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Campus workers enter wage discussion

University employees respond to CLAP's recent efforts to increase their hourly pay

By KAREN LANGLEY Associate News Editor

Responding to the Campus Labor Action Project's escalating efforts to advocate for a \$12.10 hourly wage for campus employees, Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves issued a statement last week firmly defending the University's poli-

But his argument failed to satisfy many members of the group most concerned with the issue the workers.

With the exception of workers who do not depend on their salary for financial stability, University employees inter-Monday through

Wednesday expressed dissatisfaction with their salaries and departmental treatment along with doubt that anything was about to change

We believe that Notre Dame already provides a fair and just wage for employees," Affleck-Graves said in the statement. "We believe that, on close inspection, both Notre Dame's wages and its compensation package meet not only the test of our marketplace, but also of our special obligations as a Catholic university.'

But Janice Owens, a supervisor at North Dining Hall who has been involved in worker's rights issues on a national level, said

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Food workers cook at South Dining Hall Tuesday. CLAP has asked the hourly wage of all ND employees be raised to \$12.10.

Walkers shed light on female violence



Students from all three campuses participate in the Take Back the Night Walk Wednesday to address violence and sexual assault.

Take Back the Night event joins members from all campuses to confront sexual assault

By KATIE KOHLER News Writer

Students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross joined in the Take Back the Night walk Wednesday — an event geared at bringing attention to the issue of violence against women.

Catherine Pittman, an advisor for Saint Mary's Campus for Rape Administration (CARE), said the event was "a way to show [victims] that they are not forgotten." This year, Notre Dame took on a larger responsibility in planning the march with Saint Mary's, she said.

"We really appreciate their efforts and are happy to work with them and Holy Cross stu-dents on the event," Pittman said. "When all campuses are working together, we feel a common bond is being formed to combat the violence of sexual assault.'

Saint Mary's students met at the Rock Garden and later gathered with other Take Back the Night participants at the

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STUDENT SENATE Shappell

to promote awareness

Eating disorders will be focus of conference

By MARY KATE MALONE

In the first of three State of the Student Union addresses she will give this year, student body president Lizzi Shappell announced plans Wednesday for a multi-faceted, campuswide initiative to address eating disorders at Notre Dame.

Speaking at the final Student Senate meeting of the year, Shappell called for a "three to four day conference" — set to be held next winter — that will "presentations. combine roundtable discussions, keynote addresses and networking sessions" on all types of eating disorders, including anorexia, bulimia, binge eating disorder and muscular dysmor-

"Eating disorders and body image issues have been undeserved for too long," Shappell said. "As a Catholic community we are called to serve the members of our community struggling with eating disorders. As a Catholic university, we can and will address these issues in an innovative way.'

Calling for a biopsychosocial approach to the issue, Shappell candidly delivered telling statistics to senators about the prevalence of eating problems at the University.

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allocations for fall '06

By KATHLEEN MCDONNELL News Writer

Despite an increase in student activities fees and money earned from The Shirt, not all student groups are seeing an increase in funds for next fall.

The Council of Representatives (COR) approved the 2006-07 student union budget allocations of \$481,243.06 Monday night.

Allocating a limited budget to a diverse set of organizations is difficult — especially since student organizations requested almost twice the amount of funding available this year, Student Union treasurer Stephen Friend said.

"This year's process was much longer and more comprehensive than past years," he said.

Student groups submitted proposals for review several weeks in advance of the annual Financial Management Board's (FMB) allocation meeting, Friend said. This new method allowed FMB members more time to look over each budget and prepare questions for the representatives.

While the figures make it look like some groups — such as the Hall President's Council (HPC) received vast increases while others stayed consistent, Friend said these distortions are due to reallocations. HPC was allocated \$57,000 last year, and \$12,000 of that figure was added during reallocation. This year, HPC received \$59,000 — almost its entire request.

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Groups question fund | Seniors complete thesis projects

By MARCELA BERRIOS News Writer

It must be that time of year again.

Most students are quick to pay respect to those sleepdeprived, caffeine-overdosed, vampire-like seniors who accomplish writing the somewhat mythical college thesis a 100-page project with innumerable footnotes and annota-

Seniors said writing a thesis project - aside from being a demanding commitment can actually be an intellectually rewarding experience and an opportunity to explore in detail the most fascinating theme imaginable in their respective field of study.

"Writing a senior thesis can be a wonderful experience for



Freshman Meghan Johnson observes sculptures by Stephen Karla at the Snite Museum of Art on April 20.

the student because not only will his research and investigation lead to a deeper, more complete understanding of his discipline, but he will also

engage in a unique learning process," Dean of the College of Arts and Letters Mark

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INSIDE COLUMN

Stroke signs

About this time last year, my father had a massive stroke. He was 47 years old and had previously been in perfect health — he was even well-known for his athletic physique. Unlike some

strokes that are caused by a blood clot, my father had a rare rupture in his corroted artery that blocked the blood to the right side of his

Claire Kelley

Photo Editor **Emeritus**

brain. But the worst part came after the initial stroke. He was medicated to encourage the swelling in his brain to subside, but after two days, the neurosurgeon decided to operate. In the first operation they removed part of his skull, putting it in his stomach to keep the cells alive. But when the swelling continued, they had to remove part of his brain. Miraculously, he survived and he is totally mentally intact, although physi-

For the two weeks of school I missed, I stayed in the hospital 24 hours a day. I stayed awake at night, feeding my father ice chips and applying cold compresses to his head to keep his blood pressure down so that my mother could get a few hours of sleep in a chair next to his bed.

cally, his left side is paralyzed.

Certain images are still burned in my memory — the tortuous drive home from Notre Dame as my brother and I frantically contemplated what we would find when we reached the hospital ICU, my grandparents, aunts and uncles crying and praying in the hospital chapel, my mother picking up the phone in the waiting room to hear the results of the brain surgery from the neurosurgeon, my father's bandaged head with blood draining out into a tube and the black and green screen that showed my father's vital signs as they rose and fell from dangerous levels.

Looking back, what is most frustrating for me is that my father experienced some of the warning signs of stroke. He felt numb on his left side after working out one day, and so my mother called the paramedics. They suggested that he might have a pinched nerve. The next day, my father checked into the hospital overnight and was subjected to many tests, but since it was the weekend, they told him to come back later in the week for an MRI. He walked out of the hospital the next morning, went home to take a nap, and had a stroke in his sleep.

According to the American Heart Association, stroke is the leading cause of long term disability in the United States. But for some types of stroke, a drug can be given to a victim in the first three hours that reverses the damage. My advice is to research hospitals in your area to determine which one has the best program for dealing with strokes. Correct expertise is crucial.

When I remember what my family went through a year ago, it all seems like a scary science fiction movie. I feel lucky every single day that my father is alive and mentally himself. Through his hard work in rehabilitation, he is continually improving physically. Chances are you will encounter stoke in your lifetime. I hope you will be ready to fight it.

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

In the April 25 edition of The Observer, the article said the Hall President's Council (HPC) requestedfunding totalling over \$800,000. However, that union organizations, but just HPC. HPC only

In the April 26 edition of The Observer, Saint Mary's Cadet Lt. Col. Rachael Walters was incorrectly referred to as Lt. Col. Rachael Waters. The Observer regrets these errors.

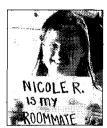
QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE ANTOSTAL EVENT?



Dan Amiri

freshman Alumni

"Trying to keep my girlfriend from binging on Quarter Dogs."



Rachel Miller

freshman Breen-Phillips

"Trying to get my roommate to leave the room to binge on Quarter Dogs at the eating contest.



Nicole Ruggirello

sophomore Breen-Phillips

"I haven't left my dorm room in eight days."



Emily Andreas

senior PW

"I'm really excited for karaoke. It'll be like London all over again."



Lisa Lu

junior Breen-Phillips

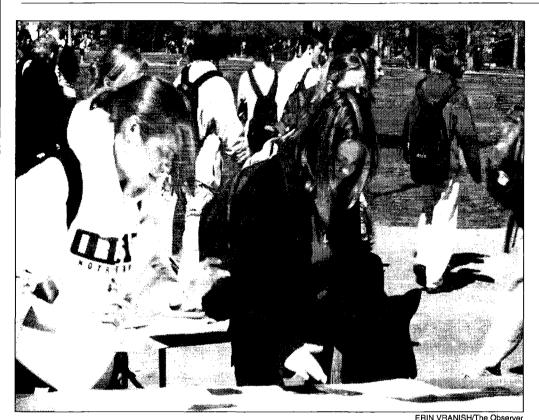
"The Bake-a-Thon because I actually participated in cookies, but it was cancelled."



Katie McAnany

freshman **Breen-Phillips**

"I was looking forward to the BP-Badin Bake-a-Thon, it and baked 80 but it got rained out.



Students fingerpaint as part of a campuswide mural project in front of O'Shaughnessy Hall Wednesday. The event was part of this week's AnTostal activities.

OFFBEAT

Bra makers offer D-cup as bust sizes grow

BEIJING — Bra producers have been forced to offer bigger cup-sizes in China because improved nutrition is busting all previous chest measurement records.

"It's so different from the past when most young women would wear A- or B-cup bras," Triumph brand saleswoman Zhang Jing told the Shanghai Daily from the Landmark Plaza of China's commercial hub.

'You never expect those thin women to have such nice figures if they are not plastic."

The report, seen on the daily's Web site Tuesday. said that the Hong Kongbased lingerie firm Embry Group no longer produces A-cups for larger chest circumferences and has increased production of C-, D- and E-cup bras to meet pressing demand.

New York's graffiti law said to violate free speech

NEW YORK — Seven young artists on Tuesday sued New York City over its strict anti-graffiti law, saying it violated their constitutional right to free speech.

The group, backed by fashion designer Marc Ecko, argued in federal court that the city went too far by banning people under 21 from possessing spray paint or broadtipped markers.

Gabriel Taussig, lawyer for New York City, said the law "strikes a proper constitutional balance between the First Amendment rights (to free speech) and the need to control the long-standing plague of graffiti."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Knott Hall will host its Knott on the Knoll concert Saturday at 6 p.m. in front of the dorm. Bands scheduled to perform include: The Junior Varsity, Exit the Ordinary, The Basement Stairs, Egon's Unicat and Lock Your Door.

Assistant professor of political science Dan Lindley will give a lecture titled "Shoot First, Ask **Ouestions Later. Preventive** and Preemptive War" today at 12:30 p.m. in C103 of the Hesburgh Center.

Barbara Nicolosi, founder and director of Act One Inc., will give a lecture titled "Why Does God Care about Hollywood? The Role of Entertainment in Human Life." The lecture will begin at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in 155 DeBartolo.

The debate teams from legendary football rivals Notre Dame and USC square off for the first time at 4 p.m. Friday in the Decio Theatre of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. The topic will be: "RESOLVED: That the University of Notre Dame should defeat the University of Southern California in the 2006 collegiate football contest."

The SMC Irish Dance Club will perform at 4:30 p.m. Saturday and 7:30 p.m. Sunday in The Little Theater in Moreau Hall.

The No. 17 Irish men's lacrosse team will face Ohio State at 3 p.m. Saturday at Moose Krause Field.

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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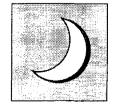
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Legends chef appears on morning TV show

South Bend's WSJV Fox 28 news occasionally invites Giuseppe Macerata on "Wake Up!"

By BRIDGET KEATING News Writer

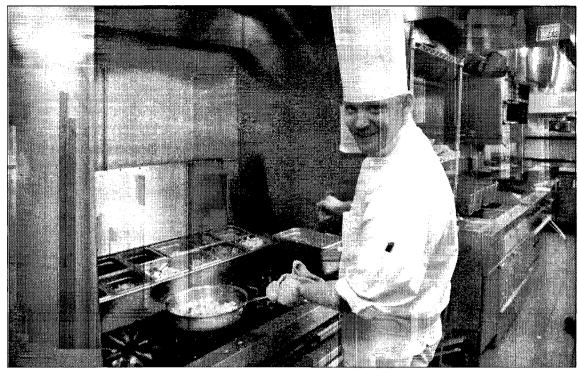
Legends of Notre Dame — a facility that serves as a restaurant, bar, alehouse, club and concert venue - can now include television set in its list of uses.

South Bend's WSJV Fox 28 news station has recently teamed with Legends chef Giuseppe Macerata in its three-hour long "Wake Up!" morning program. Legends general manager Aaron Perri said the collaboration began when the show asked Macerata to appear on a St. Patrick's Day cooking segment. "Wake Up!" has welcomed the Legends chef a total of four

In anticipation for last week's Blue-Gold weekend, Macerata said he whipped up Blue and Gold wings in addition to tailgate favorites on a grill outside the restaurant. Other segments on the show have featured themed meals showcasing Legends special dishes.

"It's a great situation because they fill a segment and we get tons of publicity,' Perri said. "We are a campus restaurant and our goal is to be craveable and successfully compete with the chain casual dining rooms like Houlihan's and Friday's.

Macerata began his career at the University ten years ago.



Legends chef Giuseppe Macerata cooks up a dish at Legends Wednesday. Macerata has appeared on television as part of Fox 28's "Wake Up!" cooking segment four times.

After advancing through the chef apprentice program and serving at various campus venues — including the Morris Inn - he landed a position at Legends.

"I enjoy a challenge and making anything — as long as it's done well, is healthy and nourishing," he said. "[At Legends we look anywhere and use every possible resource for new ideas. We

have excellent signature dishes that showcase our kitchen's ability."

Macerata, whose career began at his father's pizza shop in Michigan, said his local fame has spurred jovial phone calls from friends and family and customers have responded positively as well.

"To see a dining room full of people having a good time and enjoying their meals is what we strive for," Perri said.

Although the morning program can lengthen the days for Macerata and Perri to nearly 16 hours, both said the television project has been an enjoyable experience. Perri said Legends would continue to collaborate as long as Fox 28 is willing.

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Historian awarded for study

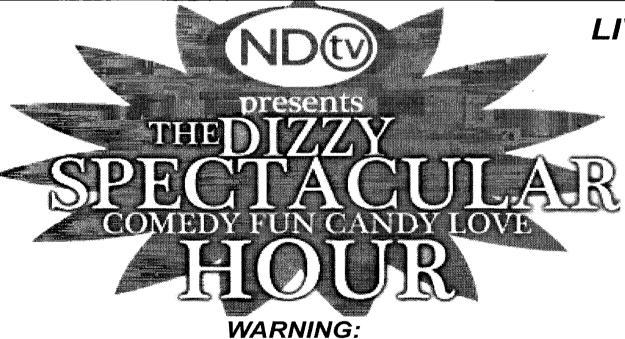
Dochuk wins Nevins prize for dissertation

Special to The Observer

Darren Dochuk, received his doctorate from the University of Notre Dame last year, has been awarded the annual Allan Nevins Prize for the best dissertation in the field of U.S. history.

Dochuk's dissertation, titled 'From Bible Belt to Sunbelt: Plain Religion, Folk Grassroots Politics and the Southernization of Southern California, 1939-1969" was directed by George Marsden, Francis A. McAnaney Professor of History at Notre

In his dissertation, Dochuk articulated the grassroots origins of the American religious right as that political movement developed in the decades after World War II in one of its most fertile settings: Orange County, Calif. It is considered an important interpretation of the origins of the religious right in California based on the demographic trends seen in patterns of migrations, especially from Arkansas, Texas and Oklahoma.



This show contains hilarity, music, video clips, sketches,

and rabid host, Joe Lattal.

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ND club pushes for new degree

Proposed program in actuarial science would combine business, math

By BECKY HOGAN News Writer

Students are often looking for new ways to improve the resources and programs that the University offers - and members of the Actuarial Science Club are hoping to do just that by encouraging Notre Dame to offer a

degree in actuarial science.

degree The would benefit students who wish to seek careers as actuaries after college. An actuary is someone who determines financial risks that are involved in pension plans, financial portfo-

lios and insurance plans. The proposed degree would, therefore, combine mathematics and business

Vijen Patel, who is president and co-founder of the Actuarial Science Club, said that while Notre Dame currently offers some business classes that are

relevant to an actuarial science degree, it is often difficult for many mathematics majors in the College Science to register for other classes in the Mendoza College of Business.

'[Students] have trouble get-

ting into business classes that they need for this major because they are in the College of Science," he said. "We are trying to build this degree so that more courses are available for this major."

The mathematics department's Web site said approximately 40 percent of students

who graduate with math degrees take jobs as actuaries of technical analysts for insurance and consulting companies such as Allstate Insurance Company and William M. Mercer.

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said.

Other colleges like University Michigan, University Iowa, Ohio State University and Drake University - offer actuarial science programs. Patel said universities that offer actuarial science majors not only have

better access to courses applicable to their major, but also receive preparation for tests required for entrance into this

Professor Matthew Gursky, director of undergraduate studies in the mathematics department, said not having

the actuarial science degree at Notre Dame does not put its students at a disadvantage.

"There is a constant interest by actuarial firms and insurance companies, such as Allstate and State Farm, to interview stu-

dents and give presentations to students [seeking positions as actuaries]," Gursky said. "Given the success of students in the past, I do not think that students are at a profound disadvantage."

The Actuarial Science Club met with Gursky as well as mathematics department chair

William Dwyer to discuss the possibility of incorporating the degree at Notre Dame.

The math department has been really cooperative in working with [the Actuarial Science Club," Patel said.

Patel, who is a sophomore finance and mathematics double major, said he and other students will be able to pursue careers as actuaries without the specialty degree. He hopes, however, that the club's efforts to encourage this major at Notre Dame will help other students in years to come.

"We are trying to get this major [started] for future students who come to Notre Dame," he said.

Although a final decision has not yet been reached about whether or not the degree will be offered in Notre Dame's math department, Gursky said creating this major may require having to change the course requirements to keep up with changing exams. Students who wish to pursue this career are required to pass a series of exams, and the formats of these exams can change from year to year.

At present, the University does not offer the classes would be necessary for this degree. The Actuarial Science Club has been working with the math department and the Mendoza College of Business to encourage them to offer these classes in the future.

In addition to their efforts to bring more actuarial science courses to Notre Dame, the club also spreads awareness about the career and supplies study manuals for tests that are required to become an actuary. The Actuarial Science Club is also working on a report, which they plan to submit to the math department to continue efforts to raise awareness of this major.

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Students will receive **College Town survey**

Project could break ground as soon as fall

By EMMA DRISCOLL

Students tired of trying to access off-campus restaurants without a car and frustrated by the high prices of toiletries at the Huddle may soon find solutions within walking distance of their own dorm.

Notre Dame student body president Lizzi Shappell, former student body president Dave Baron, former Student Committee Senate Residence Life chair Mark

Seiler and senior business major Brett Hummel have teamed up to grant students the opportunity to share what they would like to see in the forthcoming College Town development. Hummel said

project could break ground as early as fall 2006.

After hearing about development projects taking place south of campus, the group brainstormed a means to gather student input about what they would like to see in the College Town so that the feedback could later be presented to developers.

Shappell, Baron, Seiler and Hummel met with marketing professor Tim Gilbride and produced the College Town survey that will be e-mailed to students this week. The anonymous survey takes about ten minutes to complete and will ask questions regarding preferences in clothing stores, clubs and bars, entertainment, coffee shops, grocery and drug stores and household and dorm supplies.

The group will present survey results first to Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves and Director of Asset Management and Real Estate Development Gregory P. Hakanen, and then to the project's developer, who will be announced within a month. Hummel hopes results will also be released to the student body.

The administration has been very supportive of helping us get what the students want," he said. "Notre Dame won't own any of the land, but [the University] will be

talking to the developer to see what

going into this

want." "The whole idea Development will occur first behind Ithe on lands south development] was campus, kind of to between Angela revitalize the entire Boulevard and Napoleon neighborhood." Boulevard. Hummel said **Brett Hummel** there will be between ten senior and 15 stores

This first commercial district will be part of several other areas around the University that will be or have already been refurbished, including the homes on Notre Dame Avenue that house many professors. Plans include areas that will ultimately become housing for young professionals as well, Hummel said.

