three-tight end.

On Saturday, the offense did its first couple repetitions of the three-tight end set. Tight ends John Carlson and Anthony Fasano lined up on the left and right ends of the line, respectively. Marcus Freeman then

went in motion from left to right, stopping behind quarterback Quinn, and blocked for Walker on a straight-ahead run play.

Samardzija liked the look of Weis' variety.

"If we're three tights, there's really no letdown three-wide," he said. "It's a tough position for Coach, because he's gotta weigh his options."

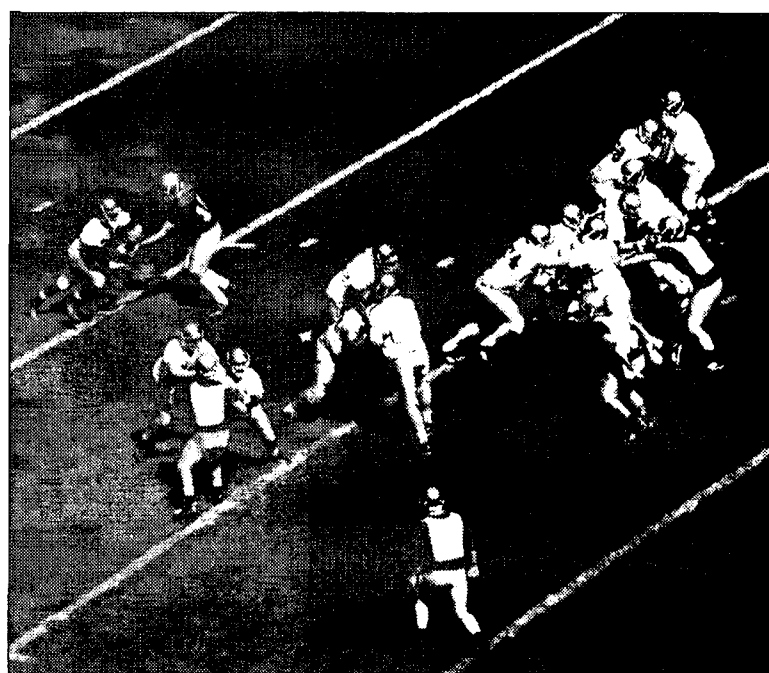
As Weis weighs his options, the game plan evolves and the coach takes more time out of practice to coach stationary players instead of simply watching physical reps. Walker said the players have taken to Weis' style thus far and responded with excitement.

"Coming from the NFL and in turn with the success he's had, a lot of us think if we can know the game like him, then we can be just as successful," Walker said. "In a sense, yes, coach Weis is a very good teacher and very good leader. But I think with his success, it kind of gravitates us towards him and makes us want to learn."

Notes

♦D.J. Fitzpatrick was waiting in the back of the north end zone to punt Saturday when the snap sailed over his head and through the goal posts for a safety. But no worry. The special teams blunder was intentional.

Weis made his team take the safety, and on another play he had Quinn turn and throw a spiral out of his own end zone



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer
Irish quarterback Brady Quinn hands off during Saturday's practice at Notre Dame Stadium. Head coach Charlie Weis has been proactive in his implementation of his offensive system.

— all in an attempt to make his players think on their feet come game time.

"Those situations were all end of game situations," Weis said. "I described it to the players: if you're up by six, and you take a safety, you're up by four and a field goal still doesn't tie you. So taking a safety sometimes is a smart, strategic move."

♦On another occasion, Weis told Quinn to throw an incomplete pass and signaled for the defense to call timeout. No one on the defense was fooled, and

none of them obeyed their coach's orders, since an incomplete stops the clock and does not warrant a timeout in an end-game situation.

"We were talking about situations where I want our team to be a smart football team," Weis said. "I wanted to see what the reaction was gonna be when I called timeout. I expected them to screw it up there, but they reacted to it."

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Special

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reps full speed than we did today," Weis said. "That's the one thing about special teams, other than take it to the ground, if you don't practice special teams full-speed, you don't get any good at them."

