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Ties between religion, wealth examined

Principles of the Interfaith Declaration of International Business Ethics:

Justice:

"Fair dealings between each other and between believers and others is constantly reiterated in the Scriptures as are God's justice and mercy in his dealings with mankind."

Mutual Respect:

"[S]elf-interest only has a place in the community in as much as it takes into account the interests of others. ... Of paramount importance in this respect is the employee."

Honesty:

"It is an attitude which is well summed up in the word 'integrity.' In precepts and parables, Scripture urges truth and honesty in all dealings between human beings. It is stressed that dishonesty is an abomination."

Stewardship:

"The Scriptures testify to the beauties and wonders of nature as signs of God's goodness and providence. Man is set over it all with delegated responsibility a steward charged with its care and proper use for which he will have to give account."

MATT HUDSON/The Observer

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

Business, academic and religious experts have convened on campus for a two-day conference to discuss how Muslim, Christian and Jewish views play roles in business values and ethics — specifically the creation of wealth.

Sponsored by the Center for Ethics and Religious Values in Business at Mendoza College, the event, titled "Muslim, Christian and Jewish Views on the Creation of Wealth," is described as an interfaith

conference targeted at business people, academics and researchers, though all events are open to the greater community.

Conference director Georges Enderle, a professor of International Business Ethics at Notre Dame and fellow at the Kellogg and Nanovic Institutes, said the event is attracting leaders from around the world — including the Middle East, Europe and the United States.

"World religions play a major role in influencing business behavior and cor-

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Physics prof to transfer to Boston

Barabási chooses move to pursue network studies

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Assistant News Editor

Albert-László Barabási, the Emil T. Hofman professor of physics and the director of the Center for Complex Network Research, will leave Notre Dame in the fall to pursue research and teaching opportunities at Northeastern University and the Dana Farber Cancer Institute, a teaching affiliate of Harvard Medical School.

Barabási's decision to leave Notre Dame followed his experience last year as a visiting professor studying biological networks at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute. Over the course of his time in Boston, his investigation into networks led him to the study of human diseases.

Barabási stressed that his decision to take a new position was not because he was unhappy at Notre Dame.

"To the contrary," he said in an e-mail sent to friends after deciding to leave the University. "I love this University and the whole Notre Dame community, and over the years I became an Irish fan as well."

He will leave Notre Dame to take up his new position in



Barabási

Flogging Molly to perform

SUB uses extra funds to bring in big talent

By JOHN-PAUL WITT
News Writer

Due to the financial success of last semester's Ben Folds concert, the Student Union Board (SUB) will bring Irish rock band Flogging Molly to Legends for a free concert Thursday, SUB manager Patrick Vassel said.

"There was about \$25,000 in revenue for SUB after the Ben Folds concert, and we decided to put on an end of year concert that's as exciting as possible," Vassel said.

The Ben Folds concert — which sold out — was held in Stepan Center. SUB decided to host Flogging Molly as a free concert in Legends because the cost of renting Stepan Center would have forced a concert either "with high ticket prices or free, but with a [less famous] band," Vassel said.

SUB has not always been able to bring well-known bands like Ben Folds or Flogging Molly to campus. Last year, several SUB-produced concerts did not sell out, and this factored into the decision to forgo the expenses of renting Stepan Center for Flogging Molly, Vassel said.

"Last year, we had two solid shows in Stepan [Center] — but neither crowds filled to capacity," Vassel said. "Our goal this year was, however we do [the concerts], to make them as big and exciting as possible."

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Kenan muses on life as comic

'Saturday Night Live' actor provokes laughs with stories from career

By MARCELA BERRIOS
Associate News Editor

Live from DeBartolo Hall, "Saturday Night Live's" Kenan Thompson delighted students with anecdotes from his years as a child actor and a full-grown comedian Monday night as part of the Student Union Board's "SNL" lecture series.

"I'm in my fourth year on 'SNL.' Chris Rock only did three," he said — and with that he drew the crowd's laughter in his first minute in the spotlight.

Taking students on a walk down memory lane, he also drew nostalgic sighs from those who wanted to know if he was still in contact with his for-

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CASEY CARNEY/The Observer

"Saturday Night Live" cast member Kenan Thompson speaks Monday in DeBartolo Hall about his career in comedy.

'Building' founder describes education goals

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

The Millennium Development Goals Awareness Week is in full swing, working to educate the campus community on the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals (MDG).

To get the week's events started, Building Tomorrow founder George Srour spoke to students Monday about how they can get involved in making universal primary education a reality.

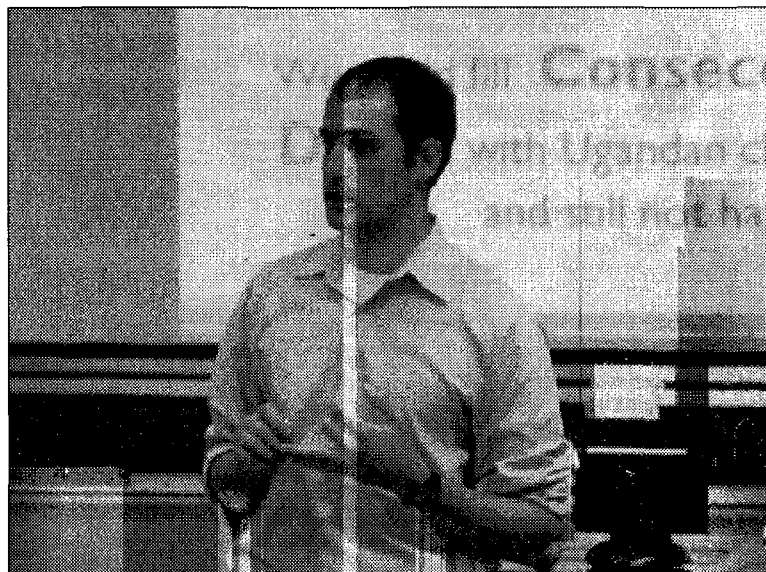
"One of the things we are focusing our efforts on is increasing the number of kids who have access to primary school [educa-

tion]," Srour said.

Srour first became involved in the issue when he spearheaded an effort at the College of William and Mary to help build a school in Kampala, Uganda. Building Tomorrow is a non-profit organization that works to get young people involved in raising awareness and funds to build schools for children in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Building Tomorrow initially targeted college students, and it now has established chapters at 10 college campuses in the United States. The organization has also partnered with Key Club

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CASEY CARNEY/The Observer

George Srour, the founder of Building Tomorrow, speaks Monday as part of Millennium Development Goals Awareness Week.

Saint Mary's Bellacapella group makes debut

Women's a capella singers take a modern approach to performance with pop music songs and television show themes

By MANDI STIRONE
News Writer

Bellacapella, an a capella singing group made up of women from Saint Mary's College, will make their debut concert performance on campus tonight at 7:30 p.m. in Little Theater in the Moreau Center for the Arts.

Co-directors Bridget Spore, a Saint Mary's junior, and senior Erin Anhut got the idea to start a singing group last year after attending a performance by Notre Dame's Undertones.

The concert performance has

been scheduled since the fall semester, Spore said, and much of the planning has gone into raising funds because the group started out with no money. The group had to get some gigs before they could print out posters and do advertising for the performance, she said.

At their performance tonight, the Undertones will open for Bellacappella, just as Bellacappella has opened for the Undertones in the past, Anhut said.

The independent, student-run group is composed of 15 women, all of whom are members of the Saint Mary's

Women's Choir, Spore said. The members went through an audition process, Spore said, and since the auditions were held, the four hours a week of practice have created friendships between the girls in the group.

Unlike the traditional choirs at Saint Mary's, Bellacappella sings what Anhut described as popular music. The group will cover songs from the Beatles, The Supremes and Jewel. They also plan to perform a television show medley that will include theme songs from "Friends," "Family Guy" and the "Fresh Prince of Bel-Air,"

Spore said.

They chose to sing modern, popular music because a capella groups do not normally perform it, Spore said.

"Plus, it's fun to sing," Anhut added.

Junior Megan Welsch, a member of Bellacapella, agreed, saying that she joined the group because she likes to sing popular music. The group hopes to draw an audience of its peers from Saint Mary's, Notre Dame and Holy Cross, Anhut said.

Bellacappella member Sarah Sult, a senior, said the group is good for Saint Mary's because it shows off a kind of talent differ-

ent than the traditional choirs.

Director of Choral Activities Dr. Nancy Menk gives the group her support and advice.

"I think it's wonderful," she said.

She said she has always wanted a group like Bellacapella, but that she wanted the students to decide to do it, rather than her making them do it.

Tickets are \$3 and will be sold an hour before the show as well as during lunch in the Saint Mary's Student Center.

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Flogging Molly has been in contact with SUB "for a few years" regarding a show at Notre Dame, Vassel said. SUB was unable to synch budgets and schedules with the band until now.

Financially, SUB decided to "zero out" its accounts by putting on a show with no ticket sales, Vassel said, in part because of student government's newly formed endowment and the carry-forward

account.

Extra money left in the SUB budget is placed in either the carry-forward account for use during the next year or — after that account reaches \$100,000 — in the student government endowment.

"In the next couple years, the interest from the endowment should add about \$20-30,000 a year," Vassel said. "That will support student organizations on campus. Once that endowment gets over a million dollars, it will significantly start returning money that will help the Student Union."

With the expanded budget,

Vassel forecasted more programming options for student government, especially in terms of "major programming", such as concerts with big-name performers.

"When you have a consistent source of funding from an endowment like that — that'll be a difference maker," Vassel said. "[Student government] can use this endowment to ensure that financial concerns won't be a liability."

Vassel is part of a team presenting information about the endowment to the University Board of Trustees later this semester. The report will contain details of the present and

future plans for the endowment.

"This is interesting because five years ago, the student body president basically asked the Board for a million dollars for an endowment but was told it wasn't feasible," Vassel said. "But now we can go to the Board and say, 'We found the money on our own.'"

For the Flogging Molly concert Thursday, Legends has attempted to expand the amount of people that can watch the concert in the 680-person venue by simulcasting the show on large-screen TVs in the field behind Legends, so a total of 1,200 people will be

able to watch the concert, Legends general manager Rich Jacobs said.

