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Abroad interns affected by British elections

By JOE TROMBELLO
News Writer

OXFORD, England — British Prime Minister Tony Blair's announcement of re-election April 5, with the election to be held May 5, has complicated the Parliamentary internships of Notre Dame London students this term, according to current interns and the internship administrators. While Parliament has been dissolved and interns can no longer work as normal at Westminster, some students said they will have the opportunity to participate in

election campaigning for their respective Members of Parliament (MPs).

Election procedures

British election procedures require the Parliament to be dissolved in the period between an election announcement and election day, in order to "avoid the use of official offices to influence the campaign and its outcome," according to associate professor of political science Anthony Messina, who specializes in Western European and British politics.

The Prime Minister, in consultation with the ruling monarch,

may call an election whenever he or she feels it would be beneficial during the course of their term. Because Parliament must be dissolved in the interim period, Messina said elections are often held shortly after they are declared, usually within four to six weeks.

"Since during the campaign Parliament is 'suspended,' it is more or less imperative to seat a new Parliament as soon as possible so that the business of government can move forward," he said.

Notre Dame interns

The election, therefore, has

meant Notre Dame interns cannot work in their regular Westminster offices. Depending upon what district their MP represents, some students said they will have the opportunity to travel to their MP's constituency to observe and/or assist with the campaigning, while others will not be able to do so and effectively face a curtailed Parliamentary internship.

Junior John Tira, a finance and political science major, said he prefers not to think of his internship as having been shortened but rather said it "has evolved into a different form."

Tira said he will accept his

MP's invitation to travel to Derbyshire to intern there "at least once during the election." He also said that he is excited at the opportunity to witness an election first-hand and to participate in the campaigning process.

"I believe that by interning this semester I am privileged to experience an event that most of Notre Dame's Parliamentary interns were not ... Overall, it is an interesting and very much different political experience than any U.S. federal election can be, due to the nature of UK

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Registration goes smoothly despite changes

Registrar's office reports new course numbers, insideND do not stall process

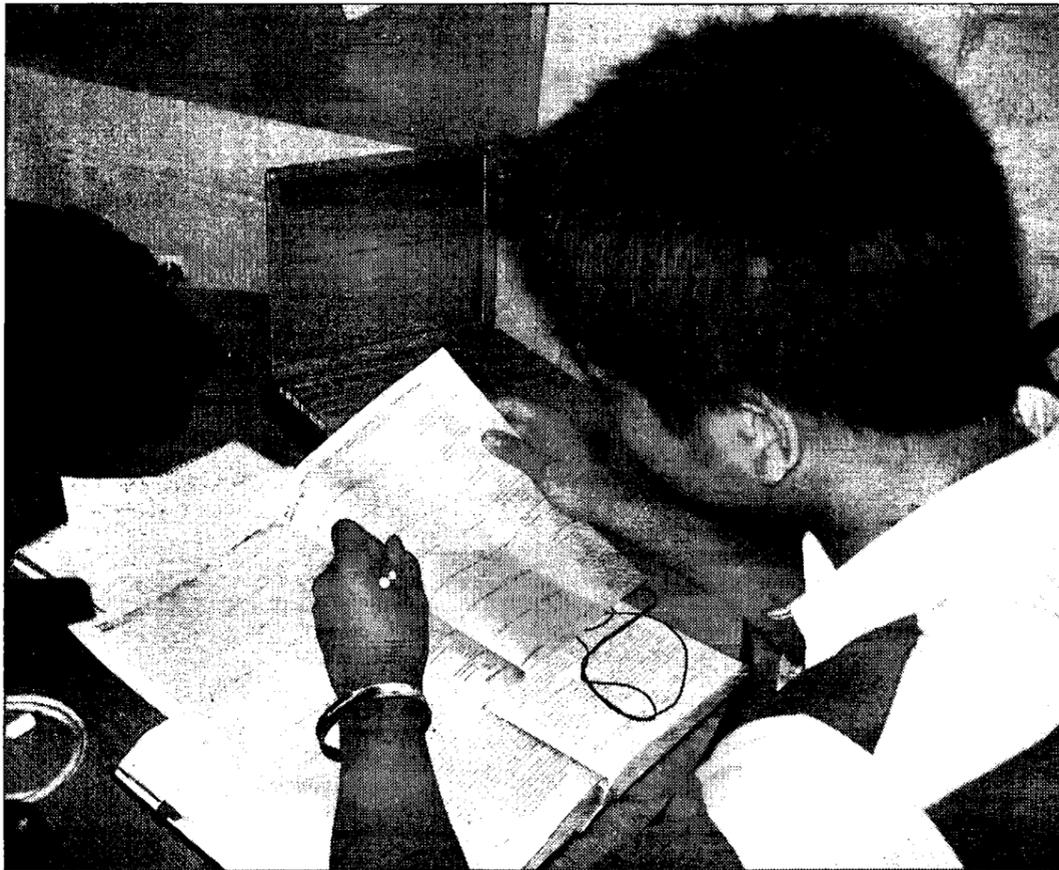
By JEN ROWLING
News Writer

The first round of students, rising seniors, successfully registered for Fall 2005 classes Monday using the new insideND website and new course registration numbers.

The switch from IrishLink to insideND occurred as a result of the University's need to modify the hardware platforms.

"About two-and-a-half years ago, our current hardware provider was Hewlett-Packard, and they said that it [our program] wouldn't be supported again after 2005," Assistant Registrar Doug McKenna said. "Being on an unsupported platform is not good for a University."

The Renovare project had been the leading impetus behind the modifications, McKenna said. Renovare, Latin for "renewal," constitutes Notre Dame's efforts to replace its strategic administrative information systems. The project divides the information system into five key areas: Finance, Student/Faculty System, Human Resources/Payroll, Development and Ancillaries. The project's mission is to improve data access and integration for members of the



ERIC SALES/The Observer

A student plans his schedule for next semester and learns about the new 5-digit course identification numbers, one of the changes made by the Registrar's office this year.

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COR Members share Monk memories

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Writer

At Monday's Council of Representatives meeting, student body president Dave Baron asked the council to share its fondest memories of outgoing University President Father Edward Malloy. Baron planned to use their input to help him compose a resolution that will thank Malloy for his service to the University.

Former senior class president Darrell Scott spoke of Malloy's swift response to the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

"My most inviting memory of Monk occurred when I was a freshman. After three weeks of school, we had the most shattering events take place [on Sept. 11, 2001]. Father Malloy was instrumental in crafting a response for that day of crisis," Scott said. "Showing leadership and sharing hardship meant a lot to students."

Student body vice president Lizzi Shappell remembered Monk's solidarity with students choosing to do service after graduation.

"When I have helped with the senior send-off for seniors doing service work after graduation, I loved seeing his dedication to students who make that risky choice," Shappell said. "It shows his respect for those who choose to serve others."

Club Coordination Council President Beth O'Shaughnessy remembered Monk for his interaction with the family of Chad Sharon, a Notre Dame student found dead in the St. Joe River in the fall of 2003.

"I saw Monk interact with Chad's family and Monk was so supportive and showed the true colors of the Notre Dame family and it felt like we really were all in it together," Marchal said.

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Events promote increased awareness of Africa



DUSTIN MENELLA/The Observer

A Mass in the African tradition was held in the Keenan/Stanford Chapel Monday as part of Africa Week.

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Writer

Students across campus have banded together to present Notre Dame with Africa Week, a few days of awareness designed to increase empathy for people in the continent.

People all too often react to the tragedies in Africa simply by handing over money, said junior Meghan Hanzlik, a member of the organizing committee.

"Solidarity doesn't mean just

reaching for your wallet," said Hanzlik. "While there are so many areas in which the United States is strong enough to help Africa, there are other ways in which Africa can help the United States. Africa is so strong in faith, and it provides so many of the world's priests and nuns."

The mission statement of Africa Week expresses this desire to help the problems of Africa while raising appreciation of the continent's many facets.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Ticket trouble

Going to Notre Dome will take you far in life. That's almost a given.

But people don't fully realize the meaning behind these words until they experience the benefits of a Notre Dame education first-hand.

A Notre Dame education could also get you out of a ticket.

Dan Tapetillo

I realized this lesson during a 35-hour road trip on my way home to Arizona with my Aunt Susie, who by chance luck, was making the trek back to Phoenix around the same time as my spring break.

Sports Writer

Think about it. Thirty-five hours. Almost 2,000 miles. I was dreading the trip.

But adding to my anxiety, I was also nervous about losing my license after promising her I would drive for part of the journey. So I couldn't let her down by telling her I lost my license. Plus, what were the chances that I would be pulled over?

After getting through the first day and a half, it looked like I would be able to pull off the impossible and avoid getting in trouble with the law.

However, my luck soon changed.

For most of the trip, my aunt assumed driving duties, but as we entered Oklahoma, I could begin to see the exhaustion setting in my poor aunt's face.

So, I offered to drive for part of the trip.

Thirty minutes into my shift, I felt more at ease and decided to start picking up speed to pass slower traffic. I wasn't too worried about getting pulled over because I had not gotten in trouble since the eighth grade.

So after I decided to change lanes to pass a semi-truck, I looked back in the rear view mirror. And before I knew it, I was living everybody's greatest fear.

I saw cop lights flashing and panicked.

Several thoughts raced through my mind as I pulled over: Shoot, am I going to go to jail? Is my aunt going to get in trouble?

And when the cop walked up to the window, I did what anybody in my position would do. I stalled.

I pretended to look for my license in my wallet. My thoughts were interrupted by a battery of impatient knocks on the window.

From that point on, I was in survival mode. I've heard stories about what happens to you in jail.

Exasperated, I tried every button in the car trying to lower the window, locking the door twice in the process. Not being one to give up, I finally lowered the window.

I then heard the words I had been fearing the entire trip, "License and registration please."

With those four words, I saw my life flash before me. I thought all of my hopes for the future would be crushed by this one blemish on my record.

All I could conjure up was a four-year old expired permit from Arizona.

It also didn't help that I was in Oklahoma with a car that had an Indiana license plate.

However, my aunt came to the rescue saying, "Officer...Dan is a good kid, he goes to Notre Dame and we are driving back to Arizona because he is on his spring break."

After that, all he asked was, "Son, do you have a license and is it valid?"

I quickly responded with a 'yes' as my fate still hung in the balance.

To my surprise, I heard the cop say spiritedly, "Oh those Fighting Irish!" as he quickly gave me back my permit and sped away.

At that moment, I realized how far Notre Dame really can take you in life.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT ROOM PICKS?



Paul Carlson
freshman
Dillon

"I got a good number — I get to room with this guy."



Tommy Balmat
freshman
Dillon

"Excited about new spooning possibilities."



Megan O'Hara
freshman
Lewis

"Times like these make me wish I lived in a guys dorm."



Matt Barcus
freshman
Dillon

"Screw room picks, I'm moving to TC with Monk."



Corey Mehlos
freshman
Old College

"It's just something I don't have to worry about."



Erin McDermott
freshman
Lewis

"Way too complicated for my liking."



DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

In honor of Africa Awareness Week, a t-shirt exchange was set up in front of O'Shaughnessy Hall Monday. Students donated an old t-shirt and received a free Africa week shirt in return.

OFFBEAT

Woman arrested after years of blasting music

TOKYO — Japanese police arrested a 58-year-old woman for triggering insomnia and headaches in her next door neighbor by blasting rock music at her almost continuously for over two years.

Miyoko Kawahara was arrested on suspicion of inflicting injury on the 64-year-old woman by playing loud, fast-paced dance music almost 24 hours a day on a portable stereo she had pointed at her neighbor's house 20 feet away.

Police launched their investigation after doctors

diagnosed the neighbor with insomnia and headaches they attributed to the noise, a local police spokesman said on condition of anonymity.

The police said Kawahara started blasting the sounds in November 2002.

Hissing Canada goose greets Iowa shoppers

DES MOINES, Iowa — Customers of a south side print shop beware of the hissing goose. For the second year in a row, a Canada goose has made the front door area of Artcraft Inc., her home. Mother Goose, as she's called, greets cus-

tomers by hissing at them.

Last year, she hatched a gosling just a few feet from the front door. She has already made a nest this year.

"I had one customer call from a cell phone and ask if she would bite," said Judi Williams, the company's office manager. "She hisses, but she doesn't bite. Otherwise, everybody thinks she's pretty cool."

Iowa Department of Natural Resources officials said geese have no teeth and don't carry rabies.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

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 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.

Philipp Rosemann of the University of Dallas will give a lecture Tuesday from 5 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. entitled "The Story of a Great Medieval Book: Peter Lombard's Sentences: From the Sentences to Abbreviation and Glosses." The event will take place in the Medieval Institute Reading room in 715 Hesburgh Library.

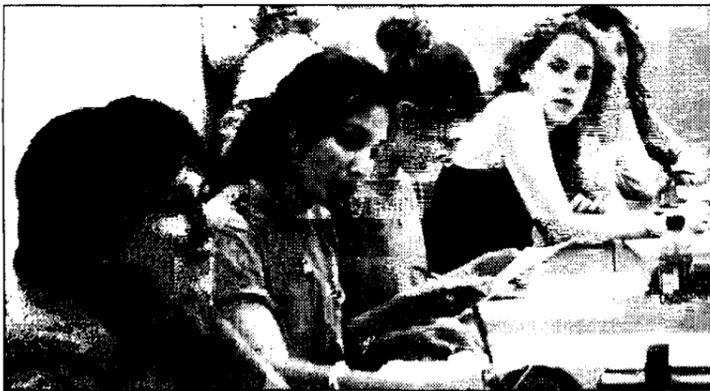
To submit information to be included in this section of The Observer, e-mail detailed information about an event to obsnews@nd.edu.

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BOG

Members discuss spring visitation day



KATE FENLON/The Observer

BOG projects this year's Spring Day on Campus to be a success.

By **KELLY BALE**
News Writer

With enthusiasm and a bright smile, Saint Mary's Student Body President Kellye Mitros welcomed the 2005-2006 Board of Governance to its first official meeting Monday night.

Recently elected and appointed board members assumed their new positions in the student government conference room and presented information of recent and upcoming events to fellow board members.

Admission Commissioner Annie Davis said that 160 high school students, along with their family members, are already registered for the Saint Mary's "Spring Day on Campus," which will be held April 17.

"This is the biggest 'Spring Day on Campus' we have ever had," Davis said. "There are over 500 people registered and

we are getting more by the day."

Davis requested that board members who are available sign up to give campus tours throughout the day.

BOG approved donating \$200 to help buy thank you gifts for speakers who are coming to campus to present during the Fire and Safety Fair on April 21. Fifteen to twenty groups will have tables set up in the lobby of the new student center from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on April 21 and will be handing out information on various safety issues.

The Class of 2006 has begun planning for the 2005 Senior Dad's Weekend, which will be held Sept. 30 to Oct. 2. Because it is being held so early next fall, the 2006 Board plans to have the event fully organized by the end of this school year.

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CLC

Group reviews election dates

By **MADDIE HANNA**
Associate News Editor

Members of the Campus Life Council (CLC) discussed the controversy surrounding student body election dates as well as the possibility of implementing a security e-mail list and a "diversity designated" course requirement Monday at their second-to-last meeting of the year.

During a March 15 meeting, the CLC discussed a resolution proposing election deadline compliance but ultimately failed to reach a conclusion since next year's election dates were not known at the time. Two days later, a heated 90-minute Student Senate discussion focused on a resolution proposing to change next year's election dates. The resolution did not pass, leaving many members of student government wondering about next year's situation.

Brin Anderson, president of the Judicial Council, which was the driving force behind the election date resolutions, acknowledged dissent to the proposed changes. Previously, rectors argued that earlier election dates would not give students applying for resident assistant positions or study abroad programs enough flexibility in running for a position in student government.

"It's complicated because I respect and understand the way rectors want to [conduct elections] on their own terms," Anderson said. "But you get problems when students are moving off campus."

Anderson said she felt the resolution was a lost cause at this point, noting that Siegfried sena-

tor James Leito would be taking up the issue next year pending the Council of Representatives' approval of him as Judicial Council president.

"I think my best advice regarding this resolution is not to pass it," Anderson said.

Leito said he planned to structure next year's calendar by the end of this semester and would present it to the CLC early next fall in order to receive rector input.

"As long as there's communication, I think it'll be all right," Leito said.

Responding to questions about the benefits of early election dates, student body president Dave Baron said a longer transition period would help newly elected senators adjust.

"You need that amount of time to 'transishe' correctly," Baron said. "Senators need a month to learn the procedures and come to an adequate number of meetings."

Given the logistical difficulty in planning the election dates, Leito said there was no perfect solution.

"Having five things decided by March 1 — that's just something we're going to have to deal with," he said.

A resolution, read by O'Neill senator and security task force chair Alex French, regarding an off-campus security e-mail list was passed unanimously and forwarded to Student Affairs. The proposed e-mail list will be sent bi-monthly to all undergraduate and graduate students with information provided by NDSP and the South Bend Police about recent security issues off-campus.

French said NDSP had been enthusiastic about his committee's proposal.

"They've been greatly in favor of it," French said. "[NDSP assistant director] Phil Johnson said he's been trying to look into something like this before."

In order to determine student interest, French said the e-mail would be sent out twice before the end of the year to see how many students unsubscribed from the list.

Cavanaugh senator and social concerns task force chair Jordan Bongiovanni said her committee had been "narrowing down its direction" with the goal of instituting a "diversity designated course" requirement.

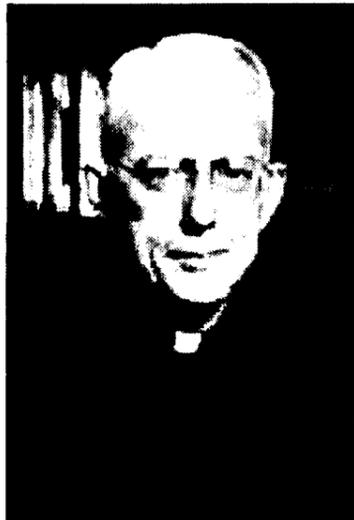
The course will not be an additional requirement, Bongiovanni said, but would count towards another already existing requirement. She gave an example of economics majors being able to take a course about the economies of Latin America to fulfill the requirement.

"We're finding that we're merging with part of the upcoming Board of Trustees report," Bongiovanni said. "A big question for our task force would be, do we want our goals to diverge with the BOT report, and how?"

Baron said he thought the social concerns task force should continue to work closely with himself and former student body president Adam Istvan as they developed their BOT report.

"We've really been able to use the research that this task force put together to create a model," Baron said.

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Monk's Farewell Mass

Sunday, April 17th

9:00 p.m. at the JACC

All students are invited to attend "Monk's Farewell Mass." Mass will be followed by a reception in honor of Fr. Malloy in the JACC Monogram Room, featuring:

~Live performance by the Chicago band **MAGGIE SPEAKS**~

~Fr. Malloy will be on hand to greet students~

~Great food~

Come celebrate with Monk and thank him for 18 years of service to the Student Body of the University of Notre Dame.

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politics," he said. Junior history and political science major Sarah Sibley said she also plans to travel to her MP's constituency (Crosby, near Liverpool) and looks forward to the experience.

"All of my active duties and projects in the Westminster office ended in late March in anticipation of the election. However, I will be flying up to Liverpool in May to help campaigning for a couple of days preceding the election," she said. "Apparently, I will be riding a giant blue election bus with a megaphone while holding out tree branches for the constituents to grab, or some crazy election campaigning like that."

Sibley said that class commitments will prevent her from spending more than "a couple of days before the election" helping to campaign.

Despite the shortened internship, Sibley feels lucky to have been able to witness a British election during her time abroad.

"While I wish that my internship had lasted until I left in May, it is also incredibly exciting to be part of a political campaign, even if it is only for a short period of time," she said. "I get to learn about the fundamentals of electoral politics and political campaigning through this election on a level that other interns perhaps did not."