Weis gave numerous players opportunities at different positions for the first hour of practice. One of these was wide receiver Jeff Samardzija, who was the holder on some of the field goal attempts, the majority

taken by returning starter D.J. Fitzpatrick and walk-on Bobby Renkes.

One player that stood out on returns was junior walk-on Brandon Harris.

"He's very fast," Weis said. "And when you have a guy that's a little bit of an unknown, one thing that stands out about Brandon is that he's very fast. Everything he's doing, he's very fast."

Harris rotated on punt returns with Rhema McKnight, Zbikowski and Maurice Stovall, who Weis said is a reliable returner.

"The one thing is that he's a

dependable catcher of the ball," Weis said of Stovall. "I think the one thing you've always got to start with is someone who can catch the ball."

But Weis said it wasn't necessarily the returners he was most concerned with.

"I wasn't worried about those guys back there," he said. "I was worried about the protection and the coverage right now. I'll worry about those returners coached between [coach Mike] Haywood and myself. I was more concerned with, 'can we protect and can we cover?'"

Defensive back Terrail Lambert, who saw action as a

gunner, along with fellow defensive backs Leo Ferrine and Tregg Duerson, said the team's speed will help on special teams, something he sees as an important part of the game.

"I think it works to our advantage just 'cause we have players like Leo that are athletic so it's gonna help us on special teams, an important phase of a game people seem to overlook a lot," Lambert said. "So it helps you out on that third of the game that you need."

Notes

♦J.J. Jansen handled long-snapping duties Saturday, replac-

ing last year's snapper Casey Dunn, who did not return for a fifth year of eligibility.

♦Weis said that he worked with returners mostly on decision-making, something he deemed one of the most important aspects in that position.

"When I went back to deal with the returners, I tried to give them the simple fundamentals of decision making as a returner," Weis said. "I think one of the easiest ways to get beat on special teams is by poor decision-making by the returners."

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Eagles

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John's (7-1), Boston College (7-3), Rutgers (6-3) and Villanova (6-4).

Tom Thornton, who grew up in Middleboro, Mass., improved to 3-4 on the season by outdueling Boston College's Joe Martinez in the second game of Saturday's doubleheader. Notre Dame's big left-hander struck out five, walked zero and allowed just two earned runs. Martinez matched Thornton with nine innings and struck out 10, but allowed three runs, two of which were earned.

The Irish manufactured two runs in the second, thanks to RBI singles from Ross Brezovsky and Sean Gaston. Boston College tied the game with runs in the second and fourth before Matt Edwards provided Notre Dame with the go-ahead run on an RBI groundout.

In Sunday's game, Jeff Manship fired three solid innings and Jeff Samardzija fin-

ished the job by logging the final six to push Notre Dame to victory. Manship, who is still recovering from elbow surgery and was on a pitch count, struck out one and gave up just three hits. Samardzija followed by holding Boston College to three hits during the final 18 outs.

"It took me a little while to get going," Samardzija said. "I had those first few innings to get warm and then I went out there and felt kind of good. Fastball was working pretty well and I was using the off-speed to keep them off-balance a little bit."

Besides pitching effectively, Manship reached the third inning for the first time this season, which was a good sign for the right-hander and Notre Dame.

"Just getting over that hump of two innings was a big accomplishment and I was able to do that," Manship said. "I just have to keep building on it."

In Saturday's game, the Irish took the lead in the sixth when Alex Netey drilled an RBI triple, putting the visitor's in front 1-0. After Brett Lilley

failed on a suicide squeeze, resulting in Netey being thrown out at the plate, Edwards cranked an RBI double and later scored on a Craig Cooper single.

Mainieri credited his infield defense for improved play in the second and third games. Before game two, Mainieri moved freshman second baseman Lilley to third base and Brezovsky to second. The moved paid off as Lilley made several outstanding plays in both games to keep the Eagles off the basepaths.