"The whole idea behind [the development] was kind of to revitalize the entire neighbor-

hood," he said. Four undergraduate focus groups held earlier this year at McGlinn Hall and Knott Hall demonstrated "a lot of interest in something competitive with the Huddle - more along the lines of a marketplace," Hummel said. He also expects a "fusion of some fast food restaurants and some unique mom and pop cafés."

"[The College Town will be] adding a whole other dimension - you won't have to go to Reckers anymore," Hummel said. "If you're really lucky, you can go to Chipotle.

Hummel anticipates the College Town will have a similar atmosphere to commercial districts at the University of California-Los Angeles and the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor — somewhere "you can hang around [and] kind of chill." The stores will be along the sidewalk to create a "town square type of atmosphere," he said.
"[The College Town] offers

to a whole different market than Grape Road," Hummel said.

Hummel said students who take the survey "don't have to fit everything into a model" and can offer input about anything they would want to see around campus.

"The more people we get to do the survey, the more impressive it will be to the developer and the better chance we have of getting the stores we want," he said.

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International News

Bombers attack Sinai peacekeepers

CAIRO, Egypt — Two suicide bombers tried to attack international peacekeepers and police in the Sinai Peninsula on Wednesday, blowing themselves up just two days after nearly simultaneous bombings killed at least 21 people at the Sinai beach resort of Dahab.

Egyptian Interior Minister Habib el-Adly said all the blasts this week were linked to terror attacks at two other Sinai resorts last year andein 2004.

"The information we have indicates that (the perpetrators) are Sinai Bedouin, and the latest operations are linked to the previous attacks," el-Adly told state television, referring to the deadly bombings in Sharm el-Sheik last July and Taba in October 2004.

Eager to avoid damage to Sinai's vital tourist trade by linking al-Qaida to the bombings, Egyptian authorities have blamed Bedouin tribesmen for past attacks. But some outside intelligence officials say groups linked to Osama bin Laden's terror network are the more likely suspects.

Detainee shows court mangled hand

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE, Cuba -Holding up a scarred, mangled hand, an alleged al-Qaida explosives instructor told a U.S. military court Wednesday his transfer to a maximum security unit has made his life in the Guantanamo Bay prison more difficult.

Sufyian Barhoumi, who lost four fingers and damaged his thumb in a land mine explosion in Afghanistan, said he struggles to use the sink and toilet in the prison's Camp Five. He also said air conditioning and the loss of outdoor recreation time has worsened the pain in his hand.

NATIONAL NEWS

World religious leaders meet in D.C.

WASHINGTON — Religious leaders from a broad swath of worldwide faiths met Wednesday at Georgetown University, marking the first time the annual interfaith forum has been held in the United States since it was started 20 years ago by Pope John Paul

While the goal of the two-day International Prayer for Peace is not to draft policies, organizers hope it will foster greater ties and communication between major faiths that come into contact more frequently - not always peacefully - in an increasingly globalized world.

This year's panel discussions reflect that focus. They include the role of religion in combatting AIDS, poverty and genocide, and in resolving conflicts between faiths. Religiously motivated terrorism was also a central theme because of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks and ensuing war on terror.

Court debates executing killers

WASHINGTON — Supreme Court justices clashed on Wednesday over how states execute killers, with one court member saving current lethal-injection drugs would not be used on cats and dogs and a second arguing that executions do not have to be pain-free.

The court blocked Florida, at the last minute, from executing Clarence Hill in January, as Hill lay on a gurney with IV lines

LOCAL NEWS

Bodies of mother, two children found

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — Police officers found the bodies of a mother and her two children in their locked home Wednesday after family members had not heard from them in days.

Investigators believed the bodies had been in the house at least a day, city police spokesman Brian Talsma said.

"There is blood in the home, in various places," Talsma said while detectives searched the home several hours after the bodies were discovered.

Rove appears before grand jury

Former White House aid makes fifth appearance in CIA leak investigation

Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Top White House aide Karl Rove made his fifth grand jury appearance in the Valerie Plame affair Wednesday, undergoing several hours of questioning about a new issue that has come to light since the last time he testified.

Special Counsel Patrick Fitzgerald declined to comment at the conclusion of the grand jury session. Rove appeared at ease as he left the U.S. courthouse, joking to journalists to move to the back" as the White House aide, his and several lawver reporters entered an elevator to leave the building.

A week ago, Rove, the architect of Bush's election victories, gave up his policy duties at the White House. He is returning to a fulltime focus on politics with Republicans facing major problems in the upcoming midterm elections.

Wednesday's session is believed to be only the second time Fitzgerald has met with a new grand jury examining questions left unanswered in the leaking of Plame's CIA identity. The only other time Fitzgerald was seen going before the new panel was Dec. 7.

The previous grand jury looking into the CIA leak expired Oct. 28, the day it indicted Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff on five counts of perjury, obstruction and lying to the

The only new issue in the CIA leak probe known to involve Rove is a contact his lawyer, Robert Luskin, had with Time magazine reporter Viveca Novak.

The contact is important because during it, the Time reporter told Luskin that Rove might have disclosed Plame's ČIA status in 2003 to another Time reporter, Matt Cooper.

The Luskin-Novak conversation occurred many months before Rove belatedly revealed to the prose-



White House aide Karl Rove is surrounded on Wednesday by the media as he leaves the federal courthouse in Washington.

with Cooper. Rove says he'd forgotten about his conversation with Cooper.

Rove's legal problems stem from the fact that it was more than a year into the CIA leak investigation before he revealed the Cooper conversation.

Rove "testified voluntarily and unconditionally at the request of Special Counsel Patrick Fitzgerald to explore a matter raised since Mr. Rove's last appearance," Luskin said in a statement. "Mr. Fitzgerald has affirmed that he has made no decision concerning charges.'

According to Luskin, Fitzgerald has advised that Rove is not a target of the investigation. A target is cutor that he had spoken someone likely to be indict- Novak and Cooper in July

One legal expert, Washington lawyer Stanley expert, Brand, says Rove's latest grand jury appearance is an ominous sign for the White House aide rather than an indication the probe is coming to an end.

"I don't think you need to drag a guy before a grand jury to wrap up," said Brand. "Rove is testifying in an investigation in which a White House aide has already been indicted for lying." Brand was general counsel to the House under Speaker Democratic Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill Jr. from 1976 to 1983.

Several days after Rove's conversations with conservative columnist Robert

2003, both the columnist and Cooper wrote stories identifying Plame as a CIA

The exposure of her CIA employment came little more than a week after her husband, former U.S. Ambassador Wilson, accused the Bush administration of manipulating prewar intelligence to exaggerate an Iraqi nuclear threat.

Robert Novak is not related to Viveca Novak.

Other unfinished business in the probe focuses on the source who provided Washington Post reporter Bob Woodward information about Plame, whose CIA identity was leaked to Novak in July

IRAQ

Rice, Rumsfeld make suprise Iraq trip

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Symbolism speaks volumes in the world of diplomacy. So the mere sight of America's top two foreign policy officials calling on Irag's new leaders sent the message loud and clear — we're behind you and we want your government to succeed.

And in case the subtext of Wednesday's unannounced visit by Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld was unclear, the top U.S. military commander on the scene spelled it out. Army Gen. George Casey, the top U.S. military commander, said Irag's success in forming a new government might allow the U.S. to withdraw some of its troops from the war zone later this year.

We are seeing the situation a little clearer, I'd say," as a result of the latest political progress, Casey told reporters. "And the clearer I see it the better I can make my recommendations" about withdrawals.

"I came away most encouraged,' Rumsfeld said after he and Rice spent a day meeting with Iraqi politicians and U.S. military and diplomatic advisers in the capital city. Rice called the priorities and commitment of Irag's newly selected prime minister, Nouri al-Maliki, "refreshing and really heartening.

The double-barreled show of support for Iraq's first permanent democratic government was meant to resonate in Iraq and among Americans, whose frustration with the war effort has helped drive President Bush's poll numbers to new lows.

Thesis

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It must be that time of year

Most students are quick to pay respect to those sleepdeprived, caffeine-overdosed, vampire-like seniors who accomplish writing the somewhat mythical college thesis a 100-page project with innumerable footnotes and annotations.

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Seniors said writing a thesis "What was great project - aside from being a demanding comexperience is that I mitment — can finally had the actually be an opportunity to work intellectually rewarding experience and an personally found opportunity to interesting and explore in detail the most fascinating theme imaginable in their respective

field of study. "Writing" senior thesis can be a wonderful experience for the student because not only will his research and investigation lead to a deeper, more complete understanding of his discipline, but he will also engage in a unique learning process, Dean of the College of Arts and Letters Mark Roche said.

Senior thesis projects can range from 50 to 100 pages in length, and students often begin preparing them at the beginning of the spring semester — if not in the fall. Some departments, like the history department, have sponsor students who begin research during the summer, or in other locations such as London, Poland and Rome.

The only students required to write a thesis are those who are part of the Arts and Letters Honors Program — but that does not mean they are alone in the endeavor. Most departments in the College of Arts and Letters offer students the option of writing a thesis project in exchange of credit for their work and the benefit of graduating with honors in

their discipline.

"For students interested attending graduate school, the intellectual experience of writing thesis is immensely valuable," history department chair John McGreevy said.

Students who apply to graduate school in the years following graduation can

boast having completed an undergraduate thesis — which is highly commendable, he

"It feels great knowing I've completed something that is potentially publishable," said senior Erica Williams, who recently finished an anthropology thesis.

Williams' thesis project will be featured in an upcoming issue of the "American Journal of Physical Anthropology.'

Senior Noelle Teske wrote two thesis projects - one in psychology and the other in

"What was great about this experience is that I finally had the opportunity to work on something I personally found interesting and relevant," she

Senior Michael Vanden Boom said his thesis on mathematical logic gave him "a deeper understanding of mathematics." He hopes he can share this knowledge with students when he participates in the Alliance for Catholic Education program after graduation.

Art students also have an opportunity to share their final projects with others.

"Part of being an artist is not just creating the artwork, but also exhibiting it," art department chair Dennis Doordan said. "The fine arts program culminates every year with a display in the Snite Museum."

The exhibit includes a variety of works including ceramics, photography, paintings, graphic and industrial designs and sculpture.

In every work, students had the opportunity to explore their individuality and put to work the skills and techniques acquired in the previous four years. Projects deal with such themes as the discovery of selfidentity, society's expectations and spirituality.

In other colleges, a similar flexibility is evidenced in the wide range of thesis topics selected by students.

Noteworthy projects from previous years include such diverse topics as "A Woman's Fight for Suffrage in Britain in 1914," "Genetics of Speciation in the Malaria Mosquito," "The

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Night

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Students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross joined in the Take Back the Night walk Wednesday — an event geared at bringing attention to the issue of violence against women.

Catherine Pittman, an advisor for Saint Mary's Campus Alliance for Rape Administration (CARE), said the event was "a way to show [victims] that they are not forgotten." This year, Notre Dame took on a larger responsibility in planning march with Saint Mary's, she said.

really "We appreciate their efforts and are

happy to work with them and Holy Cross students on the event," Pittman said. "When all campuses are working together, we feel a common bond is being formed to combat the violence of sexual assault.'

Saint Mary's students met at the Rock Garden and later gathered with other Take Back the Night participants at the Grotto. The tri-campus group then marched around both campuses. The event concluded with a speak-out, which allowed victims of sexual assault to come forward and share their stories.

"Our hope is that one day, the night will be safe for all to

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enjoy," Pittman said. "Women won't have to fear the dark, but will feel secure in a community that has rejected violence against women."

Take Back the Night — which has been held on campus for more than ten years - has a long and storied tradition, with marches originating in Europe during the 1970s. The first United States march was held in San Francisco in 1978.

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CARE

Take Back the Night marches typically occur in the month of April in conjunction with National Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Mary's Saint CARE vice president Jen Hanlon said she has been to four Take Back the Night walks during her time at the College, and seven in all.

"Each march I have participated in has left me

feeling more empowered and moved, as well as frustrated because it is still necessary to hold these events in our community," Hanlon said.

Pittman said violent attacks occur "every year on campus" that make the event necessary.

'It would be nice if sexual assault was not a problem on the campuses, but in reality, it is a major problem," Hanlon said. "Too many of our women and men are being violated and all too often the perpetrators are those who we are in classes

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IN BRIEF

Apple to recycle computers for free

SAN JOSE —Apple Computer Inc. will soon adopt an environmentally friendly twist for buyers of new Macintosh computers by offering to recycle their old computers for free.

The Cupertino-based company said its expanded take-back offer will begin in June. U.S. customers who buy a new Mac through the Apple store online or any Apple retail store will receive free shipping and recycling of their old machines.

Currently, Apple retail stores accept old iPod music players for free recycling. In addition, Cupertino residents may drop off old Macs at company headquarters, while others pay a \$30 recycling fee to drop off or ship their computers.

Environmental advocacy organizations that have criticized Apple's recycling initiatives in the past applauded the computer maker's expanded program, saying it is now closer in line with those of other major PC makers, notably Hewlett-Packard Co. and Dell Inc.

But the environmental groups contend Apple still needs to do more and will present a proposal at Apple's shareholder meeting Thursday calling for the company to study ways to improve recycling.

Microsoft spins off social network tech

SEATTLE — More than two years after Microsoft Corp. began promoting Wallop, its technology for social networking, the software company is spinning off the project to a new startup company.

Redmond-based Microsoft touted Wallop at a high-profile corporate event in late 2003. But the company has been secretive about the project since then, even as startups like Friendster and MySpace have gained major traction among users

On Wednesday, Microsoft said it is spinning off the technology to a separate startup, Wallop Inc., to be based in the Silicon Valley. A product, however, won't launch until later this year.

Microsoft remains mum on details, only promising that it will give people more sophisticated ways for helping people find one another and will let people interact more like they would in the real world. Current social networking services tend to link people online based on things like a similar taste in music or common acquaintances.

MediaNews buys four papers

Publisher's aquisition will strengthen presence in Northern California

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Media-News Grou Inc.publisher of The Denver Post and other newspapers, is acquiring four newspapers from The McClatchy Co. for \$1 billion in cash with backing from Hearst Corp., another publishing company.

The four papers — the San Jose Mercury News, the Contra Costa Times, the Monterey County Herald and the St. Paul Pioneer Press — are currently owned by Knight Ridder Inc., which McClatchy is in the process of buying.

The deal announced late Wednesday will strengthen MediaNews's presence in northern California, where it already owns several papers in the San Francisco Bay Area. MediaNews is a privately held company based in Denver and run by William Dean Singleton.

The four papers are among the 12 Knight Ridder properties that McClatchy has said it intends to sell since they don't meet McClatchy's acquisition criteria, which include being located in rapidly growing markets.

MediaNews' interest in the newspapers had been widely known. The three northern California papers would complement the company's existing holdings, which include The Oakland Tribune and the Marin Independent Journal. MediaNews owns a number of newspapers in geographic clusters, which helps reduce production and other costs and also allows for group advertising sales.

"These were the newspapers that excited us the most about Knight Ridder," Singleton said in a statement, calling the deal "a wonderful opportunity at a fair price."

McClatchy would have faced antitrust difficulties owning the St. Paul, Minn. paper since it already owns the Star Tribune in the neighboring city of



CEO William Dean Singleton visits the Contra Costa Times in Walnut Creek, Calif, on Wednesday.

Minneapolis.

McClatchy said Wednesday that the Department of Justice told the company it would only seek additional information regarding the twin city area, indicating that regulators didn't see other antitrust concerns with the Knight Ridder takeover.

As he prepared to leave the Mercury News for a meeting at the Contra Costa Times, Singleton said no layoffs are currently planned at the Bay area papers. He had earlier told the Mercury News staff that MediaNews generally leaves cost-cutting decisions to each paper's management Asked how he thought the deal would affect Bay Area journalism, Singleton said, "I hope it will make it better."

Knight Ridder CEO Tony Ridder said he will closely monitor how the deal affects the Mercury News — his hometown paper. "I think Dean will do a good job," Ridder said outside the Mercury News. "I have his cell phone and e-mail addresses and if I see anything I don't like I plan to let him know."

After weeks of anxiety, Mercury News employees seemed to be feeling better after meeting with Singleton, said Griff Palmer, a database editor for the paper. "He was not presenting himself as a slash and burn farmer," Palmer said. "In many respects, he just sounded like a hard-nosed businessman"

The agreement calls for MediaNews to acquire the San Jose Mercury News and the Contra Costa Times, which will then be folded into the California Newspaper Partnership, an entity in which it has a 54 percent stake.

The other two stakeholders in the partnership, industry leader Gannett Co. and the privately held Stephens Media Group, have agreed to contribute their share of paying for the two papers, according to a

Delphi still negotiating with unions

Associated Press

DETROIT — With less than two weeks to go before Delphi Corp. plans to ask a federal judge to cancel its union contracts, the auto supplier is still negotiating with its major unions and General Motors Corp. over wage cuts.

Delphi's second-largest labor union confirmed Wednesday that it's still in talks with the company. Union executive Robert Sutton made the comments Wednesday after a media report suggested the International Union of Electronic Workers-Communications Workers of America had broken off talks because of a lack of progress.

Sutton, secretary of the union's auto-

motive conference board, said the union is not in negotiations this week because it is providing depositions to Delphi attorneys as part of the auto supplier's bankruptcy case. Sutton said eight local shop chairmen and union leaders are meeting with Delphi attorneys this week in Troy, where Delphi is headquartered.

Sutton said those local leaders also prepared documents for the court last week that argue against the wage cuts Delphi has proposed as part of its reorganization. The communications workers branch represents about 8,000 of Delphi's 33,000 U.S. hourly workers

"The declarations say to the judge and to the opposing parties what we have done and haven't done and what we plan on doing to keep Delphi viable and competitive," Sutton said. He said he expects talks with Delphi to resume next week.

Delphi spokesman Lindsey Williams confirmed the company is talking to the communications workers branch as well as its other major unions, including the United Auto Workers, which represents the majority of Delphi's U.S. hourly workers. But not all the unions are getting equal time.

Wayne Ranick, a spokesman for the United Steelworkers, said the union hasn't talked to Delphi in about two weeks but hasn't formally ended negotiations. The steelworkers union represents about 1,000 Delphi workers.

COR

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Despite an increase in student activities fees and money earned from The Shirt, not all student groups are seeing an increase in funds for next fall.

The Council of Representatives (COR) approved the 2006-07 student union budget allocations of \$481,243.06 Monday night.

Allocating a limited budget to a diverse set of organizations is difficult — especially since student organizations requested almost twice the amount of funding available this year, Student Union treasurer Stephen Friend said.

"This year's process was much longer and more comprehensive than past years," he said.

Student groups submitted proposals for review several weeks in advance of the annual Financial Management Board's (FMB) allocation meeting, Friend said. This new method allowed FMB members more time to look over each budget and prepare questions for the representatives.

While the figures make it look like some groups — such as the Hall President's Council (HPC) — received vast increases while others stayed consistent, Friend said these distortions are due to reallocations. HPC was allocated \$57,000 last year, and \$12,000 of that figure was added during reallocation. This year, HPC received \$59,000 — almost its entire request.

HPC co-president Bryan Lowery said waiting for reallocation money "delays funding for half of a year" and "the programs that go unfunded as a result are the new events."

Since HPC funds traditional

campus favorites first — like the Keenan Review, Fisher Regatta and Keough Chariot Race — other dorms trying to implement new events have found it difficult to do so, he said.

"Hall governments are simply hesitant to put on events that have never been tried before if HPC cannot guarantee funding," Lowery said. "The postponement of allocating 20 percent of HPC's budget until the spring semester leaves us unable to fund new campus-wide events in the fall."

With this year's up front allotment of money, however, HPC has the means to grant funds to both traditional favorites in addition to new events in the fall.

"HPC has an excellent track record of working with the clubs and the Student Union Board," Lowery said. "No matter which budget is credited with additional funding, we will all work together to make sure our essential programming is provided for."