Jacobs advised students to arrive early for the concert, but said the club will not permit students to start standing in line while classes are in session.

Attendance at the Flogging Molly concert is limited to students with a Notre Dame, Saint Mary's or Holy Cross College ID, and students are allowed two guests each, Jacobs said. The concert starts at 10 p.m.

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The Observer is now accepting applications for
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porate behavior," Enderle said. He said the conference will examine "business in an international, global context and what role religions play in business," specifically the idea of wealth creation.

The conference revolves around the Interfaith Declaration of International Business Ethics, an agreement between members of the three faiths to promote common business values. The four principles of the declaration are justice, mutual respect, stewardship and honesty. The declaration was formulated by leaders in both the Judeo-Christian and Muslim worlds from 1984-93.

Enderle said Notre Dame is a good place to "search for common ground" during such a conference. He thinks participants will gain a greater awareness of the values all

three Abrahamic faith traditions share.

"I'm hoping that we're realizing that we do have a lot in common — although we are not aware of it," he said.

The conference, being held in the Mendoza College of Business and also in the Hesburgh Center, began Monday with speakers who gave perspectives on the 12-year-old declaration and thoughts on the idea of wealth creation.

Opening perspective: Reviewing the declaration

Simon Webley, research director of Notre Dame's Institute of Business Ethics in London, said Monday if he could add one thing to the list of principles included in the Interfaith Declaration of International Business Ethics, he would add trust.

Trust, Webley said, is an extremely prevalent issue given corporate scandals and general mistrust among the public in recent years.

Webley said a recent poll in

London revealed that only one-third of the public trusts business.

Trustworthiness in business is necessary, Webley said, as many conclude that a business is not successful without trust. Many multinational corporations now include the idea of trust in preambles to agreements and ethics codes, along with statements that say they will strive for integrity, responsibility and trust.

"These values are becoming the norm and form the basis for many corporate [ethics codes]," Webley said, adding the principle of trust to the declaration would round out the changes of business ethics.

Webley also spoke about the context in which the declara-

tion was initially created, a time when the "phenomenon of international business, globalization" was young, he said.

In the more than dozen years since the declaration, talks of ethics and values in business have become increasingly prevalent, going far beyond dealing the original goal of uniting different cultural and religious groups.

Webley cited the United Nations' decision to create ethical principles for businesses as an example of that.

"The United Nations, for the first time in its history, it entered into agreements not with countries but with corporations," Webley said, noting the creation of standards for labor and environmental protection

and a later addition of guidelines against bribery and extortion.

Webley said that while there is a growth in the use of ethical codes in business worldwide, there is still little emphasis on faith, something the declaration sought to take into consideration.

"There are very few if any examples of [these values and ethics codes] being related to faith," Webley said before adding an exception. "However, in many Muslim countries, relationship between these values and business is more explicit."

Speakers this morning are scheduled to address the Muslim, Jewish and Christian views of ethics in business, specifically related to wealth creation, and presenters in the afternoon will address ethical challenges for business leaders, economics and conflicting values, and changing corporate responsibilities.

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Networks

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September.

Professor Mitchell R. Wayne, the chair of Notre Dame's physics department, called Barabási's departure a "big loss to the physics department and the University."

"He's one of the most prominent researchers in the

University," Wayne said. "It's a huge loss. He's one of the most publicized, well-cited scientists probably in the whole world right now."

Wayne called Barabási a "creative scientist" and said he was popular with his students.

At Northeastern University, Barabási will take a position in the Department of Physics, Computer Science and Biology. He will also work in the Center for Cancer Systems Biology at Dana

Farber Cancer Institute.

Barabási arrived at Notre Dame as an assistant professor in 1995.

He originally intended to pursue research on materials science but soon turned his focus to the investigation of complex networks. In the relatively new field of networks research, Barabási has been a central figure in both initiating exploration in the field and making progress in the study of interconnectivity.

An article in a 1998 issue of Notre Dame Magazine described Barabási's published research findings on the amount of water it takes to make the sand in a sandcastle stick together. In collaboration with other physicists at the University, Barabási's discovery — that only a small amount of liquid is necessary to yield the salt residues that create

bridges between the sand grains — graced the cover of the June 1997 issue of the science journal Nature.

These findings, the article said, could be used by industries that store materials in piles, as well as by pill manufacturers, who need to understand how chemical grains adhere to each other.

The portable document format (PDF) version of Barabási's curriculum vitae fills 25 pages and includes many published articles and other honors.

As the director of the Center for Complex Network Research (CCNR), Barabási and his team of researchers study interconnectivity. According to the CCNR's Web site, its research ranges from studying the topology of the Internet to investigating

the cellular network inside cells to studying the connections between Hollywood actors.

Barabási was out of town and could not be reached for comment, but he forwarded to The Observer the e-mail he sent to his friends when he decided to leave the University.

He said he felt he needed to make the move to advance forward with his scholarship, since his interests have evolved toward medical research.

"At the end it was not a vote for or against the University, nor a question of resources — it was a decision based on location, and access to the collaboration possibilities that are necessary to take my research program to a new level, which," Barabási said, "with the exponential growth of the field that we initiated now requires close interactions with experimental groups, heavily based in medical schools."

Wayne said the physics department is "disappointed" to see Barabási go but said the faculty wishes him good luck.

"In a certain sense, it reflects well on Notre Dame that one of our faculty members is so well-recognized around the world," he said.

Barabási majored in physics and engineering at the University of Bucharest in Romania. He received his master's degree in physics from Eotvos Lorand University in Budapest and his Ph.D. from Boston University.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Nigerian election votes denounced

ABUJA, Nigeria — A former chemistry professor and provincial governor hand-picked by President Olusegun Obasanjo won the presidential election in a landslide Monday, in a vote denounced as deeply flawed by international observers and the opposition.

Umaru Yar'Adua must now fight for credibility in Nigeria, where some 15,000 people have died since strict military rule ended in 1999. Gen. Muhammadu Buhari, the 1980s-era military leader who was the runner-up in Saturday's vote, called the outcome "the most blatantly rigged election results ever produced in Nigeria."

During Saturday's presidential and parliamentary votes and a week earlier during elections for state governors and legislatures, electoral officials could be seen inking ballots and shoving them into boxes. Thugs intimidated voters. The presidential ballots bore no serial numbers, making them easy to mishandle and impossible to track.

Israel marks Memorial Day

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Ehud Olmert marked Israel's Memorial Day for fallen soldiers Monday with a new call for peace with the Palestinians, saying his country was prepared to make "far-reaching compromises" and "very painful concessions."

But he also said Israel would hit militants "until they are destroyed," following a week-end of fighting that left nine Palestinians dead.

NATIONAL NEWS

Border patrol agent charged

PHOENIX — A Border Patrol agent was charged Monday with first-degree murder in the shooting of an unarmed illegal immigrant at the border in January.

An investigation found that Agent Nicholas Corbett's killing of Francisco Dominguez-Rivera, of Puebla, Mexico, was not legally justified, said Cochise County prosecutor Ed Rheinheimer.

Corbett is also charged with second-degree murder, manslaughter and negligent homicide. A judge will determine which of the charges the evidence supports best, Rheinheimer said.

"We have concluded that the evidence shows that at the time he was shot, Mr. Dominguez-Rivera presented no threat to agent Corbett," Rheinheimer said.

His attorney, Daniel Santander, didn't immediately return a message left Monday afternoon by The Associated Press. The Border Patrol said it would make a statement Tuesday.

U.S. against European gas deal

WASHINGTON — Irritated by the prospect of a huge European gas development deal with Iran, the Bush administration said Monday it will argue that such transactions undercut international bargaining power over Iran's nuclear program.

Also Monday, the State Department said it has again asked Iran for information about a missing former FBI agent. The United States says it has no information to substantiate reports that Iran may be detaining the man, but spokesmen do not rule out that possibility.

LOCAL NEWS

Payne's murder charges dropped

SOUTH BEND — A woman whose murder conviction was overturned was released from prison Monday after pleading guilty to her role in a burglary that led to the deaths of three northern Indiana construction workers.

St. Joseph Superior Judge William Means approved the agreement in which Charity Payne pleaded guilty to felony burglary. In exchange, prosecutors agreed to drop murder charges in the September 2000 slayings of Corby Myers, 30; Lynn Ganger, 54; and Wayne Shumaker, 58, at a Lakeville home.

The court sentenced her to time already served.

RUSSIA

Democratizing force Yeltsin dies at 76

Kremlin says funeral to be held Wednesday, burial at Novodevichy Cemetery

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Former President Boris Yeltsin, who hastened the collapse of the Soviet Union by scrambling atop a tank to rally opposition against a hard-line coup and later pushed Russia to embrace democracy and a market economy, died Monday at age 76.

The first freely elected leader of Russia, Yeltsin was initially admired abroad for his defiance of the monolithic Communist system. But many Russians will remember him mostly for presiding over the steep decline of their nation.

Mikhail Gorbachev, the last Soviet president, summed up Yeltsin's complex legacy Monday by referring to him as one "on whose shoulders are both great deeds for the country and serious errors."

Defense Secretary Robert Gates called Yeltsin "an important figure in Russian history."

"No Americans, at least, will forget seeing him standing on the tank outside the White House (the Russian parliament building) resisting the coup attempt," Gates said while visiting Moscow.

The Kremlin said the funeral would be Wednesday, a day of national mourning, and that Yeltsin would be buried at Moscow's Novodevichy Cemetery, where many of Russia's most prominent figures are interred.

"Thanks to Boris Yeltsin's will and direct initiative, a new constitution was adopted which proclaimed human rights as the supreme value," said President Vladimir Putin, who was Yeltsin's hand-picked successor. He said his former mentor "gave people a chance to freely express their thoughts, freely elect authorities."

Yeltsin rocketed to popu-



Former Russian President Boris Yeltsin announces his resignation in the Moscow Kremlin Dec. 31, 1999. Yeltsin died Monday. He was 76.

larity in the Communist era on pledges to fight corruption, but he proved unable or unwilling to prevent the looting of state industry as it moved into private hands during his nine years in power.

Yeltsin steadfastly defended freedom of the press, but was a master at manipulating the media. Putin has proven far more popular even as he has tightened Kremlin control.