Boston College took the opener 8-2 behind potent production from its No. 3 and No. 4 hitters. Jared McGuire and Jason Delaney combined to go 7-for-8 with five RBIs. Cooper finished 2-for-3 and Dan Kapala took the loss after allowing seven runs and five earned during his 71-pitch outing.

The Irish return to Frank Eck Stadium for a matchup against Bowling Green on Tuesday. First pitch is scheduled for 5:05 p.m.

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Tennis

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have struggled to remain poised under pressure in the past, as they have won just once in their last 10 competitions decided by only one match in the last two seasons (0-5 this spring).

Notre Dame claimed the all-important doubles point and three singles points en route to its win over Indiana on Sunday.

Freshman Brook Buck and junior Lauren Connelly were the first to walk off the courts in doubles with a win over Laura McGaffigan 8-2 at No. 2. Securing the doubles point, No. 4 sophomores Catrina and Christian Thompson defeated Dominika Walterova and Sarah Batty at No. 1. The lone Hoosier win came at No. 3 with Dora Vastag and Cecile Pertout outlasting senior captain Sarah

Jane Connelly and junior Kiki Stastny 8-7 (3).

Extending the team's lead, Christian Thompson beat McGaffigan 7-5, 6-0 at No. 3. Thompson returned to the courts in Saturday's meet against William and Mary after a knee injury had sidelined her for nearly a month.

No. 37 Catrina Thompson was next to walk away with a win, upending No. 101 Vastag 6-1, 6-2 at No. 1.

The Hoosiers made a comeback following Catrina Thompson's win, picking up the next three singles points. Walterova defeated Lauren Connelly at No. 4 6-4, 6-3 at No. 4, while Pertout outlasted Sarah Jane Connelly 6-1, 1-6, 6-3 at No. 6. Batty bested Buck to tie the match 3-3. With the team's fate in her hands, Stastny prevailed over William to secure the win for the team 6-2, 2-6, 6-4 at No. 5.

This was the second day in a row that Stastny had pulled out a three-set victory in the final match on the court to give Notre Dame the win.

No. 31 Notre Dame 4, No. 16 William and Mary 3

Notre Dame started off its stellar weekend with an impressive 4-3 upset over No. 16 William and Mary.

The Irish swept doubles and recorded wins at three of the six singles positions to come out on top.

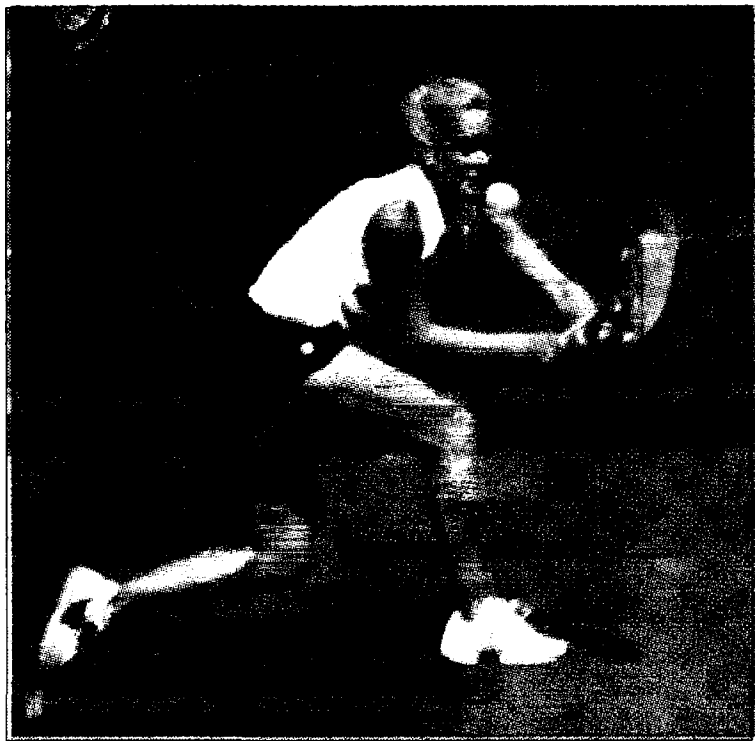
The team registered wins in each of the doubles positions, with the Thompson twins notching the first win. Catrina and Christian Thompson edged out Kate Boomershine and Candice Fuchs 8-6 at No. 1. After trailing 6-3, Sarah Jane Connelly and Stastny overcame Linda Yang and Lena Sherbakov 9-8, (7-1) at No. 3.