The FMB was able to allot HPC
— and other organizations —
more money up front because of
an increased projection for Shirt
revenue and a \$15 increase in
student activities fees, Friend said
at Monday's COR meeting.

Another group receiving additional money is the Student Union Board (SUB). SUB manager Patrick Vassel said the increased funding was due to a successful year.

"SUB had one of our most successful years in a long time with two successful concerts, sold out comedy shows and dozens of other events serving thousands of students," Vassel said. "I believe the increased funding reflects the quality of SUB events and the responsible spending of our allocation in the past year."

While Vassel praised the FMB's

"outstanding job" of performing "one of the most difficult tasks on campus in allocating a limited money to student groups," he voiced some concern over such a large portion of the student activity fee increase being allocated to the new College Readership program.

Vassel said though he will wait until the program is implemented before passing judgment, he wonders if the money might have been better used in other ways.

"In the context of \$81,500 | the cost of the College Readership Program] of student funds that could bring a huge never level of concerts to campus, or be used to attract the most popular comedians available, or a variety of other programs Notre Dame students constantly indicate demand for, it's a very big deal," Vassel said. "I hope those newspapers are worth the funding Student Government has claimed for them."

The Club Coordination Council (CCC) expressed similar concern. Clubs and organizations were allotted 33 percent of the revenue, plus an additional \$32,000 in the allocation, totaling \$305,000. The CCC is in charge of allocating its funds to over 200 student groups on campus — student groups whose requests total \$481,000 — and not all needs can be met.

This year, the Student Senate voted to decrease the clubs and organizations percentage of revenue money from 36.75 percent in order to accommodate for the College Readership Program.

With favorable Shirt sales, the CCC may end up with the same amount it had last year, president Kerry Kilbourne said. However,

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Senate panel: FEMA should be abolished

Agency under fire in wake of Katrina

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The nation's beleaguered disaster response agency should be abolished and rebuilt from scratch to avoid a repeat of multiple government failures exposed by Hurricane Katrina, a Senate inquiry has concluded.

Crippled by years of poor leadership and inadequate funding, the Federal Emergency Management Agency cannot be fixed, a bipartisan investigation says in recommendations to be released Thursday.

Taken together, the 86 proposed reforms suggest the United States is still woefully unprepared for a disaster such as Katrina with the start of the hurricane season a little more than month away.

"The United States was, and is, ill-prepared to respond to a catastrophic event of the magnitude of Hurricane Katrina," the recommendations warn. "Catastrophic events are, by their nature, difficult to imagine and to adequately plan for, and the existing plans and training proved inadequate in Katrina."

The recommendations, obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press, are the product of a seven-month investigation to be detailed in a Senate

report to released next week. It follows similar inquiries by the House and White House and comes in an election year in which Democrats have seized on Katrina to attack the Bush administration.

President Bush will visit Louisiana and Mississippi which bore the brunt of Katrina's wrath — on Thursday.

The inquiry urges yet another overhaul of the embattled Homeland Security Department — FEMA's parent agency — which was created three years ago and already has undergone major restructuring of duties and responsibilities.

It proposes creating a new agency, called the National Preparedness and Response Authority, that would plan and carry out relief missions for domestic disasters. Unlike now, the authority would have a direct line of communication with the president during major crises, and any dramatic cuts to its budget or staffing levels would have to be approved by Congress.

It would also oversee efforts to protect critical infrastructure such as buildings, roads and power systems, as well as Homeland Security's medical officer. But the inquiry calls for keeping the agency within Homeland Security, warning that making it an independent office would cut it off from resources the larger department could provide.

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CLAP

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Responding to the Campus Labor Action Project's escalating efforts to advocate for a \$12.10 hourly wage for campus employees, **Executive Vice President John** Affleck-Graves issued a statement last week firmly defending the University's policies.

But his argument failed to satisfy many members of the group most concerned with the issue the workers.

With the exception of workers who do not depend on their salary for financial stability, University employees interviewed Monday through Wednesday expressed dissatisfaction with their salaries and departmental treatment along with doubt that anything was about to change.

"We believe that Notre Dame already provides a fair and just wage for employees," Affleck-Graves said in the statement. "We believe that, on close inspection, both Notre Dame's wages and its compensation package meet not only the test of our marketplace, but also of our special obligations as a Catholic university.

But Janice Owens, a supervisor at North Dining Hall who has been involved in worker's rights issues on a national level, said the University administration is not sympathetic to the situation of many of its low-income employees — many of whom, she said, must work two jobs to make ends meet.

'Too many people have to live paycheck-to-paycheck," she said. Their children and homes have been neglected. They are not able to have the better things in

"As a Catholic institution, they should be thinking of the people.

She contested Affleck-Graves' assertion that University employee benefits make up the difference between employee wages and the calculable living wage.

While some employees may enjoy access to fitness facilities and price reductions on football tickets, "there's nothing better than cash in hand to take care of their families," Owens said.

Mary Beth Sosa, a custodian in Farley Hall, said many employees are unable to take advantage of benefits like child tuition aid and access to Rolfs and the Rockne Memorial. She said the health insurance assistance is important, but that the cost "increases more than wages do.'

"I grew up Catholic, but when I came here, I started questioning," Sosa said. "Everything is about money.

This place is a corporation. There's nothing family about it."

And even the health insurance assistance is inadequate, Owens said, explaining the remaining cost of the insurance is almost inaccessibly high for many part time employees.

"They're spouting that they give part time insurance," Owens said. "That's a joke.'

The least costly of three available insurance policies costs part time employees \$830 per month for family coverage, according to the Office of Human Resources Web site.

The least expensive health insurance option for full time University employees requires them to pay \$117 per month.

Owens' familiarity with employee issues stems not only from her own job but also from approximately five months of service last year on the Staff Advisory Council — the group Affleck-Graves described in his statement as the University-sanctioned avenue for employees to express any concerns they might have about their jobs.

She did not find it effective.

"I saw they brought in speakers to tell us what they wanted," she said, "but they didn't want to hear what we had to say.

Sosa also expressed little faith in the Staff Advisory Council, the group Owens resigned from.

"The Staff Advisory Council is there to appease us," Sosa said. 'We really don't have a voice."

Even Affleck-Graves' assertion that Notre Dame is the "employer of choice" for local workers may be misleading, Owens said.

"It's not like there are a lot of employers in the area," she said.

Owens also contested Affleck-Graves' statement that dialogue about employee wages should take place between University officials and employees rather than students. She praised CLAP's attempts to draw attention to campus labor issues.

"Students should recognize the voice they have," she said. 'When an employee speaks out, they risk their job. But when students speak out, they are not risking anything.

"My concern is the students are passing through Notre Dame, and we are not. Maybe that's what the administration is thinking — if they wait this out, it will go away. But it won't.'

North Dining Hall cashier and monitor Sharon Berglund used to be one of the workers who needed to work multiple jobs to get by. Though her financial situation has since changed, Berglund said employees are desperately underpaid.

"I used to have to work 60 hours a week to make ends meet," Berglund said.

Though she wishes the department and University would be more "understanding of the little guy," Berglund said she does not feel she has an avenue to voice her concerns.

"If I don't like it, they'll tell me to find another job," she said. "And at my age, who's going to hire me?"

Disillusionment isn't the only reason workers are reluctant to speak. Sosa said many employees are afraid they will lose their jobs if they complain about the Building Services department or the University — a fear that Affleck-Graves described as "deeply disturbing" in his statement.

Building Services Department director Alan Bigger said Wednesday employees cannot be fired on the basis of asserting any

"There is no person I know of who has spoken out and who has been terminated for speaking out or expressing their opinions," he

Bigger said he encourages employees to share their concerns.

"My door is always open," he said.

Sosa, who worked two jobs until it became too tiring, also said employees have "felt intimidated" from attending CLAP meetings where departmental management have stood outside to greet employees entering.

Bigger said he knows of no administrators who have attended CLAP meetings, though he

noted a meeting held in LaFortune was advertised as 'open to the public.'

'We don't interfere with the process of meetings at all," he

Bigger said he has spoken with CLAP organizer Joe Murphy and thanked Murphy for the CLAPorganized employee doughnut receptions.

"We have a civil working relationship," Bigger said.

Despite her unhappiness with wages and management, Sosa said she is happy to have a job.

"I do like my job," she said. "I love being in [Farley]. I love the

Badin custodian Paula Benninghoff agreed that contact with the students brings some benefit to her job, though she said living on custodian wages is "rough paycheck-to-paycheck."

A single mother, Benninghoff said she often goes without staples like medicine for herself so she can provide for her two chil-

"Jobs are hard to find," she said. "I can't lose my pay because I have to support my kids.

She said many University employees are unable to make enough money to afford retirement. She does not expect to retire.

Like Sosa, Benninghoff said employees frequently avoid labor organizations out of fear of employer reprisal.

"We don't come to meetings because we're afraid we're going to lose our jobs," she said. "That's why they don't speak."

Two workers who do not depend on their income for financial stability expressed satisfaction with the environment of their jobs.

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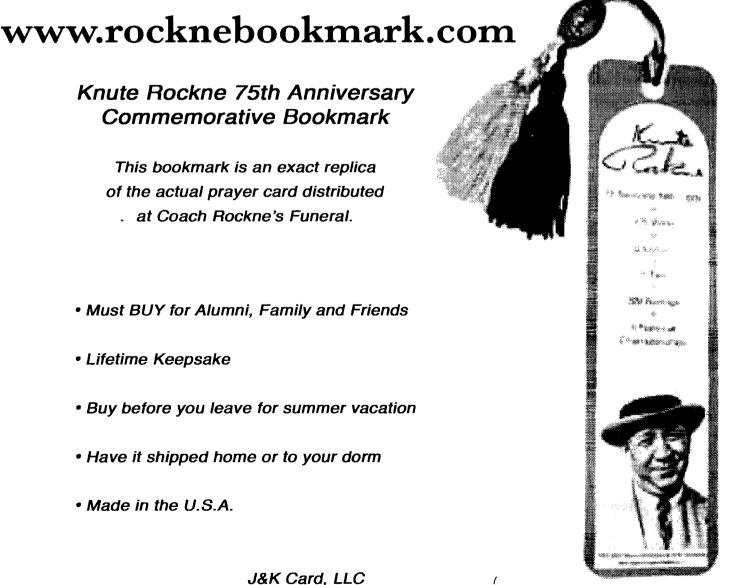
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Senate

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In the first of three State of the Student Union addresses she will give this year, student body president Lizzi Shappell announced plans Wednesday for a multifaceted, campus-wide initiative to address eating disorders at Notre Dame.

Speaking at the final Student Senate meeting of the year, Shappell called for a "three to four day conference" — set to be held next winter — that will combine "presentations, roundtable discussions, keynote addresses and networking sessions" on all types of eating disorders, including anorexia, bulimia, binge eating disorder and muscular dysmorphia.

"Eating disorders and body image issues have been undeserved for too long," Shappell said. "As a Catholic community we are called to serve the members of our community struggling with eating disorders. As a Catholic university, we can and will address these issues in an innovative way."

Calling for a biopsychosocial approach to the issue, Shappell candidly delivered telling statistics to senators about the prevalence of eating problems at the University.

According to University eating disorders specialist Valerie Staples at the University Counseling Center, 16.3 percent of the students who came to the Counseling Center last year reported eating concerns, Shappell said.

"This was 146 students," Shappell said "Staples reports that these numbers have been consistent for the last few years, but [that] does not account for the number of students on campus with issues or concerns about eating disorders or body image problems who do not come to the UCC."

Shappell said the conference has already received initial support from the sociology department, the Center for Social Concerns, the Counseling Center, the Center for Ethics and Culture, the Gender Relations Center, the Health Center, Faculty Senate, the University Committee on Women Faculty and Students, the Society of Women Engineers, the Sociology Club and the Feminist Voice.

Notre Dame is not the first school to engage in a multi-faceted approach to the problem of eating disorders. Conferences like the one Shappell is pursuing already exist at Pennsylvania State University, Eastern Michigan University and Brigham Young University, Shappell said.

While learning from others, Notre Dame will be forging "new ground," Shappell said.

"We will work with academic departments to call for student papers and presentations on all matters relating to the biological, psychological and sociological elements of eating disorders and body image issues," she said. "We will work with Student Affairs departments. ... We will work with the student body to disseminate information about how to identify signs of eating disorders and how to be supportive to a friend struggling with an eating disorder."

Shappell's approach is not limited to public discussions and speeches. She said eating disorders should be studied in undergraduate and graduate research projects. Relating her plan back to University President Father John Jenkins' inaugural address—in which he challenged the

Notre Dame community to "find dimensions of their research agenda that reflect our Catholic character and values" — Shappell said students should "elicit and aid" in researching eating disorders

"America spends \$40 billion a year on diet products, yet only contributes \$12 million to eating disorders research," Shappell said. "We can approach this issue as an academic institution, calling for undergraduate and graduate research focused on eating disorders from the biopsychosocial perspective."

Shappell noted that the common contributors to eating disorders — low self-esteem, feelings of inadequacy and lack of control, depression, anxiety and cultural pressures — might be magnified at Notre Dame.

"[T]he competitive atmosphere of Notre Dame can lead to increased emphasis on perfectionism," she said. "As a student body who regularly sees this issue, yet is rarely challenged to address it in a holistic manner, we should creatively pursue ways to study and discuss eating disorders in a university setting."

Shappell will deliver two more State of the Student Union addresses before her term ends next April.

In other Senate news:

Former Academic Affairs committee chair Chris Harris, who has been the driving force behind the implementation of the College Readership Program (CRP), also took the podium, declaring Aug. 24 as the temporary CRP launch date.

The Financial Management Board allocated \$81,000 for CRP Sunday — effectively guaranteeing the controversial program will be launched in the fall. The extra funds came from an increased Student Activities Fee— now \$95, up \$15 from last year. The program stirred vigorous debate in recent months as some members of student organizations voiced concerns about its practicality and potential effect on the budgets of other Student Union groups.

The Program will provide 1,600 daily newspapers for the student body (560 copies of USA Today, 560 copies of the New York Times

and 480 of the Chicago Tribune).

Harris said the papers will initially be available at both dining halls and he called on senators to talk about the program in their dorms to encourage student interest.

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"Talk about it," Harris said.
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Why are Roman Catholic priests celibate?

Many students of the Scriptures are surprised when they see that Peter, whom Catholics believe to be the first Pope, was married. How then did priests end up taking on a vow of celibacy?

Priestly celibacy is a current *discipline* within the Roman Catholic Church, not a *dogma* of faith. Within the Eastern (Catholic & Orthodox) Churches, bishops are chosen from among celibate men, but married men can be ordained. Whatever marital status a man is in at the time of his ordination is the state in which he will remain upon his ordination. However, in the Western (Roman Catholic) Church, celibacy has been the discipline since the fourth century. The first general law in the Western Church requiring clergy to the celibate life came from Pope Damasus (366-384), with subsequent popes and councils affirming this. This discipline was then applied to the universal Church in the 12th century at the First and Second Lateran Councils.

Papal declarations, however, are not the only reason the Western Church currently requires celibacy from its priests, and there are substantial theological reasons that testify to the likelihood that the Church will retain its current discipline. Some of the strongest theological reasons for celibacy come from Scriptural sources, beginning with the person of Jesus Christ himself. Scripture testifies to the fact that Jesus remained an unmarried celibate throughout his earthly ministry, that He might unite Himself fully to His true Bride, the Church (Rev. 21:9). His lifestyle thus becomes the pattern for Roman Catholic clergy, who act in the person of Christ when they preside at the Eucharist and the other Sacraments and otherwise minister to God's people. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus encourages the practice of renouncing marriage for the sake of spreading the Kingdom of God, with the disclaimer that "Whoever can accept this ought to accept it" (Mt 19:10-12). The Catechism clarifies the Church's reason for asking priests to remain celibate using beautiful language and imagery: "Called to consecrate themselves with undivided heart to the Lord and to 'the affairs of the Lord' (1 Cor 7:32), [priests] give themselves entirely to God and to [mankind]. Celibacy is a sign of this new life to the service of which the Church's minister is consecrated; accepted with a joyous heart celibacy radiantly proclaims the Reign of God" (#1579)

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Meghan Regan

Senior Meghan Regan is going to be in for a huge change in climate when she

leaves Notre Dame this year. Luckily for students at Guadalupe Regional Middle School, this climate chang will not affect Meghan's commitment to service and living out the Gospel. This fall Meghan will be living in Brownsville Texas and teaching at Guadalupe as her placement in the ACE (Alliance for Catholic Education) Program. After graduation, Meghan will return back to campus to begin the first of her two summers of masters work in education through the ACE program. This is one facet of the service learning nature of ACE. The other facet of ACE consists of the two school years that Meghan will spend teaching at Guadalupe Middle School. Meghan has taken the love of service she has developed at Notre Dame and committed herself to spreading it to others in need.

Working with middle school students is not a foreign concept to Meghan as a result of the many ways she serves this year at St. Adalbert's Parish in South Bend. Through SAINTS (The Saint Adalbert IN-school Tutoring Source) Meghan tutors at the St. Adalbert Parish School. Meghan's commitment to St. Adalbert's does not end in the class room though. This year she was also responsible for coaching the Girl's Basketball team. These are skills that will have the parents of Guadalupe students very excited to have Meghan working with their children. In addition to her skills as a Language Arts teacher, Meghan will bring her infectious desire for service to the Brownsville community.

Meghan, you serve as an inspiration and a reminder of how all baptized Christians are called to serve one another. Thank you for all you have done here at Notre Dame. Our prayers are with you as you live out your call to serve in a new and profound way.

Let us know who out there is making a difference!

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On ordination and the priesthood

Last Saturday, while the Church continued its vibrant celebration of "Easter Day," dozens of priests, including the current and both former presidents of Notre Dame, joined Bishop

joined Bishop
Daniel R. Jenky,
C.S.C., Bishop of
Peoria, for the
ancient and beautiful rite of ordina-

Richard Warner, CSC

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tion to the priesthood. The Basilica was decked out in all its Easter beauty, with flowers and plants everywhere, banners and wall hangings proclaiming the resurrection of Jesus. The Basilica was filled with many hundreds of men, women and children. Holy Cross Father Nate Will's parents, family members and friends were there, as well. And so were many of the people, especially children, who had already benefitted from this young and charismatic man's ministry as a deacon. As the bells of the Basilica pealed anticipating the joy of what was going to take place and the music of the Notre Dame Folk Choir filled the Basilica, the procession up the main aisle began, being led by Holy Cross seminarians in the traditional Holy Cross habit, all of whom had been close brothers of Nate during his years of formation and academic preparation.

For me, there were almost too many moving moments to even begin to enumerate them. Bishop Jenky once mentioned to a group of his friends that when he ordains fellow Holy Cross priests, he avoids spontaneous comments because of how especially moving these ordinations are for him.

There was the testimony given by a family from the parish telling the bishop that they had profited from

Nate's ministry in many ways, and recommended that he be ordained a priest. It was a humorous, serious and beautiful moment of what it means to be a Church. And as the smallest child from that family added yet another affirmation, the Church was filled with laughter and sustained applause.

When Nate laid prostrate on the floor of the main aisle during the Litany of the Saints, he held out his arms, making his body into a sign of

After a beautiful homily on the meaning of what was going to take place, Bishop Jenky laid his hands on Nate's head, and every priest present then did the same. Holy Cross religious know each other well. We are very proud of our candidates and seminarians, and grateful to God for their willingness to join us in life and ministry. So many images, memories and so much gratitude filled our hearts as we awaited our turn to place our hands on Nate's head. I was told that Nate used the sleeve of his alb several times to wipe away tears of awe and joy. And most of us had lumps in our throats. When the bishop gave a warm embrace to the newly ordained priest, the Basilica was once again filled with applause.

After Nate was vested as a priest for the first time by his best friend, Father Sean McGraw, C.S.C. — who is pursuing doctoral studies in comparative politics at Harvard — he joined us around the altar for the first of thousands of times that he would be privileged to celebrate the Eucharist for God's people.