While some interns seem satisfied in their experiences, others, like junior Will Kurtz, said they are disappointed about the shortening of their internships. Kurtz said an inability to get a security clear-

ance pass has limited the tasks he has been able to do and the access he has been afforded.

"The combination of the election and not getting my security pass has made it difficult for me to get any time with my MP or to get to really experience Parliament like those [interns] from other semesters. Unlike the [intern] before me, I wasn't able to go to meetings, observe my MP in action, etc.," he said.

Kurtz also said that his ability to campaign is relatively unknown at this point, and that, although he will probably be able to assist on some level with the campaigning, he believes that he is in the minority of Notre Dame MP interns this term who will be able to do so because of the distance from London to their constituencies.

"I would like to help out on the campaign, although I will admit I would be one of the few students actually working after the election has been called because most work for MPs whose constituencies are too far away for them to travel to them easily or often. I might get to do work, or I might get to just observe, it's not really certain," he said.

"My MP has basically told me that he's too busy to deal with me. I have no idea what I'll be doing, other than observing the campaign, and maybe going to speeches and meetings," he said.

Marlena Mangan, a junior who was abroad in Fall 2004 and worked as an MP intern, said she believes that both the normal-length internship and the shortened-internship with the possibility of campaigning in and at least witnessing an election are beneficial.

"I am glad I had the full semester," she said. "However, if I had the opportunity to

work in the election process, I'm sure that would have been great and interesting as well. The thing about the internship is that everyone has a unique experience, so I would imagine that this semester is no different in that regard; it is just a bit more unique."

Calling of the Election

Both interns and administrators said that the calling of the election was no surprise. It was widely discussed in the British media and by British citizens, and interns were informed of the possibility during the London Program's interviews for the internship positions and at other times throughout the year.

Cornelius O'Boyle, an associate director of the London Program who resides in London and handles the internship development, said that all interns met yesterday to discuss possibilities for maximizing their involvement in the election process. Furthermore, he said that the actual internship is not the only involvement that London students have with British politics; the internship also requires an academic class and a workshop.

"The general election certainly does not mark the end of their engagement with British politics. All our interns are enrolled in a formal academic class designed exclusively for Parliamentary interns, which provides them with the theoretical framework for their understanding of a Parliamentary system of democracy," he said. "The class also provides a workshop environment in which interns can share with each other their personal experiences, with the guidance and support of a professor of political sciences on hand."

O'Boyle said the class will help interns

become more knowledgeable about British politics as they live through the excitement of a British general election.

He also said he hopes interns view the experience of witnessing an election as a positive and unique opportunity.

"We would encourage all our Parliamentary interns to view the current situation as a unique opportunity to deepen their understanding of British politics. Only rarely do Notre Dame students get such a fascinating opportunity to inspect the democratic processes of a foreign country in such intimate detail," he said.

Terri Bays, an associate director of the London Program at Notre Dame, said that she understands how some interns may be disappointed with a shortened internship in comparison with students from other years. However, she hopes students

will see the potential benefits of viewing and campaigning for a British election.

"First ... I understand the disappointment experienced by those whose internships are cut short. Second, a significant aspect of political life in a democracy is having one's projects disrupted by the electoral process," she said. "Finally, it must be said that the opportunity to observe, close-up, a

completely different electoral process is invaluable, and because of this the students in London this semester are to be envied rather than pitied."

Editor's note: This article was primarily reported in Oxford, England, and primarily written in Dallas, Texas.

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Will Kurtz
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Michael Lykoudis
School of Architecture

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S. promises Sudan \$1.7 billion

OSLO, Norway — Hoping to invigorate Sudan's peace process, the United States will promise more than \$1.7 billion in humanitarian and reconstruction aid for the war-ravaged African country, the No. 2 State Department official said Monday.

Deputy Secretary of State Robert Zoellick is attending an international conference for donors to Sudan this week, where he will formally announce the pledge, press for progress in the western region of Darfur and rally other countries to do the same.

Zoellick said Monday that Sudan, Africa's largest country, is at a crossroads. It can move toward peaceful reconciliation by stopping violence in Darfur and implementing the agreement the warring North and South reached in January to end a 22-year civil war that has taken more than 2 million lives, he said.

Hospital ward may be shut down

LISBON, Portugal — The Angolan health ministry may shut down the isolation ward of an Angolan hospital treating victims of the Ebola-like Marburg virus to stem the spread of the disease, an Angolan health official said Monday.

A team of World Health Organization experts was visiting the ward in Angola's Uige province to evaluate the situation and a decision could be reached in 48 to 72 hours, health official Filomena Wilson said.

Wilson said the decision would take into account the needs of patients who go to the hospital for other illnesses.

The medical charity Doctors Without Borders and the WHO have advised that the hospital be shut down temporarily until the outbreak is contained.

NATIONAL NEWS

Democrats challenge Bolton on U.N.

WASHINGTON — His Senate approval to be U.N. ambassador still in question, John R. Bolton told skeptical Democrats on Monday that the world body had "gone off track" at times but that he was committed to its mission.

Democrats at Bolton's Senate Foreign Relations Committee confirmation hearing recited his past undiplomatic remarks about the United Nations and wondered aloud why he would even want the job. They also challenged him over alleged bullying of government intelligence officials who disagreed with him on issues including Cuba's weapons capabilities.

"If confirmed, I pledge to fulfill the president's vision of working in close partnership with the United Nations," Bolton said.

DeLay's PACs solicited donations

WASHINGTON — Fund-raisers for a political committee founded by House Majority Leader Tom DeLay routinely solicited donations by identifying legislative actions that prospective givers wanted, from video gambling to lawsuit limits, memos show.

"What companies that you know of would be interested in tort reform in Texas with asbestos problems that might support TRMPAC?" one DeLay fund-raiser wrote in a memo prospecting for donors to the Texans for a Republican Majority Political Action Committee (TRMPAC).

That memo elicited an answer identifying several large companies and interest groups nationwide interested in limiting lawsuits.

LOCAL NEWS

Time fading on daylight savings bill

INDIANAPOLIS — The clock is winding down on daylight-saving time in Indiana, which faces a key vote in the legislature to remain alive for the rest of the session.

"The vote is just too close to call," said state Rep. Gerald Torr, the Carmel Republican shepherding the issue through the legislature.

Senate Bill 127 requires all of Indiana to turn its clocks forward in the spring and back in the fall. If the legislation gets the support of at least 51 House members, the bill will move to the Senate for consideration for the first time since 1983.

Bush warns Sharon about settlements

Israel will not move forward on 'road map' until Palestinians disarm militants

Associated Press

CRAWFORD, Texas — President Bush told Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon on Monday he must not allow further West Bank settlement growth and said Israeli and Palestinian doubts about each other were hampering peace prospects.

In response, Sharon said that Israel would abide by the internationally negotiated "road map" peace plan, which calls for a settlement freeze, but would keep some large Jewish population blocs in the West Bank under its control.

At a joint news conference on Bush's ranch, both leaders sounded pessimistic about near-term prospects for peace.

Sharon said Israel would not move forward on the road map until Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas did more to disarm militant groups and brought about "a full cessation of terror, hostilities and incitement."

"We will continue with the negotiations only after Palestinians agree to stop the terror," Sharon said.

Bush cited "a lack of confidence in the region. I can understand that. There's been a lot of death. A lot of innocent people have lost their lives. And there's just not a lot of confidence on either side."

But if Israel's withdrawal from Gaza comes off successfully, then, "I think we'll have a different frame of mind" more conducive to pursuing peace, Bush said. "To me, that's where the attention of the world ought to be, on Gaza."

Israel is to quit all 21 Gaza settlements and four more in the West Bank this summer. The operation will remove about 9,000 Israelis from their homes.

Israeli officials have become increasingly worried about violence in the West Bank.

Bush praised Sharon's "courageous initiative to dis-



President Bush and Israel's Prime Minister Ariel Sharon, left, shake hands at the close of a joint news conference following their talks about the Middle East peace process that took place Monday at Bush's ranch in Crawford, Texas.

engage from Gaza and part of the West Bank" and urged Palestinian leaders to accept the prime minister's offer to coordinate the withdrawal.

At the same time, Bush said he had not budged in his opposition to settlement expansion.

"I've been very clear. Israel has an obligation under the road map. That's no expansion of settlements," Bush said.

In Ramallah on the West Bank, the Palestinian Authority urged Sharon to heed Bush's words.

"I believe this is the key to everything," Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

"Failure to adhere to the president's call to stop all

settlement activity literally means we will not be able to talk about the two-state solution, vision or no vision."

The United States has objected to an Israeli plan to add 3,650 homes to the West Bank's largest settlement, Maaleh Adumim. The plan would cut off Arab neighborhoods in Jerusalem from the rest of the West Bank.

Israel insists it has the right to continue expanding this and several other major Jewish enclaves established on formerly Arab-controlled lands after the 1967 Mideast War.

Despite his opposition to new settlement activity, Bush in a show of support for Sharon's leadership repeated a statement he first made last April that it is

unrealistic to expect Israel to pull back to the borders that existed before the 1967 war.

Bush cited "new realities on the ground."

Bush had praise for the Palestinian leadership, but also made clear more must be done. "We want to continue to work with them on consolidating security forces," he said.

Abbas will meet with Bush in Washington next month.

Standing under bright sunshine near a large cactus, the ground near them covered with bluebonnet flowers, Bush and Sharon talked outside a new one-story building that Bush uses as an office on his 1,700-acre ranch. Afterward, Bush took Sharon on a tour of his ranch and they had lunch.

IRAQ

American abducted; car bombs target troops

Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A U.S. contractor was kidnapped Monday in the Baghdad area, the latest in a string of abductions that have forced many foreigners to work here under armed guard. A pickup truck also exploded near a U.S. convoy as it patrolled a crowded market in the troubled city of Samarra, killing at least three people and injuring more than 20 others.

Three suicide bombers also hit a Marine outpost in western Iraq, wounding three Marines and three civilians in an attack claimed by Iraq's most feared terror groups.

A U.S. Embassy spokesman said the

American contractor, who was working on a reconstruction project, had been abducted around noon. He refused to release an identity or other details, but said the contractor's family had been informed.

In Samarra, a troubled city 60 miles north of Baghdad, a pickup truck blew up near a U.S. patrol, killing three civilians and wounding more than 20 others, including four U.S. soldiers, officials said. One soldier was evacuated for medical treatment, and the others were treated and returned to duty, the U.S. military said.

Loudspeakers urged residents to donate blood as the wounded poured

into the hospital. Most of the injured were women and children, hospital official Abdul Nasir Hamid said. The incident was in the Sunni Triangle, a stronghold of the insurgency.

Early Monday, suicide bombers tried to crash two cars and a fire truck into Camp Gannon in the western desert, but "the drivers of the vehicles were stopped short of the camp by forces manning the checkpoints," a U.S. military statement said.

The vehicles exploded, wounding three Marines and three civilians and causing slight damage to the concrete barriers and a nearby mosque, U.S. officials said.

Africa

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According to the statement, composed by member of Africa Faith and Justice Network (AFJN), "With passion, leadership, and dedication of the clubs, we have created a week dedicated to raising awareness of the many, beautiful African cultures and the challenges that face this continent ... It is the hope of the AFJN-Notre Dame chapter that other campuses around the United States will follow the example of the Notre Dame students in embracing and answering the 'Call to Solidarity' with Africa."

Hanzlik spoke of the passion and dedication of all the student groups who have been working on Africa week. She felt that Notre Dame has exactly the right atmosphere to enable change.

"We feel that Notre Dame has such a passionate student body that if you put on the table the problems and issues that call us to action, people will take action," she said.

She cited the example of DPAC's presentation of the film "Hotel Rwanda," which was prompted by efforts of the Sudan Steering Committee, as a recent awareness event. The film sold out at both showings.

Many events have been planned for Africa Week. On Sunday evening, luminaries were displayed on South Quad to bring celebrate and bring attention to the cause. Offerings were also made at dorm masses. On Monday evening, an African themed mass was held in the Keenan-Stanford Chapel. There was also a booth set up in front of O'Shaughnessy Hall from 11 a.m. — 4 p.m. at which students could either donate an old t-shirt or money in exchange for a "One Family: Africa Week" shirt. All monetary donations will support the Nomadic Kenya Education Fund, which requires only \$500 to send a Kenyan person to high school. The clothes will be sent to African villages.

On Tuesday, the Sudan Steering Committee and the African Students Association (ASA) will hold a Sudan-Darfur Benefit Dinner at 6

p.m. in Coleman-Morse. The dinner will cost \$5.

"We will be working with ASA to cook authentic African and Indian food," said Patrick Corrigan, a member of the Sudan Steering Committee. "All proceeds go to the Genocide Intervention Fund, which donates to African Union soldiers who work as a peace-keeping force in Darfur."

Kim Mazyck of Catholic Relief Services will give the lecture "Africa Rising, Hope and Healing! A Campaign for Change in Africa" on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. in the Sorin Room of LaFortune. On Thursday, South Dining Hall will feature "Taste of Africa Cuisine" at dinner.

On Friday, M. Karana Dharma of the Africa Working Institute will present "Supply-Side Humanitarianism and the Salience of Indigenous Approaches to Peace-Building in the Democratic of Congo" at 1 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center.

The week will conclude on Saturday with Afrika Nite, an event sponsored by the African Students Association. Afrika Nite will feature Dances Across Africa, drama narration and music. The event will take place at Washington Hall.

Emily Chin, a member of ASJN, expressed her thoughts on the week.

"Basically, our goal is to educate Notre Dame students to the issues plaguing the African continent and also to expose them to its beauty and culture," she said. "It's really easy to get involved, and we're hoping that everyone can participate. We have a lot of letter-writing campaigns, including to Senator Lugar, Chair of the Foreign Relations Committee."

Besides AFJN, ASA and the Sudan Steering Committee, the many sponsors of Africa Week include Amnesty International, Campus Ministry, Class Councils, Food Services, the Institute for Church Life, ISSA, the Kellogg Institute, Mendoza College of Business, Office of the President, Student Activities, Student Government, SUB and the Theology Department.

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The Council also approved four new officeholders.

Adding two new members to their council, the sounding board of the student body president took one step closer to assembling itself completely.

Student body president Dave Baron nominated Vijay Ramadan for the position of academic delegate. Vijay will represent the student body and be a voting member of the University academic council.

"Vijay will be one of the few students who sits on a policy-making body of the University. He has a fine degree of professionalism and he is articulate in his convictions,"

Baron said.

Newly-elected sophomore class president Erin Mulholland nominated Kyle Karches as liaison for the freshman class council for the 2005-2006 term. He will serve as a resource for incoming freshman representatives and help ease the transition from high school student council to Notre Dame's student government.

"Kyle is a really great people-person. As a liaison he will work to acclimate the freshman to a new government system. He is really qualified for this position," Mulholland said.

Council members also approved James Leito as judicial council president. In this role, he will be charged with several responsibilities including overseeing campus elections and sitting on the executive committee for the judicial

council.

Baron, speaking on behalf of former judicial class present Brin Anderson who could not attend the meeting, told representatives that Leito's student government experience makes him a perfect fit for the job.

"James gives a tireless commitment to student government. He is qualified for this position," Baron said.

Representatives also approved Steven Miller as a non-voting member of COR. Miller will serve as director of communications, a new position created to help bridge the gap between student government and the student body.

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insideND

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Notre Dame student body, faculty and staff, according to the Renovare website.

InsideND became available for use Feb. 7. The site allows students to acquire personal information, register for classes and check final grades. InsideND also contains locations to contact professors and access Webmail.

There are several changes in the registration process this year, aside from the elimination of IrishLink. The Course Reference Number (CRN) has replaced the Call Number of a particular course, McKenna said. Additionally, a new course numbering scheme has been implemented — all of the courses now consist of five numeric digits.

The first digit of the course number defines the level of the course. One through five suggests undergraduate courses, while six through nine indicate graduate level. The second digit designates the type of course, such as tutorial, seminar and study abroad. Zero will be commonly seen indicating a traditional

classroom course.

According to McKenna, academic departments were running out of new course numbers, as they cannot be changed for five years.

The new numeric system provides academic course management, giving departments more freedom in naming courses, McKenna said.

"The five digit numbering scheme really broadened the available course numbers and it gave the departments the ability to number in a meaningful way," McKenna said.

Students who would like to ascertain the new course number of a previous class can find the modification in the Course Inventory application, McKenna said. The new five-digit course numbers have been programmed in the new system as replacements to the past three digit course numbers.

Another change to course registration this year is that students no longer have only 15 minutes to choose classes. Previously, students were unable to regain access to the registration site until 5 p.m. of the registration day. Now, though new students registering will still be added at 15-minute intervals, their ability to access the site does not

time-out.

"The old system just couldn't handle 200, 400, 700 concurrent users," said McKenna. "This system is much more robust."

"Registration Time Ticketing" refers to the time when students can start registering for classes. From this time up until the seventh class day of the new semester, students can make schedule changes.

Half of the incoming senior class registered for classes Monday and no major problems were reported.

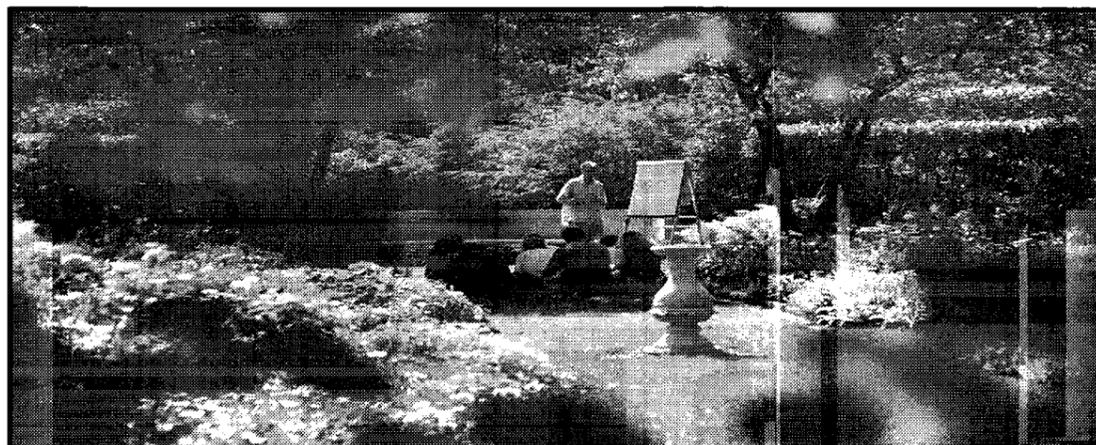
"We want to make sure that the load on the system is well-distributed. We've been monitoring it all day and so far there have been no issues," said McKenna.

The University has also had a limited number of complaints concerning the new registration system and time tickets.

"There was some initial grumbling about the layout of insideND," said McKenna. "Ultimately, we changed the set-up and just put it alphabetically to avoid confusion."

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AMEX	1,475.19	+7.60	
NASDAQ	1,992.12	-7.23	
NYSE	7,189.42	+7.92	
S&P 500	1,181.21	+0.01	
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	11,696.06	-49.58	
FTSE 100(London)	4,973.20	-10.40	
TREASURIES			
COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ 100TR SER I (QQQQ)	-0.44	-0.16	36.48
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	+0.12	+0.03	24.97
CISCO SYS INC (CSCO)	+0.50	+0.09	17.99
INTEL CP (INTC)	-0.73	-0.17	23.12
MCI INC (MCIP)	+0.66	+0.17	26.01
Commodities			
30-YEAR BOND	-0.88	-0.42	47.33
10-YEAR NOTE	-1.02	-0.46	44.45
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.84	-0.35	41.18
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YEN			107.6000
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POUND			0:5287
CANADIAN \$			1.2332

IN BRIEF

Judge calls testimony 'self-serving'

WASHINGTON — A federal judge said Monday the head of Philip Morris USA had submitted "2- to 300 pages of self-serving testimony" describing "oh how wonderful we are" in a civil racketeering case the government filed against major U.S. cigarette makers.