His career was punctuated by bizarre behavior that the public chalked up to alcohol. Red-faced pranks, missed appointments, and inarticulate and contradictory public comments were blamed by aides on jet lag, medication or illness.

Yeltsin's greatest moments came in bursts.

After Communist hardliners tried to overthrow Gorbachev and roll back democratic reforms in 1991 by sending armor into the streets, Yeltsin climbed atop a tank to rally resistance. He spearheaded the peaceful end of the Soviet state by the end of the year.

Ill with heart problems and facing possible defeat by a Communist challenger in 1996, Yeltsin marshaled his energy to win re-election. The challenge transformed the shaky convalescent into the spry, dancing candidate.

But Yeltsin was an inconsistent reformer who never took much interest in the

mundane tasks of government and he blamed subordinates for Russia's many problems. He damaged his democratic credentials by using force to solve political disputes, although he said it was necessary to hold the country together.

Boris Nikolayevich Yeltsin was born Feb. 1, 1931, into a peasant family in the Ural Mountains' Sverdlovsk region. When he was 3, his father was imprisoned in dictator Josef Stalin's purges but later released.

A mischievous child, Yeltsin lost his thumb and index finger while playing with a grenade. He was expelled from elementary school for criticizing a teacher at an assembly.

Democrats agree on Iraq legislation

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A historic veto showdown assured, Democratic leaders agreed Monday on legislation that requires the first U.S. combat troops to be withdrawn from Iraq by Oct. 1 with a goal of a complete pullout six months later.

"No more will Congress turn a blind eye to the Bush administration's incompetence and dishonesty," Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid said in a speech in which he accused the president of living in a state of denial about events in Iraq more than four years after the U.S.-led invasion.

Bush, confident of enough votes to

sustain his veto, was unambiguous in his response. "I will strongly reject an artificial timetable (for) withdrawal and/or Washington politicians trying to tell those who wear the uniform how to do their job," he told reporters in the Oval Office as he met with his top Iraq commander, Gen. David Petraeus.

Taken together, the day's events marked the quickening of a confrontation that has been building since Democrats took control of Congress in January and promised to change policy in a war has claimed the lives of more than 3,200 U.S. troops.

Congressional negotiators for the House and Senate met in late afternoon and ratified the details of the

legislation. Republicans voiced opposition, but made no attempt to delay or even seek changes. "We all know this bill is going nowhere fast," said Rep. Jerry Lewis, R-Calif., referring to the veto threat.

"Congress is preparing to deliver a message of surrender just as General Petraeus arrives in Washington this week to brief the commander in chief and members of Congress on the war," he added.

The bill includes more than \$90 billion for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the withdrawal timetable that Bush finds objectionable and billions of dollars in domestic spending that he also has threatened to veto. Overall, the bill totals \$124.2 billion.

Kenan

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mer "Kenan and Kel" co-star, Kel Mitchell.

"I only get to see [Mitchell] every now and then, and he's well, but I don't know about Good Burger 2," Thompson said, referring to the movie the pair produced while their hit Nickelodeon show aired in the late 1990s.

After graduating from Nickelodeon comedy, Thompson said he went on to star in a number of film projects, including "Fat Albert" and "Barbershop 2" before landing a recurring role in NBC's variety show.

Born in 1978, he became the first "SNL" cast member born after the series began in 1975, according to the show's Web site.

While his experience in Nickelodeon's sketch series, "All That," and his work alongside comedian Ben Stiller in "Heavyweights" prepared Thompson to join "SNL," he said he was still nervous about auditioning and giving suggestions to his experienced co-stars during his first season on the show.

"I don't consider myself an expert in comedy or anything, but you just have to feel comfortable pitching your ideas," he said. "Sometimes they work, and sometimes they don't."

Thompson admitted he had never written a full comedy sketch until he joined "SNL" in 2003, but he said he was proud of the progress he has made as an actor and a writer from his time on the show.

He walked students through his first appearance on the SNL stage — a Bill Cosby impersonation — when his palms were sweating and his heart was racing, and he prayed he didn't forget his lines.

"And then you say your first words, and they get a laugh, and it's the most wonderful feeling," Thompson said. "As a comedian, as someone who enjoys making people laugh, that is the most gratification I could ever get."

Since that day, he has played Star Jones, Patti LaBelle, Don King, Rev. Al Sharpton and Colin Powell, among other celebrities and fictional characters.

And despite his established presence in the show and having shared the stage with actors like Tom Hanks, Samuel L. Jackson and Steve Martin, Thompson said humility and good manners go a long way in any setting — a lesson his mother taught him and reminded him of constantly.

"There are other people out there who could be doing what I'm doing and maybe two times better, but none of that really matters if you're a prick," he said. "That attitude won't get you anywhere."

The comedian said he has befriended SNL's camera crew and "the guy you'd think is only pulling cables

around" because he recognized their contributions to the show and their value as human beings — and getting their nods during the tapings help him curb his jitters onstage.

Those jitters, however, are not caused by any pressure to be the black comedian in the cast and bring the expected hip-hop humor to the show, Thompson said.

"Whatever you consider yourself to be, is what actually pigeonholes you," he said. "I've found that I am capable of making 68-year-old white dudes laugh, and if I can do that, I think I can do anything."

He immortalized knuckle pucks in "Mighty Ducks 2" and amused children in the 1990s as Pierre Escargot in "All That." And in the future, Thompson said he hopes to further solidify his career in Hollywood.

"I like Eddie Murphy's life. That's a good life," he said. "He's been around for many years, and in that time he's made so many movies we will never forget. That's what every actor wants to accomplish. Maybe somewhere down the line I could do something like that. Maybe I could be in Doctor Doolittle 17 some day."

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Kenan Thompson
cast member
"Saturday Night Live"

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International, a high school service organization.

Building Tomorrow has focused its energies in Uganda since it started in 2005. And while the organization has made strides to raise funds for building schools, Srour said that the work is not easy because it is "much harder for development groups and organizations to work with rural populations."

To determine the status of primary education in various regions of Uganda, Srour said, Building Tomorrow looks at three indicators — net enrollment of students, proportion of students in first grade to students who reach fifth grade and the literacy rate of 15-24 year olds.

Srour said \$80 will pay a primary school teacher in Uganda for one month, but the problem isn't finding teachers — it's finding adequate facilities where teachers can instruct their students.

"There is enough money [in Uganda] to pay for primary school teachers ... but not enough money to provide infrastructure," he said.

In order to make primary education possible in rural areas in Uganda, Building Tomorrow establishes ties with local governments.

"We go to a community and say, 'We will work with you to put up a new school if you will help us with 25 percent of cost,'" Srour explained.

Srour said Building Tomorrow enlists the aid of members of the community to help sew uniforms for students and to help manage the school once it is up and running.

To build a school in Uganda, which holds 300 to 350 students, costs approximately \$35,000 — and this is where young people come in.

"All of our funding to build schools comes from people

like yourselves," Srour said. "If you got everyone on this campus to pay three dollars, you could build a school."

Boston University and the University of Virginia are among the schools involved in Building Tomorrow's goal to build three schools this year. Freshman Jenna Knapp said he is working to establish a Building Tomorrow chapter at Notre Dame, which should begin next fall.

Srour said what makes this model for establishing education unique is that it works with local governments and is sustainable over time.

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founder
Building Tomorrow

With about 50 percent of its inhabitants under the age of 18, "Uganda is a very young country," Srour said. He explained that these age demographics put great strains on the educational system in Uganda because there are so many young people who do not have access to education.

Another factor affecting Uganda's inadequate education system is the HIV/AIDS epidemic, which runs rampant through the African continent.

Srour said 63 percent of HIV/AIDS cases worldwide occur in Sub-Saharan Africa. What is worse is that many of Uganda's young have been forced to grow up quickly because their parents have died from the virus, he said.

The organization has also teamed up with other non-governmental organizations, including the World Food Program, to provide desks, books, and furniture in schools.

Srour said Building Tomorrow hopes to start working on providing secondary education in Uganda in the next few years, as well as expanding their efforts throughout Sub-Saharan Africa.

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Pulitzer winner Halberstam dies

Former New York Times writer killed in car crash en route to interview

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — David Halberstam, a Pulitzer Prize-winning writer who chronicled the Vietnam War generation, civil rights and the world of sports, was killed in a car crash Monday, his wife and local authorities said. He was 73.

Halberstam, of New York, was a passenger in a car that was broadsided by another vehicle in Menlo Park, south of San Francisco, San Mateo County Coroner Robert Foucault said. The cause of death appeared to be internal injuries, he said.

The accident occurred around 10:30 a.m., and Halberstam was declared dead at the scene, Menlo Park Fire Chief Harold Schapelhouman said.

The driver of the car carrying Halberstam and the person driving the car that crashed into his were injured, but not seriously.

Halberstam was being driven by a graduate journalism student from the University of California, Berkeley, which had hosted a speech by the author Saturday night about journalism and what it means to turn reporting into a work of history. They were headed to an interview he had scheduled with Hall of Fame quarterback Y.A. Tittle.

Halberstam was working on a book, "The Game," about the 1958 NFL championship between the Baltimore Colts

and the New York Giants, often called the greatest game ever played, said his wife, Jean Halberstam.

She said she would remember him most for his "unending, bottomless generosity to young journalists."

"For someone who obviously was so competitive with himself, the generosity with other writers was incredible," she said.

In an interview earlier this month with The Associated Press, Halberstam recalled the zeal with which he and his colleagues covered Vietnam.

"Maybe we were 28, 29, 26 and we had a great story, which we knew and we had a lock on the truth because we had such great sources. When for a variety of reasons — a flawed, deeply flawed policy — the government starts lying, that is when independent journalism really matters," he said.

Such reporting, he said, is a key component of democracy.

"The idea that somewhere before it is a big story that there is some young person ... putting themselves on the line morally, ethically, journalistically, that is a great thing," Halberstam said. "I mean, that is what a free society is about."

As word of Halberstam's death spread, tributes and remembrances poured in for the veteran reporter whose baritone matched the heft of his nonfiction narratives.

"He was a dear friend," said author Gay Talese, who was at the Halberstams' home Monday night and was best man at his wedding.