When the Mass was over, the bells of the Basilica pealed again, and numerous visitors who were on campus for the Blue-Gold Game gathered in front of the Basilica to see what was taking place. The concelebrating priests formed a semi-circle in front of the Basilica, and greeted the newest Holy Cross priest with smiles and applause.

Everyone knows what a critical moment the Church in our country is experiencing because of a shortage of vocations to religious life and the priesthood. The young men joining Holy Cross today are fewer in number than in previous generations. But they are devout, courageous, zealous, intelligent and highly motivated young men who are filled with energy in their desire to serve the Church through their ministry.

As Constitution Four of the Congregation of Holy Cross reminds us, "Our calling is to serve the Lord Jesus in mission not as independent individuals but in a brotherhood. Our community life refreshes the faith that makes our work a ministry and not just an employment; it fortifies us by the example and encouragement of our confreres ... We are a sign in an alienated world: men who have, for the love of their Lord, become closest neighbors, trustworthy friends, brothers."

I know that Nate's heart is filled with joy because he "answered the call." And the Church and the Congregation of Holy Cross are richer because he is one of us. He will serve God's people very well for years to come.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Biology cannot be discounted

Back in February, I was quite pleased to see many detractors of "The Vagina Monologues" presenting their views in a frank yet cogent manner. Many of their clear, well-founded points gave me pause and challenged me to re-evaluate my own motives in participating in this year's performance of the play. Recently, however, the frequent and generic contrasts made between the portrayal of women in the play (which has apparently transcended its humble beginnings as an artistic social satire to attain the status of a theological treatise) and the Church's teachings about female personhood have been both irritating and inadequately explored.

In his most recent polemic, Professor Emeritus Rice argues that the Monologues violate the "unity of soul and body" mentioned in Pope John Paul II's writings by encouraging women to identify with their vaginas. I give him credit for asserting that women should not think of themselves solely in terms of their biology, but I would challenge him to illustrate how exactly "the ennobling Catholic teaching on women and sexuality" diverges from this trend. Can anyone who has actually read the discourses of the Church fathers on women look one of us in the face and tell us that our biology does not dictate our standing within the Church?

Because women have vaginas, we cannot act in persona Christi as ordained ministers of God's Word. The "natural resemblance" demanded by Thomas Aquinas includes the presence of a penis on the person of the priest.

Because women have vaginas, we are to play the role supposedly dictated to us by God through the receptive nature of our genitalia: submission and silence. Our husbands are to choose and actively initiate the process of procreation. Should a woman say or think otherwise, John Paul II deems her to have an "unnatural resistance" to motherhood.

Because women have vaginas, we are essentially different from men, down to the very core of our beings. Women and men are mutually alien and incomplete. We require union in order to achieve full personhood. This pathological codependency, which would be treated as a mental disorder if fully expressed on the individual level, is known in the Church as the principle of complementarity, a divine mechanism of God's own design.

In writing this letter, I wish to point out the inherent hypocrisy of using vague references to gender-imbalanced writings to denounce "The Vagina Monologues" for identifying women with their genitalia. I would challenge future columnists to do their homework and present Church documents whose portrayal of women actually runs counter to what they see in the play. I'm sure they're out there somewhere.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"[Hollywood]: A place where they'll pay you a thousand dollars for a kiss, and fifty cents for your soul."

Marilyn Monroe actress

VIEWPOINT

Leave the race issue out of it

North Carolina — a place where the Civil War was popularly known as "The War of Northern Aggression." And prior to the war (whatever you choose to call it), it was also a place

where hundreds of black slaves labored on tobacco plantations. In modern times, North Carolina has been a site of racial gerrymandering, as the notorious salamander-shaped 12th Congressional District was drawn along the I-85 corri-

dor to give African Americans one black representative, while unfairly diluting African-American voting blocs in

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other districts. While North Carolina may be well south of the Mason-Dixon line, not everything there is about race.

On the evening of March 13, a twenty-seven year-old exotic dancer called 911. She claimed that she had been forced into a bathroom and then raped by three Duke lacrosse players. She was black, and they were white. Thus, people pitted the conflict as one in which males from an exclusive "sanctuary of the white man" private school took advantage of a poor black

But was this the correct characterization? While Duke may have originally been the stronghold of the southern white male, the demographics of the student body have changed throughout the years. The latest Princeton Review reported that 56 percent of the student body is Caucasian. Moreover, most of the student body hails from outside of North Carolina, and the South in general. The men's lacrosse team is particularly non-southern, as over half of the team hails from the three northeastern states of New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

Via e-mail, one of these New Jersey natives expressed his desire to invite strippers to his room, kill them and cut off their skin. He didn't mention that the skin had to be black.

Yet the media infused the conflict with racial undertones. A New York Times article said that a full-page ad in the college newspaper which deemed the happenings a "social disaster" was paid for by "the department of African and African-American studies along with other departments." Why only mention the black groups? It feeds the racial undertones of the story.

And is this really a "social disaster"? Isn't it more of a moral disas-

The player's e-mail reminds me of the horrifyingly disturbing (and fictional, thank goodness) movie 'Hostel," in which some people paid thousands of dollars to torture and kill people for their own personal

enjoyment. One couldn't help but watch the movie and shudder at the immorality of the acts. Similarly, if this boy wanted to tear off a stripper's skin, isn't that a moral problem?

And what about the act of stripping? Exotic dancing is not considered a moral activity by most standards. Moreover, the 27-year-old woman was also a mother! What kind of a mother is also a stripper?

But many failed to consider that, and instead played the race card. Those who play that card in this story are no better than baseball player Sammy Sosa, who claimed, in the midst of a sub-par 2004 season, that Chicago fans were turning against him not because of his poor batting average, but because of the color of

Those who play the race card are also no better than those who claimed that the firing of Tyrone Willingham after a sub-par 2005 Notre Dame football season was not because of his team's poor win-loss record, but because of the color of his skin. (And what are those people are thinking now, after Charlie Weis led practically the same team to a BCS bowl?)

Recent DNA tests connected zero of the forty-six white lacrosse players to the rape. So what if the rape never happened in the first place?

If the young woman did fabricate her story, she'd be no better than the Missouri couple who faked the birth of sextuplets in order to receive donations from compassionate people. But instead of exploiting the generosity of others, this exotic dancer will have exploited American sympathies regarding the race conflict. Then we'd have an altogether different moral problem on our hands.

Regardless of the case's outcome, if any social problems have been clearly exposed, it is the problem of studentathletes and the amount of extra leeway they are given in most colleges. While Notre Dame prides itself in maintaining high standards for its student-athletes, the University seems to be a rare exception these days. The Duke rape scandal may be another story in a series that includes Coach Gary Barnett and the Colorado football recruiting scandal of 2004, in which recruits were given sex, money and alcohol as a means of luring them on to the university's football team.

Race brought on the Civil War (or the "War of Northern Aggression," whichever you prefer). Race brought on unfair redistricting. But race may not have brought about this heinous crime. Not all incidents in North Carolina are race-related. Sometimes, they're just about morality.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Immigration and the economy

The national debate on U.S. immigration policy flared just prior to the Congressional recess and is sure to do so again once policymakers return to their offices in the last week of April. The temporary quiet on this issue is an ideal time for considering subtleties of the immigration debate that might have been overlooked in moments of political battle.

This piece summarizes some relevant facts that have so far not become prominent in the national discussion on this topic. Its purpose is not to persuade readers of a particular position, but rather to raise the level of information that the general reader brings to thinking about immigration policy.

These facts were proposed and compiled by students in an economics course on "Migration, Education and Assimilation" at the University of Notre Dame. They reflect their opinions about salient points to consider when weighing the current immigration reform propos-

1. It is important to consider whether immigrants close out jobs for natives and/or whether they fuel other social problems, such as discrimination. For example, an influx of immigrants may affect the migra other Americans. William Collins of Vanderbilt University has shown that the great number of immigrants from Europe early in the century filled up the high-paying manufacturing jobs in America. Due to discrimination against blacks, companies hired the immigrants before black workers, even if they had the same skills. Thus, there was no opportunity for black Americans in this sector until immigration slowed in mid-century. Had there been less immigration, more openings would have existed for black workers, and they would have had approximately 50 more years to assimilate into the American economy and social sys-

2. The composition of immigrants has changed substantially over the decades due to various reforms. Before the reforms of the 1960s, U.S. policy largely allowed European immigrants across American borders; after the changes more and more immigrants began to come from developing nations in Africa and Latin and South America. These changes dramatically affected the skill sets of arriving immigrants. The educational differences across sending countries mean that more recent immigrants have much lower educational attainment than previous immigrant groups.

3. Immigration is a situation that probably affects all Americans, regardless of whether all Americans are aware of this. Following the simple rules of supply and demand, an increase in immigration has the possibility

to lower the local wage in an area, like a state or city. As more people move into an area, the demand for work increases, thus reducing the wage that employers need to pay to get workers. This can lower the wages of natives in the area, but the effect can potentially be felt nationwide. As natives move to other areas to escape immigrant competition for jobs, they in turn compete with other natives for jobs.

4. In general, illegal immigrants do not take jobs from American workers. The vast majority has lower skill levels or education and end up with jobs reflecting this. Only those workers in the market for lower-skilled jobs really "compete" against these immigrants for jobs.

5. Most proposals include plans for a temporary worker program, allowing immigrants to be matched with American jobs that natives essentially do not want. At present, many believe immigrant workers to have negative effects on the wages of natives throughout the country. Some evidence is available to support this claim: a study by George Borjas of Harvard University found immigration leads to a three to four percent reduction in the wages of less skilled natives. It's important both to note that these effects are felt almost entirely by low-skilled natives and, similarly, to consider the economic welfare of America's poor when calling attention to U.S. immigration policy.

6. The immigration reform policies strongly advocate immigrant The Water's assimilation. Borjas has also shown that recent immigrant cohorts are much more dominated by a few ethnic Fine? groups than were the wave of immigration early in the century. With an increase in the percentage of immigrants sharing the same ethnic heritage, immigrants are more and more able to establish enclave cultures and economic systems largely isolated from the rest of the U.S. population. Isolated enclaves are more feasible the larger the ethnic population. Enclaves, however, produce negative effects such as a lack of English proficiency and consequently lower wages. Policymakers who desire assimilation should write legislation to encourage a smooth assimilation stage after the seemingly inevitable enclave stage.

7. Immigration can help increase the productivity of native workers. With immigrants taking care of the low skilled labor, natives can devote their time to jobs where they are the most productive. This increase in productivity will inevitably help out the American economy.

8. The main proposals give insufficient attention to important assimilation aspects such as English language attainment. According to researchers at the Universities of Houston and Chicago, learning English gives a considerable wage boost in the range of 10-30 percent. Additionally, Ilana Redstone Akresh of University of Illinois finds that 50 percent of immigrants face a large occupational downgrade largely because of a lack of English skills. While the plan does address connecting foreign workers with the jobs that Americans do not

want, the economy could be greatly improved if America could "unlock" the skills of many non-English speaking immigrants. The

source for low-skilled immigrant jobs is effectively unlimited, but America could tap into a valuable resource of skilled jobs by translating skills bet-

9. Funding for border security has increased by 66 percent since 2000, but it is unclear whether this increase is getting the desired results. Just because Border Security Agents apprehended more people in the past year does not mean that any fewer people entered the country. Moreover, the goal of having "full control" of the border will require large financial expenditures that could be used elsewhere.

10. Research shows that citizenship status is related to significantly higher levels of financial investment by first-generation immigrants. These investments represent home ownership and sav-

ings for retirement, and they contribute to economic independence for the second generation. Temporary worker programs reduce the incentive for these investments and increase the likelihood that children born to temporary workers will depend on state support.



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CONCERT REVIEW

O.A.R. revolutionizes sound, potential

By BOB COSTA Scene Critic

Although not on Notre Dame's campus, Tuesday's O.A.R. concert at the Morris Center for the Performing Arts was certainly filled with many frayed ND-logo hats, popped collars and a few local Deadheads looking for a fresh groove. Playing to a nearly sold-out audience of mostly area college and high-school students, rock band O.A.R. (Of A Revolution) played a two-hour set that focused on the band's new album while throwing a few bones to its fan base with a set-list that also included some songs that were first debuted in the late-Nineties when the band was playing the local concert circuit around the Ohio State University.

Before releasing their most recent studio album "Stories of a Stranger," O.A.R. was at a crossroads. They had loads of talent and a raucous live show that appealed to people who dug Sublime and those into John Mayer. But, they still were being pegged as a younger version of the Dave Matthews Band due to their rootsrock vibe and the inclusion of a saxophonist in its main lineup. After independently releasing albums like "The Wanderer" and "Any Time Now," the band signed with a major-label and released "In Between Now and Then" in 2003 on Everfine/Lava. The reception to the album was lukewarm and featured many O.A.R. songs retread from previous albums.

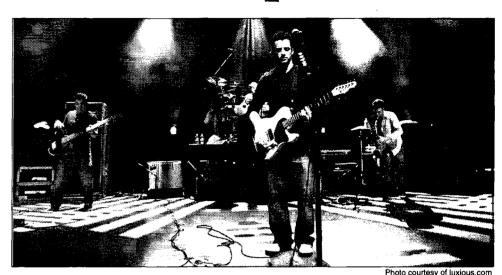
With their new record, O.A.R. has finally released a real album. "Stories of a Stranger" is tightly focused and scatters jazz, folk and O.A.R.'s unique brand of reggae into a pop formula that keeps the songs in front and the jams in the back. Lyricist and lead singer Marc Roberge has been known to meander around with words on previous records, mixing religious enthusiasm with the follies of a poker game gone bad. It is notable that

Roberge collaborated with Glen Ballard on the songs "Program Director" and "Love and Memories." Ballard is the same man who produced Alanis Morrisette on her breakthrough "Jagged Little Pill" and Dave Matthews Band on "Everyday" — which "Stories of a Stranger" echoes in many ways.

"Stories of a Stranger" is O.AR.'s best studio album by far, although other O.A.R. fans at the show disagreed. Some see it as a "sell-out" to commercialism and pop while others thought it is the album O.A.R. had to release in order to get out of its stagnant quasi-"jam-band" rut. Regardless of where you stand on the pop nature of the album, the songs from "Stories" seem to only get better when explored live by the band and talented keyboardist Michael Paris, who has been a guest with O.A.R. for their entire spring tour. The expansive stage of the Morris Center was a perfect venue for the band to stretch out its musical legs and rock-

Most of O.A.R.'s foray into the Top 40 world has been positive, especially with its songwriting, but many of the band's diehard fans were unenthusiastic about this current tour. For years, O.A.R. has cultivated a "grassroots" image of a college band that laid its reputation down every night with frat-happy songs interspersed with a bit of wisdom and tons of energy. Now, after signing to a major-label in Lava/Atlantic Records, the band has its tour sponsored by Sony Computer Entertainment and Major League Baseball. After Army of Me opened, fans were beset by a barrage of commercials for video games and MLB products hawked by O.A.R. members — not exactly the epitome of musical integrity for a band that stood steadfastly independent for so

Other performances from the new record "Stories of a Stranger" correlated surprisingly well into the live setting. Lead



O.A.R. (Of A Revolution) performs at The Greek Theatre in Los Angeles. The group recently played the Morris Center for the Performing Arts on Tuesday.

singer Marc Roberge led his band into taut renditions of "Heard the World" and "The Stranger" where it was easy to tell that the band had much more fun playing around with than their older, almost tired, songs that they've been playing non-stop for close to five years. The fervor in which O.A.R. approached other new songs like "52-50," "One Shot" and "Lay Down" was infectious.

O.A.R. then segued into "Love and Memories," the Maryland-based band's current single that has been a top 20 hit at both Hot AC and Triple A radio outlets. With its infusion of a crackling guitar riff played by guitarist Richard On, the ballad caused a frenzy in the crowd who had been slightly dazed for a few song — perhaps due to the unmistakable organic scent wafting around the Morris Center's vaulted ceilings. Instead of being a hippie love song like many of O.A.R.'s older tunes, "Love and Memories" in a live setting was a frantic and tightly wound pop song — more like The Killers than Dave

Matthews.

The Morris Center concert concluded with Roberge playing a solo acoustic rendition of the haunting unreleased song "Princess Valerie," which Roberge said was still "in development." The entire O.A.R. ensemble joined Roberge for one last song to end the evening — their fanfavorite concert staple "That Was a Crazy Game of Poker." Still, for a band that once made its name off that song's popularity, "Poker" was hardly the night's best song. As much as its fans may not like to admit it. O.A.R. is much better in playing its poprock songs off "Stories of a Stranger" then any of its attempts at reggae-infused rhythms. The band can improvise and extend its songs into the ten minute territory, but the best moments of Tuesday's show came when O.A.R. concentrated its melodies into a concise harmony that didn't noodle off into a muddy jam with no direction.

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DVD REVIEW

'Ten Commandments' mystique still set in stone

By MARTY SCHROEDER

Scene Critic

It has been 50 years since God parted the Red Sea on movie screens. Now, with the recently-released DVD from Paramount Home Video the 1956 epic "The Ten Commandments" can be enjoyed anywhere this side of Egypt.

Directed by the prolific Cecil B. DeMille, this film told the story of Moses from his birth to his death in relation to his mission as the deliverer of the nation of Israel from slavery in Egypt. Extra-Biblical sections of the story are added such as his tenure in the court of the Pharaoh, where he is a prince of Egypt. The love triangle between himself, Rameses II, and the princess Nefretiri is also explored.

Moses begins the film at the height of power, falls to the rank of slave, is driven out into the desert and returns to Egypt as God's chosen deliverer. The narrative then follows the Jews from Mt. Sinai where Moses receives the Ten Commandments — a Hollywood-style snafu, since the Ten Commandments were actually revealed to the entire people of Israel before Moses received the tablets unlike the film — to their entry across to the River Jordan to the Biblical Promised Land.

Charlton Heston's Moses is a charismatic character and easily the emotional crux of the film. Heston adds a power to the role that some may find over-acted, but to others seems powerful and moving. Yul Brynner is equally charismatic in his sinister performance as Rameses. He becomes Pharaoh and is the target of the famous axiom "Let my people go!" Edward G. Robinson, made famous by 1930s and 40s gangster films, is also of note for his performance of the traitorous Hebrew Dathan.

Noted for its epic proportions, this film was massive in its undertaking. Parts of it were filmed on location in Egypt. For the scenes involving sandstorms, DeMille had

jets from the Egyptian Air Force tied down and their engines turned on to blow sand.

The sheer number of extras used is staggering. Over 14,000 people and 15,000 animals were used in shooting this film, along with 300,000 gallons of water for the parting of the Red Sea sequence. The water was filmed rushing

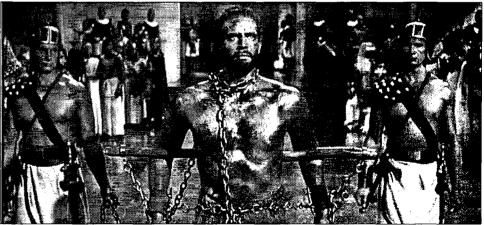


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Charlton Heston, center, portrays Moses in the 1956 film "The Ten Commandments." The movie was recently released on DVD by Paramount.

into a tank and then played backwards for the film. While it may look dated today, it still stands as a spectacle and an amazing spot of special effects.

Along with the 1956 version of the film, the DVD set also includes the 1923 black and white version. This film takes the Biblical narrative and uses it as a prologue for a story with a modern setting. It came about after DeMille solicited ideas for a film from everyday people. Someone submitted an idea for a story about the Ten Commandments and DeMille though it would make an excellent film.

This prologue is the story of the Jews in captivity and begins with Moses already as

the deliverer telling Pharaoh to let his people free. It then follows them to Mt. Sinai, where Moses receives the tablets and the Golden Calf is fashioned. The story then follows two brothers in 1923 — one who follows the Bible and another who does not.

These two movies are now in a complete set. Alone, the films are good — but become better when watched together. The evolution of DeMille's filmmaking can be observed and his devotion to the craft — he suffered a heart attack filming the second one — is undeniable.