This was Sarah Jane Connelly's final home match of her career. The senior concluded with a 32-14 (.696) home mark in singles and a 36-13 (.735) record in doubles.

Sister Lauren Connelly and Buck followed Stastny and Sarah Jane Connelly's lead, upsetting the No. 48 team of Amy Wei and Megan Muth 8-4 at No. 2. The Tribe made the match more competitive in singles, with No. 122 Fuchs upsetting No. 37 Catrina Thompson 6-1, 6-0 at No. 1. But Christian Thompson put the Irish back in the lead with a win over Sherbakov at No. 3.

Yang collected a win over Sarah Jane Connelly 6-4, 2-6, 6-4 at No. 6 and later No. 62 Muth defeated No. 90 Buck at No. 2. But Notre Dame surged back with Lauren Connelly besting Wei at No. 4 and Stastny securing the win at No. 5 6-6, 6-4, 6-3. The Irish next take on Illinois at Champaign on Wednesday at 3:30 p.m.

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Freshman Brook Buck returns a serve Saturday against William and Mary. Notre Dame upset the No. 16 Tribe by one match.

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Air Force

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opportunities for him. I was pleased that he got those [opportunities] and even more pleased that he finished them."

Notre Dame led 13-11 with 12:08 remaining in the game after attack Matt Malakoff tallied his third goal of the afternoon. But Air Force came back with goals from Will Meister and Kevin Crumrine, putting the Falcons in position to give the Irish their second consecutive loss. After Notre Dame called a timeout with 1:33 left in the four-minute overtime, Irish midfielder Matt Ryan passed the ball off to Giordano in the middle of the field. Giordano then swooped towards the net and slammed the winning goal home past Air Force goalie Justin Pavoni.

Though the scoreboard reflected a close contest, the stat books told a different story. The Irish collected 57 ground balls compared to the Falcons' 38 and Notre Dame out shot Air Force 51-36. Despite these facts, Corrigan was disappointed in what he felt was a sub-par performance by the Irish.

"I don't think any of us are going to say that we played particularly well," Corrigan said. "That's disappointing but it's overcome a bit by the fact that we did what we had to do to win the game today."

The Falcons jumped out to an early 3-0 lead and led the Irish 8-3 with eight minutes remaining in the second quarter. Notre Dame then went on a scoring tear, scoring five goals [with three coming

from Giordano] to tie the score at half.

Sunday's win over the Falcon's is the first step on the path to the NCAA Tournament for the Irish. Last Thursday's 9-6 home loss to Denver hurt Notre Dame's chances at a tournament berth, but Corrigan believes if his squad keeps winning they have a shot.

"What we can do is try to finish 8-3," Corrigan said. "It's just too early to tell [about NCAA tournament bids]. There are still too many games to be played. But if we can finish 8-3 we're going to be a part of the conversation."

Irish freshman goalie Joey Kemp, who has seen the majority of playing time this year, was replaced by senior Stewart Crosland with 22:23 left in the game. Crosland made seven saves while Kemp totaled five.

The contest was the last at home this season for Notre Dame and was contested in front of a crowd of 1,305, the largest ever for a home match. The Irish will next play against No. 17 Fairfield on Sunday.