Halberstam was born April 10, 1934, in New York City to a surgeon father and teacher mother. His father was in the military, and Halberstam moved around the country during his childhood, spending time in Texas, Minnesota and Connecticut.

He attended Harvard University, where he was managing editor of the Harvard Crimson newspaper.

He launched his career in 1955 at the Daily Times Leader in West Point, Miss. He spent only a year there because the editor at the time thought Halberstam was too liberal, said Bill Minor, the Jackson, Miss., bureau chief for The Times-Picayune of New Orleans.

Minor remained friends for decades with Halberstam, who he said was not afraid to wear his social conscience on his sleeve.

Halberstam went on to The Tennessean, in Nashville, where he covered the civil rights struggle, and then The New York Times, which sent him to Vietnam in 1962 to cover the growing crisis there.

In 1964, when Halberstam was 30, he and Malcolm W. Browne, of the AP, won Pulitzers for their coverage of the war and the overthrow of the Saigon regime.

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IN BRIEF

Audit: federal workers abuse system

WASHINGTON — Federal employees are going online to sell the mass transit fare cards the government buys them, congressional auditors say.

Employees are also exaggerating their commuting costs, and some continue to receive transportation subsidies after leaving the government.

Abuses in the mass transit benefits program for government workers are wasting tens of millions of dollars each year, says Congress' Government Accountability Office.

Using seven agencies' mass transit records, investigators found at least \$17 million in fraudulent transit benefits claimed in the Washington metropolitan area during 2006. That amount "could be millions more" if fraud exists in the dozens of agencies the GAO did not review, auditors say in testimony prepared for a Senate hearing Tuesday.

In three days of online searches, the GAO found at least 20 federal employees who were fraudulently selling their fare cards on eBay. Posing as buyers, investigators purchased benefits from three employees on Craigslist. In other cases, employees claimed benefits while on leave, gave the cards to friends and family or used them for personal travel.

Democrats ask for lending rules

WASHINGTON — Democrats on the Senate Banking Committee asked Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke on Monday to write new rules against predatory lending in the market for high-risk mortgages, which has been in distress in recent months.

Bernanke told Congress last month that the central bank would "look very carefully" at its authority to define unfair and abusive lending practices under a 1994 law that the Democrats, led by committee Chairman Sen. Christopher Dodd of Connecticut, invoked in their letter to him.

He also said it was important to proceed carefully and write any new rules precisely to avoid "killing the market" and choking off an important avenue for less wealthy people to become homeowners.

Barclays PLC to stage takeover

Company to acquire ABN Amro NV for \$91.16 billion, create global banking giant

Associated Press

AMSTERDAM — Barclays PLC said Monday it will acquire ABN Amro NV for 67 billion euros (\$91.16 billion) in the largest takeover in the financial services sector, aiming to create a global banking giant and preempt a rival bid to break up the Netherlands' largest bank.

As part of the deal, ABN announced it is selling its U.S. unit LaSalle Bank to Bank of America Corp. for \$21 billion in cash.

The proposed chief executive of the new group, Barclays CEO John Varley, called the deal "the largest merger ever in global financial industry," and said it holds out the promise of growth at a rate twice as fast as global gross domestic product.

Despite the agreement, ABN said it would welcome a meeting with representatives from Royal Bank of Scotland PLC, Spain's Banco Santander Central Hispano SA and Belgian-Dutch bank Fortis NV, which invited ABN to enter talks earlier this month.

But the consortium called off the meeting at the last minute, and said it wanted to hear from ABN Amro by the end of the day under what conditions it would consider scuttling the planned sale of LaSalle.

The consortium intended to split up ABN and sell off parts of its operations to each, but the breakup held less interest with the divestiture of ABN Amro's large U.S. operations.

"They still have time to come with an alternative proposal," said Ton Geitman of Petercam Financial Intelligence in Amsterdam. But unless they could block the sale of LaSalle, the three consortium partners would have to renegotiate among themselves how to split up the Dutch bank, he said.



Barclays CEO John Varley, left, and ABN Amro chairman Rijkman Groenink shake hands at a news conference in Amsterdam Monday. Barclays announced that it will buy ABN Amro.

"ABN Amro considers itself to have four home markets: Holland, the U.S., Italy and Brazil. Barclay's offer spinning off LaSalle to Bank of America makes some sense," said Bart Narter, a senior analyst at Celent, a U.S.-based international financial research and consulting firm. The consortium may see itself better positioned to handle the non-U.S. markets, he said.

"The Dutch government may prefer to see the remainder of the bank intact and run from Holland, which could tip the scales," Narter said.

When completed, Barclay's acquisition of ABN Amro would create one of the top five global banks by market capitalization.

Under the deal announced Monday, Barclays offered 36.25 euros (\$49.25) for each ABN share, slightly below Friday's closing price. Varley said the deal was worth 67 billion euros (\$91.16 billion), a 33 percent premium from ABN's share price when talks began last month.

ABN Amro shares rose 1 percent to 36.66 euros (\$49.88). Barclays shares fell 2 percent to 735 pence (\$14.70).

"The proposed merger of ABN Amro and Barclays will create a strong and competitive combination for its clients with superior products and extensive distribution," the banks said in a statement. "The merged group is expected to generate significant and sustained future incremental earnings growth for shareholders."

For each share, ABN Amro shareholders will be offered 3.225 ordinary shares in the new group, to be called Barclays PLC. The companies said the deal would create a single bank with 47 million customers worldwide.

Newspapers plan to reduce staffs

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Chicago Tribune and the Los Angeles Times disclosed plans Monday to reduce their staffs by as many as a combined 250 jobs, the latest cutbacks in a newspaper industry reeling from a falloff in advertising and circulation.

The actions by Tribune Co.'s two largest dailies, which had been expected for months, come on top of earlier cutbacks by both papers.

The Times said it hoped to cut its staff of 2,625 by up to 150 employees, or nearly 6 percent. The Chicago Tribune said it intends to trim its staff by as many as 100, or 3 percent.

The cuts are to be achieved by a mix of closing vacant positions, attrition, buyouts and layoffs.

"The actions being undertaken at

our newspapers reflect fundamental changes going on across the media industry," Tribune Co. spokesman Gary Weitman said. "We cannot stand still; as revenues have slowed, our newspapers are scaling expenses accordingly."

Tribune said it will redeploy its resources to areas that can best generate growth, as it is now doing with Internet-focused ventures.

The Times said up to 70 jobs could be cut from the newspaper's news operations, which would reduce the newsroom staff to about 850 people. The Times news operation employed about 1,200 at the time of its purchase by Tribune in 2000.

Chicago Tribune spokeswoman Christine Hennessey declined to say how many news positions could be affected or give the current number of newsroom jobs.

U.S. newspaper circulation has been headed steadily downward since 1987 but the drop-off has accelerated in recent years as readers and advertisers defect to the Internet and other media such as cable TV. For the six-month period ending last September, average paid circulation fell 8 percent at the Times and 1.7 percent at the Tribune.

Times Publisher David Hillier, who took over last October when Jeffrey Johnson resigned after protesting Tribune's proposed cuts, said the newspaper must continue to change its business model in the face of industry-wide challenges.

"It is also crucial we reduce resources, including some of our people, in areas of our core print business where revenue is declining," Hillier said in a statement.

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Natural law still applies

How do we decide whether we are doing right or wrong? Jack Bauer and the "24" counterterrorism unit might say the test is utility, a point that might be disputed by their torturees. Others might ask whether the act makes you feel good.

There is a better way. Through the natural law, we can know the right and wrong of our own actions and we can set moral limits to the power of the state.

Everything has a law of its nature, built into it by its maker. A rock will sink. And your Chevy will run if you put gasoline, but not sand, in the tank. When we talk about the natural law, we mean the law inscribed in the nature of human beings by their Maker. The natural law is not a Christian invention. Aristotle and Cicero, the Roman statesman, affirmed it. Saint Thomas Aquinas, however, provided the most comprehensive exposition of it.

The natural law is a rule of reason by which man (of both sexes) can know how he should act in order to achieve his final end of eternal happiness with God. The "first and general principle" of that law, as Pope Benedict XVI recently put it, is "to do good and to avoid evil." The good is that which is in accord with the nature of the thing we are talking about. It is good to feed your Chevy gasoline.

As for man, Aquinas said, "all those things to which man has a natural inclination are naturally apprehended by reason as being good." From those inclinations we reason to conclusions. From the inclination to preserve oneself, we reason that it is good to eat a balanced diet and not to gorge on Big Macs. We know that theft is wrong because it is inconsistent with the incli-



Charles Rice

Right or Wrong?

nation to live in community. From the inclination to unite sexually and raise our offspring, we conclude that sex should be reserved for marriage and marriage should be permanent. And so on. We make these judgments through our conscience, a faculty of our intellect. "Moral truth is objective," said Pope John Paul II, "and a properly formed conscience can perceive it." However, to declare that theft, etc., is objectively wrong is not to judge the subjective culpability of the person who does it. To be morally culpable, one must know it is wrong and yet choose to do it. We generally have neither the right nor the capacity to judge the subjective culpability of anyone.

But whose natural law are you going to apply? Supreme Court Justice James Iredell, in 1798, rejected natural law because "the ideas of natural justice are regulated by no fixed standard: the ablest and the purest men have differed upon the subject."

People may sincerely disagree, as they have on slavery, abortion, etc. But they can't both be right. "If ... we consider one action in the moral order," said Aquinas, "it is impossible for it to be both good and evil."

Our intellects are weakened by original sin. But the Lawgiver of the natural law came to the rescue of wounded human nature by giving us the Commandments, which are specifications of that law, so we would have sure guidance. And Christ, who is God and the Lawgiver, founded one Church, headed by his Vicar who is the authoritative interpreter of the natural law and the Commandments. The Magisterium, or teaching authority, of the Church is possessed by the Pope and the bishops in union with him. "Christians," said John Paul II, "have a great help for the formation of conscience in the Church and her Magisterium. ... The Church puts herself ... at the service of conscience... helping it not to swerve from the truth about the good of man."

Everyone has a pope, a visible authority on moral questions. If it is not the real Pope, it will be a pope of the individual's own choosing — whether Bill Clinton, Sean Hannity or the individual himself. It makes sense that we have one Pope rather than seven billion, which would involve the natural law and its Lawgiver in a chaos of contradictions.