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Paramount Home Video





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EVENT PREVIEW

The Fisher Regatta 2006

Fisher Hall's signature event aims to bring out competitive spirit within dorms

The Fisher Regatta

2006

St. Mary's Lake

Date: April 29th

Time: 1 p.m.

By TAE ANDREWS Assistant Scene Editor

Ahoy, mates! This Saturday, scurvy scallywags and barnacle-encrusted boatswains alike will push off in the annual Fisher Regatta. Those intrepid sailors courageous enough to brave the rough seas and toxic waters of St. Mary's Lake will enter the field in pursuit of the hallowed Regatta Cup, now celebrating its 20th anniversary.

First started in April 1986, the Fisher Regatta boasts a boat race across St. Mary's Lake. The rules are simple — the vessels must be homemade, all crewmembers must remain in their boats and no boats can intentionally set a crash course with another vessel. Other than that, all bets are off, and may the best boat win.

While for casual Regatta goers attending the Saturday event may be a spur of the moment decision, the dedicated men of Fisher Hall have spent the past week gearing up for the momentous occasion. In preparation for Regatta, Fisher holds its annual Fred and Sally week, so named for Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Fisher, the donors who helped build the green and white men's residence hall.

Fisher started Fred and Sally week with a Grotto Mass with Howard this past Sunday night, followed by a grill out. Afterwards, they kicked off the week with an unofficial parade of the newly refurbished "Jolly Piggot," the ceremonial flagship of Fisher Hall. It stands in dry-dock now, firmly anchored to a tree in front of the South Quad dorm. However, newly adorned with a

fresh coat of paint and bearing the green and white standard of Fisher Hall, the "Jolly Piggot" is at once the pride of a dorm's legacy and its symbol of an ongoing tradition.

This past Monday night, the Fishermen were treated with a talk from the director of Alumni Relations Chuck Lennon at the Eck Visitors center, across from the Notre Dame Bookstore. Known for his ability to incite thousands of Irish fans to "raise the roof" at Notre

Dame football pep rallies, Lennon maintains a special relationship with Fisher hall.

Tuesday night was host to Fisher's annual Section Wars, in which the salty seadogs honed their buccaneer

skills with arm wrestling competition, pie eating contests (with both lightweight and heavyweight divisions) and crazy haircuts doled out by fellow dorm members. Doubtless, more than a few rounds of Fisher's signature chant ("We...We Are...We Are Fisher...We Are Fishermen, Hey!") broke out during this dorm spirit event. In keeping with their nautical nature, Co-Chairmen John "Mac" Longo and Jeremy Moreno, who cite "The Little Mermaid" and "Captain Ron" as their favorite nautical films, are chairing the Fisher Regatta.

After the conclusion of the Regatta, Fisher will hold its Regatta Dance in the Fisher/Pangborn Courtyard, entitled "Shipwrecked: Lost at Sea," a fate

which hopefully won't fall upon any of the teams entered in the Regatta field.

"The boats usually do a pretty good job of staying afloat. Usually we have three to four sinkers, but that's why we have four scuba divers on hand. We're big on security," Fisher Regatta Co-Chairman John "Mac" Longo said.

Longo's words couldn't be truer. In addition to scuba divers, the Regatta will have three rescue boats on hand, in addition to a veritable host of NDSP,

> NDFD, and local area South Bend officials ever present in the case of an emergency.

For those vessels that prove themselves seaworthy and manage to stay afloat, the competition

will be stiff. Last year, Badin Hall won the Regatta for the women, and O'Neill Hall is the two-time repeat champion on the men's side. Also, Fisher cross-lake rival Carroll Hall is a consistent threat to the title, always providing a good challenge from the Notre Dame campus' most secluded dorm, The fierce Griffins of Stanford Hall figure to make a strong push for the Cup, given their runner-up finish last year and the fact that they are captained by the crusty Larry Bailey, as seasoned a bilge rat as they come

In the past, Notre Dame shipwrights have displayed significant imagination in the design of their watercraft. Two years ago, one vessel was assembled

with the use of highly buoyant kegs, and a past girls' dorm boat was created entirely out of Twister game boards. However, the Regatta Co-Chairmen aren't resting on their proverbial laurels, offering an inaugural award for the most original craft entered in the Regatta.

"We're looking for a little more creativity this year," Fisher Co-Chairman Jeremy Moreno said.

Longo also noted a developing trend in nautical fashion.

"Many Notre Dame rectors and rectresses are big on putting their dogs on their dorms' boats. However, I don't think the dogs are too big on that."

One thing Fisher Hall is big on is charity. With a \$30 entry fee per boat, all of the proceeds garnered from the Regatta will go to the charitable organization Andre House. Located in Phoenix, Arizona, the Andre House is a homeless shelter run by Holy Cross order priests.

Another part of Fisher's Hall's generosity will be the refreshments served up for Regatta landlubbers all day long, free of charge. Fishermen will spend the Saturday afternoon both behind oars at sea and behind barbeques on land, grilling up mouthwatering hamburgers, hot dogs and bratwursts for any who attend the event. The combination of crisp sea air, breathtaking boat racing, and delicious food is more than a good enough reason for any Notre Dame or St. Mary's student to keelhaul themselves out of bed and motor over to St. Mary's Lake this Saturday.

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MLB

Sheets shuts down Braves as Brewers complete sweep

Pujols makes up for Isringhausen's blown save with game-winning RBI-single in the ninth to beat Pittsburgh

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Ben Sheets is back to winning, and the Milwaukee Brewers already are accomplishing unprecedented feats.

Sheets got his first victory since tearing a back muscle last August, and the Brewers beat Atlanta 5-4 Wednesday for their first sweep of any kind against the Braves.

"There's a first time for everything," Sheets said. "I'm glad it was this time."

Sheets' fastball reached 96 mph on the radar gun as late as his final inning. Sheets (1-2) gave up two runs and six hits, striking out nine in six innings.

"Believe it or not, Benny wasn't nearly as sharp as his last start," Brewers manager Ned Yost said. "He's back healthy again — we don't even think about that anymore — and doing what he does best. He was on the attack."

The Brewers ace's season ended last Aug. 26 when he hurt himself while pitching against the Braves. He began this year on the disabled list with shoulder problems related to the back but struck out 16 in a pair of losses at New York and home against Cincinnati.

"I'm thinking about making

outs. I told y'all, I feel good," Sheets said in his native Louisiana drawl. "I'm not saying something couldn't happen, but if it keeps going, I'm going to keep pitching like I am and I ain't going to worry about it."

Milwaukee won three straight for its first sweep of any length over the Braves since moving from the American League to the NL in 1998. It's yet another step for a team that has real expectations for the first time after going 81-81 last season.

"That's the class of the league over there. It's been the class of the league or in the top class of the league the last 14 years," said Yost, who spent 12 years on the Braves coaching staff with Cox before becoming Milwaukee's manager in 2003. "We've never even won a series at home against them, let alone a sweep."

St. Louis 4, Pittsburgh 3

Albert Pujols prevented Jason Isringhausen's latest failure from hurting the St. Louis Cardinals.

Pujols hit a game-winning single in the ninth inning after Isringhausen allowed a tying home run to Jose Hernandez in the top half, giving the Cardinals the victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates on

Wednesday and a three-game sweep.

Pujols, who leads the majors with 29 RBIs, has the gamewinning RBI in four of the Cardinals' last five victories.

"Izzy, I know he wanted to get that save right there, and he made a mistake," Pujols said. "But we came out with a win, and everybody will forget about what happened."

St. Louis led 3-2 with two outs in the ninth when Hernandez hit his first homer of the season. Isringhausen (1-2) has allowed three homers in eight innings this year, two resulting in losses, and has a 6.75 ERA.

"Just one bad pitch I wish I could get back, but I can't," Isringhausen said. "It's just frustrating more than anything, but we'll be back out there."

The Hernandez homer denied Mark Mulder his 100th career victory. Then, in the bottom half, David Eckstein and Hector Luna hit consecutive singles off Roberto Hernandez (0-1), and Pujols lined a 2-2 pitch down the third-base line.

Pujols was down 0-2 earlier in the count.

"I know if I get two strikes, I can still take the same approach and get a base hit," Pujols said.

Philadelphia 9, Colorado 5

A suddenly potent offense is helping the Philadelphia Phillies overcome their subpar pitching.

David Bell hit a three-run homer and Pat Burrell drove in two runs in Philadelphia's victory over the Colorado Rockies on Wednesday night.

Mike Lieberthal and Chase Utley each had three hits for the Phillies, who improved to 5-9 at home.

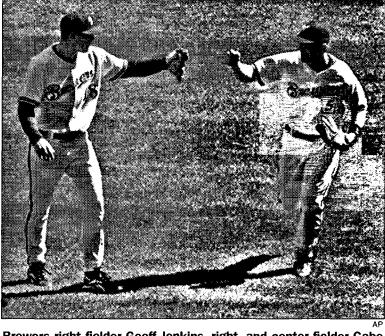
Since manager Charlie Manuel juggled his lineup on Monday, the Phillies have 21 runs and 34 hits in three games.

"We have guys who are going to hit no matter where they are in the lineup," said Bell, who remained in the No. 7 spot.

Manuel moved Utley from fifth to second, dropped Aaron Rowand to sixth and put slugger Ryan Howard fifth instead of sixth or seventh. So far, it's worked well.

"Our hitting was pretty sound," Manuel said. Cory Sullivan had four hits,

Cory Sullivan had four hits, including a solo homer for Colorado, which lost for only the third time in nine road games.



Brewers right fielder Geoff Jenkins, right, and center fielder Gabe Goss celebrate Milwaukee's 5-4 win over the Braves Wednesday.

Ryan Madson (2-1) allowed four runs and 10 hits in five shaky innings. A successful reliever his first two seasons, Madson has been inconsistent in four starts, posting an 8.05 ERA.

The rest of Philadelphia's starters haven't been much better. They have a 6.36 ERA, second-worst in the National League.

Toronto 8, Baltimore 2

Alex Rios' strong start this season isn't a fluke. Just ask teammate Vernon Wells.

Wells homered twice and Rios had three hits to help the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Baltimore Orioles on Wednesday night.

"It's fun to watch," Wells said of Rios. "He's coming into his own. He's figuring out what he's capable of doing. I'm proud of him. He's working hard and its paying off."

Rios hit his sixth home run, a two-run shot off Erik Bedard, in the sixth. Wells followed with his first homer of the game off Sendy Rleal to give Toronto a 6-2 lead.

Rios is platooning with Eric Hinske in right field, but he's making it hard for Blue Jays manager John Gibbons to keep him on the bench.

Rios went 3-for-4 with a walk, raising his average to .396. He didn't hit his sixth home run last

year until August 8. He finished with 10 after hitting just one in his rookie season.

The Blue Jays finished with 13 hits.

"This is fun to be a part of. Everybody is swinging the bat really well," Wells said.

Los Angeles 4, Detroit 0

While Bartolo Colon is on the disabled list, the Los Angeles Angels are getting by fine without their ace.

John Lackey allowed one hit over eight innings, Vladimir Guerrero hit a two-run homer and Angels defeated the Detroit Tigers Wednesday for their second shutout in three games.

"It's big for us," Los Angeles manager Mike Scioscia said. "These guys have to pitch deep into a game to give us a chance to win, and you couldn't ask for a better job than John gave us."

The Angels took two of three from Detroit and have won five of their last six series, also beating the New York Yankees, Texas, Minnesota and Oakland.

Colon, the AL Cy Young Award winner, went on the 15-day disabled list on April 19 with an inflamed right shoulder.

"We need that starting pitching, that's a strength of ours," Scioscia said. "Our bullpen has been lights out. That part has to stay the same until our hitting gets its feet on the ground and gets our offense going."

St. Louis first baseman Albert Pujols connects for the game-winning single against Pittsburgh Wednesday. The Cardinals won 4-3.

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Toronto	11-8	.579	6-4	1	
NY Yankees	10-9	.526	5-5	2	
Baltimore	11-11	.500	4-6	2.5	
Tampa Bay	9-12	.429	4-6	4	
American League Central					
team	record	perc.	last 10	GB	
Chicago Sox	14-6	.700	9-1		
Detroit	13-9	.591	6-4	2	
Cleveland	11-10	.524	4-6	3.5	
Minnesota	8-12	.400	3-7	6	
Kansas City	5-14	.263	3-7	8.5	
American League West					
team	record	perc.	last 10	GB	
LA Angels	12-10	.545	6-4		
Texas	11-11	.500	7-3	1	
Oakland	10-12	455	4-6	2	
Seattle	8-14	.364	2-8	4	
National League East					
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NY Mets	14-7	.667	5-5	-	
Philadelphia	9-11	.450	5-5	4.5	
Atlanta	9-12	.429	4-6	5	
Washington	7-14	.333	5-5	7	
Florida	6-13	.316	3-7	7	
National League Central					
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Houston	15-6	.714	8-2		
Cincinnati	15-7	.682	8-2	. 5	
St. Louis	14-7	.667 .600	8-2	1 1	
Chicago	12-8	.600	6-4	2.5	
Cubs	12-10	.545	5-5	3.5	
Milwaukee	5-18	.217	1-9	11	
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7	Princeton	7-4	6
8	Navy	9-3	4
9	Syracuse	6-4	9
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NHL

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PGA

Zurich Classic of New Orleans, 4 p.m., USA

NFL



Texas quarterback Vince Young looks downfield against Kansas on Nov. 12, 2005. The Houston Texans announced Wednesday they will not take Young in Saturday's NFL Draft.

Texans choose to pass on Vince Young

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Sorry, Vince, but you won't be playing for your hometown team.

The Houston Texans will take Southern Cal running back Reggie Bush or North Carolina State defensive end Mario Williams with the first pick in Saturday's draft, general manager Charley Casserly said Wednesday.

The Texans dashed the hopes of Texas fans who have been clamoring for the team to pick Vince Young, a Houston native who led the Longhorns to a Rose Bowl win and the

national championship over Bush and USC.

"We came to the conclusion that to draft a quarter-back, whether it be Vince Young, Matt Leinart or Jay Cutler, was not the best thing for this football team," Casserly said. "The best thing for this football team was to use the first pick in this draft to add a premier player at another position."

Casserly said part of the decision involved contacting other teams to see if they wanted to trade for the top pick.

"Right now we have nobody interested in that first pick, so we have gone ahead and begun negotiations with two players," Casserly said.

The public fervor for the team to pick Young hasn't died down since he declared for the NFL draft four days after his 467-yard performance in the Rose Bowl. The latest example came when a local businessman bought a full-page ad in Sunday's Houston Chronicle imploring Texans owner Bob McNair to draft Young.

Casserly agreed the pressure from fans to pick Young has been unprecedented.

"People have asked me to think of a comparable situation. I can't think of one," Casserly said.

He had many glowing things to say about Young and said he understands the "fans' passion," but the Texans decided he wasn't right for the them.

"When you're on this side of the table, the only thing that counts is winning," Casserly said. "You've got to do what you think is the best way to win, so you've got to eliminate all of those outside influences ... because at the end of the day all anybody cares about is the score on Sunday.

"We didn't think it was the right decision to win the most games for us."

IN BRIEF

PGA golfers doing their part to help rebuild New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS — Before they start playing for \$6 million at the Zurich Classic, Masters champion Phil Mickelson, David Toms and other players at English Turn are giving money away to help rebuild New Orleans.

Toms, the only Louisiana native to win this tournament, already has raised about \$1.6 million through his foundation. On Wednesday, he teamed with one of his sponsors, Humana, to hand out \$100,000 checks to four local groups trying to help children and families recover from Hurricane Katrina. One of those charities is Desire Street Academy, run by former Heisman Trophy winner Danny Wuerffel.

Mickelson wrote a \$250,000 check last year to foundations run by Toms, Kelly Gibson and Hal

Rookie Bowyer enjoying fantastic Nextel Cup season

fantastic Nextel Cup season
CHARLOTTE, N.C. — To gauge
just how far Richard Childress
Racing has come in its companywide bid for improvement, look
beyond Kevin Harvick's success
and Jeff Burton's resurgence.

The true indicator is Clint Bowyer, who quietly is having a tremendous rookie season and proving that Childress is committed to getting all three of his teams to the top.

Bowyer is coming off his best run of the year, a fifth-place finish last weekend in Phoenix. He led 21 laps, his first time out front in a Nextel Cup race, and spent 269 of the 312 laps in the top 10. Harvick won the race and Burton finished ninth, making it a solid night for the Childress teams.

But Childress wasn't around to see any of it. The car owner was on an African safari.

Rafael Nadal wins 43rd consecutive clay court match

BARCELONA, Spain — Top-seeded Rafael Nadal beat fellow Spaniard Feliciano Lopez 6-4, 6-2 Wednesday in the second round at the Open Seat Godo, earning his 43rd straight win on clay.

The 19-year-old Nadal, the French Open and Godo champion, will play qualifier Ivan Navarro Pastor for a spot in the quarterfinals. Nadal is aiming to become the first player since Thomas Muster in 1995-96 to win back-to-back Godo titles.

Earlier, Ivo Karlovic from Croatia upset second-seeded Nikolay Davydenko 6-7 (7), 7-5, 6-4. Former champions Tommy Robredo, Juan Carlos Ferrero and Albert Costa also reached the third round.

The No. 2 ranked Nadal converted 3-of-4 break chances in the second set to avenge a loss in 2003 to the 24-year-old Lopez in their only other meeting.

NCAA FOOTBALL

Bush pursuers lacked experience

'I know for a fact they never met with Reggie,' says industry expert

Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — A financial and tax consultant said the man who reportedly tried to land Heisman Trophy winner Reggie Bush for his startup sports marketing firm didn't have any experience in the business.

David Reyes said he met with Michael C. Michaels and Lloyd Lake before they began courting Bush for New Era Sports & Entertainment LLC. Michaels and Lake, used Reyes' office address on a brochure for New Era Sports.

The two men reportedly also attempted to compel Bush to sign with San Diego agent David Caravantes, who is certified to negotiate NFL contracts. Caravantes represents six players, none of them considered stars, according to NFL Players Association records.

"I know for a fact they never met with Reggie," said Reyes, who advises pro athletes on how they can help minimize taxes on signing bonuses.

"Quite honestly, I was concerned from the beginning with this whole deal with Reggie, as far as getting him," Reyes said. "Most people felt he was going to be a No. 1

pick, and he was going with more of a known entity."

Reyes also said he wasn't aware of Michaels and Lake having any marketing experience.

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"This was all from scratch,"
Reyes said. "They didn't have
the credentials."

Bush didn't sign with New Era Sports or Caravantes, who did not return phone messages and e-mails seeking comment Tuesday.

Bush's family lived in a house owned by Michaels for nearly a year. Yahoo.com reported Sunday that the family moved out last weekend after questions over its ownership arose.

The Pac-10 said Sunday that it will investigate whether any NCAA rules were violated when Bush's family, including mother Denise Griffin, stepfather LaMar Griffin and brother Jovan Griffin lived in the house in the San Diego suburb of Spring Valley while Bush was still playing for Southern California last season. NCAA rules prohibit student-athletes and their families from receiving extra benefits from agents or their representatives.

In an interview with ESPN on Monday, Bush said his parents leased the house but declined to say who paid the rent

Also on Tuesday, a powerful Indian tribe said Tuesday it had nothing to do with an attempt by Michaels, who is a member of the tribe, to steer Bush to New Era Sports.

The Sycuan Tribe said it was approached last fall by Michaels.

"There was a request to become partners in this New Era Sports," said Adam Day, Sycuan's assistant tribal manager. "Both the tribal council and the development corporation board of directors refused to join into the business venture."

Michaels is an employee of the tribal development corporation. He didn't immediately return phone calls Tuesday seeking comment.

Also Tuesday, Day disputed unsworn court testimony in which Caravantes linked New Era Sports & Entertainment with Sycuan, which is located in eastern San Diego County and has annual revenue estimated at \$250 million.