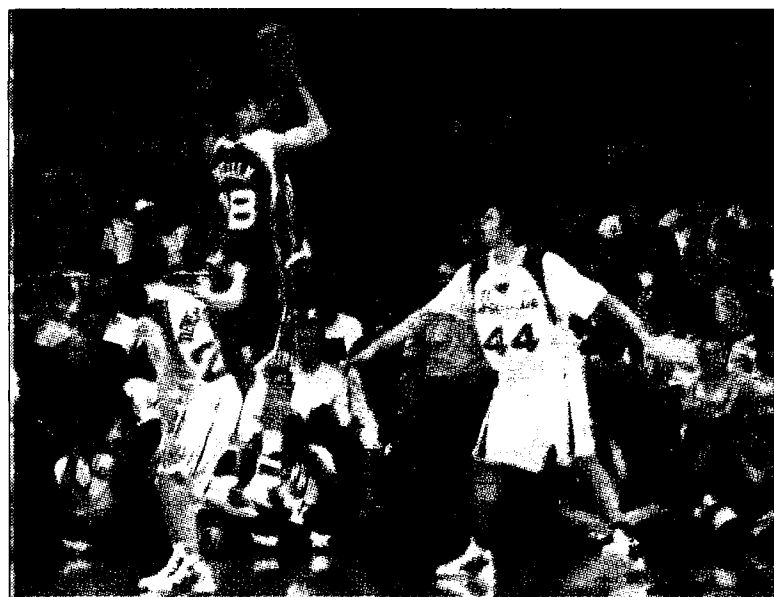
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Irish recruit Luke Zeller takes a shot during the McDonald's All-America game March 30. Zeller received the Indiana Mr. Basketball Award Sunday.

Zeller

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Mr. Basketball attend Notre Dame helps his coaching staff's attempt to recruit more in-state talent.

Zeller, however, dispelled the notion he is succeeding Thomas as the Mr. Basketball of the Irish.

"Those are very big shoes to fill, but I think it's different," Zeller said. "I'm going to define myself as a player differently than Chris defined himself. Chris did some amazing things there ... If people are lining me up against that, that's fine, but I'm not gonna line myself up against that."

"I'm just gonna play my game and do everything I can to help my team win."

In high school, anyway, Zeller's everything seems to be enough.

Notes

♦Brey said Sunday that forward Dennis Latimore, who has one year of player eligibility remaining but also has the option of graduating this spring, has not made a

final decision to stay with the team or leave.

"We'll make a final decision on that," Brey said. "I was away a little bit last week. I'd say we'd know in another two weeks."

"We'll make that official. We've been discussing both sides of it, but I'd say in two weeks we'll make a final decision — before school's out certainly."

♦Brey confirmed he is completely committed as head coach of the Notre Dame men's basketball program. The coach has repeatedly shaken off rumors that he was interested in filling a vacancy at the University of Virginia.

"I'm busy with Notre Dame business," he said. "We have our banquet this week, we're on the road recruiting, we'll have some kids in visiting. You try to get your returning guys in a routine, and then you gotta work with your seniors as far as getting them situated. My focus has been here."

"I think if you ask our players they would agree with that."