U.S. District Judge Gladys Kessler's comments came after a government lawyer objected to being barred from a line of questions on Michael E. Szymanczyk's claims that the company operates under a set of core values that he helped write.

Szymanczyk, the chairman and chief executive officer of Philip Morris, was not in the room when Kessler made her comment about his written testimony, which was filed before his court appearance.

In his written testimony, as in court, Szymanczyk argued the leading cigarette manufacturer has become more socially responsible since he became chief executive in 1997.

Ford cuts profit outlook; stocks lower

NEW YORK — Stocks drifted lower in quiet trading Monday as oil prices edged upward and concerns about the automotive sector intensified after Ford Motor Co. slashed its profit outlook for the year.

Investors initially welcomed reports that OPEC plans another production increase in May to meet steady demand. Crude futures climbed higher, however, breaking a five-session streak of lower prices. A barrel of light crude settled 39 cents higher at \$53.71 on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Falling oil prices helped the major indexes post weekly gains for the first time in a month, but crude futures remain high and analysts warned that investors will need to see strong first-quarter earnings over the next few weeks for stocks to recover further. Ford's announcement fed doubts about whether corporate America can keep profits up in the face of high energy costs.

"Right now, you see the economy growing and things are looking pretty good, despite all the worries," said Hans Olsen, managing director and chief investment officer at Bingham Legg Advisers.

News media joins trade secrets dispute

Apple Computer Inc. maintains that company information must remain private

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — More than a half-dozen news organizations are supporting three online journalists who published articles about a top-secret technology product that Apple Computer Inc. says was protected by trade secret laws.

In December, Apple sued 25 unnamed individuals — presumed to be Apple employees — who allegedly leaked confidential product information to three people who run Web sites widely read by Apple enthusiasts. The Cupertino-based company said the leaks violated nondisclosure agreements and California's Uniform Trade Secrets Act.

Apple then demanded that the online reporters' Internet providers identify the leakers by turning over e-mail records. The online reporters sought to block the subpoenas, saying that identifying sources would create a "chilling effect" that could erode the media's ability to report in the public's interest.

Santa Clara County Superior Court Judge James Kleinberg ruled in Apple's favor last month, saying that reporters who publish "stolen property" aren't entitled to protections. The online reporters then appealed.

Now the mainstream media have weighed in: eight of California's largest newspapers and The Associated Press submitted a court brief Thursday asking that the online publishers be allowed to keep their sources confidential.

The media companies said Kleinberg's ruling, if upheld, could impair the ability of all journalists to reveal important news, from financial corruption to government cover-ups. Before demanding that the online publishers' Internet



Apple Computer Inc., headquartered in Cupertino, Calif. pictured above, is involved in a dispute with news organizations over the media's right to keep news sources private versus the company's nondisclosure agreement among employees.

provider turn over e-mail records, the companies said, Apple should "exhaust all alternative sources" of identifying the source of the leaks.

"Recent corporate scandals involving Worldcom, Enron and the tobacco industry all undoubtedly involved the reporting of information that the companies involved would have preferred to remain unknown to the public," the 38-page brief stated. "Just because a statute seeks to protect secrecy of such information does not mean that the First Amendment

protections provided to the news media to inform the public are wiped away."

Joining the brief were the Tribune Co.'s Los Angeles Times, Hearst Newspapers' San Francisco Chronicle, Knight Ridder Inc.'s San Jose Mercury News, The Copley Press Inc.'s San Diego Union-Tribune and Freedom Communications Inc.'s Orange County Register, as well as The McClatchy Co.'s Bee newspapers in Sacramento, Fresno and Modesto. Also supporting the brief were the California Newspaper Publishers Association and

the nonprofit free speech organization California First Amendment Coalition.

Apple spokesman Steve Dowling wouldn't comment specifically on the media companies' brief but emphasized that Apple must protect its product secrets.

"Apple's DNA is innovation, and protection of trade secrets is crucial to our success," Dowling said Monday.

Dave Tomlin, assistant general counsel for the AP, said the case has implications for bloggers, online reporters and traditional journalists.

Auditors question Halliburton contracts

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Pentagon auditors have questioned nearly \$122 million in costs claimed by Halliburton under contracts to rebuild Iraq's oil industry and supply fuel to its citizens, according to records released Monday.

The Democratic congressman who released the audits said the Bush administration had withheld the amounts of the questioned costs from the U.N. board overseeing Iraq reconstruction. California Rep. Henry Waxman is a longtime critic of the administration's treatment of Halliburton, which Vice President Dick Cheney headed from 1995 to 2000.

Cheney and the Pentagon have said the vice president plays no role in contract decisions. Both the company and the Defense Department say Halliburton was not given preferential

treatment.

"Halliburton has been a good steward of the taxpayers' dollars," company spokeswoman Beverly Scippa said Monday. She said Halliburton has cooperated with the audits.

"This is all part of the normal contracting process, and it is important to note that the auditors' role is advisory only," Scippa said in a statement.

Waxman released a series of Defense Contract Auditing Agency audits of Halliburton contracts under the Restore Iraqi Oil program. Halliburton subsidiary KBR was paid more than \$2.5 billion under RIO in 2003 and 2004.

Most of the latest questioned charges — \$77 million — came during December 2003 to March 2004 from Halliburton's subcontract with a Kuwaiti fuel supplier that has repeatedly come under criticism by auditors and critics. One of the first audits of

Halliburton's Iraq work questioned \$61 million in charges for fuel from the same supplier in 2003.

Halliburton has defended its handling of that subcontract, saying the Kuwaiti government would not allow it to negotiate for better prices or choose another supplier. The Pentagon auditors said Halliburton should not have relied on a hastily signed contract from May 2003 to govern the price it paid for Kuwaiti fuel for nearly a year.

Another \$11 million was money Halliburton paid Turkish fuel suppliers in retroactive compensation for a jump in oil prices. The Pentagon auditors said the retroactive price hike was not allowed by KBR's contracts.

Although Turkish suppliers handled a fraction of the fuel supplied to Iraq, the audits said the overcharges were substantial — nearly \$500,000 just for March 2 and 3, 2004, for example.

Alert issued for South Carolina ex-convict

Associated Press

MYRTLE BEACH, S.C. — Authorities have launched a nationwide manhunt for a smooth-talking ex-convict who is suspected of killing two people and who once vowed he would never return to prison in a book he co-wrote with two professors.

Stephen Stanko, 37, is suspected of strangling a female librarian he lived with and shooting a man to death before stealing his pickup truck. A teenage girl also says Stanko raped her.

"He is very dangerous," Horry County police Lt. Andy Christenson said Monday. "Anybody who's capable of doing what he did ... is considered armed and dangerous."

Stanko was released from prison nearly a year ago after serving 8 1/2 years of a 10-year sentence for kidnapping.

Stanko was known as someone who didn't mind talking about his life in prison, so those who knew him were surprised to learn of the new allegations.

"He seemed to feel comfortable letting people know that he was an ex-con," said John Gaumer, who was in a library book group with Stanko. "It didn't seem to bother him."

Stanko co-wrote "Living in Prison: A History of the Correctional System With an Insider's View" while in prison with the help of two criminology professors.

One of the professors, Gordon A. Crews, told Florence television station WBTW he knew Stanko was having a hard time adjusting to life on the outside.

"Nobody wants a convicted kidnapper working at Best Buy with them," Crews, a criminal justice professor at Roger Williams University in Rhode Island. "The last time I spoke to him, he was very, very depressed. He was on the verge of giving up," Crews said.

Several calls to Crews and the other professor, Wayne Gillespie, were not returned to The Associated Press.

A week ago, Stanko was fired after working for a month as a salesman for Stucco Supply in Myrtle Beach. Jeff Kendall, the company's general manager, described Stanko as a smooth talker who was upfront about his time in prison, but was unreliable and brought in few sales.

"He wanted to do everything," Kendall said. "I was the one that gave him a chance. I said, 'I'll give you a chance, but from there, it's up to you.'"

Police said one of the victims was 43-year-old librarian Laura Ling, who shared a home with Stanko and was found strangled Friday.

Gaumer said Stanko met Ling at the library where the ex-convict had said he was working on research for his book.

"He was a well-dressed, slick, smooth-talking individual. He came across well polished," said Gaumer, who is the director of the Horry County Memorial Library.

The other victim, 74-year-old Henry Lee Turner, was found shot to death in his home Saturday.

ENGLAND

Odds stacked in Blair's favor in British

Conservative Party mounts formidable competition the Labour Party, but expected to lose

Associated Press

LONDON — Britain's opposition Conservatives are running almost neck-in-neck with Prime Minister Tony Blair's Labour Party, yet few people give them a chance of winning national elections.

Quirks in Britain's electoral system mean that — not unlike Al Gore's loss to George W. Bush in the 2000 U.S. presidential race — the Conservatives could receive more votes than Labour or any other party on May 5 and still lose.

Polls this week showed the race anywhere between a dead heat and a 7 percentage point advantage for Labour.

But "nobody is imagining that the Conservatives can win, and it is entirely down to the bias in the electoral system," said John Curtice, a political analyst at Strathclyde University.

A campaign ad broadcast Monday showed Blair and Treasury chief Gordon Brown setting out their vision for a third term in office. The short film, crafted with the help of Academy Award-winning director Anthony Minghella, shows the pair sitting closely together in a dimly lit office, brainstorming ideas and chatting like old college friends.

Like the United States, Britain's parliament does not have proportional representation — a system in which seats are distrib-

uted based on the overall vote breakdown nationwide.

Instead, each of Britain's 646 electoral districts sends one lawmaker to the House of Commons. Whoever wins the most votes in each district gets the seat, and the party that gains the most Commons seats forms the government.

Sounds simple, but it makes for a complicated political equation — one that experts agree is currently skewed against the Tories.

Analysts predict that even if both parties win an equal share of the vote, Labour still would have a Commons majority of 50 seats.

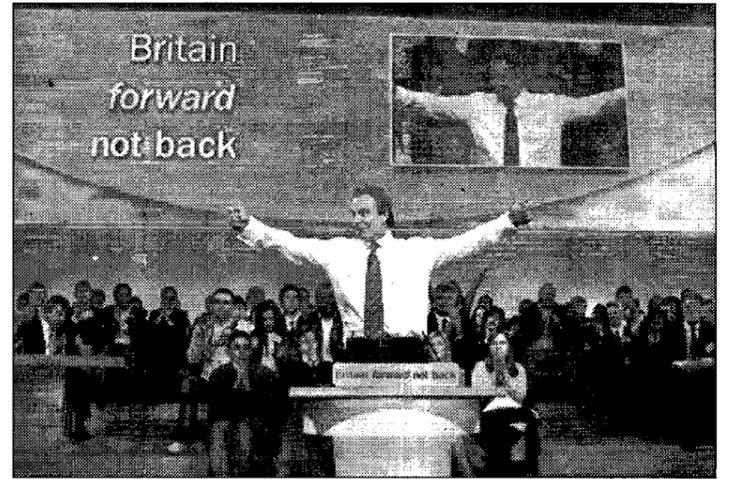
To win outright, Conservative leader Michael Howard would need a massive 10 or 11 percentage point lead, analysts say.

A look at Britain's political map shows several factors working for Labour.

A large portion of Conservative supporters are in rural districts where Labour voters are scarce. In these areas, the Tories win by a heavy margin, thus "wasting" votes.

Labour's support is strong in urban areas carved into many smaller electoral districts, where fewer votes can mean a seat. Labour's support also is efficiently distributed across far more constituencies — albeit ones where they have won in recent years by a small margin.

It all boils down to what the



As Britain's national election campaign hit high gear Monday, Prime Minister Blair's Labour Party was running almost neck-and-neck with the opposition Conservatives.

British call "safe seats." Labour has a lot, the Tories relatively few.

"The key thing is the distribution of the support," said William Jones, a political analyst at Manchester University. "It takes so many fewer votes to elect a Labour MP as their support is piled up in safe constituencies."

Jones said he did not expect to see a massive shift in support for Howard before the election.

"Howard needs an earthquake shift and there is nothing in the state of political affairs to indicate anything other than a minor tremor on the Richter scale," he

said.

Despite the statistical disadvantage, the Conservatives remained upbeat.

Howard on Monday launched his party's election manifesto, declaring: "I'm going into battle for Britain." He promised major tax cuts and a crackdown on immigration.

"It is statistically true that the present distribution of seats favors the Labour Party, but the fact is the Conservative Party are out to win and can do so under this or any other system," said Lord Strathclyde, Conservative leader in the House of Lords.

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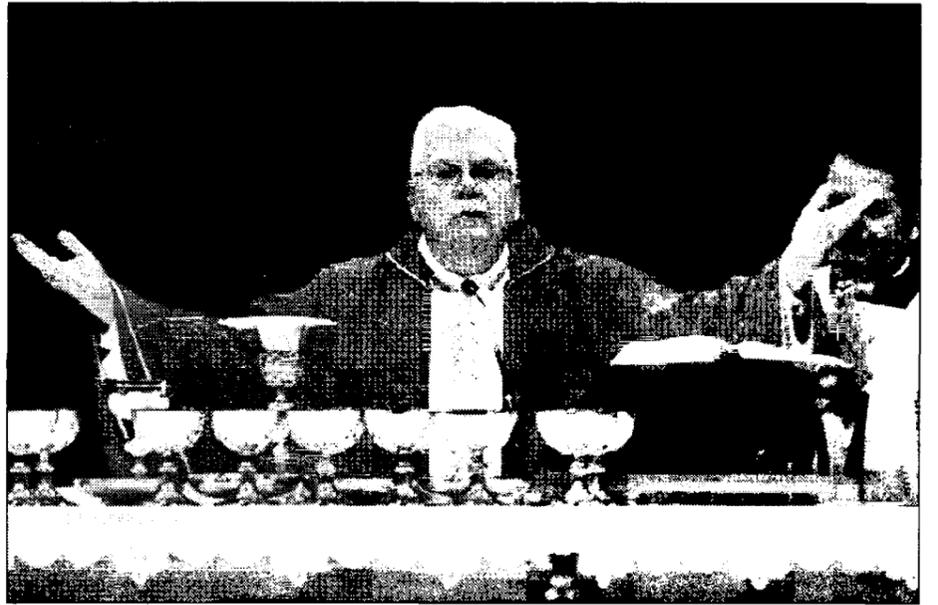
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Cardinal Law's role during mourning of pope protested



Left, Barbara Blaine, founder of the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, protested outside St. Peter's Square Cardinal Bernard Law's leading role in the mourning of Pope John Paul II. Law celebrates a mourning Mass for the late pope Monday at St. Peter's Basilica.

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Barbara Blaine clutched a pile of blue and yellow fliers as she walked alone Monday onto one of the most venerated sites in Catholicism.

She had flown in from Chicago just hours before, compelled by what she considered yet another sign of church indifference toward victims of clergy sex abuse. Vatican leaders had asked Cardinal Bernard Law, who resigned as Boston archbishop after mishandling molestation cases, to lead an important Mass at St. Peter's Basilica mourning Pope John Paul II.

Within moments, Italian police guarding St. Peter's Square formed a circle around Blaine, then moved her and a scrum of news cameras from beneath a sheltered walkway onto the street in the pouring rain.

As one other molestation victim stood nearby, she continued her protest. "We believe that Cardinal Law should take a position where he is in the background," she said, standing a few hundred yards from the basilica. "We don't believe this is appropriate for him to be in any position of power or trust in the church."

Law celebrated the Mass without disruption, saying in his homily that Italian, Polish and other pilgrims were inspiring in their huge tribute to John Paul. Nearly 3 million mourners flooded Rome for the pontiff's funeral last week.

"In these incredible days, the pope continues to teach us what it means ... to be a follower of Christ," Law said, reading slowly in Italian. "Our faith has been reinforced."

After the service, several worshippers from Europe said they had never heard of Law.

American parishioners said they recognized him, but questioned whether the protest was appropriate right after the pope died.

"It's not the time or the place," said Mary Beth Bauer, who lives in Maine and had followed the abuse crisis and Law's resignation.

But some Catholics said seeing the cardinal presiding over such an important Mass was another sign that the Vatican did not understand the betrayal parishioners felt that he protected guilty priests.

Blaine, founder of the Survivors Network of those Abused by Priests, and Barbara Dorris, also a leader of the advocacy group, said the choice of Law devastated victims. The Mass is one of nine daily services for the pope for the period of mourning called Novendiales.

Law resigned as archbishop of Boston in December 2002 after

unsealed court records revealed he had moved predatory clergy among parishes for years without telling parents their children were at risk. He has apologized for his wrongdoing.

More than 550 people have filed abuse claims in Boston in recent years, and the archdiocese has paid more than \$85 million in settlements. The scandal erupted in Boston in January 2002 and spread nationwide, causing what American Catholic bishops have called the worst crisis in the U.S. church.

After Law's resignation, the pope appointed him archpriest of St. Mary Major Basilica in Rome, one of four basilicas under direct Vatican jurisdiction.

Some church leaders have said the Vatican chose Law for the Mass because he leads an important church, not as a personal honor.

Still, the assignment gave Law a position of influence ahead of the papal election, which is set to begin next Monday.

The Survivors Network, which claims more than 5,600 members, has spent more than a decade pressing U.S. bishops to acknowledge the scope of molestation in the church.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and Law, through an aide, declined to comment on his participation in the Mass. The Survivors Network had asked the American cardinals to intervene to stop Law, but Blaine said they did not respond.

Blaine, who said a priest began molesting her when she was about 12, said the Vatican, not her group, was responsible for making abuse an issue during the papal transition. She did not oppose Law voting in the conclave.

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New cardinals favor Muslim outreach

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — They represent John Paul II's last major stamp on his vision for the future of the church: 26 cardinals from six continents who were added to the list of papal electors 18 months ago.

These latest cardinals, who account for nearly a quarter of the expected 115-member conclave beginning April 18, include some of the Vatican's leading voices protesting the U.S.-led war in Iraq and defending the church's moral teachings. One issue that vividly stands out: the need to strengthen bonds with Muslims or risk a more polarized and dangerous world.

Some of the most dynamic prelates in the group have been active on the front lines of Christian-Muslim conflicts in Africa or involved in interfaith outreach. Their backgrounds reinforce the perception that questions about Islam could exert a strong influence on the conclave in the way Cold War politics entered into the election of John Paul in 1978.

"John Paul II made the Vatican into a geopolitical force," said Jo Renee Formicola, a professor of religious and political studies at Seton Hall University in South Orange, N.J. "There is no bigger question now in the West than building better contacts with the Islamic world. The Vatican recognizes this."

The late pope took historic steps to open channels between Islam and the Vatican, including a 2001 trip to Syria when he became the first pontiff to enter a mosque. But the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and the growing strength of radical Islam have raised calls in the Vatican for more comprehensive contacts with mainstream Islamic leaders.

A possible papal candidate who could benefit from that new focus is Vatican-based Cardinal Francis Arinze, 72, of Nigeria, who has been involved in inter-religious dialogue since the 1980s and whose nation is a fault line between Christianity and Islam. Also, Belgian Cardinal Godfried Danneels, 71, is seen to possess diplomatic finesse for a papacy that may require extensive contacts with Islamic leaders.

Fourteen of the new cardinals come from Europe, including six from Italy. The others are spread across the globe: three each from Latin America, Africa and Asia; two from North America and one from Australia. This, too, reflects the diversity of the coming conclave. Cardinals from 52 nations will decide on the new pontiff.

Interest in advancing contacts with Islam links many of the new cardinals, elevated during ceremonies to mark the 25th year of John Paul's papacy.

Among them is French Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran, who served as a top Vatican

diplomat from 1990 to 2003 and was the pope's main envoy for the Middle East. He has called interfaith relations an "enormous task" for the next papacy and urged Muslim nations to stand against "second-class" status for Christians.

Fellow cardinals from France — Marseilles Archbishop Bernard Panafieu and Lyons Archbishop Philippe Barbarin — have taken strong stands in support of better contacts with mainstream Muslims.