During a parole violation hearing earlier this year for Lake, a documented gang member now serving time in prison for a probation violation, Caravantes told the court that he and Lake "got together in October to start a new sports management company with Sycuan. Since October, Lloyd was a viable part of the company, helping recruit players, and in the process of merging this New Era Sports with Sycuan," according to an account that was confirmed by Lake's former attorney Marc X. Carlos.

NCAA LACROSSE

Duke scandal stirs up memories for victims

Counselors at colleges notice increase in calls from abused students

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — In the month since the Duke University rape scandal broke, campus counselors have been swamped with calls from sexual assault victims whose own painful memories have been stirred up, the head of the women's center says.

"I will tell you that our psychologist ... has not had a moment to breathe since these allegations broke," said Donna Lisker, director of the Duke University Women's Center. "It's been very, very busy."

An increase in calls from victims of recent or long-ago assaults commonly occurs after a big case, a TV movie or something else focuses attention on the issue, said Scott Berkowitz, head of the national Rape, Abuse and Incest National Network, which operates a crisis hot line.

At Duke, the sole staff psychologist at the Women's Center has been so inundated that several other staff members must help handle the calls and referrals, Lisker said. Lisker said she will not have

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numbers until July on how many people the center has helped this school year.

Police and prosecutors often worry that a highly publicized case may drive victims underground, for fear their names, their pictures and details about their sex lives will turn up in the media.

"We have to reassure them that it's not going to happen, that it's generally only in these high-profile cases that that happens," said Mark Hurlbert, the district attorney who pursued charges against NBA star Kobe Bryant in Colorado after he was accused of raping a hotel employee in 2003.

Hurlbert said reports of rape, which had been rising steadily, went down in Eagle County, Colo., in the months after Bryant was charged. Prosecutors ended up dropping the case because the accuser said she did not want to go forward with a trial.

In Durham, District Attorney Mike Nifong said he has seen no trend in rape reports in his area since the case broke.

According to the U.S. Justice Department, 42 percent of sexual assault victims reported the attacks to police in 2001-04, up from 35 percent in 1997-2000 and 31 percent in the four-year period before that.

This Sunday, April 30, the following candidates will complete their initiation into the Catholic Church by receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation at the 11:45 A.M. Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

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NHL

Forsberg's two goals propel Flyers to first win over Sabres

Brodeur stops 25 shots to collect 21st playoff shutout as Devils move within one game of eliminating New York

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Often considered one of the premier hockey players in the world, Peter Forsberg only needed to be the best in Philadelphia to get the Flyers back into their playoff series.

Embarrassed after two road losses, Forsberg scored two goals and Robert Esche made 26 saves to give the Flyers some home-ice tonic in a 4-2 victory over the Buffalo Sabres on Wednesday night.

The Sabres still lead the bestof-seven series 2-1 with Game 4 on Friday night, also in Philadelphia.

"I didn't feel any more pressure than anybody else," Forsberg said. "If we play the right way, we can play with these guys."

The Flyers were humiliated in their six-goal loss on Monday night, and they were left looking for an edge as coaches Ken Hitchcock of Philadelphia and Buffalo's Lindy Ruff got into a verbal spat.

Leave it to Forsberg, who led Sweden to an Olympic gold medal in Turin, to get Philly

Forsberg put the Flyers ahead for the first time in the series midway through the second period with his first postseason goal. He gave them a 3-1 cushion with another one late in the period, and he never looked bothered by the groin injury that sidelined him for 22 games during the regular season.

Instead, Forsberg looked every bit the superstar the Flyers expected when they signed him to a two-year, \$11.5 million contract last summer. The Flyers are an entirely different team when Forsberg is (relatively) healthy and on top of his All-Star game.

"Forsberg, I've always said, can win a game by himself," Ruff said. "He's been through enough wars in the playoffs. He got a couple of lucky bounces, but he made a difference."

Esche, who was sensational in Game 1 with 55 saves and struggled behind a shaky defense in Game 2, was sharp in this one. He worked with a tighter defense to stuff the Sabers on the power play, leaving them scoreless on seven opportunities.

"We're locked in now," Hitchcock said. "Hopefully we can make it really interesting."

New Jersey 3, New York 0

Martin Brodeur made the heads of the New York Rangers sag as low as Jaromir Jagr's achy shoulder.

The goaltender's job got a lot easier when Patrik Elias wrecked the long-awaited playoff party at Madison Square Garden just over a minute into the game.

Brodeur stopped 25 shots in his 21st career playoff shutout and Elias had a goal and assist within the first 10 minutes to lift the Devils to a victory Wednesday night that pushed Jagr and the Rangers to the brink of playoff elimination.

Elias set up Jamie Langenbrunner 68 seconds after the opening faceoff and then scored his third goal of the series eight minutes later. Brodeur did the rest in shutting down an already struggling Rangers' offense.

The return of the injured Jagr didn't help at all, and the Devils won their 14th straight game.

"He is a tremendous hockey player so you've got to know if he is going to play or not," said Brodeur, who is two shutouts behind Patrick Roy for the NHL career record. "Regardless of him being there 100 percent or not there, it doesn't change the approach of our game."

New Jersey took advantage of New York's deficient special teams in winning the opening two games of the series, and then built a commanding 3-0 lead in the best-of-seven matchup by scoring three goals at even strength.

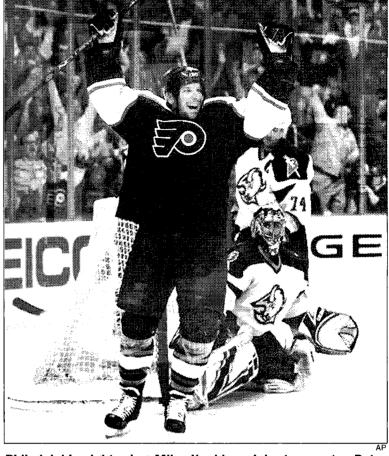
Not even the unexpected return of Jagr, who is battling a left shoulder injury, could spark the Rangers in their first home playoff game in nine years. Petr Sykora came the closest to scoring but he hit the post — for the second straight game — when facing an open net in the second period.

Jagr sat out Game 2 after he was hurt late in the opening loss at New Jersey and said it would take a miracle for him to be ready to play Wednesday. Mission accomplished, but that was nothing compared to what the Rangers will need to rally in this series.

Carolina 2, Montreal 1

Carolina felt like it finally caught a few breaks and the Hurricanes can only hope they came soon enough to get their playoff run back on track.

Eric Staal scored a power-play



Philadelphia right wing Mike Knuble celebrates center Peter Forsberg's second goal against Buffalo Wednesday. The Flyers won 4-2.

goal 3:38 into overtime Wednesday night to give Carolina a victory over the Montreal Canadiens as the Hurricanes avoided falling into an 0-3 hole in their first-round playoff series.

Montreal's Tomas Plekanec was sent off for hooking 2:35 into overtime and Staal won it with a drive from the point that went through traffic and past goalie Cristobal Huet.

Huet said he lost sight of the puck and knew it was bad news when the raucous Bell Centre crowd of 21,273 suddenly went silent

"We needed the win," Staal said. "I didn't get as much wood on it as I would have liked, but I found the back of the net with a good screen in front."

Carolina's Rod Brind'Amour tied the game 11:27 into the

third period with his third goal in two games.

"At least it got us in the game and gave us a chance to win it," Brind'Amour said. "We didn't play great, our power play wasn't too good but we were fortunate enough to get another one in overtime and make that one work"

Rookie Cam Ward stopped 27 shots in his first career playoff start as the second-seeded Hurricanes recovered from two home losses to draw within 2-1 in the best-of-seven series.

"I was thinking before the game how exciting it was to have my first playoff start in Montreal and what the atmosphere was going to be like," Ward said. "It only would have been fitting if we won and fortunately we were able to rally in the end."

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NBA

Prince scores 22 as Pistons leap over Bucks, grab 2-0 lead

Mavericks take advantage of Grizzlies' 10-minute scoring drought, Nowitzki's 31 points to defeat Memphis

Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — The Detroit Pistons have made two major improvements over their recent runs to the NBA Finals: offense, and playing Game 2s.

Tayshaun Prince scored 22 points and Chauncey Billups had 20 to lead Detroit to a 109-98 victory over the Milwaukee Bucks on Wednesday night, and a 2-0 lead in their first-round series.

The two-time defending Eastern Conference champion Pistons had lost three straight Game 2s and four of their last five, dating to the 2004 NBA Finals. Before that stretch, Detroit lost to Milwaukee two years ago in the second game of their first-round series en route to the title.

"We knew all about that," Billups said. "The difference with us now is that we're going to stay aggressive throughout each series, and we're not going to get overconfident if we win Game 1s."

Detroit appeared motivated from the start, a bad sign for the Bucks, and a 12-0 run midway through the second quarter gave the Pistons a cushion they maintained for the rest of the night.

"We're not playing Milwaukee — we're playing ourselves," Pistons coach Flip Saunders said. "If guys have that approach, you won't have letdowns."

Bucks star Michael Redd bounced back from an 11-point game with 29.

"We made adjustments to try to get me open in better positions," Redd said.

But Redd didn't get much help in the first half as Milwaukee's other starters each scored six or fewer points before halftime. T.J. Ford was Redd's only teammate to finish with more than 10 points.

Game 3 is Saturday night in Milwaukee.

"We've done nothing," Billups said. "We've held serve with home-court advantage."

Richard Hamilton, who left Game 1 with a sprained left ankle, had 18 points and eight assists in 33 minutes. He had eight points in the first 10 minutes before going to the sideline after aggravating his injury, and in the third quarter, he had the lower part of his left leg wrapped. After the game, Hamilton said the injury was not serious

Detroit's Rasheed Wallace had

12 points and eight rebounds. Antonio McDyess (13) and Lindsey Hunter (10) added scoring punch off the bench.

"A sign of a good team is good balance," Bucks coach Terry Stotts said. "Any of their guys can make plays to start runs or stop runs."

Milwaukee reserve guard Maurice Williams limped off the court late in the third quarter after turning an ankle, depleting a team already without backup forward Toni Kukoc because of back spasms.

Ford had 17 points, reserve Charlie Bell scored 11 and Andrew Bogut, the first overall pick last year, added eight points and 13 rebounds. Bobby Simmons scored 10.

The Pistons displayed their balance from the start, with each starter scoring to give them a 10-5 lead.

"That's how we beat people," Billups said. "We know there is strength in numbers. We go into games not knowing what matchup we're going to attack, we just go with the flow."

Dallas 94, Memphis 79

The jerseys said Memphis. Otherwise, they might've been mistaken for the Vancouver Crizzlias

Although the former lottery regulars have become a first-round playoff staple since moving to Memphis, the Grizzlies regressed to their bad old days Wednesday night, going 16 straight possessions without a point and 10:47 between baskets in a loss to the Dallas Mavericks.

Dallas' Dirk Nowitzki scored 31 points to drop Memphis to 0-2 in this series and 0-10 in its playoff history. That's four more losses than any NBA team has ever had before its first postseason victory.

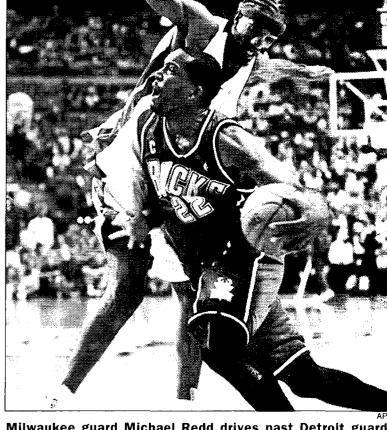
Halfway to being swept for a third straight year, the Grizzlies at least have the benefit of heading home for Game 3 on Saturday.

"We've got two days to fix what went wrong," center Lorenzen Wright said. "We have to hold on to our home court, and that's what we plan to do."

Memphis actually played great at the start, leading by four points early in the second quarter. It all fell apart in a run of missed shots and turnovers that spilled into the third quarter, the halftime break not lasting long enough to snap the spell.

Many of the Grizzlies' mistakes were offensive fouls. They even lost a point on a lane violation.

"We just got out of the game for a few minutes and that really



Milwaukee guard Michael Redd drives past Detroit guard Richard Hamilton during the Pistons' 109-98 win Wednesday.

cost us," All-Star forward Pau Gasol said. "It was frustrating the way we were turning the ball over and giving it back to them without making them work."

Nowitzki scored 21 in the first half, helping Dallas take a 13-point lead into the break. When Memphis' woes continued in the second half, the Mavericks seemed to go through the motions the rest of the game.

It hardly mattered, either. When the Mavs went through a stretch of six straight misses and three turnovers, the Grizzlies could only turn it into four points.

Los Angeles 99, Phoenix 93

Kobe Bryant and the Los Angeles Lakers pulled it off on a cold night in the desert for the Phoenix Suns.

Bryant had 29 points and 10 rebounds, Lamar Odom scored 21 points, and the Lakers held off a late rally to beat the Suns Wednesday night and square the best-of-seven series 1-1.

Game 3 is Friday night in Los Angeles.

Steve Nash had 29 points and Raja Bell 23 for the Suns, who shot 43 percent — 34 percent in the first half.

Los Angeles led by as many as 17 points late in the second quarter and early in the third after Phoenix went nearly 7 1/2 minutes without a point.

Bryant's emphatic stuff with 3:13 left put the Lakers ahead 92-83. Nash was called for a foul on the play, but Bryant missed the free throw.

Bell scored six in a row, the last a 20-footer at the shot clock buzzer to cut the lead to 92-89 with 1:51 to play. But he missed a 3-pointer that would have tied it. Smush Parker scored inside and Luke Walton sank two free throws to put Los Angeles ahead 96-89 with 34.5 seconds to go.

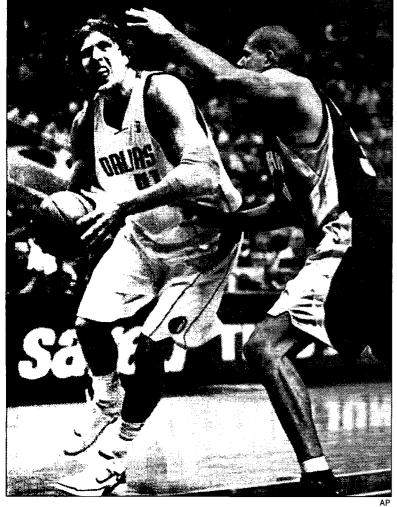
Phoenix went 7:22 without scoring while the Lakers reeled off 19 points to open a 38-22 lead on Jim Jackson's 20-footer with 6:17 left in the half.

The Suns went without a point from the 1:30 mark of the first quarter to 6:08 left in the second, clanking one jumper after another off the rim.

While Nash was shooting 4-of-5 and scoring 15 points, the rest of the Suns were 2-for-20 before Bell rattled in a 20-footer cut the lead to 38-24.

With 3:02 left in the half, Bryant went to the bench with three fouls, two of them on offensive fouls drawn by Bell. The Suns cut it to 45-36 on Bell's 3-pointer 2:16 before the break.

But Odom sank a 3-pointer, Kwame Brown converted a three-point play and Parker made two free throws after a flagrant foul against Brian Grant with 45 seconds to go to put Los Angeles up 53-36.



Dallas forward Dirk Nowitzki drives against Memphis forward Shane Battler during the Mavericks' 94-79 victory Wednesday.

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NBA

Injuries continue to cripple Pacers

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Pacers hoped they could get through the playoffs relatively healthy, but those hopes vanished before and during their Game 2 loss at New Jersey.

The Pacers enter Game 3 on Thursday with starters Peja Stojakovic and Stephen Jackson and reserve Jamaal Tinsley nursing injuries. The situation is all too familiar for a team that has used 32 starting lineups this season while player after player has gone

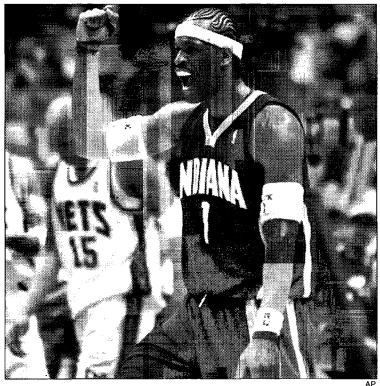
Stojakovic had a nagging right knee injury that flared up less than an hour before Game 2, and the Pacers told him to sit out. He was unsure whether he will play Thursday.

"It feels a little better," he after watching Wednesday's practice. "The swelling is still there. Maybe with another 24 hours of rest and treatment, I'll be able to play.'

The decision could be a major factor in the outcome of Game 3. Stojakovic averaged 19.5 points in 40 regular-season games with the Pacers and is their top perimeter player.

Offensively, he can shoot it from wherever on the floor and can stretch a defense, New Jersey guard Jason Kidd said. "He's a big threat. They missed him in Game 2 and we all expect him to play in Game

Jackson, the Pacers' starter at shooting guard, bent his right pinkie finger back on his last play during Game 2. He couldn't shoot during practice on Wednesday, though an X-



Indiana forward Stephen Jackson, along with teammates Peja Stojakovic and Jamaal Tinsley, will miss Game 3 against New Jersey due to injury.

ray found no breaks.

"We know he's going to play because he plays, but we're concerned about it because it is his shooting hand," Indiana coach Rick Carlisle said.

Tinsley, a backup point guard, was activated Tuesday after missing the previous four games with an Achilles' injury. He played Game 2 in pain and limited during Wednesday's practice.

The injuries came after the Pacers snatched homecourt advantage away from the Nets with a 90-88 Game 1 win. But the 90-75 loss in Game 2 and the injuries make the Pacers

vulnerable to giving that advantage back.

The flip side of the situation is that the Pacers are used to the injury bug.

"We've been faced with that challenge all year," said Jermaine O'Neal, who missed 31 games this season. "We've got to find ways to step up. Everybody's got to bring something else to the table at a higher level and pick up for some of the slack.

Carlisle said Stojakovic will start if he can play Thursday, but he could struggle on defense against New Jersey's athletic lineup.

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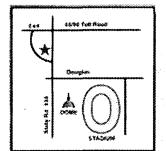
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LPGA

Dowd receives chance to fulfill mom's dream

Sponsor's exemption allows 13-year-old to play in tournament

Associated Press

REUNION, Fla. — After Kelly Jo Dowd was diagnosed with cancer for the second time in four years last May, she started setting aside days to spend with her 13-year-old daughter, Dakoda.

Sometimes they shop. Sometimes they get manicures and pedicures. Sometimes they just hang out and listen to music. Regardless of the "mother/daughter day" agenda, they try to create a lasting memory.

There's a good chance the Ginn Clubs & Resorts Open will provide an experience even

more special.

Dakoda Dowd received a sponsor's exemption to play in the event near Orlando, fulfilling her mother's dying wish to see her little girl compete against the world's best. She will tee off Thursday in the opening round.

'I don't even know how to explain it," Kelly Jo said Wednesday. "This is a dream come true for me, and if you've ever had a dream come true for you, you know it's very intense emotions that go along with it. I know that I'll break down. There will be tears of joy and tears of happiness.

Dakoda has spent the last six months preparing for the event. She played the course several times and handled numerous interviews, all in hopes of making this a defining moment for her and her cancer-stricken

"Six months turned into like six days," said the bubbly teen with plenty of game. "It went by really fast. I'll be nervous, but I can't wait."

The full-field event includes Annika Sorenstam, Lorena Ochoa and just about everyone else in the top 50 on the money

But Dakoda has received more attention than any of them, and for good reason.

She started playing golf when she was four, using cut-down clubs and taking tips from her father, Mike. But it didn't take long for her to start getting around courses better than

She took lessons, continued to improve and eventually won countless junior events. She started thinking about competing on the LPGA Tour, but she never thought it would happen

Her mother made it possible.

A former Hooters calendar girl who worked her way into the company's management team, Kelly Jo noticed a lump in her breast in 2001. At first, she didn't do anything about it. Ten months later, at age 36, she was diagnosed with breast cancer. She had a double mastectomy, nearly two dozen lymph nodes removed and endured intense chemotherapy

She thought she had it beat until last May, when doctors found the cancer had returned and was much worse than before. It was in her hip bone, her liver and was nearing her

Bobby Ginn, the CEO of Ginn Clubs and Resorts, heard about the family's fight and extended Dakoda an invitation to play in the inaugural event.