The natural law is a standard for human law as well as for personal conduct. Martin Luther King echoed Aquinas when he said that "an unjust law is a human law that is not rooted in eternal law and natural law." As Aquinas put it, if a human law "deflects from the law of nature," it is unjust and "is no longer a law but a perversion of law." Rosa Parks affirmed the natural law when she refused to give up her seat on the bus in Montgomery in 1955. A law mandating racial segregation is unjust and void. Aquinas said that we may be obliged to obey an unjust law "to avoid scandal or disturbance," but that a law that is unjust because it would compel one to violate the divine law must never be obeyed.

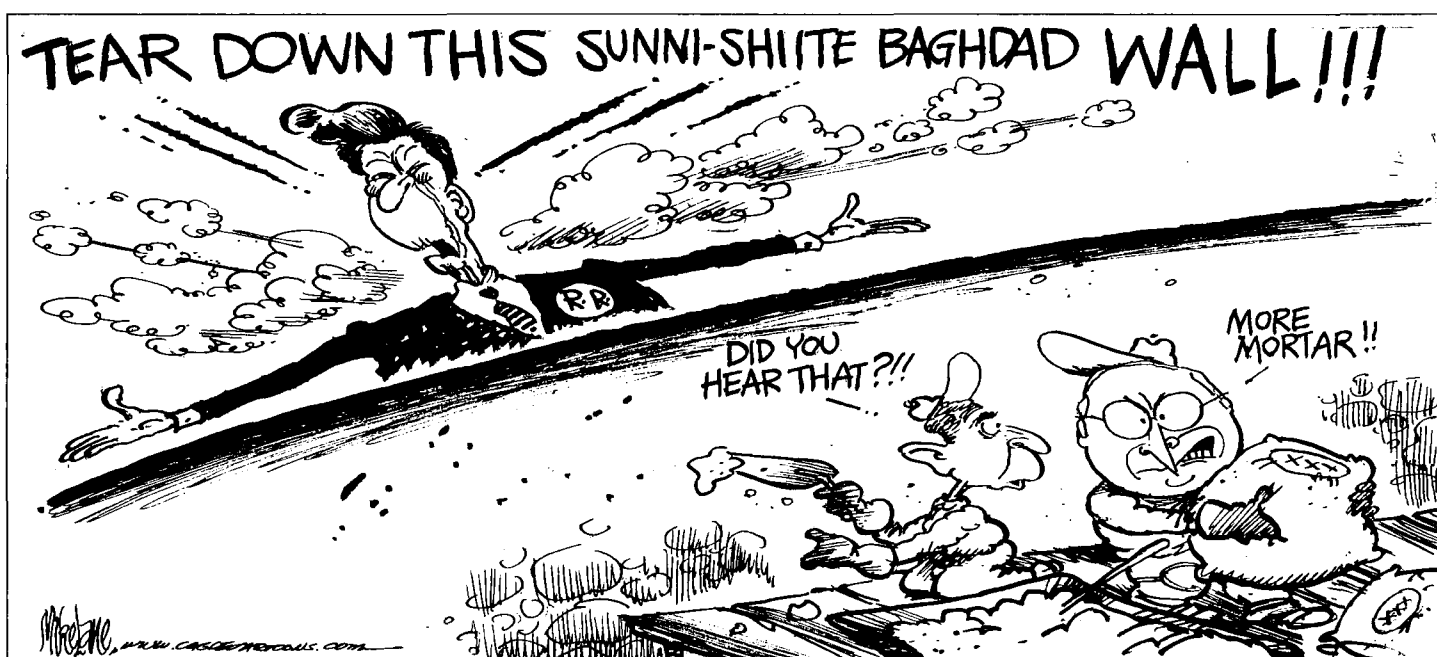
The alternative to natural law is some form of legal positivism, which is based on the idea, as Hans Kelsen put it, that "justice is an irrational ideal." If we cannot affirm any knowable, objective norms of justice, we cannot define any moral limits to what the state can do. "If there is no ultimate truth to guide and direct political activity," said John Paul, "then ideas and convictions can easily be manipulated for reasons of power." We all know that by experience.

The natural law has not been repealed. Think about it. Even Jack Bauer might find it of interest.

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"Don't go around saying the world owes you a living. The world owes you nothing. It was here first."

Mark Twain
American author

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Seniors encouraged to sign pledge, incorporate values

Graduating seniors, we stand at the brink of the rest of our lives. This place we have called home for the past four years is giving way to a new home. We have in our recent past studied, prayed, lived and served so well, but now this localized earthly paradise is giving way to a new environment, a new and larger community in which we must choose to be ourselves and of which we must choose to be a part.

For so long, we have lived under the protection of so many dedicated individuals — our parents, our rectors, our administrators — but it is a luxury which at this very moment is giving way to a new and frightening world of

responsibility, of obliged love for our fellow brothers and sisters. This week, we are given the opportunity to establish ourselves in our new home, our new family and to proclaim that we do, in fact, have an integral role to play among our adopted siblings.

This week (April 23-27), we commit — in the Class of 2007 Pledge of Social Responsibility — to affirm our humanity. The Pledge reads, in part, “The University seeks to cultivate in its students not only an appreciation for the great achievements of human beings but also a disciplined sensibility to the poverty, injustice, and oppression that burden the lives of so many. The aim is to create a sense of

human solidarity and concern for the common good that will bear fruit as learning becomes service to justice.”

The words themselves, being only words, mean nothing unless we embody them and take it upon ourselves to live out God’s commandment to love. In this Notre Dame community which is giving way before our eyes, let us maintain our solidarity. Let us, as one class, sign the Pledge.

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U-WIRE

Intern Internment

In 2004, filmmaker Sergio Arau asked America a simple question: What would happen if you took all the Latinos out of California? Arau posited a guess with “A Day Without a Mexican.”

We can easily imagine what would happen if all the Latinos disappeared from California. For that matter, it would not be too hard to imagine what would happen if every wage-working immigrant in America went missing.

I selfishly wish that Arau had made his movie about interns instead. What would happen if you took all the unpaid interns out of New York City? Now that is a movie I would take time to see.

Immigrants and interns are not often mentioned in the same breath but, as an intern, I feel a certain solidarity with the immigrants that surround me in the melting pot of New York City.

Our generation has cast aside jobs as camp counselors and busboys to instead sort corporate America’s mail. This in an attempt to put a couple of lines on our resumes to make the words “Dartmouth College” really

sparkle (or to divert our attention from the omission of our GPAs).

Since I have left my friends and professors in Hanover and returned home to intern, I have found it hard to be optimistic all the time (maybe I should be traveling instead). All my intern gloom goes away when I behold the romantic sacrifice of the American immigrant.

One stormy morning last week, I asked my Polish housekeeper how hard it was raining outside. She told me I needed an umbrella, and I rolled my eyes, saying I would rather miss work than go out in the rain.

“Work?” she asked skeptically. “But you’re a student.”

How should I explain the idea of an internship to her? “It’s not a real job, Krystyna; it’s just for experience.” She still looked confused so I rethought my words. “I only make 10 dollars a day.”

She broke into a grin. “My job is better than that!” I left that morning with the sound of her laughter still ringing in my ears.

As an intern, I expect people to laugh at me. Nobody has any respect for interns; they are at the rock bottom of any professional hierarchy. The masochist inside of me — and Skip

Sturman — thinks that interning balances my willy-nilly Ivy League classroom scholarship with solid professional experience (which is correct). And yet, I still cannot help feel that the dullness of internships might cause my brain to rot. I blame this suffering on my professors.

Our professors imagine that our brains are weapons. I imagine that mine is a death ray. At Dartmouth, I feel like I am using my death ray to capacity, writing poetry, mastering the cello, solving mathematical riddles, translating Catullus and pursuing other “lonely acts,” just as the late College President James O. Freeman would have wanted.

As an intern, I cannot help but feel that my death ray is being wasted scanning coupons at a supermarket. How can I do something practical like work when I feel like I should be cultivating my mind?

At the end of the day, we interns work for little to no money because we know there is another half-educated, resume-wielding twerp willing take our spot, waiting right behind us, and any deliveryman in New York City knows that if he did not show up for work, there would be somebody else

willing to do his job, and his absence would be little more than an inconvenience for the person who hired him.

Interns and immigrants also understand the value of completing unfulfilling work for future benefits.

Jose, the young man who handles the trash and Windexes the mirrors in my building, once told me that before he came to America, he was training to be a pharmacist. Since arriving in America, doing unskilled labor has provided Jose with immediate money, and he probably anticipates that his children will benefit from his hard work. Or maybe he will just save some money and buy an iPod. Either way, he is living the American dream.

In their own way, internships possess a special dreamlike power; they allow us to test the waters of our future. If our death ray temporarily gets laid to waste on a foreign shore, so be it.