For Panafieu, the issue is at his doorstep. Nearly 17 percent of the French port is now Muslim. Panafieu has objected to a French law last year outlawing Muslim head scarves and other religious symbols in public schools and has urged the government to "act through persuasion rather than by compulsion" to help Muslim immigrants adjust to the West.

Barbarin has gained a reputation as a champion for immigrant rights in a country with the largest Muslim community in Western Europe. The next pope "must be a man who knows and understands today's world and its culture," Barbarin said last week.

Spanish Cardinal Carlos Amigo Vallejo, the archbishop of Seville, was formerly head of the archdiocese in Tangiers, Morocco, which has only a few thousand Catholics. He has warned that "ignorance and neglect" between the faiths needs urgent attention.

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College: A grand experiment in socialization

I ran into a horrendous case of writer's block this week trying to think up a good topic for today's column. Any of you with access to cable news or the Internet have probably heard enough about the late John Paul II and Terri Schiavo to last you a lifetime. I assure those concerned about the events that I'm simply sick of media saturation of those two issues but at the same time, share concern and remorse for both.

The thought of media saturation has also ruled out another column on Social Security reform. If you still believe the arguments of democrats after months of debate in which they have not proposed any reasonable alternatives to the private account plan, then there is nothing I can write in this column that can change your mind.

Oddly enough, I've had other issues on my mind in the past few weeks. Prior to a long day trip out to Washington D.C. for a dinner via busses and a cheap flight out to Dulles, a friend of mine let me borrow Tom Wolfe's new book "I Am Charlotte Simmons" for the long day of traveling. I had heard from others that he had done an extensive case study of current college social life in upper crest universities through long periods of time he personally spent with students at prestigious campuses such as Duke and the University of North Carolina.

He took the results of his real-world case study and created a fictional DuPont University to represent any prestigious medium-sized top 20 university. Wolfe then chose to write about today's college experience from the perspective of a basketball jock, the

fraternity member, a skinny dork that works for the student newspaper and of course Charlotte Simmons.

The story is of Charlotte's culture shock with modern college life. She is the perfect SAT-scoring Valedictorian of a fictional small town in the Appalachia region of North Carolina. The book details her outsider's perspective on all of the issues that go hand-in-hand with today's modern experience in college that administrators prefer to keep away from their brochures. These are of course the classic issues of sex, drugs and alcohol. Tom Wolfe explores their socializing effects and to what extent a social hierarchy has developed in college life. Have both now become culturally accepted norms that we are socialized into in our college experience?

From the time we were young, we all grew up with a smattering of Hollywood's depictions of college life before many of us even began drinking. After that, many had their first drinks in high school shortly after the ability to drive gave them some degree of freedom from our parents. Some remained studious until their freshmen year liberated them from the pressure of the college hunt and parental supervision. You could place on a graph the rise of personal freedoms in our culture along with the development of the sex drive. Interestingly enough, both lines would run in a parallel positive slope from ages 16 to 21.

Now, throw in the variable of the college experience taking that same student away from parental supervision into a social environment with two hierarchies. Of course, the academic hierarchy is the public hierarchy that parents and administrators publicly encourage. However, there is another

hierarchy based on sex, athletic ability, physique, wealth and alcohol tolerance. This hierarchy reigns behind closed doors from Aug. 26 to May 5.

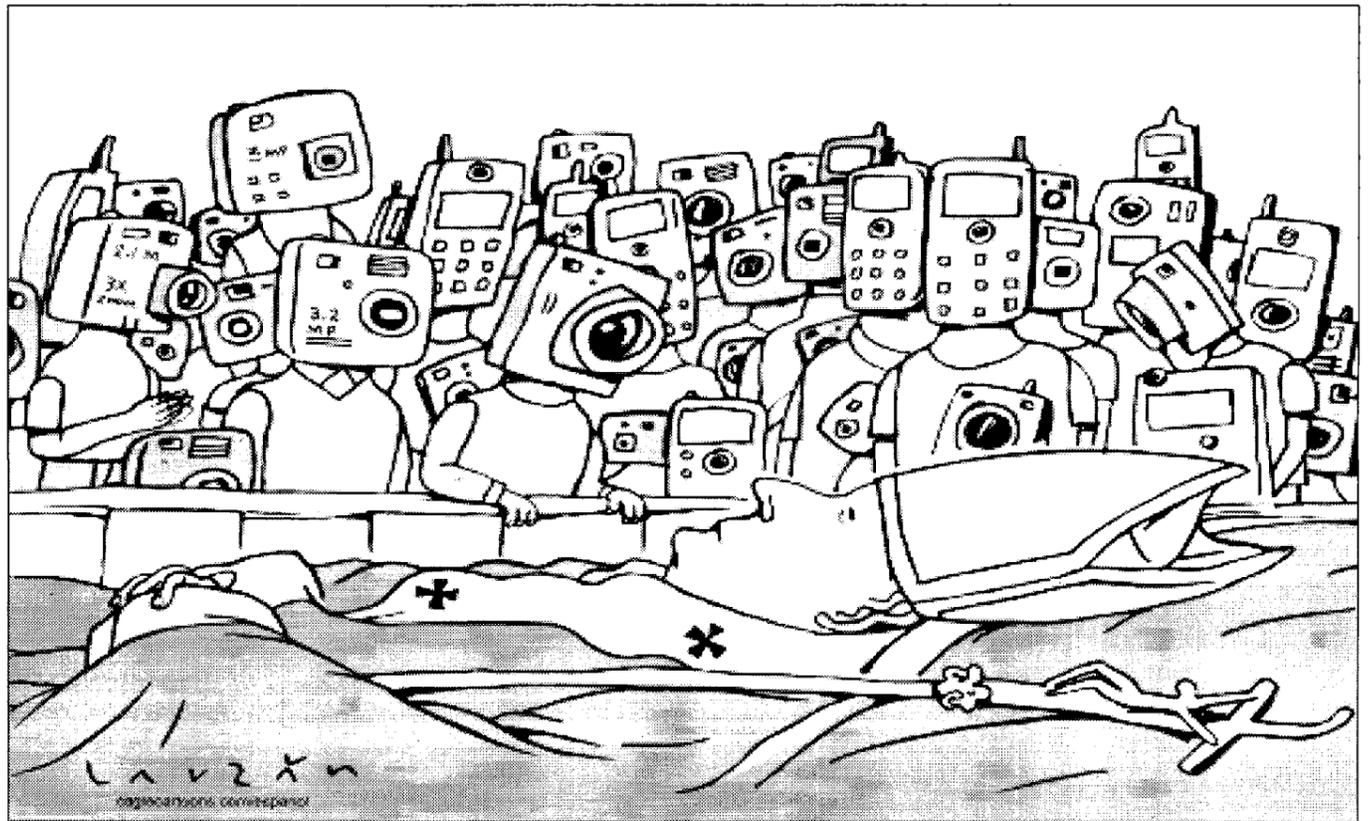
How much are we socialized into the college life? For the die-hards, it is going out four nights a week (State, Heartland, Corby's, Backer), getting wasted and trying to have random hookups normal behavior? I question these things not as your parent, but as someone who has made plenty of decisions I regret over the past four years, many of which I would prefer to never mention publicly. Also, this is not a criticism of Notre Dame, as my visits to state schools have confirmed the moral decay is much worse there.

What this book has done for me is given me the opportunity to place myself in the shoes of what a skeptical outsider's viewpoint may be of the unofficial norms of college life. When you consider our generation's record numbers of college students, the implications of any socialization on that great a scale could have a huge impact upon the history of this country. How will our generation's experience in college affect the values we pass on to our children, our marriages and our religious convictions? If socialization of any new values happens in a college environment across such a scale, what will be the consequences? You may think I'm crazy, but reading this book will have you asking yourself the same questions.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Whoever kindles the flames of intolerance in America is lighting a fire underneath his own home."

Harold Stassen
American lawyer, politician

Forgive me, Father, for I have sinned: Confessions of a 'cafeteria Catholic'



"I'm no longer a practicing Catholic ... I'm so good I don't need the practice anymore."

Cute humorous witticisms such as that served as a nice deflection, so I didn't really have to answer the question of why I didn't go to Mass.

Originally, I skipped Mass for the same reason most kids do: I considered it ridiculous that anyone would waste a perfectly good late morning and early afternoon to dress in fancy clothes, sit (and stand, and sit, and kneel, and sit, and stand, etc.) in a stuffy, dusty building and listen to some old geezer drone on for 90 minutes. It seemed pointless. And since my Catholic mother eventually divorced my non-Catholic father, when she avoided Mass, I got to avoid it, too. When she felt guilty about missing Mass, I lost an opportunity to sleep in.

I think the real turning point for me, though, came during a retreat offered by my Catholic high school. During their junior and senior years, students were offered a two-day retreat at a campground with teachers and clergy, ostensibly to grow in their faith. I went because I could miss two days of class to hang out with my friends. In the morning, we walked to a secluded spot in the woods and celebrated Mass. It was there when I realized why I disliked going to church: church was a place of worship for God that was created and controlled by man. The outdoor Mass allowed us to worship God in the glory of His creation, and I felt the presence of the divine unimpeded by the construction and the rhetoric of man.

I quit going to Mass after that. I didn't feel ashamed in the least.

The child-molestation scandal that rocked the Church while I was in the midst of my years at this Catholic university only served to bolster the argument. Here these men, allowed to perform the duties of the apostles in the service of Christ, still could not escape the crude evil of their own human tendencies to sin. If we couldn't trust these men with the most innocent among us, our children, who could we trust?

But I always felt I could trust the Holy Father, John Paul II.

By lapsing into grave sin and betrayal of their congregations, many clergymen proved that they are no better than the worst of the sinners they are called to reconcile to God's loving grace. But John Paul was a shining example of living faith, even forgiving the man who tried to kill him in 1981, Mehmet Ali Agca. Furthermore, he won Agca over so much

that he called John Paul his "brother" and grieved over his death. The faith and charisma demonstrated by that one act of forgiveness alone borders on mind-boggling.

Yet while nobody doubts John Paul's charisma, arguments have sprung up from all over about the wisdom of his so-called "closed-minded" faith. But John Paul's never-before-seen appeal was anchored on the eternal truths of Church teaching. No matter: the conservatism of the Church under John Paul is being blamed for everything from the explosion of AIDS in sub-Saharan Africa to the departure of millions from the flock.

Let's settle these arguments quickly. First, blaming John Paul and the Church's stand against contraception for the AIDS pandemic is an incredibly strained leap of logic. According to the theory, sexually active Africans, by following the Church laws, are transmitting AIDS to their partners with horrifying frequency. But, if Church doctrine were truly being followed, they wouldn't be having sex outside of marriage, so the rate of AIDS transmission would be much, much lower.

Second, millions aren't leaving the Church in a mass exodus because it's too restrictive. Even more "open-minded" organizations are having trouble reaching out to materially wealthy and spiritually complacent societies. People are leaving the Church because they're too lazy to follow it.

Like ... me.

And now that John Paul is gone, I am ashamed of myself. Ashamed because I let my pet peeves about the ugliness and sensory discomfort of the buildings, the dullness of the homilies, and the evils of some priests distract me from following his more wonderful examples and growing into the fullness of a faith, which never really left.

Please forgive me, Holy Father, for I have sinned.

When John Paul left this earth last week, millions of people made a pilgrimage to Rome to view his body. Cardinals convened to determine who should succeed him. The president ordered American flags lowered to half-staff.

And the streets around my local church were lined with parked cars for three blocks in all directions.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Africa is neither helpless nor hopeless

When we think of Africa, many of us think of horrible problems and may think that Africa is helpless and hopeless and that the United States and other wealthy countries would be better off focusing their attention elsewhere. For the most part, this is in fact what the wealthiest countries of the world have done. Thus, we have what amounts to a self-fulfilling prophecy: We don't think we can make a difference, so we don't make a difference. Meanwhile, conditions on the ground in many African countries do not change or worsen, and, therefore, we think we are proven correct. At the same time, parts of Africa become increasingly susceptible to religious extremism and transnational terrorist networks.

There can be no doubt that, in many parts of Africa, the problems are serious and have been getting worse. It is estimated that nearly 50 percent — up from 40 percent in 1980 — of the population in sub-Saharan Africa lives in extreme poverty or less than \$2 per day. People in Africa continue to suffer greatly because of poor healthcare and no access to medicines that people in much of the rest of the world take for granted. As a result, HIV/AIDS leaves millions of orphans. People suffer from war

and genocide. It is estimated that 300,000 people have died in the genocide supported by the government of Sudan, and 1.65 million people have been made refugees. It is clear that the gap between the way most Africans must live — poor, sick, orphaned and on the run — and the way most people in the world's wealthiest countries live is perhaps today's greatest scandal.

Africa Week April 10-16 here at Notre Dame is intended to promote the realization that serious and getting worse problems are not insurmountable and that, with the right kind of attention from the wealthiest countries, Africans have proven and will prove themselves to be neither helpless nor hopeless. We have been given the time and resources to learn and to be creative in developing solutions to the world's problems. We are called to reject easy answers like, "there is nothing we can do" or "those people are hopeless." May our study be increasingly devoted to tackling the gravest scandals of our time, like the gap between Africa and the rest of the world.

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One for the little guys

Smaller airlines may have the friendliest skies around.

Smaller airlines, such as JetBlue and AirTran, have the top scores of the 2005 Air Quality Rating, while larger airlines, such as American Airlines and Continental, rank lower.

It's refreshing to see smaller airlines taking hold of the industry.

This is good for the economy, especially local economy. Rather than a few major airlines getting all the business, more money is going toward smaller airlines. Money will go to smaller towns, such as Oxford or Tupelo, rather than to major cities such as New York or Chicago.

Customers have more choices to find which airline is right for them.

Smaller airlines offer shorter waiting times with the same amount of safety and reliability.

Airport security is more important than ever, and though we should appreciate the extra safety, the long lines drive most flyers crazy.

Though airline safety is a must, it's nice to know there are shorter waiting lines at smaller airports. Small airlines are just as safe as large airlines.

They are also more convenient, because they are located in smaller towns.

College students drive a short distance to the Oxford or Tupelo airports, rather than driving to Jackson or Memphis. This keeps flyers safe and saves them money.

Larger airlines are suffering from high ticket prices, inconvenience and ignorance of their customers.

At major airlines ticket prices jump dramatically in just a few days, and they usually have very long waiting lines.

Major airlines are so busy getting thousands of people off to their destinations that they usually don't take the time to cater to each customer. Granted, this is a big task to achieve, but something could be done.

If large airlines cut prices and catered to their customers, more flyers would come back to them.

Obviously, with such high ratings from the Air Quality Rating, flyers are taking advantage of small airlines.

Give these smaller airlines a try.

It's easy to always go on Delta, Northwest or American, but these other ones offer many advantages.

Chances are you'll save time, worry and sometimes money.

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MOVIE REVIEW

'Sahara' is almost a hit, but screenwriting sinks the ship

By SEAN SWEENEY
Scene Movie Critic

James Bond, Indiana Jones and ... Dirk Pitt?

The producers of the new action movie "Sahara" would have you believe that Dirk Pitt (Matthew McConaughey) is the new name in adventure. While this is perhaps too bold a claim, director Breck Eisner — son of Disney Company CEO Michael Eisner — has created a respectable and worthy movie hero.

"Sahara," which is based on the 1992

Clive Cussler novel, follows Dirk Pitt, who is a mix of marine biologist, treasure hunter, Navy SEAL and suave secret agent. Pitt and sidekick Al Giordino (Steve Zahn) work for the National Underwater Marine Agency and decide to go on a treasure hunt in Africa for a lost Confederate Civil War ironclad ship full of gold.

Along the way, Pitt saves the life of World Health Organization scientist Eva Rojas (Penelope Cruz). He learns of Eva's quest to discover the source of a plague ravishing Africa. Eventually, they discover they must search the African desert

together to find what they are looking for and stop the evil team of a French millionaire and African tyrant from polluting the world's water supply.

If that sounds like a mouthful, it is. Along their journey, Pitt and crew engage in fights and chases in just about every mode of transportation possible, destroying each vehicle in the process.

Directors most likely released this movie in the spring because it doesn't quite have the ingredients for a huge summer blockbuster, but it's close.

McConaughey and Zahn have a great chemistry portraying lifelong friends who work well together and provide most of the humor in the movie. Cruz seems to take her role a little too seriously, and it shows in her relationships with other characters, even McConaughey. The real strength of this movie comes from the strong performances of the supporting cast.

Zahn (Jack from "National Security") plays the role of sidekick with the perfect amount of wit, cynicism and thick-headedness. William H. Macy makes an appearance as the gruff and resolute Admiral Sandecker who tries to perform his job as boss of Dirk and Al. Rainn Wilson, who is known for work in "Six Feet Under" and the U.S. version of "The Office," plays the nerdy equipment man, Rudi Gunn. These actors make the most of their screen time and carry the movie through its slower parts.

This film is Eisner's first major directing effort. His directing career has primarily involved television commercials and miniseries, but he does a respectable job with "Sahara." Most action movies use fairly simple cinematography, but Eisner manages to present a rather artful film. The opening credits sequence features a single shot that tracks around Pitt's office, giving

the audience a brief, informative tour of Dirk's life. Eisner also uses wide shots well to display the stark beauty of the African desert.

Where this movie really stumbles is the writing. In the opening credits, it's hard not to notice that there are enough screenwriters

to sink a real ironclad ship in the middle of the African desert, and sink it they do. The event happens and works well in the book, but the writers somehow manage to make this seem absurd in the film.

Similarly, the rest of the plot seems ridiculous in the movie, along with much of the dialogue. Fans of the Clive Cussler book will likely be disappointed, simply because the limits of film cannot capture the magic of the book.

All in all, however, this is a fun, smart, if slightly unrealistic, action film to get moviegoers ready for the summer season.



Director: Breck Eisner
Writers: Thomas Dean Donnelly, Joshua Oppenheimer, John C. Richards and James V. Hart
Starring: Matthew McConaughey, Penelope Cruz



Eva Rojas (Penelope Cruz, left) and Dirk Pitt (Matthew McConaughey) star in "Sahara," a film which almost has the chops for a summer blockbuster hit.

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DVD REVIEW

Season Six of 'Sex and the City' may disappoint fans

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Scene Movie Critic

Ending a popular series is difficult, and ending it in a satisfying manner that does justice to the series itself is nearly impossible.

Looking at the reception of the final episodes of massively popular shows like "Seinfeld" or "Friends" doesn't leave much hope for any other show to compare. Popular series usually end with a bang (something completely unexpected that doesn't usually make sense) or with a whimper (mushy sentimentality that plays exactly to what producers think viewers want.)

"Sex and the City" Season 6 Part 2, most notably the last episode of the series, falls into the latter of these categories. While these episodes are still better than most of what is on television, they just don't seem to do justice to the series itself.

In the last eight episodes, members of

the perpetually single quartet of women — Carrie (Sarah Jessica Parker), Miranda (Cynthia Nixon), Samantha (Kim Cattrall) and Charlotte (Kristen Davis) — are in somewhat stable relationships, meaning the action of the show must come from somewhere other than dating drama. In this case, it means a series of "bad" things befall the women — like infertility, breast cancer, moving (to Brooklyn or Paris).

While humor does manage to peek out from these unfortunate circumstances, it's all just a little bit too dark for the normally lighthearted show. Fans of the show will debate the choices made in the final episode, but all the major story lines are wrapped up, for better or for worse.

Included in the set is commentary by writer/producer/director Michael Patrick King on the episodes entitled, "Let There Be Light," "Splat!" and "An American Girl in Paris (Parts One & Deux)," which can be found on Discs One and Two. The other extras can be found on Disc Three and include two HBO farewell tributes and the USCAF writer's panel discussion, in which Michael Patrick King interviews Sarah Jessica Parker as well as many of the writers for the series.

There was a great deal of speculation about how the series would end, which explains why there are three alternative series finale endings included. One of them is

really just a deleted scene, so only expect two genuinely different endings. Since no commentary is provided about why certain choices were made, the endings are interesting but not very informative. There are also 10 deleted scenes and promotions for each of the last episodes included in the extras.