"We had to decide: Are we going to shy away or stand up?" said Mike Dowd, a school counselor in Palm Harbor. "We decided that we wanted to stand up. We wanted to get the message out there. It's very important to be able to say to women, 'Do your shower exams, get your mammograms and love each other and persevere through this.'

"We can't kid anybody. This is an extremely difficult thing we're dealing with as a family, but I've got great women.'

Dakoda has handled the attention well. She played a practice round Tuesday with Sorenstam and Paula Creamer and seemed unfazed by the cameras and reporters following her every move and all the interviews that came after.

The key for her is just to come out, enjoy it, absorb the atmosphere," Sorenstam said. "It's a fantastic place to be. I told her, 'Enjoy this week. This is what this is all about.' It's more about being part of the whole thing and just being able to fulfill a dream. It's pretty



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NCAA FOOTBALL

USC: NFL 'football factory'

Associated Pres

LOS ANGELES — Sean Salisbury shook his head in wonderment as he surveyed the scene on the Southern California campus, where 19 former USC players worked out for some 100 NFL representatives.

"There are some guys here from a planet you and I aren't familiar with," the former USC and NFL quarterback and current ESPN analyst said. "This is as good as I've ever seen in a group of athletes. It's ridiculous."

Salisbury's observations were typical of those on hand earlier this month, when Trojans coach Pete Carroll combined pro day with junior day, an annual event where several prospective high school recruits tour the campus.

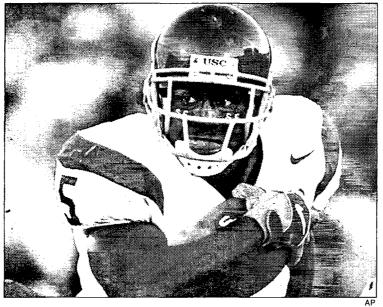
That's Carroll — always thinking. And that's one of the main reasons USC has become an NFL factory again after some difficult times that mirrored its football fortunes.

Most prospects take part in the NFL combine at Indianapolis every February, but several schools hold their own pro days.

Few resemble the one at USC.

"I have never seen a pro day like this," said Gil Brandt, a longtime executive with the Dallas Cowboys who's now a senior analyst and draft guru for NFL.com. "It was a Hollywood production without the red carpet. They had everything organized down to the minute."

"I've known Pete for a long, long time. He's got a lot of



Reggie Bush is projected to be the first USC player selected in this weekend's NFL draft. Experts anticipate all 19 Trojans who declared for the draft will be taken.

bounce in his step, he's got a lot of innovative and creative ideas."

And, obviously, Carroll has successfully recruited a lot of exceptional players since becoming USC's coach in 2001, enabling him to turn the mediocre program he took over into powerhouse.

"I think you start with winning," said Mike Mayock, a draft analyst for the NFL Network in explaining USC's success in the draft. "Pete has brought that magic back to Troy. They're recruiting nationally, and not a lot of programs can do that successfully."

The Trojans were 6-6 in Carroll's first season, making them 37-35 from 1996-2001. They're 48-4 since, and the future appears at least as

bright as the recent past.

That's assuming, of course, the Trojans don't get in trouble over the living arrangement of Reggie Bush's family at a home owned by a man who reportedly sought to market him.

Bush said Monday there was nothing inappropriate because his family leased the house. The Pac-10 is investigating whether any NCAA rules were violated when Bush's family lived in the Spring Valley, Calif., house while Bush was still playing for USC last season.

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Most of the 19 former USC players who worked out for pro scouts and coaches April 2 figure to be drafted this weekend.

INTERNATIONAL BOXING

Female boxers pushing the boundaries in Israel

Associated Press

UMM EL FAHM, Israel — Riham Agabaria has a left hook that will knock your socks off. Or your head scarf.

Sparring in her hometown in northern Israel, the shy 15-year-old lets loose a strike that brushes back the traditional Muslim headdress of her opponent — younger sister Fatma, who is forced to flee to the restroom to rearrange her hijab.

"I recommend every girl try boxing," said Riham, panting from behind a light-blue head scarf after a two-hour workout. "It gives you confidence and teaches you how to protect yourself."

With their unusual hobby, Riham and her 13-year-old sister have blazed a trail for other religious Muslim girls in Israel, and have sparked a debate within their own traditional society.

Influenced by their more liberal Jewish neighbors, Israeli Arab women have been encouraged to push the boundaries further than their peers elsewhere in the Middle East. Still, for young religious girls expected to keep to a traditional secondary role, the Agabaria sisters have managed to ruffle more than a few feathers by venturing into the strictly masculine domain of boxing.

Experts say there is nothing in Islam that directly bars women from sporting activities such as boxing, but many in this traditional hilltop town of 40,000 were skeptical when

Touliq Agabaria started training his daughters and, more troublingly, allowing them to fight boys. A local religious leader even issued a decree against the swinging sisters.

Toufiq Agabaria, a former Israeli boxing champion, sees nothing wrong with it.

"Sports is one thing and religion is another," he said. "As long as [boxing] is not opposed to the tradition of Islam, I think it is positive.".

Agabaria's daughters hold national age-group championships for girls in the Israel Boxing Association — though they're somewhat dubious titles, because there aren't many challengers.

Israel's 1.4 million Arab citizens make up roughly one-fifth of the population. They are often on the sideline of mainstream society, particularly women who are restricted by the traditional confines of the family

Recently, a Muslim woman from Haifa won the Israeli equivalent of the TV reality show "America's Next Top Model," which included her posing in skimpy dress. Following the victory, she was ostracized by some family and friends and derided by her community as a bad influence on girls.

Toufiq Agabaria said boxing does nothing to diminish the faith or the dignity of his daughters. On the contrary, he said, the Quran is full of tales of women in battle, including one involving the prophet Muhammad's wife.

NFL

Young experiences draft rollercoaster, unsure of position

Associated Press

Nobody quite knows what to make of Vince Young.

A quarterback? For sure. The best one on this weekend's draft board? Well, it's funny how a player's stock can rise and fall in the span of weeks and months.

The Texas quarterback, one of the best "athletes" in the draft, once struggled so much with the Longhorns that some felt he'd be better off at another position: These days, that conversation is long gone. But so is some of the luster from his Rose Bowl performance, a game in which he led the Longhorns to the national title and, at least for a time, surpassed USC's Matt Leinart in many opinions as the best quarterback, maybe the best player, in the draft.

"It's been kind of up and down," said ESPN draft expert Mel Kiper, who most recently rated Young the fourth-best player available. "But my attitude is that any quarterback taken in the draft is going to be a project."

Floyd Reese, general manager for the Tennessee Titans, who are considering taking Young with the third pick, said "I don't think I've seen a quarterback with the athleticism he has, and we had Steve McNair for a while"

nue. Indeed, Young's athleticism is stunning. And his timing was impeccable. He showed off the whole package, playing for the national title on Jan. 4 in the Rose Bowl. He passed for 267 yards, ran for 200 more and scrambled 8 yards on fourth down with 19 seconds left for the winning touchdown — his third of the night — in a 41-38 win over Leinart and USC.

It was sweet redemption for the junior out of Houston, who was bitterly disappointed after losing the Heisman Trophy to USC's Reggie Bush. And Young outplayed Leinart, who came into the game viewed as the better, more polished, more NFL-ready quarterback.

Suddenly, a player who wasn't even sure if he would leave Texas looked like he might be the best player in the college game. He decided to go pro. With his hometown team, the Houston Texans, picking first, many thought it would be a perfect fit.

"I walked into the grocery store the other day and some guy was hollering Vince's name at me from three aisles over," said Houston's new coach, Gary Kubiak. "I've been places where people are talking about Reggie Bush. I guess I don't see it that way as much as some people may see it."

Like most coaches who have seen Young work out, Kubiak said he was impressed. Still, the Texans signed David Carr to a three-year extension in February, signaling they're set at quarterback for a while. On Wednesday, they said they will select either Bush or North Carolina State defensive end Mario Williams.

"There's too much time from the end of the season until draft time, so everyone gets over-critiqued," Longhorns coach Mack Brown said.

There is, indeed, a lot of time for opinions to change after the gleam of the championship game fades.

That's especially true for a player like Young, the likes of which nobody has seen before, the kind of player who doesn't fit a particular mold.

"He has the size, the accuracy and the throwing action," Ravens coach Brian Billick said. "He's a spectacular talent, but he doesn't look like anybody. So that tends to make us all nervous. He gets downgraded for

There is the widely reported 6 out of a possible 50 that he scored on the Wonderlic test at the NFL scouting combine. NFL officials denied that score was correct and Young's agent, Major Adams, said Young scored a 16 the next day, when the test was readministered. Regardless, the Wonderlic controversy fed into doubts about Young's ability to run an NFL

′ offense.

There are issues about his arm strength and his awkward, sidearm delivery.

There is the fact he played almost exclusively out of the shotgun in college.

There is his decision to hire Adams, a family friend who has made a handful of unorthodox decisions on behalf of his client—for instance, having Young skip workouts at the NFL combine, but participate in a madefor-TV "All Star Challenge" in Miami in early February.

There is his penchant to think run first, which worked at the college level but hasn't proven to work in the pros, as the Michael Vick experience in Atlanta is showing.

But, says Billick, "He really doesn't fit into that Vick catego-

He doesn't really fit into any category.

Maybe because of it, Young

has hardly acted like a player who thinks he'll be chosen in the top five.

Since the NFL combine, he has had a successful workout in Austin, and has traveled the country for more individual workouts and interviews with teams — stopping in Minneapolis, St. Louis, Oakland, Cleveland, Baltimore, Miami and Houston for a workout with the Jets.

Scouts want to see him with

their own eyes and coaches want to sit down and talk to him to find out what kind of person he really is.

Adams did not respond to several Associated Press requests to interview Young for this story.

The quarterback did tell his hometown paper, the Houston Chronicle, that he keeps pushing forward, ignoring the critics and hoping for the best.

"I don't listen to negative things from people that don't understand the game," Young said. "When I hear positive things, it shows people that know football are really paying attention."

Indeed, it's hard not to pay attention to a player like Vince Young. He is 6-foot-4, 229 pounds. He runs the 40 in 4.57 seconds, nearly 0.30 seconds faster than Leinart. He has a laser of an arm, but nobody is quite sure how he'll use it in the NFL.

He is projected as almost anything. Some see a classic, strong-armed, stand-in-the-pocket passer. Others see a scrambling playmaker. Still others envision a hybrid, someone who could play more than quarterback — kind of like Kordell Stewart, only more talented.

"He's a projection," Kiper said. "Anyone who takes him has to know that."

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inning. The one run was scored on a passed ball shortly after Booth reentered, but it was charged to Fuemmeler.

The real story of game, though, was the Notre Dame offense. Junior Stephanie Brown led off the game with a single to the left side. The floodgates opened from there. Three batters later, Brown and shortstop Sara Schoonaert scored on a Meagan Ruthruaff single. Ruthrauff later crossed the plate on a Katie Laing dou-

Later in the inning right fielder Carrisa Jaquish homered to give Notre Dame its fourth and fifth

runs of the inning.
"We've been hitting the ball pretty well lately, knock on wood, but I didn't expect us to come out as hot as we did," Gumpf said.

Notre Dame added three more runs in the third inning when catcher Mallorie Lenn hit a home run over the left field wall. Ruthrauff scored her run on freshman Linda Kohan's single to center. Outfielder Beth Northway pinch ran for Kohan and scored on a bases-loaded walk.

The Irish scored their final run on another Kohan single.

Purdue pitcher Melissa Burns started the first game and pitched the majority of the second game in relief. Over the two games, Burns pitched nine innings and gave up two earned runs on 10 hits.

The crushing blow for the Irish in the second game was a sixth inning three-run homer by Erica Peterson over the right field wall. The bomb gave the Boilermakers a commanding 7-2 lead.

Notre Dame threatened to score in the seventh inning but Jaquish grounded out to shortstop with the bases loaded to end the threat and the game.

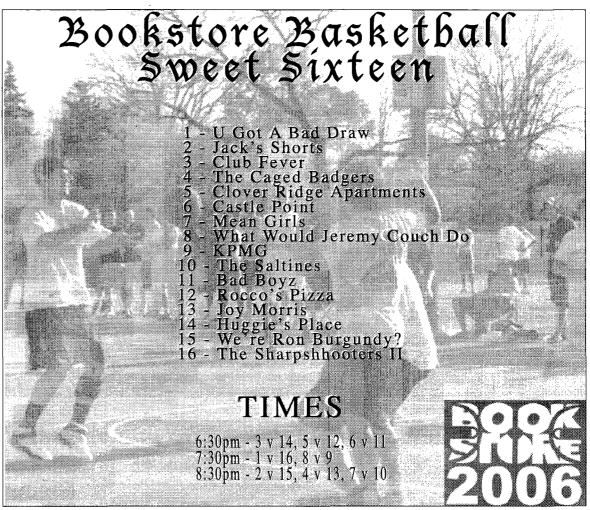
Bargar pitched all seven innings for the Irish in the loss, bringing her season record to 16-4. She gave up eight hits, walked two and hit two.

"She got behind a lot, I wish we could've played around a little more but we never got the chance," said Gumpf.

Bargar struggled to throw strikes consistently all game. Three Purdue runs were scored by players who had walked or reached after being hit by a

Booth returns to the mound tomorrow when the Irish travel to Valparaiso. The two teams were supposed to play Tuesday, but the game was cancelled due to weather.

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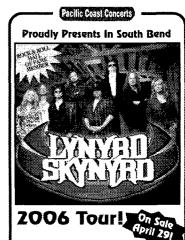
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Walsh

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And with a three and a half point per game average, the Wantagh, N.Y. native is on pace to tie second-place point man Mike Sullivan ('92), whose 178 total points outnumbers Walsh's goals and assists by

Despite boasting such gaudy numbers. Walsh is quiet about his own accomplishments. To him, his last two games are not a chance to build statistics, but a chance to earn two more

As the Irish sit at 8-4 (3-2 GWLL) on the season as Inside Lacrosse's No. 15 team, their tournament hopes tiptoe on thin ice. They need strong performances against Ohio State (6-5, 3-1 GWLL) and Quinnipiac (6-5, 1-3 GWLL) to convince the tournament committee to invite them to the 16team field.

Walsh's senior class has never played in the postseason, despite missing the field by one spot on multiple occasions. And once the automatic bids of conference champions are taken into account, Notre Dame will need some late help.

"We're taking it once game at a time," Walsh said. "If we win the next two, we're 10-4. If a couple of people lose it takes them out of contention. There's always some hope and always something that can happen.

You try to keep it optimistic and stay positive. We're going to try to win the next two and make it tough for the committee not to put us in the tour-

Above any of the individual accolades, Walsh has always evaluated his play in his ability to help his team win - dating back to his New York state championship at Wantagh High School in Long Island and his gold medal in the International Lacrosse Federation under-19 Junior World Championships.

"It was definitely a major goal of mine when I came here to make it to the tournament, make the Final Four and win the national championship," Walsh said.

Walsh's college career has been a process of setting goals and — for the most part achieving.

"Every year I've played I always set goals for myself," he said. "If you don't set goals there is nothing to work towards.'

Freshman year, his goal was starting, which he did.

Then he became determined to lead his team in points, which he has all three years. Then his goal was to earn All-American recognition following, which he has all four

Walsh burst onto the college scene with 32 assists and 20 goals in his freshman campaign — helping him become Notre Dame's first freshman All-American when Inside Lacrosse awarded him honorable mention status.

Irish head coach Kevin Corrigan attributed the early and continued success of Notre Dame's first four-time All-American to his in-and-out knowledge of the game.

"Pat is an intuitive player," Corrigan said. "That's one of the things about how he plays - he doesn't overanalyze what he does. He has a good sense of the game, he feels that game and he knows intuitively what he does. That's the beauty of the way he plays.

No matter where Walsh, who talks regularly with Notre Dame's all-time assist leader, David Ulrich, finishes on the all-time lists, Corrigan, who has coached many Irish stars since he arrived in South Bend in 1988, recognizes his place among the Irish.

"Pat was a little like all of them," Walsh said. "As an assist guy, you have Sullivan and Ulrich, who are great feeders. Both guys relied on their quickness, and Pat relied on his savvy-ness."

That's not to say his success came easily. Corrigan said Walsh worked tirelessly to improve his game. And Walsh echoed his coach when describing his own work ethic over the last four years.

"Me and Coach Anderson would meet at the beginning of each year to talk about what I need to do to improve whether it's shooting or decision making," Walsh said. "Freshman year I made a lot of mistakes turning the ball over a lot because I was trying to make a play. Over time I had better control, not turning the ball over as much and understanding the offense a little better.'

Walsh's teammates have taken notice. Senior co-captain defenseman D.J. Driscoll said Walsh helped improved his own game. Driscoll was recognized last year as the Great Western Lacrosse League Defensive Player of the Year.

"He's a tremendous talent," Driscoll said. "Going against him every day for four years has definitely taught me how to play against such a good attackman. He's such a good feeder and such a good finisher. His stick protection has helped me develop checks.

Overall, Driscoll said Walsh has helped make his four years

Irish attack Pat Walsh moves upfield in an 8-7 wln over Dartmouth April 2. With at least two games left in his career, the senior is in Notre Dame's top ten all-time in points, goals and assists.

that much more memorable, for better or worse.

'It's just fun going against a player of his capability day in and day out and see the plays he's making in practice," Driscoll said. "But it's definitely frustrating at times, too."

The captain also appreciates Walsh's leadership on the field. After the team voted Driscoll and senior midfielder Drew Peters captains, Corrigan adopted a council-system similar to that employed by football coach Charlie Weis that includes seniors Walsh, midfielder Matt Karweck and goaltender Dan Hickey.

"He's definitely clearly the most talented player on our team and people look up to him, and he has embraced that role this year," Driscoll said. 'He comes and gets his business done. He's a no-nonsense type of kid. He knows what he wants and he works day in and day out for that."

Because he has high expectations of himself, Walsh's current role did was something into which he had to grow, according to Corrigan.

"Personally, he has matured and taken on a leadership role on this team," Corrigan said.

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asked a lot and demanded a lot of himself and I think it was not really in nature to be demanding of other people. Essentially, he leads by the example that he expects a lot of himself and demands a lot of himself. That's been his MO while he's been here.'

Corrigan's point was made so clear last Sunday, when Walsh lifted the Irish onto 5-foot-8 183 lbs. frame, scoring three of his four goals in the last period to lift the Irish to a 10-7 victory against Lehigh, despite an illness that has kept him out of Tuesday

Wednesday's practices.
"Doctor's orders," Walsh said, adding - between coughs — that he would have practiced Wednesday if he was allowed. "I'll be fine by Saturday. I played through it Sunday, and if I need to, I will again.

Not to for the chase of any records, though, according to Corrigan. The chance to fight for a playoff spot is motivation enough.

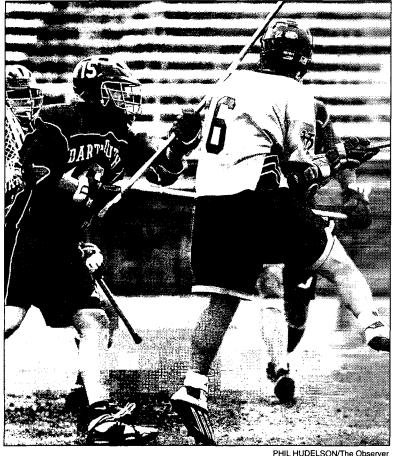
"He would trade every goal and assist he's made to play in an NCAA tournament and showcase himself on the stage he would most like to play. Corrigan said.

If the Irish come up short of the tournament again this year, Walsh said he has still treasured his time at Notre Dame and still appreciates the significance of his accomplishments.

"It's definitely an honor," Walsh said. "It's not something I step on the field with, but it's something that when it's all done it's nice to have there."