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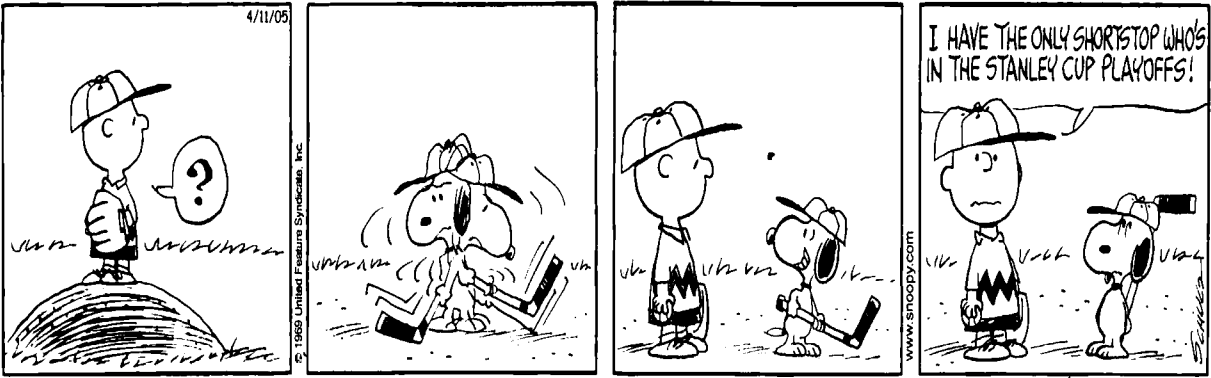
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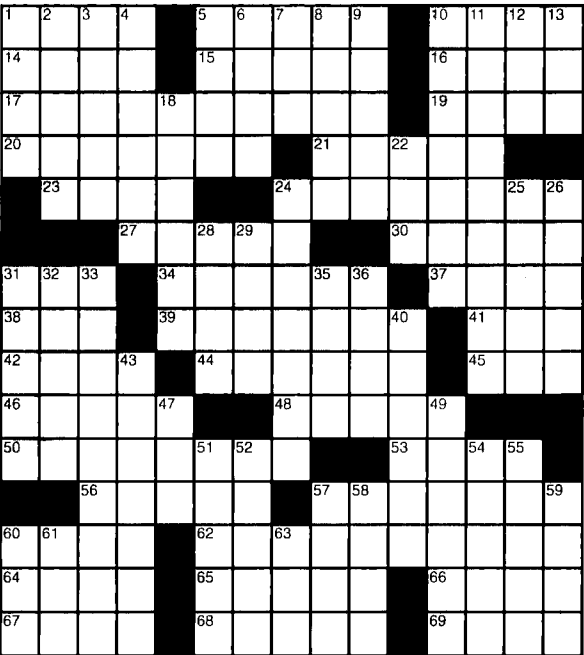
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35 Surprise greatly

36 Roman robe

40 Bundle

43 Things held by Moses

47 Chest muscle, for short

49 Neatened

51 Easy strides

52 Designer Ashley

54 Item worn around the shoulders

55 Pick up on

57 Teensy bit

58 Navy noncoms, for short

59 "Rush!" order

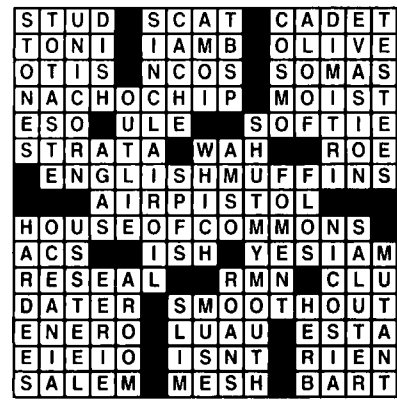
60 It may be a walk-up: Abbr.

61 Dove's sound

63 Children's game

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Happy Birthday: Stand up for what you believe in and you will get others to help you achieve your goals this year. Don't let stubbornness or emotional issues cloud your mind or slow you down. Keep things in perspective and don't let your victories go to your head. Your numbers are 7, 12, 19, 26, 39, 42