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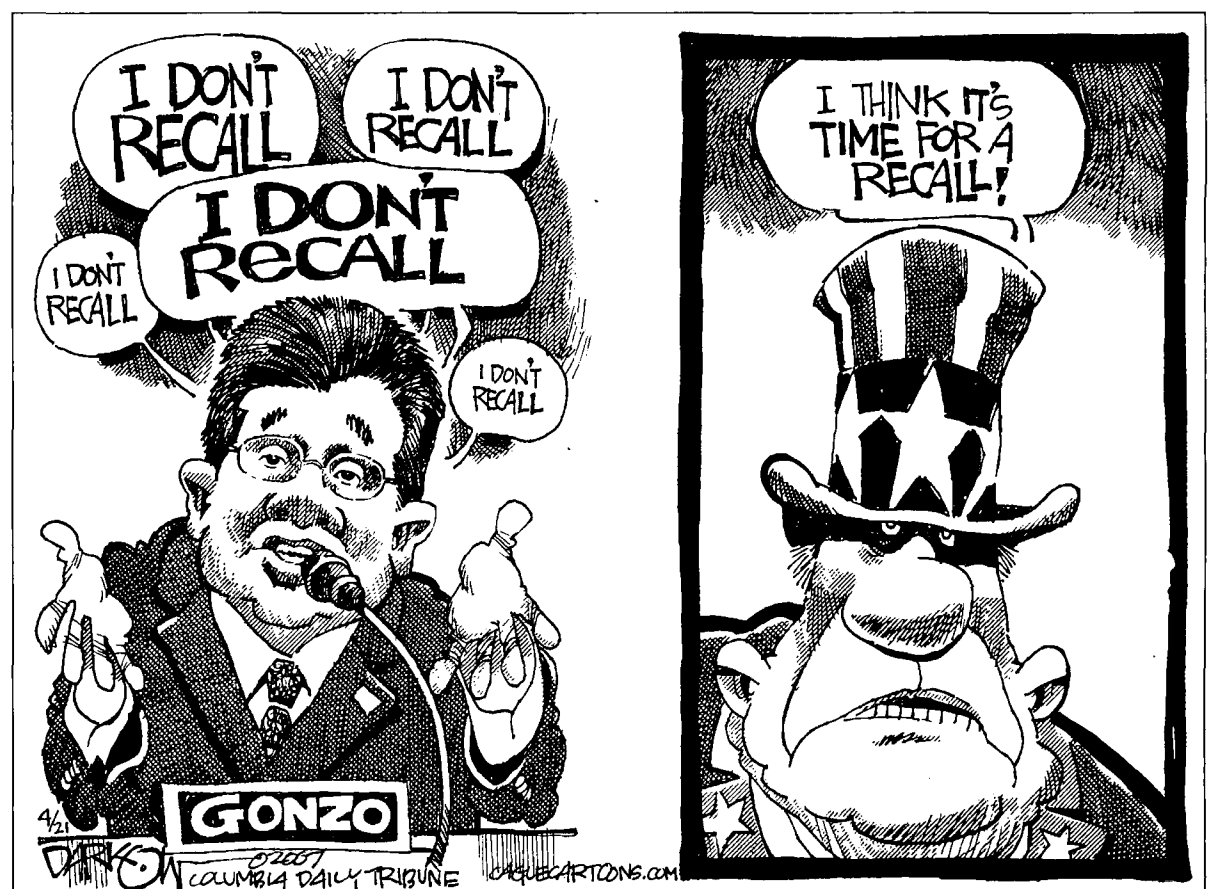
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DVD REVIEWS

'Kong' DVD roars new life into colossal film

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA
Senior Staff Writer

The seminal moment of Peter Jackson's childhood imagination came on a Friday evening in 1970. Huddled in front of his parents' black and white TV, the 9-year-old Peter saw the 1933 classic "King Kong" for the first time. It was love at first sight.

It "was one of those defining moments in [my] life where everything changed after I saw 'Kong,'" Jackson admits in a documentary about his version's genesis.

In his years following that 1970 evening, young Peter busied himself with making his own version of "Kong." Using his mother's fur coat for the hair, he built a wire and rubber Kong figure. He spent hours deli-

cately manipulating the simian, remaking his favorite film using his parents' Super-8 movie camera. Eventually, Jackson had to face the cold hard facts.

"I got so far and just realized it was never going to be what I was imagining it to be in my mind," he says.

Cut to Dec. 14, 2005 and the release date for Universal Studios' remake of "King Kong." The results speak for themselves. Jackson's "Kong" is a staggering achievement, a modern marvel of filmmaking ingenuity. Working on a number of levels, it excels as a period piece, an action adventure and a love story. It is a work of surprising warmth and tenderness thanks to its star, a captivating, digitally-rendered ape who feels more real and humane than dozens of more atypical and mediocre human protagonists.

Late last year, Universal debuted the three-disc "King Kong: Deluxe Extended Edition" DVD, which clocks in at a hefty 201 minutes — 14 more than the theatrical release. Most of this footage comes down to action set pieces on Skull Island, including an awe-inspiring triceratops stampede. Jackson and his crew have poured a great deal of effort into this fascinating archival project, and it shows.

Split over the first two discs, the image and audio quality are both pristine. Supported by a thundering soundtrack, the film's breathtaking cinematography and crisp digital backdrops are flawlessly sharp and vibrant. Much of "King Kong" takes place at night, a typical problem area for most DVDs, which tend to lose detail in these scenes. That is not the case here — and it is in these deep, inky blacks that "Kong" shows its dexterity.

A seemingly boundless array of special features await within the confines of this DVD, including deleted scenes, a blooper

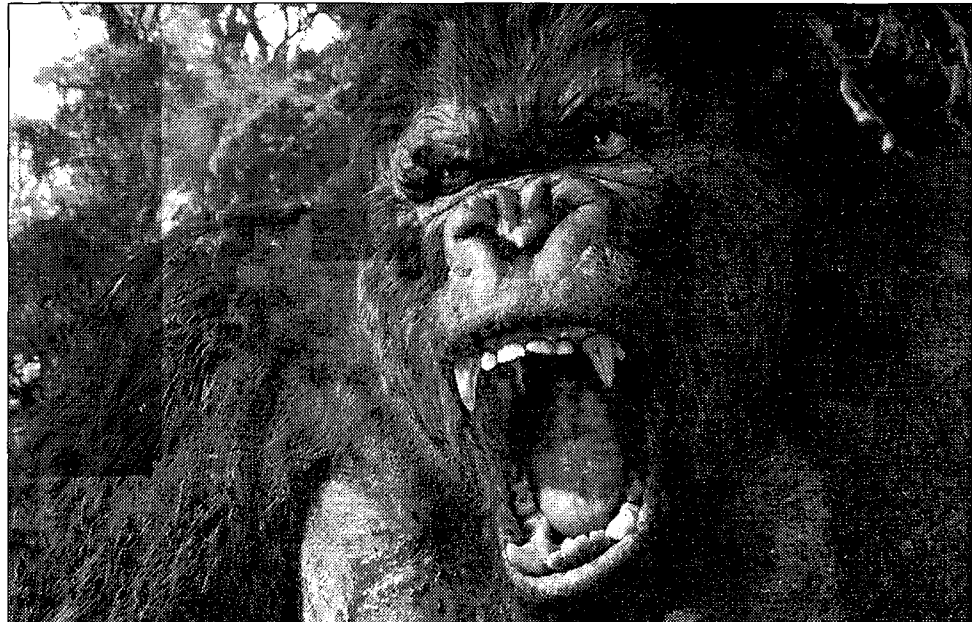


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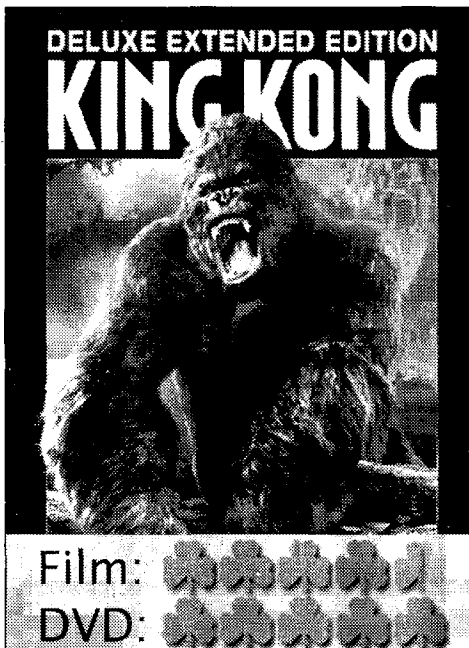
Peter Jackson made the gorilla Kong an important character in his 2005 remake of the classic 1933 film. Kong was created using state-of-the-art computer graphics.

reel, trailers and a featurette that compares this "Kong" to the 1933 version. Chief among them is "Recreating the Eighth Wonder: Making King Kong," a three-hour documentary that rivals the film itself in its scope, depth and running time. None of it is fluff, which may be its greatest strength.

In the first 10 minutes of the "Eighth Wonder" feature, Jackson expresses his obvious love for behind-the-scenes looks at movie making. As a kid, he would seek out the magazines that had set photographs showing stop-motion artists at work. That enthusiasm has carried over to his DVDs, which feature heavy contributions from the New Zealander director.

Between this "Kong" extended edition and the superlative, four-disc "Lord of the Rings" extended editions, Jackson has established himself as the DVD medium's biggest supporter. He enthusiastically offers up explanations and lessons on every aspect of filmmaking on this release, and the two most notable contributions are his warm, insightful commentary with co-writer Philippa Boyens and the mammoth "Eighth Wonder" feature. Simply put, "King Kong: Deluxe Extended Edition" is the best DVD of the last year and one of the finest DVDs ever released.

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'Ducks' 3-pack relives glory of childhood sports

By SEAN SWEANY
Assistant Scene Editor

Sometimes movies are so campy, clichéd and predictable, they're actually quite entertaining and good. When it comes to early '90s movies, there is perhaps no series of movies more in this vein than the trilogy of "Mighty Ducks" films, recently released in a DVD 3-Pack.

Disney produced three "Ducks" films between 1992 and 1996 — featuring nearly identical plotlines and slapstick routines — that bombed with critics but skated to commercial success with audiences, spawning a television series and the creation of an NHL team.

"The Mighty Ducks" (1992)

When trial lawyer Gordon Bombay (Emilio Estevez, "The Breakfast Club") is arrested for drunk driving, he is sentenced to serve community service as a pee-wee hockey coach for a ragtag team of misfits. Although a rocky marriage at first, coach and team discover there are more important things than winning and use that moral to win the district championship game against their arch-rivals, Bombay's old team and coach.

This film is the most childish and innocent of the three, and it introduced America to several child actors who would later make big names for themselves, including Shaun Weiss ("Heavyweights") and Joshua Jackson ("Dawson's Creek").

"D2: The Mighty Ducks" (1994)

This is the best — or at least most re-watchable — of the three, and it follows Bombay and the now famous Ducks as they travel to Los Angeles to compete in the Junior Goodwill Games against the best youth teams in the world. Both Bombay and the team must overcome ego struggles and the feared Iceland team before they can be crowned world champs.

This film is the best of the group because it is perhaps the most outlandish. The hockey is ridiculous, Estevez' locks sparkle from his numerous hair treatments and product placements for Delta Airlines and the Mighty Ducks NHL franchise — both highly connected to the Disney company — are everywhere. Nevertheless, the happy-go-lucky, feel-good attitude this film evokes overshadows all the drawbacks and makes "D2" a lasting legacy.