Whether it is in two games or more, whenever the Irish season - and Walsh's career - comes to an end, all those moments Walsh flashed numbers up the scoreboard will find permanence in the Irish lacrosse archives as one of the greats. But judging by the respect Walsh has earned from coaches and teammates throughout his four years, few will forget him - with or without the records.

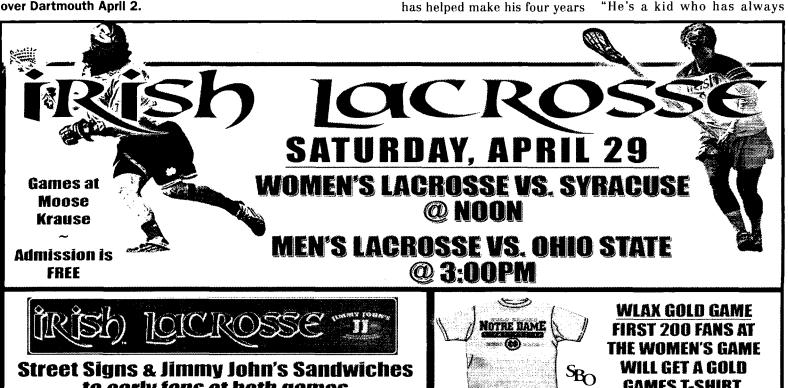
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Irlsh attack Pat Walsh takes a shot in Notre Dame's 8-7 win over Dartmouth April 2.

to early fans at both games



Loss

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Georgetown Mar. 25 in the first game of a doubleheader and the opening game of their Big East season slate — and in the meantime set the Notre Dame record for consecutive wins and secured the longest win streak in collegiate baseball so far this season.

Notre Dame swept threegame series with Big East rivals Pittsburgh, South Florida, St. John's and Rutgers and banged out 11 mid-week non-conference wins to vault from outside the national polls to No. 8 within four weeks. Ten different Irish pitchers earned wins during the streak, while the offense outscored opponents 208-79 during the stretch.

"It's been a great ride," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said after the loss. "It just wasn't our day. In a long season you're going to have some days like this and unfortunately today was our day to have a bad day."

Bowling Green (22-17) batted around against Irish starter David Gruener (1-1) in the second inning, scoring seven runs on six hits and three Irish errors. The sophomore southpaw lasted 1 1-3 innings and surrendered five earned runs.

"He really wasn't hitting his spots, he got some pitches up in the zone," Mainieri said. "Tip your hat to Bowling Green, they hit them. It put us in a big hole right out of the gate."

The second inning Falcon rally got a kick-start when Irish second baseman Ross Brezovsky made a diving stop but overthrew Cooper with a man already on first.

The Falcons immediately capitalized with an RBI single up the middle from first baseman Marty Baird. They continued to pound Gruener with two doubles for three runs sandwiched around second baseman Chris Gacom's two-run bloop single over third base.

Bowling Green catcher Josh Stewart extended the lead to 7-0 on a double error by Notre Dame. Stewart ripped a bouncing grounder through shortstop Jeremy Barnes that scored Kurt Wells when Alex Nettey bobbled the ball in centerfield. Notre Dame had three errors on the game.

"The only thing I said to them was 'This is one of those games that you have an opportunity throughout the year that you can grab some headlines," Falcons coach Danny Schmitz said of his pre-game pep talk to his players. "That's all I said to the kids. If you win the game you're going to grab headlines, so hopefully the kids will receive some headlines tomorrow."

By the ninth inning the Irish had closed the gap to 9-7, but Bowling Green refused to lie down with a two-run ninth inning. Shortstop Ryan Shay's run-scoring single followed an RBI double by first baseman Brandon McFarland to extend the Falcon lead to 11-7.

Notre Dame threatened with one run in the home half of the ninth when Cooper doubled to right centerfield. But Lilley flied out and Jeremy Barnes struck out to end the shortlived comeback.

"Notre Dame, there's no doubt about that they're a top10 team — and they scared the heck out of me," Schmitz said.
"They can really swing the bate"

Stellar Bowling Green defense took away several hits from the Irish over the course of the game.

In the fifth inning Cooper hit a dying fly ball to right field that Falcon fielder Alex Foster caught with a shoestring catch — a safe landing would have scored Rizzo from second base.

Gaston ran through a stop sign at third base in the sixth inning that led to the final out. Left fielder Matt Bransfield doubled to the left field fence but the relay throw nailed Gaston at home despite his leaping slide over the right side of the base path.

Then in the eighth inning Brezovsky lined a hard-hit ball up the middle with men on first and second and two outs. It would have scored a runner had Shay not made a diving grab to secure the last out at second base.

"It was just one of those days, they made a couple of great plays," Mainieri said. "There's three runs right there, if they don't make those plays."

The Irish cut into the Bowling Green lead with runs in five of the last six innings, but came up short after the Falcons added runs of their own in the fifth and ninth innings.

Irish catcher Cody Rizzo got the first Notre Dame run of the game on an RBI groundout to second base with the bases loaded and no one out in the fourth inning. Third baseman Brett Lilley followed suit with the same play for a run two batters later.

Right fielder Danny Dressman concluded the threerun fourth-inning stand on an RBI single to right field to cut the Falcons lead to 7-3.

The Falcons opened the lead to 9-3 in the top of the fifth with RBI singles to left and centerfield by pinch hitter Brian Hangbers and Gacom.

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Rizzo pushed an opposite field single to left for a run in the fifth and designated hitter Sean Gaston plated a run in the sixth with an RBI single up the middle to cut the score to 9-5.

A two-run Irish seventh inning narrowed the lead to 9-7 on back-to-back RBI groundouts with runners in scoring position by Rizzo and Cooper.

The Irish travel to Storrs, Conn. this weekend for a three game Big East series with Connecticut.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Amram fans 16 as Saint Mary's sweeps struggling Goshen

By DEIRDRE KRASULA Sports Writer

Saint Mary's freshman Kristen Amram broke her own school strikeout record Wednesday when struck out 16 in the Belles 6-1 win over Goshen — in game two of a double header at Saint Mary's Field.

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The Belles also garnered a 10-1 win in the five-inning opener.

Amram started the second game for Saint Mary's, striking out three of the first four batters she faced and allowing just two hits.

Freshman designated hitter Martha Smid lead the Belles offensively in game two. Smid went 3-for-3 at the plate, driving in two runs and scoring twice. Senior outfielder Audrey Gajor also went 3-for-3 and drove in the game's first run on a double that scored Smid in the first.

Already leading 1-0, Saint Mary's bats came alive in the bottom of the second. Senior outfielder Bridget Grall began the scoring with an RBI double. Smid followed up with another double that drove in two more runs. Gajor then grabbed her second RBI of the game with a single, giving the Belles the 5-0

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The score remained 5-0 until the bottom of the sixth when Grall singled again driving in another run.

Goshen's only glimmer of hope came in the top of the seventh when leftfielder Faith Borrell scored off an error bringing the score to a final 6-1.

Saint Mary's 10, Goshen 1

The Belles offense was stellar in the first game as well, putting 10 runs on the board in an easy victory.

Gajor and Smid again led Saint

Mary's offense. Gajor went 2-for-3, driving in two RBI's, while Smid went 3-for-4 and drove in two runs

Gajor opened up the scoring in the bottom of the first with an RBI ground out to give the Belles a 1-0 lead. Saint Mary's then capitalized on Goshen fielding errors in the bottom of the third when both Gajor and Smid scored to put the Belles up 3-0.

Goshen fought back in the top of the fifth when third baseman Erin Layman drove in an RBI to bring the score to 3-1.

St. Mary's put Goshen away in the bottom of the fifth, scoring seven runs and ending the game prematurely due to the mercy

Gajor and senior Meghan Marenkovic each knocked in a run during the rally.

Notes:

◆ The sweep over Goshen was the last home game for seniors Gajor, Grall and Marenkovic.

"The last game on your home field you definitely want to go out with a bang," Grall said. "It felt great to sweep."

◆ The two wins over Goshen lifted the Belles record to 25-11 giving them their highest number of wins since 1984. Goshen continued their losing streak, which was extended to 23 games.

♦ The Belles will be in action again when they face Kalamazoo College on the road Saturday at

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to the last player off the bench, everyone looks up to Crysti," Byers said. "I know that I look up to her in so many ways.'

The second part of the trio is freshman Jill Byers. She has been an essential part in the team's turnaround from their 3-12 performance last year.

Byers has set freshman records in points (59) and goals (41) in her first year.

"Jill has had an enormous impact this season, especially for a freshman," McKinney said. "She has helped open things up for others on attack because of her skills because she is another person for the defense to have to mark."

One of the most notable aspects about Byers' performance this season is her unmistakable potential, Coyne said.

"She still has a lot of room to grow and develop," Coyne said. "She is learning a lot about the game and herself."

McKinney is the final part of the trio. She is second on the team in assists and third in goals, but still has been a large part of the attack despite

being the only part of the trio not to break a record this sea-

"Caitlin has worked so hard this year to make her game better," Coyne said. "She is learning how to work with her gifts. If you look at game film from last year and then this year, she has so much improvement."

McKinney has been able to work the ball around in the attack in order to get scoring chances using her quick feet and good passing.

"McKinney is really quick and always sees the right moves like no one else," Byers said.

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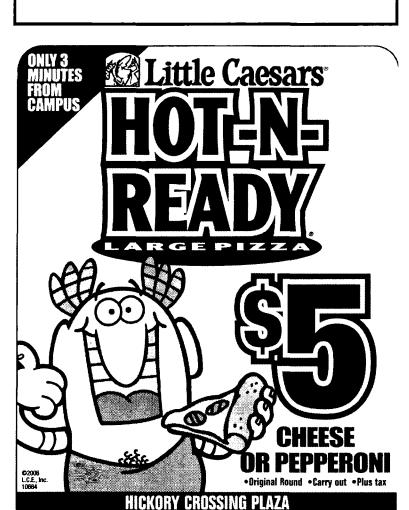
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JUMBLE

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WEDDING GOWN Now arrange the circled letters suggested by the above cartoon.

WHY THE BRIDE

DIDN'T WANT A TRAIN ON HER

Jumbles:

JOKER

INLET

ABOUND STOLID

(Answers tomorrow)

Spending hours looking through a telescope gave the astronomer a - "DISTANT" LOOK

CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 1 Shark rival 4 Rosemary and
- sage
- 10 National
- previously
- 14 Flurry 15 Berate
- 16 Pick stuff up
- 17 Manipulative technique
- 19 Parks of Alabama
- 20 Letter that's not of the Greek
- alphabet
- 21 She, in Italy
- 22 Web surfer, e.g. 23 They can carry
- a tune 26 Thrown in the air 64 Arctic
- 28 Discrimination against a
- majority
- 33 Baloney
- 34 Kind of consciousness

- 45 Over and over 47 Stand at home? 48 Booker, at times
- show
- 52 Something in the air
- native
- 58 Stage actress

- 65 Search-by-
- Cop
- 69 Love letter



- 36 Asian capital whose name means "place of the gods' 40 More lustrous
- 42 Lay off
- 44 Kicking dance
- 50 What mirrors
- really at the end 55 New Zealand
 - 57 Satisfy
 - Caldwell and
 - 60 Watch part
 - exclamation
- 31 "Dallas" mother 68 Film lead-in for
- definition tool 2004 11 Nelson
 - Mandela's salutation native tongue
- **ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE**
 - church matters
 - 24 Bundle
 - 25 Shield border

 - to the Fonz
 - 29 Play alone 30 Coast-to-coast
 - 32 Future atty.'s
 - The King

70 Make it while the sun shines 71 Checkup

- 72 Puts forth 73 Casual greetings
 - **DOWN**
- 1 Rapper who cofounded Roc-a-
- Fella Records
- 2 Hipness 3 Binge
- 4 Hit sign 5 "That'll show
- 6 Put through a

him!'

- sieve 7 Novel that begins "Stately, plump Buck
- Mulligan .. 8 Low pitch
- 9 Minnesota twin? 10 Red Sox fans' slogan until
- 12 Sits for a shot
- 18 Like some

- 27 Heineken, e.g.
- 28 Richie's mom,
- hwv.

WILL SHORTZ

- 38 Kingdom in a 1951 Broadway
- musical
- 13 Eyeball benders 39 No pro 41 Home equity
 - conversion
 - 46 N.S.A.

near Baltimore

- 43 "Eso " (Paul
- Anka hit) headquarters
- breakdown 51 Knack

49 It may cause a

- 52 Card game without 8's, 9's

- and 10's
- - **53** Copy

Island

54 San Francisco's

Buena

59 Endangered antelope 61 Hurting

56 Grant portrayer

in 1970's-80's

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Happy Birthday: Nothing comes easy but, if you put everything you've got into something you really want to do, it will be successful. This is a hard work year for you but there's nothing you can't resolve using good common sense and strategic timing. Your numbers are 13, 16, 19, 22, 28, 41

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Your impatience will be what causes problems today. Don't leave yourself too much time to ponder aggravating things. Plan to do things on your own and challenge yourself physically to ease your stress level.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Secrets must be kept if you want to avoid conflicts. Someone or something you see today will jog your memory. Don't panic; there is still plenty of time to catch up or make amends. $3 \, \text{stars}$ **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Promote your own talent. You will be awarded favors if you ask for help. A serious approach to what you do will result in respect from your peers. You will be a gifted speaker today. 4 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Don't let things get to you. Organize your time and, instead of fretting, systematically complete one task after another. You'll be surprised at the end of the day how much you've accomplished. 2 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Question anything you are unsure about. Participating will be the name of the game. Find an organization or person that can provide you with the most extensive information regarding something you want to pursue. 5 stars **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Stop putting things off and clear up pending matters. An investment will interest you but, if you have to borrow to make it happen, invest less or take a pass. Money can be made but avoid joint ventures. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't let someone who is uptight ruin your day. If you address personal issues, you may find that a relationship you are involved in will take unexpected turn. Don't let anyone bully you into making a decision you are not prepared to make. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You may be concerned about work but you should put more emphasis on your health and well being. You've allowed stress to creep in by taking on responsibilities that are unnecessary. It's time you relaxed and gave more thought to what life is all about. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Taking part in something competitive or physically challenging will do you good. The process of putting yourself on the line will motivate you in other areas of your life. Social events will result in fun and probably a little romance. 5 stars **CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You may have to compromise if you want to get anything accomplished. Someone is likely to oppose you, causing emotional fatigue. Giving in a little will help ease the stress of working with someone else. 2 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Consider a new job or changing your way of earning your income. Give something new a chance or sign up for courses to increase your skill level. Talk to someone in the industry who interests you and you will receive help. 4 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Do a little backtracking before you try to move forward. Consider the consequences of moving ahead without going through the proper channels. Make up with someone and you will do yourself and that person a lot of good. 3 stars

Birthday Baby: You are energetic, disciplined and a little bit stubborn. You are emotionally deep and passionate about everything and everyone. You are quick to respond and empathetic with those less able. $\label{top:composition} \mbox{Eugenia's Web sites: astroadvice.com for fun, eugenialast.com for confidential consultations}$

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BASEBALL

Bowled over

Irish comeback falls short against Bowling Green to end 23-game winning streak

By KYLE CASSILY Sports Writer

Everything good must come

Notre Dame could not avoid this reality Wednesday as it saw its 23-game win streak snapped with an 11-8 loss to Bowling Green at Frank Eck Stadium.

No. 8 Notre Dame (33-9) fought back from a seven-run deficit in the second inning, but timely Falcon fielding shut the lid on several late-inning rallies to finish the hope of 24 straight.

The loss came one game after the Irish saw another lengthy streak fall victim to the averages of baseball. First baseman Craig Cooper's 0-for-4 day at the plate against Purdue Tuesday ended a stretch where the Irish senior hit in 21 consecutive games.

The Irish last lost over a month ago - an 8-3 defeat to

LAURIE HUNT/The Obs

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Irish second baseman Ross Brezovsky throws to first during Notre Dame's 11-8 loss to Bowling Green Wednesday. The Irish had won 23 games in a row.

SOFTBALL

ND splits two games with Boilers

By DAN MURPHY Sports Writer

It was a tale of two games at lvy Field Wednesday as Notre Dame split its doubleheader with Purdue. The Irish took the first game 9-1 in six innings and lost 7-4 in the second.

"[Senior righthander] Heather [Booth] shut them down and [freshman righthander Brittany] Bargar gave up big hits in the key situations," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "That's the simple truth of it.

Booth (17-9), who took the mound in the first game, shut out the Boilermakers in 5 2-3 innings. The senior scattered three hits and struck out seven before junior Kenya Fuemmeler replaced her in the sixth.

After walking three of the four batters she faced, Fuemmeler was pulled and Booth was brought back in to finish the

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Men's Lacrosse

Walsh ends career in style

Senior from N.Y. has record statistics but aims for victories

By TIM DOUGHERTY Sports Writer

Notre Dame attack Tim Walsh has been a scoring threat his entire career with the Irish.

With just two games left in his collegiate career, Walsh's offensive numbers place him in the top ten in Notre Dame lacrosse history in career assists (third), goals (ninth) and points (fourth) - and the senior is ready to move up even more in his last two contests.

With one more assist - the hundredth of his career -Walsh will tie Randy Colley ('95) for second-place on the all-time list. Walsh is also five goals from seventh-place Bob Trocchi ('85) — not an insurmountable deficit, considering he scored six goals in a single game in a 9-8 win against then-No.13 Hofstra last seaPatrick Walsh Making Notre Dame Lacrosse Records Colley (1991-95) - 55 Games, 273 pts illivan (1989-1992) - 58 Games, 185 pts k Walsh (2003-2006) - 54 Games, 1789 pts Career Assist
1. David Ulrich (1998-01) - 110
2. Randy Colley (1991095) - 100
3. Patrick Walsh (2003-2006) - 99 Career Goals
1. Randy Colley (1992-95) - 173
2. Joe Franklin (1983-1986) - 119
9. Patrick Walsh (2003-2006) - 79

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish trio leads squad with prolific offense

By JAY FITZPATRICK

Irish senior Crysti Foote, freshman Jill Byers and sophomore Caitlin McKinney have led Notre Dame this season as the most successful trio in school history.

They have scored a combined 128 goals and tallied 66 assists this season, and are only the second threesome in Irish history to each score 30 goals in one season. Their 194 points account for over 60 percent of the team's offense.

Irish coach Tracy Coyne said the three are crucial parts of the attack in all stages - setting up plays, transition, fast breaks and scoring. They have started in all fourteen games

Byers said the ability for the group to work well together stems from Coyne.

Tracy designs plays and drills around the three of us in games and practice to help us work well together," Byers

Foote has been Notre Dame's

most consistent offensive player, doing her part to set up the attack to help the Irish score.

"[Foote] has the willingness to accept the burden of being the leader on attack," Coyne said. "She has embraced her role and that has allowed her to excel."

Foote's help in leading the attack shows in her ability to score and help others score. And her play was recognized this season when the University Club of Washington, D.C. nominated her for the Tewaaraton Trophy lacrosse's equivalent of the Heisman Trophy. Foote ranks second nationally in both goals and points per game.

But on-field play is only one aspect of leading a team. When Notre Dame is done with games or practices, Foote only begins to shine. The senior captains the team and has taken this role to an extra level - working hard to gain the trust and respect of her teammates.

'From our next-best player

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BOOKSTORE XXXV

Bookstore Basketball Commissioners released the Sweet Sixteen pairings for this weekend.

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SMC SOFTBALL

The Belles handed Goshen their 22nd and 23rd straight losses in a two-game series Wednesday

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NBA Pistons 109

Bucks 98 Pistons forward Tayshaun Prince scored 22 points as Detroit took a 2-0 series lead.

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NHL Flyers 4 Sabres 2

Philadelphia bounced back from losing the first two games of the series with a home win.

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NFL

The Houston Texans announced Wednesday that they will not draft Vince Young.

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MLB **Brewers 5**

Braves 4 Ben Sheets got his first victory of the year in Milwaukee's win over Atlanta.

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