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may feel guilty if you have work to do and don't feel like doing it. Cut yourself some slack and take the day off. Aggressive action will bring you absolutely no satisfaction or rewards today. ***
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Slow down before you have a mishap. Keep busy by spending time fixing up your surroundings. The less time spent fretting over your job, the better. Concentrate on anything but work. ***
GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't get involved in a risky investment. Make sure everything is in order with your personal papers. An invitation to do something with old friends will bring back happy memories. ***
CANCER (June 21-July 22): This can turn into a push-pull sort of day -- someone else wants you to do one thing, but you want to do another. Find a way to compromise. Sharing and adaptability will lead to a happy household. ****
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will be on the go today; however, that may bother someone you have left behind. Make sure that you think of others before you go off on your own. A little consideration will go a long way. **
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Get out and do something that will bring you knowledge or culture. You may not agree with everything you experience today, but what you learn will be worth it. A change of scenery will be positive. *****
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Do something unique today or get involved in a social event that will bring you in touch with some interesting new friends. This is a great day for love; don't let it pass you by. Spend time with that special person. ***
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You are probably taking on too much and feeling a little bogged down. Stop putting so much pressure on yourself, and figure out a way to get the help you need. Romance can come into play late in the day, so reserve some energy.***
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will have plenty of choices today, but if you opt to think about work, you are likely to upset someone who wants to spend time with you. Opportunities for romance will unfold through friends, relatives or neighbors. Use your ingenuity. ***
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It's up to you to take charge. Stop anyone who wants to be negative or critical. It may be time to eliminate some of the people in your life who drag you down. This is a great day to update your look. *****
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You may have to watch what you say to whom today. The wrong information in the hands of someone who isn't looking out for your best interests could end up getting you into trouble. Don't be a follower. **
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Make plans to do something special with friends, family or people in your community. Getting out and sharing your thoughts or even taking a short trip will result in meeting interesting people and maybe even a romantic encounter. ****

Birthday Baby: You are creative, trendy and determined to get what you want. You are outgoing and know how to work a crowd. You have a unique way of doing things that will always attract the help you need to pursue your dreams.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Zeller is honored as 2005 Indiana Mr. Basketball

Irish recruit won state championship with buzzer-beater

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

After averaging a near double-double for the second straight season and hitting a half court buzzer-beater to win the 3A state title, Washington High School senior and Notre Dame recruit Luke Zeller was named the Indianapolis Star 2005 Indiana Mr. Basketball in the newspaper's Sunday edi-

tions.

Zeller received 101 of a possible 247 votes cast by coaches and members of the media. Dominic James of Richmond finished second in the voting with 63 votes, and Josh McRoberts of Carmel was third with 41 votes. Twelve additional high school seniors combined to receive the remaining 42 votes.

Germantown Academy guard Ryan Ayers, recruited to the Irish along with Zeller, was named the Pennsylvania Gatorade Player of the Year in late March.

Zeller averaged 19.6 points and 9.6 rebounds per game as a senior, solid numbers especially

against the double- and triple-team defenses he faced throughout the season. He did not score a point in the McDonald's All-American game at the Joyce Center March 30, while McRoberts earned the game's MVP honors with 17 points and 12 rebounds.

But Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said he felt Zeller's post-season performance is what sealed the coveted award for the All-American recruit.

"I'm happy for Luke," Brey said. "I think it's well-deserved with the way he finished his senior year. It's almost storybook. I was hoping that's the way they would vote when you

win a state championship in the fashion he did."

Zeller's fashion was to demand the ball when his team needed him most.

With 1.8 seconds remaining in front of 18,345 fans at Canseco Fieldhouse, Zeller asked his coach for the ball during a timeout. Seconds later, he sank the running, half court shot that so many Indiana basketball fans are now familiar with, a moment that would run later in the night as the Top Play on ESPN's Sportscenter.

Amid the accolades and the praise, however, Zeller — who Brey called a "classy young man" — seemed calm and

determined in a phone interview Sunday night.

"I was very pleased and it was great to see the support from all the [voters]," Zeller said. "It really kind of humbled me, and I just basically praise God for everything that's happened."

"I don't think it really changes anything. I'll still go out and play as hard as I can and do everything I can, like I always have."

Chris Thomas is the only other player in Notre Dame men's basketball history to receive the award in Indiana.

Brey said having an Indiana

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FOOTBALL

Making his point

Weis has Irish focus on special teams at full speed for half of practice

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN
Sports Writer

After a 2004 season that saw the Irish continually struggle on special teams, new head coach Charlie Weis is ready to turn that around, and it started Saturday afternoon.

"He keeps telling us the fastest way to rebuild a team is special teams, and we're trying to rebuild this team as fast as we can," safety Tom Zbikowski said. "Spending a whole hour on special teams is going to hit home."