Some fans of "Sex and the City" will be satisfied by the series' conclusion, but most die-hard fans will have more ques-

tions than answers provided by the somewhat pat solutions provided to the complicated lives of their favorite quartet of New York women.

While the end of the series isn't awful, it just doesn't live up to the high expectations that come with such a witty series, beloved by fans and critics alike.

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Charlotte York (Kristin Davis) and Harry Goldenblatt (Evan Handler) develop their relationship during the sixth and final season of "Sex and the City."

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Sex and the City, Season 6 Part 2
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MOVIE REVIEW

'Fever Pitch' delivers a change-up

By JACQUELINE PIMENTEL-GANNON
Scene Movie Critic

Drew Barrymore and Jimmy Fallon star in "Fever Pitch," a screen adaptation of the same-named book of British author Nick Hornby ("About a Boy," "High Fidelity").

The Farrelly brothers direct this romantic comedy, which lacks much of their typical crude humor that can be found in "There's Something About Mary" and "Dumb and Dumber."

Like many sports films, "Fever Pitch"

depicts a team that conquers seemingly insurmountable odds to win it all, but this is not the primary focus of the movie. "Fever Pitch" tells the story of Ben (Fallon), a schoolteacher obsessed with the Boston Red Sox, and his relationship with Lindsey Meeks (Barrymore). Ben seems like a great guy at first and Lindsey's friends wonder why the 30-something is still single.

The reason becomes clear when the coming of spring brings the start of the baseball season. Ben's lifelong love for the Sox stems from his childhood when he first moved to Boston and found a

friend in the Sox, and it has only grown stronger. He follows the Sox to spring training, makes sure his two season tickets near the dugout are used at every game, and tapes the few games he can't attend.

Lindsey is very concentrated on her career and a possible promotion and is initially excited that Ben won't be constantly demanding her attention. The situation soon changes, however, and juggling both a relationship and the Sox gets increasingly difficult. Ben really feels this when going to a party with Lindsey causes him to miss an incredible 8-run comeback game over the Yankees. Ultimately Ben feels forced to choose which he loves more — Lindsey or the Sox.

Lindsey, meanwhile, has other plans and this results in an amusing chase scene, which actually takes place in Fenway Park. "Fever Pitch" finishes much like Boston's 2004 season — with a fairytale ending.

The acting is good, though the leads overshadow most all other characters. Barrymore plays the career-driven woman well, and Fallon is believable as a Red Sox fanatic. However, considering what the pair goes through, one would expect even more fights and disagreements from a real life couple.

"Fever Pitch" breaks with tradition refreshingly. The main characters are not kept apart by a normal culprit — an affair, a job, a lie or a secret — but by

America's favorite pastime. Ben is upfront with his passion, and it's nice to see a couple working through a known issue rather than finding out something shocking late in the film.

There are not many individually memorable lines, so you certainly won't walk out quoting this movie, but there are several scenes that had the audience laughing. Sports fans might feel that justice has been served when Lindsey is focusing on her work on a laptop and takes a foul ball to the head during one game.

BoSox fans will love the chance to relive their history-making, curse-breaking season.

Interestingly, the script originally assumed that the Sox would lose, so filmmakers had to adjust the story midway through. The baseball footage was real, with crews spending lots of time filming at Fenway. That also explains why Fallon and Barrymore were seen on the field in Boston after the Sox won the World Series.

This is certainly not a thought-provoking film, and those looking for anything but 101 minutes of light entertainment should look elsewhere. "Fever Pitch" is a predictable, happily-ever-after flick, but its premise and how it arrives at its expected conclusion are fresh and both males and females are likely to enjoy it.



Director: Bobby Farrelly and Peter Farrelly
Writers: Nick Hornby and Lowell Ganz
Starring: Drew Barrymore, Jimmy Fallon, Jack Kehler



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Lindsey Meeks (Drew Barrymore, right) and Ben (Jimmy Fallon) try to work their otherwise wonderful relationship around Ben's epic love of the Red Sox.

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DVD REVIEW

Intelligent humor of 'Arrested Development' is truly original

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Scene Movie Critic

"Arrested Development" won the Emmy for Best Comedy Series last year, and the DVD set for Season One reveals that the underdog series was more than justified in its win.

The show is possibly one of the funniest on television at the moment, and watching Season One in its entirety, without breaks, makes it even more enjoyable and entertaining.

The show follows the adventures of the wealthy Bluth family, whose world is thrown into chaos when their father is arrested for insider trading. At the center of the mess is Michael (Jason Bateman), the only child not completely maladjusted by the family fortune, and he must not only deal with his off-kilter family but must also try to keep it together.

Michael's siblings include his sister Lindsay (Portia de Rossi), a spoiled heiress who chooses the obscure causes to support; his older brother Gob, a failed magician; and Buster, a mama's boy

who studies off-beat subjects like Native American dancing and cartography so he can avoid school.

Then toss into the mix his newly imprisoned father (Jeffrey Tambor), his snobbish, manipulative mother (Jessica Walter), a nutty brother-in-law named Tobias Funke (David Cross), a clueless son George Michael (Michael Cera) and his trouble-magnet cousin Maebe (Alia Shawkat). The acting is impressive from the entire cast, but Bateman stands out as the straight man holding his crazy family together, while Cross steals every scene he appears as the clueless Tobias.

Overall, the show is unique, unlike most cookie-cutter sitcoms on the air at the moment. It has no laugh track, uses only a single camera and uses a narrator (producer Ron Howard) to further the action of the show.

The show also manages to use a wide range of guest stars, including Liza Minnelli, Henry Winkler and Julia Louis-Dreyfus, all without the forced feeling that comes across on most sitcoms.

Season one includes 22 episodes plus an unaired pilot on three discs. There are three commentary tracks: the extended pilot episode, "Beef Consomme" and "Let them Eat Cake." These tracks feature creator Mitchell Hurwitz, directors Anthony Russo and Joe Russo and a wide range of the actors

on the show.

There are also two behind-the-scenes featurettes, a clip from the TV Land channel's award show entitled, "The Making of Future Classic," and another clip entitled "The Museum of Television & Radio: Q&A with the Cast and Creative Team of Arrested Development." In addition, there is also a jukebox on Disc One that features 28 songs from composer David Schwartz, a sit-down interview with Ron Howard and a commercial that aired promoting Julia Louis-Dreyfus' appearance on the show.

"Arrested Development" is one of the best shows on television at the moment, and watching all of Season One in a single sitting will make even regular viewers appreciate the show more. The program has a rare mix of intelligent humor with slapstick and genuine emotions created by a near-perfect cast. It is also one of the few DVD sets without a single "skippable" episode.

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The well-to-do Bluth clan creates headaches for Michael, the only well-adjusted child in the family.

**Arrested
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Fox

MLB — NATIONAL LEAGUE

Burrell continues power surge in Phils' 4-1 win

Hampton goes 8 in Braves 11-2 win, Burnitz's error costs Cubs against Padres

Associated Press

MIAMI — Pat Burrell's run-producing hits are getting longer.

The most prolific slugger in baseball so far this season hit a two-run homer into the upper deck in the first inning, extending his streak of at least one RBI in every game, and the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Florida Marlins 4-1 on Monday night.

Burrell's fourth homer gave him 17 RBIs, most in the major leagues and five shy of the team record for April, set by Von Hayes in 1989. Burrell is batting .448 with a slugging percentage of .966.

"He's really carrying our team right now, and it has been great," first baseman Jim Thome said. "He's got a ton of ability, and we all strive to get to the point where you get locked in like that."

Brett Myers (1-0) allowed an unearned run in 5 2/3 innings against Florida's fitful attack. In three victories, the Marlins have outscored opponents 26-0. In four losses, they've been outscored 13-6.

"I can't explain it," Florida

slugger Miguel Cabrera said. "It's frustrating when you score eight runs one day, and then. ... You have to think about what you did wrong."

Myers took the mound with a lifetime ERA of 6.41 in nine games against Florida but struck out eight, walked one and allowed three hits.

Carlos Delgado doubled twice for the Marlins, but he flied out against Rheal Cormier with two on in the eighth. Tim Worrell then came on to retire Mike Lowell, and Billy Wagner pitched the ninth for the Phillies' first save.

Florida's Luis Castillo, hitless in his past 17 at-bats, failed to hit the ball past the pitcher in three trips before Damion Easley pinch hit for him in the eighth.

"We need somebody who can hit the ball," manager Jack McKeon said. "He's not hitting. We've got to get some offense somewhere."

Castillo's average fell to .095.

Al Leiter (0-1) needed 114 pitches to get through five innings before departing for a pinch hitter. He allowed five hits, four walks and three runs.

Bobby Abreu scored twice and had two hits and three stolen

bases for the Phillies, who began the week leading the majors with 43 runs.

Atlanta 11, Washington 2

Washington or Montreal, it really doesn't matter to the Atlanta Braves.

Mike Hampton pitched eight strong innings, Rafael Furcal and Andruw Jones hit two-run homers, and the Braves routed the Washington Nationals.

This was nothing new for the team formerly known as the Montreal Expos. Last season, the Braves beat Montreal 15 of 19 times and they've won 10 of the last 11 series between the teams, splitting the other.

"They have our number right now," Washington's Jose Vidro said. "For some reason their pitching seems to shut us down. I don't know if experience has a lot to do with it. I'm pretty sure they have a very good scouting report on us."

Hampton (1-0) is on a roll against everyone. He went 12-2 in his last 16 starts a year ago, and he's allowed only two runs in 14 innings this season.

"I feel pretty comfortable out there," Hampton said. "I feel comfortable with my mechanics. I feel comfortable mentally and physically."

Atlanta is well on its way to another series victory over Montreal-turned-Washington, thanks to Hampton's effort and several players finally having breakout games at the plate.

Furcal was hitting .138 when he homered in the fifth after Hampton led off with a single. Jones was just a little better, batting .217 when he hit his first homer of the season later in the inning. That gave the Braves a 7-0 lead and finished off Washington starter Zach Day.

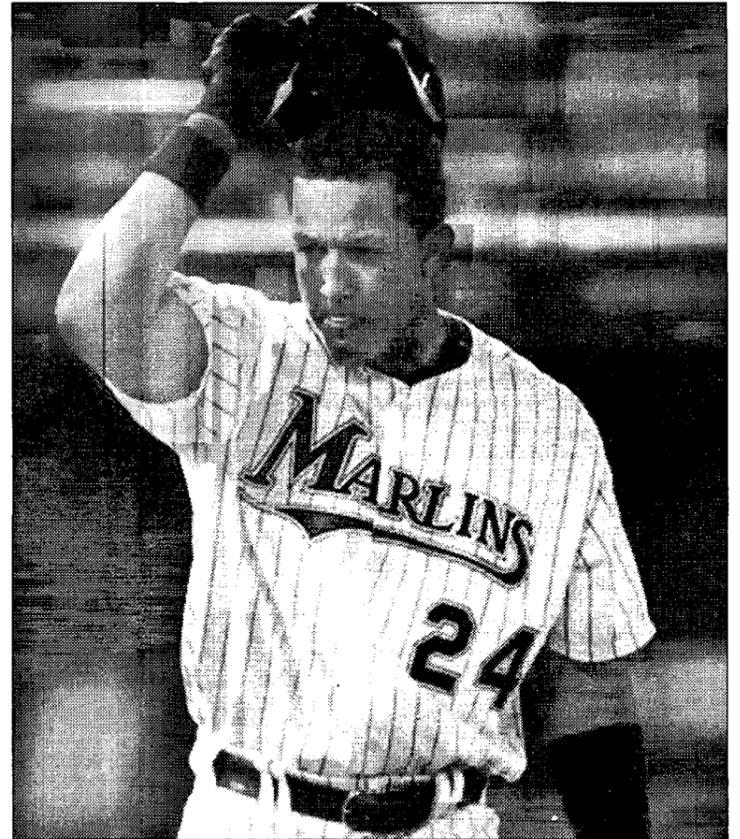
Furcal, Jones and Adam LaRoche all finished with three RBIs. The Braves had 15 hits.

"The guys came out swinging the bats," Hampton said. "They needed a game like that."

Day (0-1) should have known he would be in for a long night when LaRoche, mired at .176, hit a two-run double off the center-field wall in the first to get Atlanta rolling.

Raul Mondesi, the Braves' new right fielder, was just 2-for-20 when he lined an RBI double down the third-base line in the fourth for a 3-0 lead.

The Braves scored only 16 runs in their first six games, hitting .216 as a team. But manager Bobby Cox was never concerned.



Florida's Miguel Cabrera shows his frustration after striking out against Philadelphia's Brett Myers Monday.

"We've only played a couple games," he said. "I don't consider this to be a team in a slump."

With the offense finally showing signs of life, Hampton probably could have pitched his first complete game since last May 18, when he was the hard-luck loser in Randy Johnson's perfect game.

But when the Braves piled on four more runs in the eighth, Hampton's night was done. It was a good one on the mound (only seven hits allowed) and at the plate (2-for-4 with two runs scored).

"I felt fine," Hampton said. "Then we had that long inning, and Bobby said he was going to get someone else in. I was fine with that. We're here to win games."

Jose Guillen ended Hampton's shutout bid with one out in the seventh, hitting his third homer of the season.

If the Braves thought they were having trouble offensively, check out the Nationals. They have scored only five runs in their last four games, getting shut out twice.

Day lasted only 4 1-3 innings, giving up nine hits and bumping his ERA to 9.00 in two starts.

Manager Frank Robinson summed it up bluntly: "Out of

the strike zone, out of the strike zone, out of the strike zone. His location was terrible."

The Nationals dropped to 3-4 as they closed in on their first regular-season game in Washington. They'll play two more in Atlanta, wrapping up a nine-game road trip that precedes the home opener at RFK Stadium on Thursday.

"This was not a pretty sight," Robinson said.

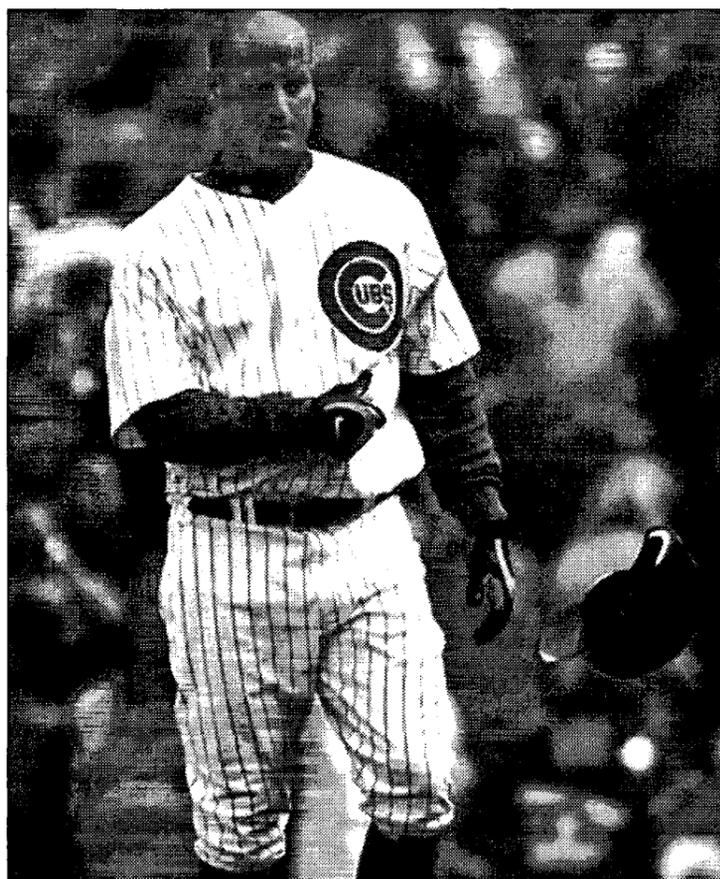
San Diego 1, Chicago 0

Adam Eaton outpitched Ryan Dempster for six innings, and the San Diego Padres took advantage of Jeromy Burnitz's error to beat the Chicago Cubs.

Eaton (1-0) and Dempster each allowed four hits, but the Padres scored an unearned run in the sixth when Sammy Sosa's replacement in right field dropped Brian Giles' low line drive.

Ryan Klesko then doubled off the right-field wall, and Giles scored one out later on Ramon Hernandez's groundout.

Eaton struck out three without walking a batter, and Scott Linebrink and Akinori Otsuka each gave up a hit in one inning of relief before Trevor Hoffman finished the six hitter for his first save.



Cubs outfielder Jeromy Burnitz tosses his batting helmet after striking out Monday afternoon.

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NBA

James leads Cavaliers' 114-106 win over Magic

Pacers' Miller moves to 12th on league's all-time scoring list

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — LeBron James scored 33 points, Drew Gooden had 27 and the Cleveland Cavaliers beat Orlando.

Robert Traylor added 20 points for the Cavaliers, who had lost five of seven and 14 of 15 on the road.

Cleveland (40-37) took a half-game lead over idle Philadelphia for the seventh seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs, and a two-game lead over ninth-place New Jersey.

The Cavaliers also stayed within two games of sixth-place Washington. The Wizards, who visit Cleveland on Friday, beat Milwaukee 119-112.

James, playing 48 minutes for the third time in the last six games, also had seven rebounds and six assists. In his last three games, he has averaged 36.7 points, 10 rebounds and 7.7 assists.

Dwight Howard had 23 points and 10 rebounds for Orlando (35-42), losers of four straight and five of six. The Magic are 4 1/2 games behind the 76ers with five games remaining.

Steve Francis also scored 23, while DeShawn Stevenson had 21.

James seemed to have sealed

the win early in the fourth quarter, putting Cleveland up 86-76 with a three-point play off his own miss of a 3-pointer. After a turnover, Gooden followed with a wide-open dunk.

But after a timeout, Orlando's gamble of a full-court press paid off. Forcing turnovers on four straight possessions, the Magic blitzed back within two points.

James restored order by drawing a foul and sinking the free throws for a four-point advantage. Following another Magic turnover, Jeff McInnis made two free throws for a 92-86 lead with 7:07 remaining.

Cleveland soon re-established its 10-point margin.

The Magic shot 55 percent but were done in by 24 turnovers, one short of their season worst. Orlando made 11 of its first 15 shots to seize a 12-point lead.

But Cleveland rallied behind James and Gooden, whose three-point plays on consecutive possessions sparked a 19-7 surge to tie the game at 35. James had 10 points in span of 2:50.

The Cavaliers eventually built a first-half margin of six points, settling for a 59-54 lead at the break.

Indiana 94, Toronto 90

Reggie Miller scored 19 points to pass Jerry West for 12th on the all-time scoring list and the Indiana Pacers beat the Toronto Raptors.

Miller has 25,201 points, nine more than the man on the NBA logo. Miller passed West with a 3-pointer 40 seconds into the second half. The 18-year veteran is retiring at the end of the year, and players and coaches on both sides paid tribute to him before his last game at the Air Canada Centre.

Stephen Jackson, Dale Davis, Jeff Foster, Anthony Johnson, Austin Croshere and Eddie Gill each added nine points for the Pacers, who rebounded from a tough loss to the New York Knicks the night before. Indiana blew a six-point lead in the final minute despite getting 34 points from Miller.

Indiana can clinch a playoff spot at home Wednesday against the New Jersey Nets. The Pacers are vying with Chicago for fourth place in the Eastern Conference.

Jalen Rose had 26 points for the lottery-bound Raptors, who have lost eight of 11.

Rose's hook shot gave Toronto a 89-77 lead with 3:31 left, but he turned the ball over on Toronto's next possession.

Davis gave Indiana a 91-90 lead by making two free throws with 53 seconds left.

After Toronto's Rafer Alston made another turnover, Indiana's James Jones made two free throws with 14.4 seconds left.

Jackson made one of two with 4 seconds remaining to make it 94-90.