"D3: The Mighty Ducks" (1996)

The third and final "Ducks" film takes a

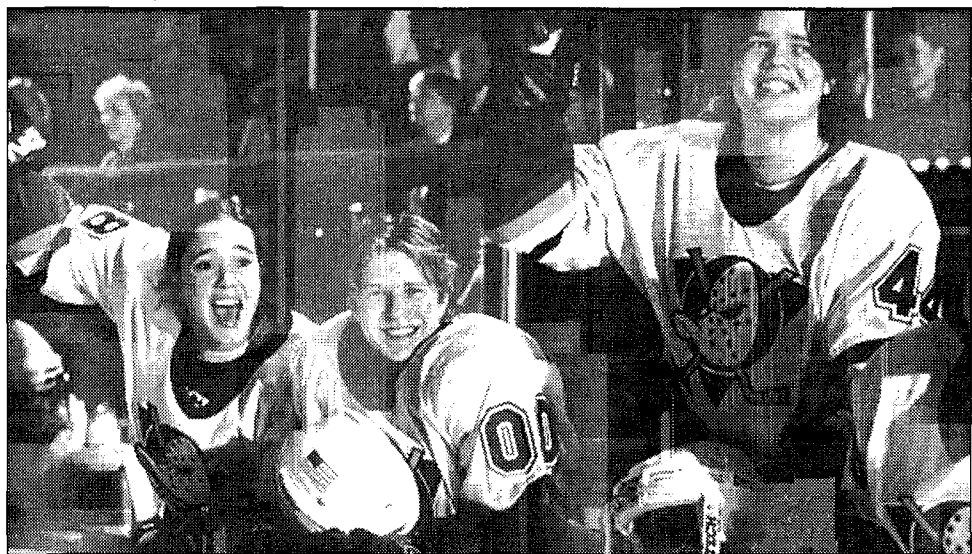


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Connie Moreau (Marguerite Moreau), left, Guy Germaine (Garette Ratliff Henson), center, and Fulton Reed (Elden Henson) celebrate in the third "Mighty Ducks" film.

step back from the second, putting the Ducks in a private prep school and effectively releasing Emilio Estevez of his duties early in the plot. Under a new coach, the Ducks struggle to be themselves (a common thread throughout the films), but eventually unite under the changed leadership to defeat the school's varsity team.

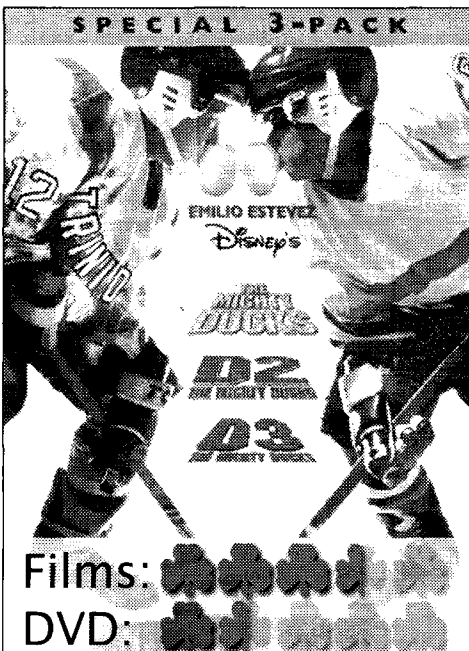
"D3" essentially re-uses all the gags from the first two films, but in this case, all the enthusiasm seemed to have left — from the writing to the directing and acting. Additionally, the absence of Emilio Estevez — whose spacey delivery and mannerisms made the first two films enjoyable — is sorely missed.

While it is nice having all three "Ducks" films in one DVD set, there is nothing in the way of extras to entice casual fans to buy

the set. There are literally no special features, not even the films' trailers. As the films were made in an era before the inception of DVDs and their special features, perhaps it is not surprising that there are no extras here.

Obviously, this DVD set is not meant to wow anyone and it caters to a very specific audience (its Amazon.com DVD sales rank is a miserable No. 2,793). In reality, this set is a guilty pleasure for many of us who grew up playing street hockey to chants of "Quack, quack, quack" and making sure to incorporate the "Flying-V." Fans of the "Mighty Ducks" films or any early '90s, uplifting sports movies will enjoy it as a trip down memory lane.

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'Sunny in Philly' offers brilliant career paths

With graduation rapidly approaching, the unlucky seniors (like me) who don't already have jobs or graduate school lined up are scrambling to find some way to make money next year, since flex points and Domer Dollars aren't valid currency.

If you don't actually have a real career plan, then the next best thing is to do something with your friends — and, ideally, something where you wouldn't have to exert yourself and do a lot of work. One possible plan would be to open a bar, and this is exactly the premise of the growing, critically-acclaimed show "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia."

Airing during the summers on FX — and entering its third season this summer — "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia" revolves around the lives of four completely self-absorbed 20-somethings who run a bar — Paddy's Pub — in the titular city ... because they have nothing else to do. Frequently compared to "Seinfeld" on crack, the show is less about the bar and more about the antics and situations they encounter in their daily lives.

The show centers on four friends — the twins Dennis (Glenn Howerton) and Dee (Kaitlin Olson) Reynolds and their

friends Mac (Rob McElhenney) and Charlie (Charlie Day). The second season also introduced Dennis and Dee's father Frank, played to comic perfection by the diminutive yet hilarious Danny DeVito.

"It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia" has covered a wide variety of controversial topics, including abortion, gun control and slavery, through the day to day lives of the characters, and often in their politically-incorrect manners. During the first season, their activities included faking cancer in an effort to get laid, turning up on opposite sides of an abortion rally to meet girls (and get laid) and allowing underage high schoolers to drink at their pub — I think one of the characters wanted to get laid.

The second season is where the actors and writers truly hit their stride and the show truly shines. In one episode, Dennis and Dee decide that they are sick of working with their dad, who's taken part ownership of the bar, so they go on unemployment. Once their unemployment runs out, they try to figure out a way to go on welfare, then set out to smoke crack in order to prove that they're in need of public assistance. Instead, they wind up addicted to crack and all the while insist that they've been emancipated from the daily drudgery of a workday existence to chase their dreams.

The show was created by McElhenney, Howerton and Day, and nearly all of the episodes are written by some combination of those three. They filmed a pilot



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The cast of FX's hit show "It's Always Sunny in Philadelphia" attend the premiere of the second season. Unlike most programs, "Sunny in Philly" runs during the summer.

episode for under \$200 and sent it to FX, which decided that it was good enough to be made into a show. Since they air during the summers, the seasons are fairly short. The first season has only seven episodes, and the second only 10. There are supposed to be 12 to 15 episodes in the upcoming season. Although there are few episodes, they are all highly memorable. And much like any Will Ferrell film, the series is incredibly quotable and highly re-watchable.

With only 17 half-hour-long episodes

(all available for download from iTunes), it's entirely possible to get through the series in a weekend. So with study days quickly approaching, grab some friends, some beverages and download the episodes.

And who knows, if you're an unemployed senior, it might just give you a couple ideas.

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DVD REVIEW

'Volver' breathes with tragedy, humor on DVD

By MARTY SCHROEDER
Assistant Scene Editor

Pedro Almodóvar's "Volver" is one of the saddest, funniest and heart-warming films to be released in recent memory. Starring Penélope Cruz and a host of other Spanish talent, this film is quirky without being inaccessible, tragic without being depressing and humorous without being trite. It is a beautiful piece of storytelling that is both local and universal in its themes.

"Volver" revolves around sisters Raimunda and Sole (Cruz and Lola Dueñas) and Raimunda's daughter Paula (Yohana Cobo). When a tragic event

befalls Raimunda's husband, the film takes divergent paths by telling the story of Raimunda dealing with her now absent husband and the possibility that her mother may be haunting her aunt's house.

While always a monumental task to tell multiple stories within one film, Almodóvar does it with skill and aplomb. Though the stories are not narrationally about the same things, they certainly are thematically. This is the strongest point of the film — the way in which Almodóvar weaves local traditions and stories of Spain into universal themes of family and community. Raimunda's encounters with the denizens of her town are some of the most rewarding parts of the film and offer important lessons in a world that is becoming increasingly alienated from the concept of community.

Cruz shines and revels in her role. Although the film is in Spanish, even those who do not speak the language will understand her emotion and aptitude in the art of acting. She delves into her character being both harsh and loving in the space of a word. Her role as daughter, sister and parent bring out multiple facets of Almodóvar's character and Cruz polishes all these facets until they shine brightly.

The DVD release is a single-disc edition that offers some sparse but worthwhile features. The American Film Institute (AFI) tribute to Cruz is an in-depth look at one of the most respected actors in the world that is not only able to make it big in her native Spain but also in the cut-throat world of Hollywood. The director and cast interviews are the best features on the DVD. Hearing the famed and sto-



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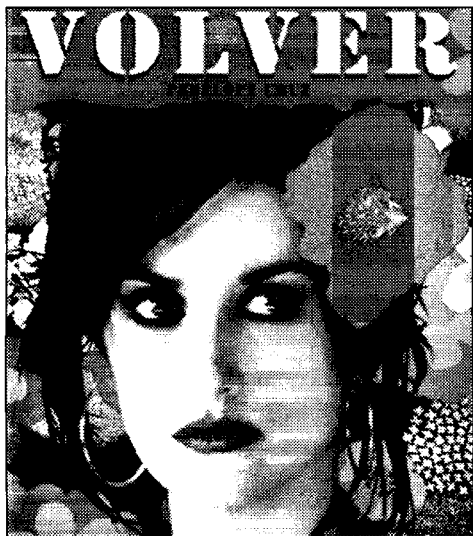
Raimunda (Penélope Cruz), right, has a moment with her daughter Paula (Yohana Cobo) in Pedro Almodóvar's rave-reviewed film "Volver."

ried Almodóvar talk about what it was like to make not only this film but also others is worth any sticker price. It is something akin to sitting at the feet of the master and absorbing everything he has to say. Alongside the interviews are commentaries by both Almodóvar and Cruz that offer new insights into the decidedly complex film. While there is something to be said about letting a film like "Volver" just sit in the mind for awhile with no outside commentary, what the two primary forces behind the film have to say is equally important.