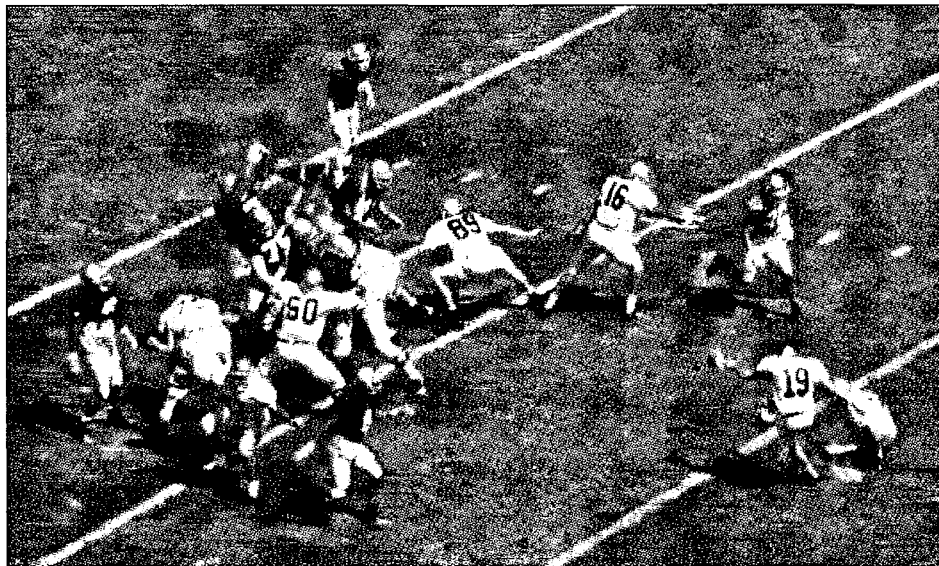
Weis said the only way to get better was to go full-speed, which is what the Irish did Saturday, practicing punt coverage and returns, punt protection and field goal kicking at Notre Dame Stadium.

"I don't think you could have done many more

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TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Irish kicker D.J. Fitzpatrick attempts a field goal during practice Saturday at Notre Dame Stadium. Head coach Charlie Weis focused on special teams, an Irish weakness in 2004, for much of the practice session.

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish win two over weekend

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

The Irish aren't ones to take baby steps when recovering from their heartbreaking losses earlier this season.

In fact, No. 31 Notre Dame (11-8) took a giant leap forward this weekend with an upset of No. 16 William and Mary on Saturday and No. 35 Indiana on Sunday, extending its three-match winning streak.

More heartening, both victories were decided in the final matches of the meet. The Irish

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Last home game sweet with win over Falcons

By MIKE GILLOON
Sports Editor

Brian Giordano was not planning on losing the last home game of his career. So the senior Irish midfielder took matters into his own hands by scoring five goals, including the game winner, to lead No. 11 Notre Dame (6-3) over Air Force (3-5) 14-13 in overtime Sunday at Moose

Krause Stadium.

"I thought that even though we had limited possessions because we didn't clear the ball very well, our offense played well," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "When our offense plays well [Giordano] is going to be the beneficiary of that. He's a great finisher and when we're playing good offense we're creating

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BASEBALL

Team takes two from Eagles

By JOE HETTLER
Senior Staff Writer

Notre Dame finally got what it needed to win — good pitching.

After dropping the opening game against Boston College Saturday, the Irish (16-14, 5-4) used two impressive pitching performances to take the series, winning the second game Saturday 3-2 and the only contest on Sunday 3-0. The wins put Notre Dame in fifth place in the Big East standings behind St.



BETH WERNET/The Observer

Irish infielder Ross Brezovsky swings against Toledo April 5. Notre Dame won two games against Boston College this weekend.

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ND drops matches to No. 2 Duke, unranked Stanford.

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Irish come up one race short of sweeping the Indiana State Championships.

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Tiger Woods wins his fourth green jacket, beating Chris DiMarco in a playoff.

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