The Pacers have won seven of eight despite missing leading scorer Jermaine O'Neal (shoulder) and assists leader Jamaal Tinsley (foot).

Charlotte 110, Atlanta 105

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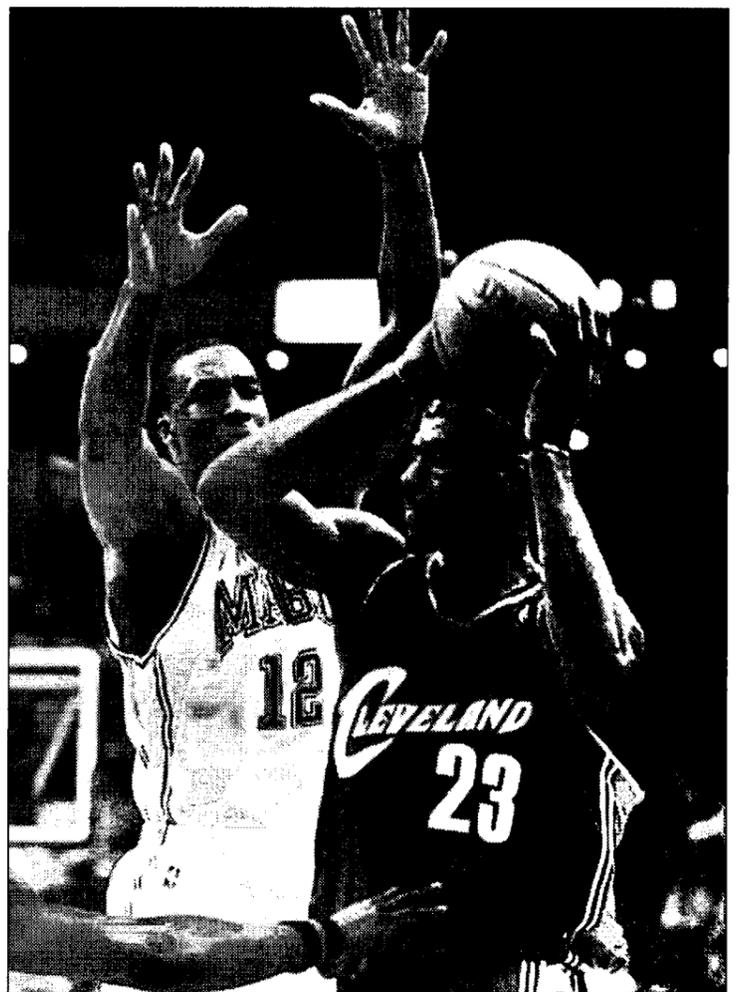
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LeBron James, looking to pass as Orlando's Dwight Howard defends, had 33 points in the Cavaliers win Monday night.

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"When you talk about the Hawks and when you talk about us you're talking about effort," Bickerstaff said. "The worst thing we could do was not respect them."

Each of the Hawks' five starters scored in double figures for the first time since a loss Feb. 16 in Cleveland — a

streak of 27 games.

"When our starters came out, the momentum swung to their side," Smith said.

Dallas 110, Memphis 89

Josh Howard scored 23 points and Keith Van Horn added 14, leading the Dallas Mavericks to a victory over Memphis in that spoiled the Grizzlies' first chance to clinch a playoff spot.

Memphis endured its worst loss under coach Mike Fratello and second-worst of the season; the Grizzlies lost to Minnesota by 25 on Nov. 26 when Hubie Brown was still in charge.

Regardless, Memphis can still get into the playoffs with its next win or a loss by the Timberwolves. Both teams play next on Wednesday.

Dirk Nowitzki had 19 points and eight rebounds for the Mavericks, who clinched the West's No. 4 seed in its previous game. They won their season-best eighth straight at home and improved to 11-2 under coach Avery Johnson.

The Mavs took control midway through the second quarter and never relented against a team that had won five of its last six games, most by wide margins.

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AROUND THE NATION

MLB

AL East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Toronto	4-2	.667	4-2	-
Baltimore	3-3	.500	3-3	1
Tampa Bay	3-3	.500	3-3	1
Boston	3-4	.429	3-4	1.5
New York	3-4	.429	3-4	1.5

AL Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Chicago	5-2	.714	5-2	-
Detroit	3-3	.500	3-3	1.5
Minnesota	3-3	.500	3-3	1.5
Cleveland	3-4	.429	3-4	2
Kansas City	3-4	.429	3-4	2

AL West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Los Angeles	4-3	.571	4-3	-
Oakland	3-3	.500	3-3	.5
Seattle	3-4	.429	3-4	1
Texas	3-4	.429	3-4	1

NL East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Atlanta	5-2	.714	5-2	-
Philadelphia	4-3	.571	4-3	1
Florida	3-4	.429	3-4	2
Washington	3-4	.429	3-4	2
New York	2-5	.286	2-5	3

NL Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Houston	4-2	.667	4-2	-
Milwaukee	4-2	.667	4-2	-
Cincinnati	3-3	.500	3-3	1
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Pittsburgh	2-5	.286	2-5	2.5

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Los Angeles	4-2	.667	4-2	-
SF Giants	4-2	.667	4-2	-
San Diego	4-3	.571	4-3	.5
Arizona	3-3	.500	3-3	1
Colorado	1-4	.200	1-4	2.5

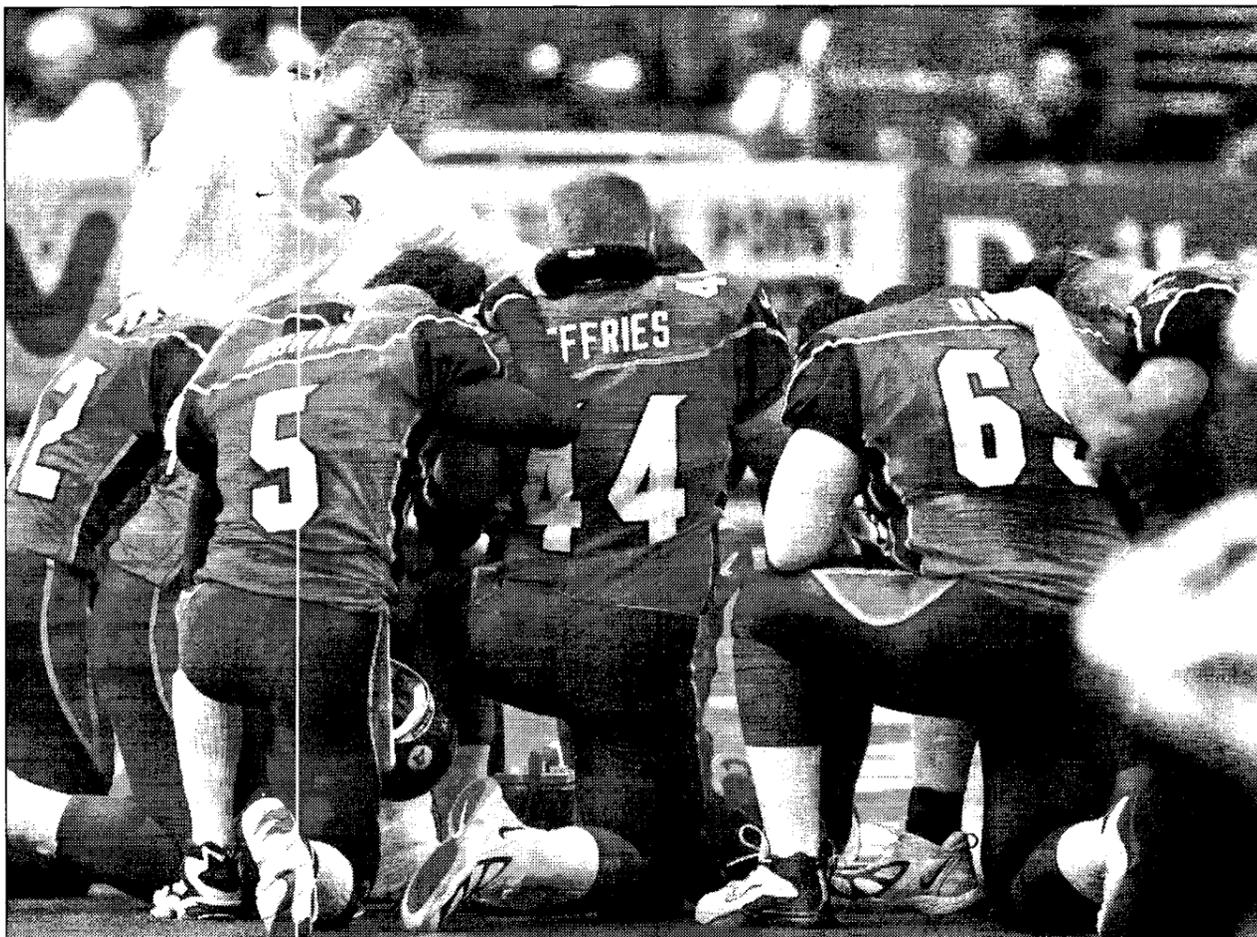
NCAA Lacrosse Big East Conference

team	conf.	record
Georgetown	3-0	8-2
Connecticut	3-1	8-3
Syracuse	1-1	8-2
Boston College	1-3	6-4
NOTRE DAME	1-2	3-8
Rutgers	1-3	4-7

NCAA Baseball Big East Conference

team	conf.	record
St. John's	7-1	19-9
Boston College	7-3	20-9
Rutgers	6-3	17-11
Villanova	6-4	19-8
NOTRE DAME	5-4	16-14
Connecticut	4-4	19-9
West Virginia	4-6	14-19
Pittsburgh	3-7	15-13
Georgetown	3-7	17-17
Seton Hall	2-8	8-19

AFL



Los Angeles coach Ed Hodgkiss leads players in prayer as their teammate, Al Lucas, is attended to by paramedics after making a tackle during a first-quarter kickoff return. The tackle resulted in his death on April 10, 2005.

Avengers remember fallen teammate

Associated Press

CULVER CITY, Calif. -- When Los Angeles Avengers lineman Al Lucas didn't get up after making a tackle, teammate Greg Hopkins' first reaction was to tease the burly player everyone called "Big Luke." Hopkins remembered how his teammate stayed down for several minutes a week earlier after making a tackle, only to be diagnosed with an injured pinkie finger.

But when Hopkins saw doctors remove Lucas' face mask and stabilize his neck before carrying the 6-foot-1, 300-pounder from the field unconscious on a

stretcher, he knew this was serious.

While the Avengers played on, the 26-year-old Lucas was pronounced dead Sunday at California Hospital Medical Center from a presumed spinal cord injury. Lucas' Arena Football League teammates didn't learn of his death until after their 66-35 win over the New York Dragons.

On Monday, teammates gathered at the Avengers' practice facility in Culver City, about 14 miles west of Los Angeles, to remember Lucas and reflect on the team's future without him.

"We kind of expected that Al was in paralysis or still

unconscious and that we'd go to the hospital and pray for him there, but we never expected to hear coach [Ed Hodgkiss] say that Al was pronounced dead," Hopkins said. "It's going to be tough, there's no doubt about that."

Quarterback John Kaleo played with Lucas two years ago on the Tampa Bay Storm when that team won the AFL championship. Kaleo said Monday that Lucas cherished his championship ring and was hoping to win another with the Avengers.

"The big fella was always easy to follow and now it's going to be easy for us to unite and try to win this

whole thing for him," said Kaleo, who broke down, sobbing. "That's one thing he cherished, football-wise, is wearing that ... ring. And if we could bring home that ring, it would mean a lot right now."

Players and team officials said Lucas was a gentle giant with a sense of humor — a huge man who had tremendous religious faith and was a leader both on and off the field.

Lucas, who had a 1-year-old daughter with his wife, De'Shonda, participated in a weekly Bible study the team offered, rarely missed a practice and never missed a game, coach Ed Hodgkiss said.

IN BRIEF

MLB suspends Rockies OF for violation of drug policy

NEW YORK — Colorado Rockies outfielder Jorge Piedra was suspended 10 days Monday for violating baseball's new policy on performance-enhancing drugs, becoming the second player to be publicly identified under the major leagues' tougher rules.

The suspension begins with the Rockies game at Arizona on Monday night, the commissioner's office said.

"My understanding is that he is not filing an appeal," said Gene Orza, chief operating officer of the players' association.

Piedra was recalled from Triple-A Colorado Springs of the Pacific Coast League on Wednesday and sent back down the next day.

"It's unfortunate," said commissioner Bud Selig, who was in Boston for the Red Sox-Yankees game. "I'm afraid this probably won't be the last one."

Selig wouldn't say whether he believed Sanchez.

"I want to be kind," Selig said. "He did not fight his suspension, and I'll rest my case on that."

Coria, Gaudio advance on clay in Monte Carlo Masters

MONTE CARLO, Monaco — Defending champion Guillermo Coria tuned his clay-court game Monday, defeating Paul-Henri Mathieu of France 6-2, 7-5 in the first round of the Monte Carlo Masters.

Coria served for the match at 5-4 but was broken a third time in the second set and needed four match points to finish off Mathieu.

Coria, seeded sixth, is preparing for next month's French Open, where he was runner-up last year to Argentine countryman Gaston Gaudio.

"I'm not playing at the same level as last year," Coria said. "But I'm on the right track and a few more wins at Monte Carlo will help me get my confidence back."

Gaudio, seeded fourth, defeated Christophe Rochus of Belgium 7-6 (3), 6-2.

Tiger's fourth jacket boosts Masters TV ratings

AUGUSTA, Ga. — All the images paint a picture of Tiger Woods returning to the pinnacle of golf.

A shot that ranks among the most amazing ever at Augusta National. The intense face bursting with raw emotion when the winning putt dropped on the 18th hole. His fist punching the air with an uppercut, his roar drowned out by a delirious gallery. The red shirt beneath a green jacket.

Woods won the Masters for the fourth time and returned to No. 1 in the world Monday.

CBS Sports said the overnight television rating was 10.3, up 41 percent from last year and the highest for a final round at the Masters since Woods won in 2001 to become the first player to sweep all four majors.

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MLB

Garcia's day-game domination continues

White Sox righty allows one run in 8 innings in 2-1 win

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The sun was shining brightly, and the wind was roaring directly at home plate. Not ideal conditions. Not against Freddy Garcia.

Garcia, who went 9-0 in day games last season, dominated Cleveland for eight innings and Scott Podsednik drove in the go-ahead run in the seventh on Monday to lead the Chicago White Sox to a 2-1 victory, spoiling the Indians' home opener at Jacobs Field.

Garcia (1-0) held Cleveland to one run and four hits and the White Sox improved to 3-1 against the Indians this season. The right-hander didn't allow a hit after the third, retiring 16 of the last 17.

"He had everything working, including the wind blowing in," White Sox catcher Chris Widger said. "We played to that."

Garcia made very few mistakes, and on one hanging curveball to Travis Hafner, the right-hander got an unexpected assist. Hafner ripped a shot to right-center that appeared destined for the lower seats only to have it flattened by the wind.

"Hafner just hammered it and it fell 25 feet short," Widger said. "We were laughing at that one."

Garcia knew he had gotten

away with one.

"It was a fly out, that's all," Garcia said, chuckling.

Last season, Garcia became just the seventh pitcher since 1971 to go 9-0 or better in the daylight. He was only 4-11 in night games, but is now unbeaten in day games since losing on Sept. 3, 2003, in Baltimore.

"I have to do my job either way," he said. "I've been unlucky at night and good in day games."

With the White Sox clinging to their 2-1 lead, Damaso Marte was brought in to start the ninth instead of Shingo Takatsu, who blew a save last week against Cleveland. Marte, though, walked Hafner with one out before retiring Victor Martinez. Manager Ozzie Guillen then went to Takatsu, who struck out Aaron Boone for his third save.

"I can't take the ball out of the kid's hands," Guillen said.

Garcia outdueled Kevin Millwood (0-1), who had a strong home debut for the Indians. Cleveland signed him to a one-year, \$7 million free-agent contract this winter, and for five innings, he made a nearly perfect first impression on Indians fans.

Millwood allowed just one hit in the first five innings, but gave up two in the sixth and three more in the seventh.

"I'm not happy with today," said Millwood, who pitched six scoreless innings in his debut last week but got a no-decision. "But I'm glad I gave us a chance."



White Sox pitcher Freddy Garcia gestures after giving up his only run to the Indians in Chicago's 2-1 win at Jacobs Field.

TENNIS

Henin-Hardenne pulls upset

Associated Press

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Former Family Circle Cup champion Justine Henin-Hardenne put her health to the test Monday and passed when she upset 10th-seeded Jelena Jankovic.

Henin-Hardenne is playing in just her second event this season after a knee fracture and virus kept her off the court for seven months. She beat Jankovic 5-7, 6-4, 6-3 in the opening round.

The problems started at last year's tournament, from which Henin-Hardenne withdrew without playing a match because she had contracted a virus similar to chickenpox and mononucleosis.

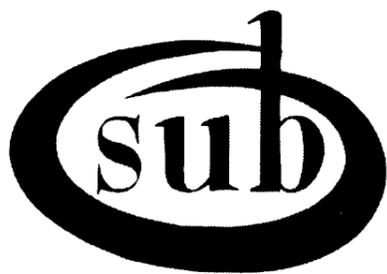
Henin-Hardenne blew a 4-1 lead in the first set of Monday's two-hour match, but rallied back with the same graceful backhand volley that befuddled opponents when she won the title here in 2003.

"It's been a really, really difficult experience," Henin-Hardenne said. "Now that I'm more healthy to play, I try to enjoy it."

"But I need competition. I need a lot of matches. I need to find my confidence again. Only playing and winning is going to help me."

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MLB — AMERICAN LEAGUE

Cabrera's 10th inning homer beats Rangers



The Angels Orlando Cabrera, left, is congratulated by Macier Izturis on his game-winning home run Monday.

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — The Los Angeles Angels are already spoiling things for the Texas Rangers this season.

Orlando Cabrera hit the first pitch of the 10th inning for a home run, an inning after Darin Erstad's game-tying leadoff homer off Francisco Cordero, and the Angels won 7-6 Monday in the home opener for Texas.

"When you battle back and come back and win a game, I don't think you ever feel like you stole one," Angels manager Mike Scioscia said. "We came back against one of the best closers in baseball and that makes us feel good."

The Angels came back from a 6-2 deficit against a Texas bullpen missing its top two setup men. And Cordero, who allowed just one homer in 67 appearances last season, pitched for the third straight day.

Erstad, with just 11 homers over 753 at-bats the last two seasons, was down 0-2 after fouling a 98 mph pitch off his hands. But Cordero then hung a slider.

"What can I say? We've got good pitchers, but we're going through a rough time," said Cordero, who has two blown saves among his four chances.

Cordero struck out two batters to get out of the ninth, but didn't return in the 10th because he saved the previous two games. Cabrera homered off R.A. Dickey (0-1).

The Angels and Texas have played four of their seven games against each other. All were one-run games, Los Angeles winning two of three at home last week.

All three Texas wins, and three of its losses, were by one run.

"I don't look at seven games as telling what we are. I feel good about this club," Rangers manager Buck Showalter said. "There are too many games. We can't let these create a mind-set. And our guys won't."

Texas was in playoff contention until the 158th game last season, an 11-inning home loss that was their third straight to the Angels, who went on to win the AL West.

But this season is just a week old.

"We expect the West to be won at the end of September, as usual," said shortstop Michael Young, the only Ranger with hits in every game.

After Scot Shields (2-0) allowed just one hit over two innings, including a perfect ninth against the heart of the Texas lineup, Francisco Rodriguez got his second save in as many chances.

The Rangers broke out the big bats early, but only had two of their 14 hits the final 4 2-3 innings against three relievers.

Alfonso Soriano hit a leadoff home run before Rod Barajas and Hank Blalock also had solo homers in the first five innings for a 5-2 lead.

Barajas broke a 2-all tie when he homered with two outs in the fourth. Blalock's homer led off the fifth before Chad Allen had an RBI single and another run scored on Chris Bootcheck's wild pitch.

All three Texas homers came off Jarrod Washburn, who gave up six runs on 12 hits with three walks over 5 1-3 innings. He threw six shutout innings against the Rangers last week.

An out after Soriano's 23rd career leadoff homer and third homer this season, Michael Young tripled into the right field corner and Mark Teixeira singled for a 2-0 lead.

Garret Anderson had a two-out, two-run single in the third to tie the game. The Angels didn't score again until the seventh when Steve Finley had a leadoff double and scored on Lou Merloni's sacrifice fly, making it 6-3.

Finley had a two-run double in the eighth, which ended with pitch-hitter Jeff DaVanon being called out at first, even though replays showed pitcher Doug Brocail didn't have his foot on the base while taking the throw from second baseman Soriano. Manager Mike Scioscia argued to no avail.

Kenny Rogers pitched seven solid innings in his 500th appearance (224th start) for Texas, the team for which he is in the second season of his third stint. The 40-year-old left-hander limited the Angels to three runs on eight hits.

Mariners spoil Royals' opener

Record Kansas City crowd watches Seattle cruise 8-2

Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Kansas City Royals disappointed a lot of people

The crowd of 41,788 was the largest ever to see a Royals' home opener, and the third-biggest regular-season gathering in Kauffman Stadium history.

So what reward did fans reap for this rousing show of support on the heels of a 104-loss season?

The Royals' most lopsided loss in any home opener.

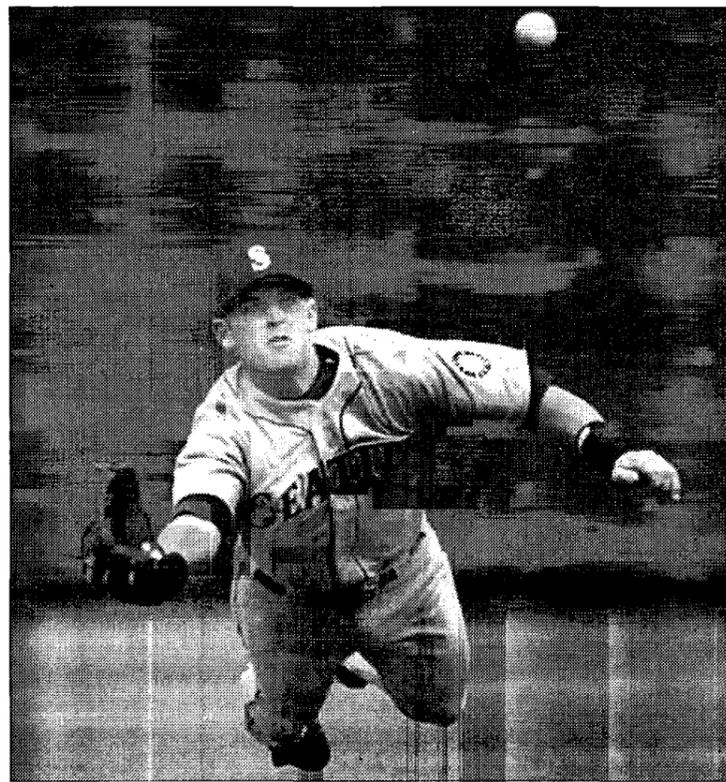
Emergency starter Ryan Franklin took a three-hit shutout into the ninth inning, then the Seattle Mariners finally settled for a dominating 8-2 victory on Monday.

The Royals hadn't been shut out in their home opener since 1971 and had never lost their first home game by more than five runs.

"It was [Franklin's] day," Kansas City second baseman Ruben Gotay said. "Everything was working for him."

Thrust into the rotation by an injury that put Bobby Madritsch on the 15-day disabled list, Franklin (1-0) kept the Royals flailing for 8 2-3 innings. He retired 15 consecutive batters before Gotay walked with one out in the ninth.

The Mariners batted around in a seven-run eighth as Ichiro Suzuki, Adrian Beltre and Miguel Olivo each had two RBIs. Ryan, a 32-year-old right-



Seattle centerfielder Jeremy Reed dives for a fly ball against Kansas City Monday afternoon in the Mariners 8-2 win.

hander who was 1-10 on the road last year in a 4-16 season, threw 16 straight strikes to begin the game.

"They didn't swing at too many bad balls," said Franklin, who made no secret of his disappointment at being moved to the bullpen at the end of spring training.

"I made pretty decent pitches. I didn't leave too much over the middle of the plate. It was just one of those days. A lot of those balls could have fell in. A lot of those ground balls could have found the hole. But I had luck on my side today."

Franklin walked two and struck out one and was charged with two runs. Mike Sweeney followed Gotay's ninth-inning walk with a single, and then with two outs, Emil Brown hit an RBI single to break up the shutout and bring in J.J. Putz from the bullpen. Terrence Long singled off Putz.

"He didn't throw any balls. Everything was strike, strike, strike," Gotay said.

Franklin, who threw an efficient 83 pitches, figures to get at least two more starts before Madritsch comes back from the DL.

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CLUB SPORTS

Sailing team sees success in Bay Area competition

Irish finish ahead of Santa Clara in San Francisco regatta

Special to The Observer

This past weekend eight Irish sailors headed to San Francisco to battle the typical 20-25 mph winds, one-to-three-foot seas, and strong currents and tides that whip through the bay every day, a huge adjustment from their home course on St. Joe Lake. Dan Ryan and Erin Elser were the first to sail the course set directly between the Golden Gate Bridge and Alcatraz, an absolutely stunning sight. They were followed by seniors Katie Brandes and Katie Thompson, sailing modified windward-leeward with starboard roundings.

In the second set of the day, J.R. Garcia and Kathryn Hoodecheck capsized while battling a strong bay-area puff. They discovered their centerboard was broken as they watched it fall back into the boat, but Garcia was able to swim underneath the turtled boat to save the centerboard and right the boat.

Katie Brandes and Ralph Pantony had the most promising start of the afternoon, rounding the windward mark in 12th place, until they death-rolled into the water. They performed an excellent scoop recovery and were able to finish the race in 27th place. The Irish ended the day 28th overall.

Sunday began as sunny and calm as Saturday so the team opted for shorts and T-shirts in place of the standard dry suit.

Ryan and Elser were visited by a sea lion during a calm upwind leg. Brandes and Thompson executed an excellent leeward mark rounding, avoiding a four boat pinwheel and picking up 3 places. In preparation for the Women's National Qualifying event to be held at Notre Dame in two weeks, Elser and Ketterhagen sailed the last A-division set together. Despite the stronger afternoon winds and higher seas, they were towed back to shore only slightly damper than they left. The Irish were pleased with their overall performance for the weekend and were thrilled to have the opportunity to sail at such an incredible location.

UC Irvine captured first place in the 31-school field, followed by USC, Stanford and Washington. The Irish were edged by Washington State and finished ahead of Santa Clara.

Equestrian

The equestrian club finished its final prep for next weekend's Zone Championships in River Falls, Wis. as a few club members tuned up in their specialties. As the Zone 9, Region 1 champion, the Irish qualified their entire team for the championships. Additionally, Claire Freemand finished second in open flats this weekend to qualify for the individual competition. Katie Baron just missed in open fences with a third place finish, while Caitlin Landuyt's bid for individuals fell short in intermediate flat with a sixth place showing, the club's third-best finish of the day.

Team members who will compete this weekend include Freeman, Baron and Landuyt,

as well as Allie Montana, Hayden Piscal, Meghan Murphy, Heather LaDue and Nicole Gonsalves.

Cycling

Four valiant Notre Dame racers headed to Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo to race in Saturday's Road Race. Geoff Gisler and Matt Prygoski raced the 30.6 mile Men's C race, while Mike Lavery and Dan Arlandson raced the 51 mile Mens B race. The race course had one long steep climb right near the start, and then was downhill most of the rest of the loop.

The Irish didn't enjoy last weekend's success, in part due to some questionable riding tactics of a few competitors, which resulted in many crashes that made racing much more challenging. All of the club's riders finished in the middle of the field. The team will travel to Miami of Ohio and Marian College next weekend, determined to improve upon its league standing.

Men's Rowing

The Notre Dame men's rowing team enjoyed a great day of racing Saturday at the State of Indiana Crew Classic in Indianapolis. Teams from all over the area, including Northwestern, Purdue, Indiana University and Butler University met for races that tested the mettle of the Hoosier State's finest crews.

In the morning races, the Notre Dame novice crew faced competition from the tough Purdue team. They fell to the Boilermakers, crossing the finish line with a time of 6:59, 20

seconds behind the victors. The Irish redeemed themselves in the afternoon by defeating Northwestern and Butler crews with a time of 7:12 to win the Novice Eight event.

The Varsity squad also struggled against Purdue in the morning, coming in 13 seconds behind the stronger Purdue boat, which had a time of 6:19. The afternoon race was a hard-fought battle among Northwestern, Cincinnati and the Irish. Boats battled back and forth through the 2000-meter race course. Cincinnati was victorious with a final time of 6:41, followed closely by Notre Dame at 6:45 and Northwestern at 6:55.

The Irish look forward to facing these crews again in two weeks when they return to Indianapolis for the Indiana Invitation.

Ultimate

The University of Notre Dame Men's Ultimate Club took 4th place out of 15 teams in Champaign, Ill. this past weekend, in what proved to be a break-out tournament for the Irish. Seeded third in their pool of five behind number one seed Illinois and the tournament's sixth seed Wheaton, Notre Dame came out slow on Saturday and progressively improved their play throughout the day. In their first game against Western Michigan, the Irish were slow to react on defense and seemed unsure of their horizontal stack offense. But fiery leadership from captain Matthew Sullivan, newly recovered from injuries, helped the team to secure a 13-9 victory. In game two against rival Wheaton the Irish went point for point against the Chicago team that had beaten them at their last two meets. Strong defensive play from Andrew "Turkish" Hochstedler and consistent cutting from Steve Kurtz helped Notre Dame to pull away from the Thunder in the final moments of the game to win 13-11. Chris O'Neill anchored the team with cunning field sense and critical height on both offensive and defensive points.

Riding the wave of their success into the third game against annual Nationals contender Illinois, the Irish went neck and neck with the tournament's hosts until losing a critical downwind point in the middle of the second half. Both teams dominated offensively with veteran David Hoffman completing stunning full-field hucks to Andrew "Puddles" Sheehan and the team's tall man Eric Morin.

Losing 13-10 the Irish gave Illinois their closest game of the tournament. The Irish mopped up in their final game of the day against Case Western, obliterating the Ohio team, 13-6. Mike Florack played a key defensive role in the Irish victory by shutting down Case's top cutter, and handler Richard Bartholomew kept offensive play flowing in the back-field.

The Irish came out to a strong start Sunday morning, defeating University of Wisconsin-Whitewater 15-6 in the pre-quarterfinals.

Lefty Vasili Karas continued to impress in his new role as a core handler for the Irish and rookies Nick "Craig" Chambers and Tommy Hanculak came into their own, shutting down their opponents with strong defensive play. Fired up by Greek and Turkish motivational speeches the Irish took the tournament's third seed, St. Cloud State, by storm in a 15-4 quarterfinal victory. Captain Matthew Sullivan played stunning defense that clogged St. Cloud's handler motion and forced them to make poor up-field throws.

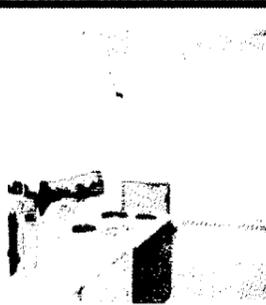
Notre Dame's defining game of the weekend came in the Semifinals against last year's Nationals participants Michigan State. The Irish came out to an early lead against Burning Couch, defensively neutralizing their explosive horizontal stack offense and putting hard marks on their crafty handlers.

On offense, Irish handler Ryan Butler threaded passes through Michigan State's brutal defense to keep the disk from stagnating in the backfield. The Irish flustered their opponents with an unexpected zone defense and tied the game at 12-12. Strong man defense also shut down Michigan State's signature Swimfan end zone offense, but in the dying minutes of the game Irish fatigue and miscommunication between handlers gave Michigan State the opportunity to win 15-12. Exhausted from their game against Notre Dame, Michigan State went on to get crushed by Illinois 15-7 in the finals.

The Irish came away from the weekend excited to play with a full roster at next weekend's sectionals tournament in West Lafayette against rivals Indiana University, Purdue, University of Chicago and the University of Illinois.

Missing from this week's tournament were top cutters Barrs Lang (out for injuries) and Andrew Sheehan who could not attend the critical semifinals against Michigan State.

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MLB

Boston wins home opener 8-1

Associated Press

BOSTON — Bostonians who never thought they'd live to see the Red Sox win it all witnessed another first in the franchise's recently refurbished lore: The New York Yankees applauding as their rivals collected the spoils of their World Series championship.

With gaudy rings and an emotional flag-raising by old-timers who never got a chance to fly their own, the Red Sox celebrated their 2004 title and turned to its defense, beating the Yankees 8-1 on Monday in the Fenway Park opener.

"Now we can put that to bed and get on with 2005," said knuckleballer Tim Lincecum, the longest-tenured player on the team. "It was a great run last year and it was very exciting to be a part of that. I think once the game started, it's time to move on."

Wakefield (1-0) allowed one unearned run, five hits and two walks while striking out five in seven innings. Doug Mirabelli homered, and the Yankees played compliant guests by watching and clapping during the hourlong ring ceremony and then fumbling away the game.

Mike Mussina (0-1) allowed seven runs — four earned — seven hits, three walks and five strikeouts in five innings. Alex Rodriguez, the focus of much Boston ire during the offseason and the fans' taunts during the game, misplayed a grounder for an error that let in three runs as the Red Sox made it 7-1 in the fifth.

The Red Sox took a 2-0 lead on Mirabelli's second-inning homer and made it 4-0 on Kevin Millar's two-run single in the third. After Rodriguez singled, stole second and scored on a throwing error by Boston shortstop Edgar Renteria, Rodriguez gave back three runs with an error in the bottom half.

"It's the home opener. We're playing the Yankees. We've got a ring ceremony. All of a sudden, you look up and (Derek) Jeter's in the batter's box," said Boston manager Terry Francona, who returned after missing four games with a viral infection that was feared to be a heart problem.

"It was going quickly. But Wakefield kind of took care of the rest of that for us. He was fantastic."

Through bench-clearing brawls, home-plate collisions, bullpen crew dustups and fights among fans, the Red Sox and Yankees have developed an animosity that fuels one of the most venomous — and one of the best — rivalries in all of sports.

But it had also been laughably one-sided: Since the Red Sox sold Babe Ruth to the Yankees, New York had won 26 World Series and Boston hadn't won any.

Until last year. "They certainly deserved everything they got today," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "They won the championship last year, and even though you envy what's going on and you're a little jealous, it doesn't mean that you can ignore it."

Red Sox get their World Series rings

Fans get teary-eyed over first Boston title since 1918

Associated Press

BOSTON — For 34 minutes, the cheers rang out in Fenway Park, from the old, from the young, from the true believers who never gave up hope and, yes, from the New York Yankees, too.

It was a day like no other in New England since 1919, a sun-splashed spectacle to celebrate 2004, the triumphant year many Boston Red Sox fans thought would never come. And it happened in front of the hated Yankees, who filled the third-base dugout to watch, like a conquered nation forced to view the rituals of their victorious tormentor.

Forty-seven rings were handed out Monday in Boston's home opener, the prize for overcoming a 3-0 deficit against the Yankees in the AL championship series and sweeping St. Louis in the World Series. Then Johnny Pesky and an assortment of all those Red Sox who fell short joined the triumphant heroes for the walk out to center field, where they hoisted a red, navy and white World Series banner up the flag pole for the first time since an era few survive to remember.

"I almost had tears in my eyes," said the 85-year-old

Pesky, a special assignment instructor starting his 53rd season with the Red Sox. "It was a very emotional day."

In the roof seats above first base, the tears started flowing for some fans soon after the ceremony began. While members of the Boston Symphony Orchestra and Boston Pops in white dinner jackets behind second base played Strauss' "Also sprach Zarathustra," a huge banner proclaiming "World Series 2004 Champions" dropped from the top of the Green Monster and covered nearly all of the 37-foot-high wall.

And then members of the military, two of them missing parts of legs and in wheelchairs, two limping with canes, delivered the rings to a table in front of the Boston dugout, where Red Sox ownership handed them out to players and on-field staff. When Boston manager Terry Francona walked the red carpet to get his, even the Yankees applauded.

"After 86 years, I think they deserve to win one," New York closer Mariano Rivera said.

Wearing special gold-trimmed jerseys, players picked up their prizes one at a time as the scoreboard showed video highlights of the great comeback. On the front of each ring was a diamond-covered baseball diamond. Inscribed, along with each person's name, was "Greatest Comeback in History," "8 Straight Wins" and "4-0 Sweep." There was a picture of the World Series trophy, placed inside Fenway Park.



Red Sox manager Terry Francona, left, congratulates pitcher Curt Schilling as Boston received its World Series rings Monday.

Press Release from the University of Notre Dame Department of Music: New Concentrations in the Department of Music

Date: April 7, 2005
Subject: Two New Concentrations in the Department of Music
Release date: Friday, April 8, 2005
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The Department of Music has reconfigured its undergraduate degree programs for those declaring the major in Music beginning in Fall 2005. Students will now be able to select a 33-credit concentration in Music History and Theory or a 36-credit concentration in Performance. (Students declaring the major prior to 2005-2006 will be subject to the requirements in effect at the time they declared.)

For those students interested in music history and theory, the department will offer a 33-credit concentration in Music History and Theory, in which students will take classes with internationally recognized scholars. In music history classes, students will explore the development of musical forms, styles and genres from the medieval period through the twentieth century. In music theory courses, students will begin with the fundamentals of music and progress to harmonic and formal analysis of music from the Baroque period through the twentieth century.

For those interested in developing their musical skills to a professional level, the 36-credit concentration in Performance provides the tools to do so. Building on work in the classroom, students have the opportunity to study with acclaimed performers in the areas of cello, organ, piano, violin, and voice, among others. They will also enhance their study in performance by participating in vocal and instrumental ensembles.

A 33-credit concentration in Music and Culture is scheduled to be added in Fall 2006. Students will explore the diverse musical cultures of the world and ethnomusicology in an interdisciplinary sequence of courses.

Students in all three concentrations will establish a solid musical foundation through a curriculum of core courses in history and theory.

With the permission of the Department, advanced students who wish to pursue a more intensive course of study may enroll in the Honors Program, in which they will complete an additional six credits of requirements.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles off to face first-place Calvin

By BRIAN CARDILE
Sports Writer

The Belles travel to Calvin College today to play a double-header against the MIAA's first place team.

Saint Mary's is looking for its first win in over a month. The Belles have dropped 11 games since beating Emmanuel College on March 10 during their spring break tournament in Florida.

At that point, the team was 5-3 and poised to make a run at repeating as MIAA champs. But since then the Belles have lost 11 games by a total score of 82 to 34. They are now 5-14 overall and 0-6 in conference play.

Calvin is in the midst of a losing streak of its own, having dropped four games in a row. Despite the skid, the Knights are 12-8 overall and 2-0 in the MIAA conference.

The Belles are coming off a weekend affair against Adrian College where they dropped both games of a doubleheader. They did show resolve, however, keeping both games close. The Belles

lost 4-1 in the first game and 11-9 in the second.

This ability to stay close in games but not win them is characteristic of the team. A week ago, the Belles played a double-header at home against Albion College. The Belles fought hard in both games, but missed opportunities and inopportune errors prevented the team from notching a win.

The inconsistency can in part be attributed to the inexperience of the team. The young squad includes no seniors and five freshmen. With more experience, the Belles will likely become more efficient at making big plays and avoiding key errors in order to stay close and win.

Saint Mary's will need to start making those big plays against Calvin College if they have any hopes of repeating as MIAA champions. If the Belles can take advantage of the Knight's recent poor play, they may be able to finally get a conference victory.

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Belles third baseman Laura Helne scores a run against Albion Wednesday.

BOXING

Iron Mike returning to the ring

Source tells AP Tyson to fight June 11 at MCI Center

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Mike Tyson is returning to the ring.

The former heavyweight champion will fight for the first time in nearly a year, facing journeyman Kevin McBride on June 11 at Washington's MCI Center, a boxing source told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Monday.

Tyson and promoter Marty Wynn planned to announce the bout at a news conference Tuesday, the source said.

Tyson's manager, Shelly Finkel, did not immediately return a phone message left at his office Monday evening.

The 38-year-old Tyson is 50-5 with two no contests and 44 knockouts. He lost two of his last three fights.

In his most recent outing, in Louisville on July 30, he was stopped in the fourth round by Danny Williams after tearing cartilage in his left knee.

That was Tyson's first fight in 17 months — and his first loss in a non-title out. He's entered the ring just once a year since 2001, earning a technical knockout victory over Brian Nielsen in October of that year, getting knocked out by Lennox Lewis in June 2002, and knocking out Clifford Etienne in February 2003.

Tyson became the youngest heavyweight champion ever when he knocked out Trevor Berbick at the age of 20 in 1986.

McBride, 31, defeated Kevin Monty by technical knockout on March 18 in his last fight. Born in Ireland and now based in Massachusetts, the 6-foot-6 McBride is 32-4-1 with 27 knockouts.

Rowing

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It is this opponent that the Irish face in battle to be proven worthy of NCAA consideration. Coach Martin Stone of the Irish had much respect to give to the Spartans and its heavy schedule.

"They are very good," he said. "We will have to see how the races go. They have raced a very tough race schedule this year."

The Spartans are not the only ones with a grueling workload as of late. The Irish will have had only two days off in between regattas. In addition, the Indianapolis regatta on Saturday consisted of a double workload, races in both the morning and the afternoon for all the shells.

However, Coach Stone is extremely confident in his women. He feels the short rest and increased workload is nothing they cannot handle.

"We are coming off of our hardest training week of the

year," he said.

In preparation for Michigan State, Stone is stressing relaxation and rejuvenation for his team, along with a normal practice schedule.

A win by Notre Dame's varsity eight against the Spartans would go a long way in securing the coveted at-large berths for the NCAAs. Lack of teamwork or camaraderie seems to be no problem at all for the Irish women and their coach.

"I love our kids," Stone said. "They are doing everything we ask them to do. They have done everything we have wanted them to do workout-wise."

This is not the first time these two crews have met. The Irish met the Spartans and Tennessee Volunteers back in early March in Knoxville. Most of the regatta was canceled due to lousy weather, but several shells managed to race. This included a close race by the varsity eight won barely by the Spartans that the Irish will look to avenge.

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Gallup

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receiving, while scoring 24 touchdowns and recording 6 interceptions. With those impressive numbers and another year of play still to go, Gallup has the potential to impact the team immediately in 2006.

"I think he'll definitely show up prepared, and he's got the type of ability to help right away in special teams type player, maybe as a returner," Frank said.

The commitment is also a big recruiting win for the school because of Gallup's bloodlines. His father, Barry, Sr., is a Boston College graduate and former gridiron star, and now

he serves as the Eagles' assistant athletic director for football operations.

Gallup, Sr., however, never pressured his son to follow his footsteps.

"He was very open about it. He told me that he knew that it may stir up some animosity [at BC], but he told me it was my decision," Gallup said. "He wanted what was best for me."

Ultimately however, everyone involved realizes that Gallup has one more year of making plays that doesn't wear gold helmets on Saturdays.

"I want to focus on helping my team win a championship [in my senior season]," Gallup said.

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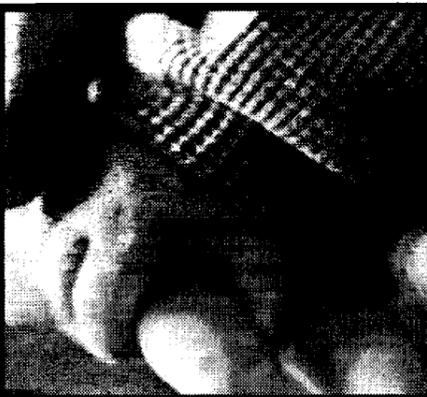
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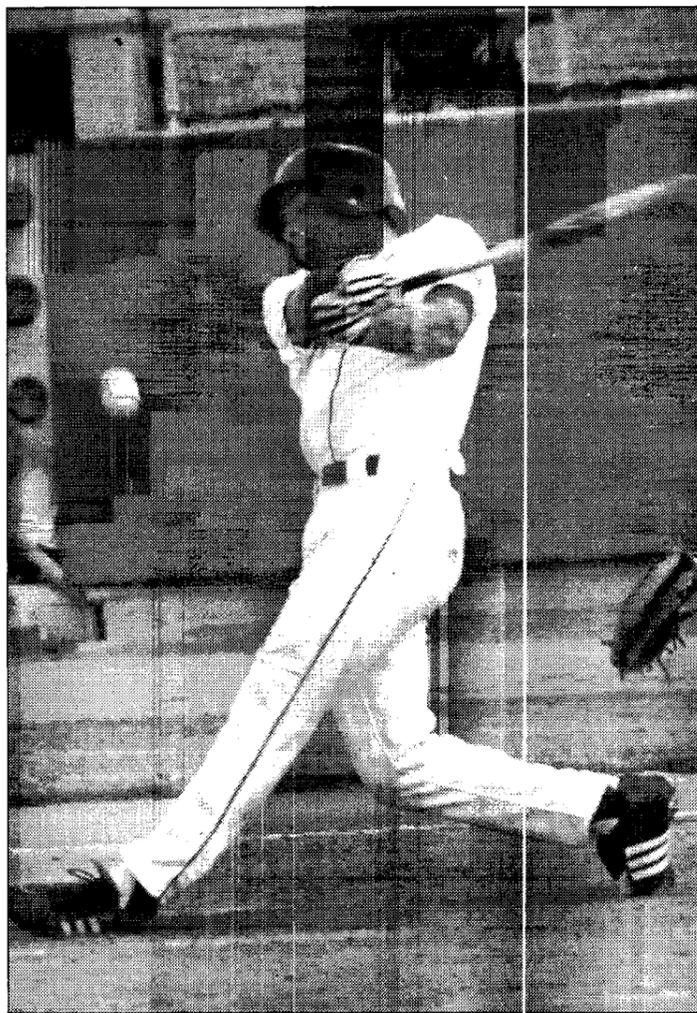
while Manship and Samardzija combined for a six-hit shut out in a 3-0 victory on Sunday.

After starting Brett Lilley at second base for the first part of the season, Mainieri moved the freshman to third for the final two games of the Boston College series. Lilley responded with several key defensive stops to keep the Eagles from reaching base. Mainieri said Lilley will be the every-day third baseman for the remainder of the season and a decision on the regular second baseman will be made in the next few days.

Derik Olvey gets his third start of the season tonight, after starting the season 1-1 in nine games. The Alabama native has struck out 17, walked six and recorded an impressive 3.18 ERA in 28 1/3 innings of work. Olvey missed 47 games of his freshman season with elbow soreness, but has been healthy all of 2005.

Bowling Green is coming off a 1-0 win over Buffalo on Sunday where starting pitcher Burke Badenhop threw a complete game shut out, striking out nine and yielding just four hits.

After beginning the season with a loss to Murray State, the Falcons won 11 of their next 12, including an 8-3 win against Big East opponent Connecticut on March 6. But Bowling Green couldn't translate that momentum against



BETH WERNET/The Observer

Greg Lopez swings at a pitch against Toledo April 5. The Irish return to Eck Stadium this afternoon hosting Bowling Green.

Ball State in a March 26 and 27 weekend series. The Falcons dropped all three games to the Cardinals.

"Their team this year seems like they have a lot more balance," Mainieri said. "They're just going to be a really solid

team. I'm sure it's going to be a tough, hard-fought game, just like it always is with them."

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Irish outfielder Megan Ciolli stands on second base against Eastern Michigan April 5.

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they are playing really good ball right now like we are," said coach Deanna Gumpf. "They have two really good pitchers that they rely on and are really hitting the ball."

Steffany Stenglein (10-4) is slated to pitch the first game and Heather Booth (13-4) is likely to start the second game.

Stenglein has been striking out opponents at a clip of 10.5 strikeouts per seven-

inning game. Booth has given up only 31 runs and has a 1.10 ERA.

While not on the level of rivalry as archrival Michigan and DePaul, there are some Indiana bragging rights involved.

"They always like to beat us and we would love to beat them. There is definitely some state pride at stake," said Gumpf.

The first of the double header will begin today at 2 p.m.

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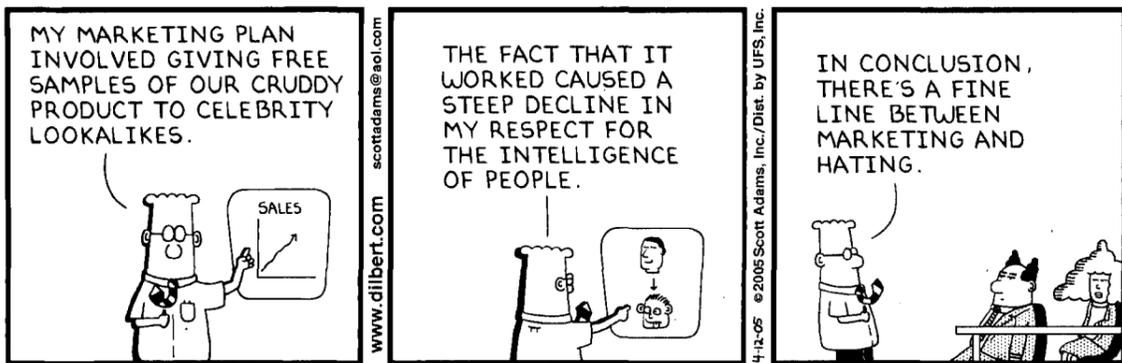
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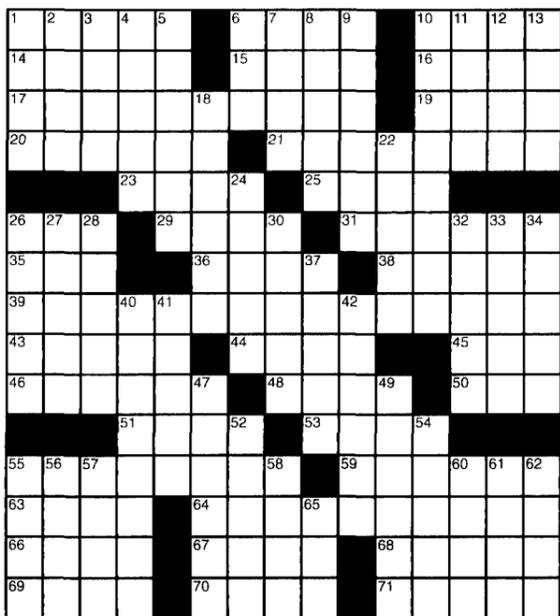
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BASEBALL

Looking to get on a roll

13-game homestand begins today when Bowling Green visits

By JOE HETTLER
Senior Staff Writer

The Irish want to start rolling.

After losing four of five games, Notre Dame bounced back with a pair of victories last weekend against conference rival Boston College and improved to 5-4 in the Big East and 16-14 overall. They have a chance to make it three straight tonight, opening a 13-game home stand against Bowling Green (20-8) at Frank Eck Stadium for a 5:05 p.m. first pitch.

"I think it's an important game for us," Irish head coach Paul Mainieri said. "Personally I think those two games [against Boston College] are going to be the turning point to our season, so we need to keep it going ... If we're going to turn our season in the posi-

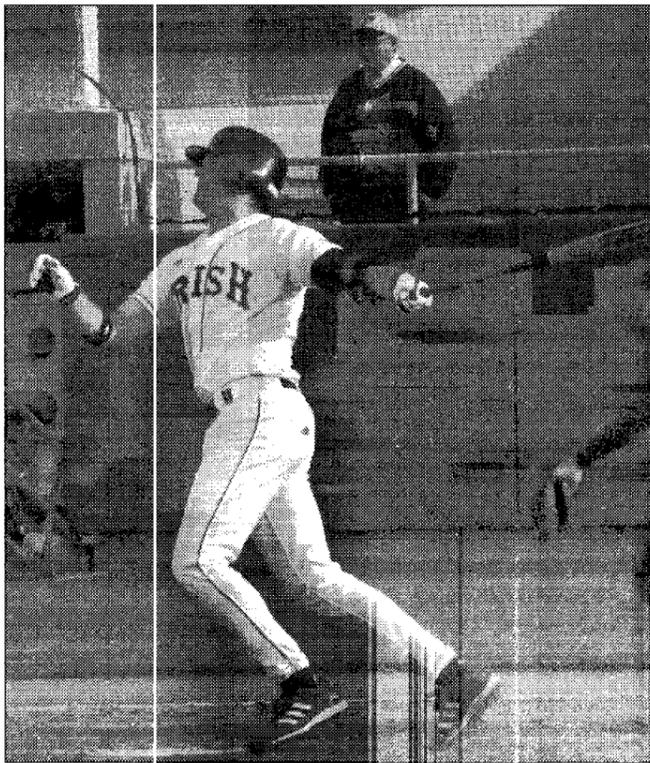
tive direction, this is the time to do. It is absolutely time for us to step it up and say we're going to make our run right now."

Notre Dame didn't fare well against its last Mid-American conference opponent, Ball State, on April 6. John Axford had control problems, allowing five runs and five walks in just 1/3 inning of work as Ball State jumped out to 12-0 after three innings before winning 14-5.

"We've always played tough, close games against the MAC schools in the middle of the week," Mainieri said. "We're in no position to take anyone lightly."

The Irish dropped their first game of the Boston College series, but bounced back with two straight wins thanks to strong pitching performances from Tom Thornton, Jeff Manship and Jeff Samardzija. Thornton threw a complete game in Notre Dame's 3-2 win in the second game of Saturday's doubleheader,

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Irish infielder Matt Edwards follows through on his three-run home run against Toledo April 5.

BETH WEHNET/The Observer

ROWING

Irish travel to No. 8 Spartans

By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

The Irish look to capitalize on a dominant victory from last weekend and carry it into today's race against the No. 8 Michigan State Spartans. The Irish women must venture into Spartan territory for the regatta on short rest between competitions.

Last Saturday the women obliterated a field of very competitive schools, but none had the pedigree or the results that Michigan State presents for the Irish.

The Spartans have faced off against the top two schools in the nation, Princeton and Brown, and fought a close race before finishing third. The MSU women then went on to defeat No. 6-ranked Virginia, and proved a tough challenge for No. 7-ranked Ohio State.

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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Gallup becomes 2nd recruit for class of 2010

Junior's dad is an assistant athletic director at BC

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

The date Feb. 27, 2005, may go down as one of the most memorable days in the recent history of Notre Dame athletics — not because of what happened in the Irish men's basketball game but because of who was there.

Head football coach Charlie Weis and over 80 of the nation's top high school junior football recruits were in attendance at the game, a 75-65 loss to UCLA. Despite the setback for the basketball program, the game started the Weis era off with a massive and aggressive recruiting effort.

On Thursday, Notre Dame received its second commitment from that group of prospects, as Belmont Hill (Mass.) High wide receiver Barry Gallup, Jr. joined running back Munir Price in promising to play for the

Irish.

"I just went out and visited for junior day, and I fell in love with it [Notre Dame]," Gallup said. "I felt like it was an opportunity I couldn't miss. Because of the tradition and what I saw there, I just knew it was the place for me."

The 5-foot-11, 175-pound Gallup is a downfield threat and is expected to continue to play that role once he begins his Notre Dame career.

"He's got comparable speed to, I'd say a Matt Shelton type of player," IrishEyes.com's Mike Frank said. "He's also a guy who can do a lot with the ball in his hands. Notre Dame has a lot of bigger receivers, guys with good size and good hands, but they also need guys who can stretch the field."

Gallup, who has been clocked at 4.45 in the 40-yard dash, has played much of his high school career at running back, while also working at receiver and defensive back.

Last season, Gallup made quite an impression for his team, rushing for 1,700 yards and picking up 500 more

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ND SOFTBALL

Bragging rights on the line

Notre Dame takes 13-game win streak to West Lafayette

By TOM BARR
Sports Writer

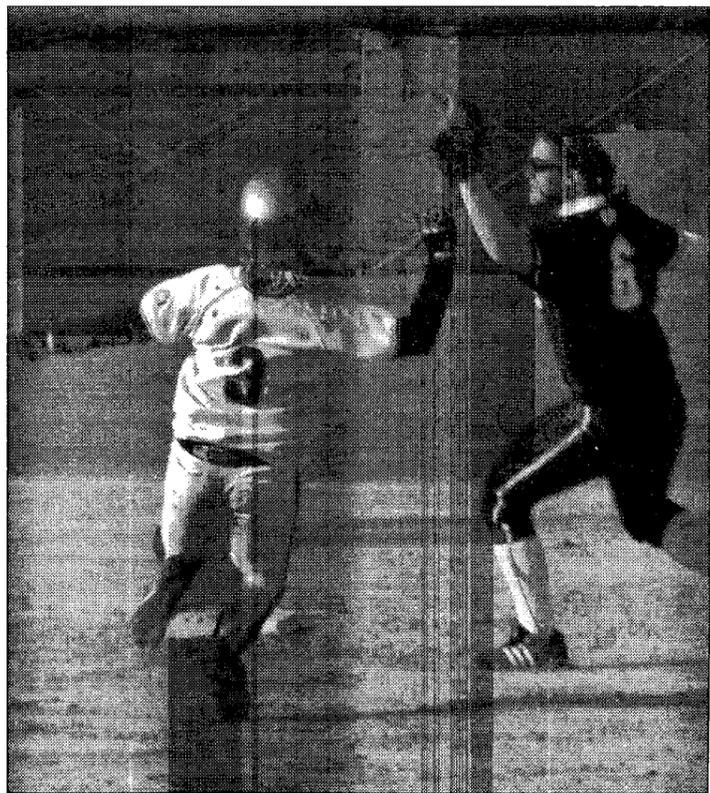
The Irish (24-8) are heading to West Lafayette to take on the Purdue Boilermakers (24-13) in a doubleheader.

The team has extended their win streak to 13 games. During this streak they have outscored their opponents 70-10.

Just over a month ago, the team was just under .500 with 6-7 record and hitting an unimpressive .232. The turnaround has been impressive, however. Since March 7, the team has won 18 of its 19 last games and raised its win percentage to .750.

The Irish pitchers have also pitched very well over the streak. They have yielded a minimal 0.40 ERA in 87 innings and have kept opponents hitting a .114 batting average.

This will be the 17th and 18th meetings between the two schools in softball. Notre Dame leads the series 9-7 but lost the last meeting against Purdue 4-3 in a dou-



Irish infielder Katie Laing slides into second base against Western Michigan March 24.

ELIZABETH VRANISH/The Observer

bleheader last spring.

Purdue comes into the game with a three-game winning streak. The Boilermakers won their last game in extra innings in 8-7 in the

second half of a double header against the University of Illinois in Champaign.

"They are good team and

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

SPORT
Saint Mary's at Calvin
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The Belles try to snap their 11-game losing streak at the MIAA leaders.
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MLB
Red Sox 8, Yankees 1
After receiving their 2004 World Series championship rings, the Red Sox beat their archrivals.
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CLUB SPORTS
Eight members of the Irish sailing team traveled to San Francisco to compete in a regatta.
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MLB
Angels 7, Rangers 6
Orlando Cabrera's game-winning home run wins it for the Angels.
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MLB
White Sox 2, Indians 1
Freddy Garcia allows one run in eight innings to ruin the Indians' home opener.
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NBA
Cavaliers 114, Magic 106
LeBron James scores 33 points in leading the Cavaliers' push to the playoffs.
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