Overall, this is a marvelous film that was loved by both critics and audiences.

It may not be Almodóvar's best work, but it is certainly one of his warmest. In the vein of the French "Amélie," it warms even the coldest hearts. But unlike "Amélie," this film takes a deeper look at the human soul and relishes in what it finds. The tangled mess of the soul reflects on the tangled mess that families can be. It doesn't seek to undo the tangles; it rather tries to find a way into the loving core of those tangles that all of us have somewhere, however deep we may have it hidden.

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MLB

Willis becomes first four-game winner in NL

A-Rod blasts 14th homer, but Yankees fall to Devil Rays; Swisher helps the A's end the Orioles winning streak

Associated Press

Awaiting the imminent birth of his first child, Dontrelle Willis went about his business Monday, pitching 6 2-3 innings and hitting a standup triple to help the Florida Marlins beat the Atlanta Braves 8-7.

Willis (4-1) became the NL's first four-game winner.

Sitting at his locker 3 1/2 hours before the game, Willis said his wife, Natalee, was expected to deliver a daughter Monday night. He said he had received 50 phone calls and 32 text messages Monday from people inquiring about the birth.

The expectant father with the big windup wasn't at his best, giving up eight hits and five runs. But he won his fourth consecutive start against Atlanta and improved to 13-2 in April.

Batterymate Miguel Olivo hit a three-run homer, his first. Dan Uggla homered and drove in three runs, giving him three homers and nine RBIs in two games. Willis singled in the second inning, then tripled and scored during the Marlins' six-run fifth.

Marlins rookie Henry Owens allowed a solo homer to Chipper Jones and consecutive doubles to Andruw Jones and Jeff Francoeur with two outs in the ninth before Renyel Pinto struck out Brian McCann for his first save.

Florida won its third consecu-

tive game after losing six in a row, while the Braves lost their lead in the NL East, falling a half-game behind the New York Mets.

Francoeur went 4-for-5, including his fourth homer, and drove in four runs to give him 22 RBIs. Teammate Andruw Jones drove in two runs on his 30th birthday.

Kyle Davies (0-1) threw 90 pitches in four-plus innings. He walked six and gave up five runs, and his career ERA in six games against the Marlins rose to 9.68.

The Marlins stranded eight in the first four innings before Olivo broke a 2-all tie with his first homer, which skipped off the top of the scoreboard. Willis tripled off Oscar Villareal and scored on a singled by Hanley Ramirez, and Uggla's homer made it 8-2.

Atlanta scored in the first on consecutive singles by Edgar Renteria, Chipper Jones and Andruw Jones. Chipper Jones decided against trying to score from third on a one-out ground-out to second, and Willis escaped without further damage.

Florida scored twice in the first. Uggla doubled off the scoreboard to drive in a run, and Aaron Boone hit a two-out RBI single.

Chipper Jones hit the Braves' first triple of the year in the third and scored on Francoeur's single. He was a double shy of the cycle.

Devil Rays 10, Yankees 8

Two more homers by Alex Rodriguez couldn't pull the New

York Yankees out of a tailspin.

A-Rod tied the major league record for home runs in April, hitting his 13th and 14th of the season in a loss to the Tampa Bay Devil Rays on Monday night.

Rocco Baldelli and B.J. Upton offset the Yankees star by combining to drive in seven runs for Tampa Bay.

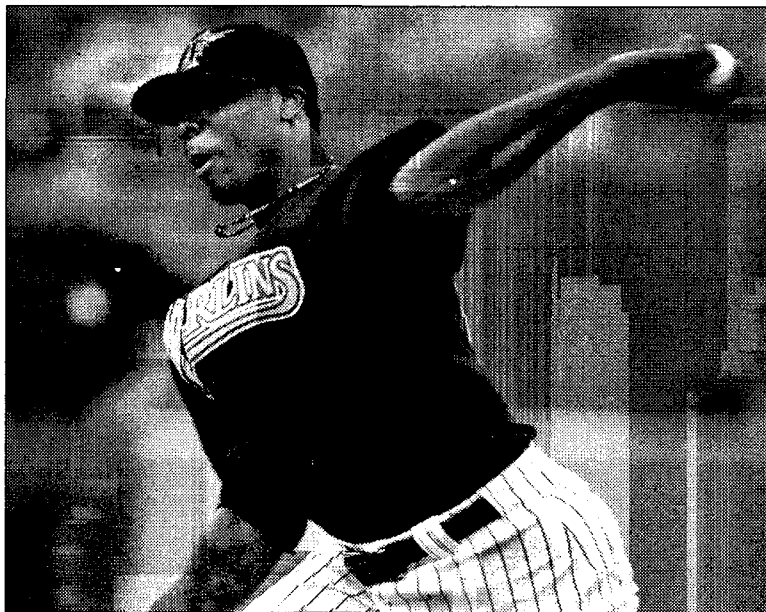
Baldelli hit a three-run homer off Kei Igawa (1-1) in the second inning. Upton lined a solo shot off the left-field foul pole in the fourth for a 5-3 lead, then added a three-run double off reliever Luis Vizcaino to finish with a career-high four RBIs.

The Yankees, swept during a weekend series in Boston, dropped their fourth straight despite getting homers in the second and ninth innings from A-Rod. Rodriguez's average rose to .400 after going 4-for-5 with three RBIs and four runs scored.

The second-inning solo shot off Casey Fossum (2-1) was the 477th of A-Rod's career and extended his hitting streak to 18 games to start this season and 23 in a row dating to last September. The two-run shot off Al Reyes in the ninth gave him 34 RBIs and tied the mark for homers in April set by Albert Pujols in 2006.

Igawa allowed seven runs and eight hits in 4 1-3 innings. New York pitchers have given up six runs or more in five straight games and nine of 18 this season.

Rodriguez lined a 2-2 pitch into



Marlins pitcher Dontrelle Willis hurls a pitch Monday during an 8-7 win over the Braves. He earned his fourth win of the year with the start.

the left-field stands off Fossum, who also yielded a solo homer to Robinson Cano in the fifth. The Devil Rays left-hander allowed six runs and 10 hits in 5 2-3 innings and benefited from the Yankees hitting into four double plays.

Derek Jeter singled in the seventh inning, giving him a 14-game hitting streak. He and Hideki Matsui, activated from the disabled list earlier Monday, drove in runs for the Yankees with sacrifice flies.

Josh Phelps drew a bases-loaded walk and Jason Giambi added an RBI single as New York pulled within 7-6 in the sixth. But the Yankees bullpen couldn't keep the Devil Rays from pulling away again.

Tampa Bay loaded the bases in the seventh on a double and two walks. Upton doubled down the left-field line and all three runners scored easily.

The Yankees had one more chance, loading the bases with one out in the eighth. Devil Rays reliever Brian Stokes escaped by getting pinch-hitter Johnny Damon to foul to third and striking out Melky Cabrera.

Athletics 6, Orioles 5

Nick Swisher hit two home runs, including a drive that sparked a five-run fourth inning against Erik Bedard, and the Oakland Athletics ended the Baltimore Orioles' four-game win-

ning streak with a victory Monday night.

Swisher hit a two-run homer in the fourth and added a solo shot against Danys Baez in the ninth. It was his seventh career two-homer game, and the third time he homered from both sides of the plate.

Oakland's Dan Haren (2-2) allowed one run, five hits and a walk over seven innings to lower his ERA to an AL-best 1.41. It was the sixth time in seven games that an A's starter yielded one run or less, and the 16th consecutive game in which Oakland starters permitted no more than three runs.

Haren left with a 5-1 lead, and the A's held on after Aubrey Huff hit a three-run homer off Alan Embree in the eighth. Huston Street allowed an RBI single to Brian Roberts in the ninth and before getting Miguel Tejada to ground out with the bases loaded for his fifth save.

Haren had received a total of five runs of support in his previous four starts, but offense wasn't an issue in this one: The A's output in the fourth inning surpassed their run total in 14 of their first 18 games.

Roberts also homered for the Orioles, who had won eight of nine.

Bedard (3-2) retired the first nine batters before giving up five hits and a walk in the fourth.



Yankees third baseman Alex Rodriguez hits his 13th home run of the year against Devil Rays pitcher Casey Fossum Monday. Rodriguez added another homer later in the game, but the Yankees lost 10-8.

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Baseball Big East Standings

team	Big East	Overall
Rutgers	12-3	24-14
Louisville	11-4	28-11
St. John's	11-4	25-12
Pittsburgh	11-6	19-16
Cincinnati	7-7	21-17
USF	9-9	27-15
West Virginia	6-8	23-13
NOTRE DAME	6-8	21-18
Villanova	5-10	18-18
Seton Hall	5-10	18-19
Connecticut	5-10	18-20
Georgetown	3-12	14-26

Softball Big East Standings

team	Big East	Overall
DePaul	14-0	32-7
Louisville	9-3	28-19
NOTRE DAME	9-5	25-18
USF	7-5	35-21
Connecticut	8-7	20-17
Seton Hall	9-9	13-29
Syracuse	7-9	17-28
Rutgers	6-8	17-26
Providence	6-10	19-18
St. John's	5-11	16-31
Pittsburgh	4-11	18-31
Villanova	3-9	21-21

CYCLING



American cyclist Floyd Landis ascends the Joux-Plane pass during the 17th stage of the 93rd Tour de France last July. Landis has since been investigated for using performance-enhancing drugs.

Secondary samples show Landis doped

Associated Press

PARIS — Follow-up tests on backup urine samples by Tour de France champion Floyd Landis found traces of synthetic testosterone, the French sports newspaper L'Equipe reported Monday.

The tests on seven "B" samples clearly showed traces of the banned substance, the paper said on its Web site. Landis had insisted the follow-up tests weren't necessary because the primary "A" samples tested negative for banned substances during the Tour.

The tests were done at France's national anti-doping laboratory of Chateau-

Malabry outside Paris. L'Equipe said the lab used a technique that can distinguish synthetic from natural forms of testosterone, a male sex hormone. The lab is the same one that revealed Landis' positive test for elevated testosterone to epitestosterone levels after he won the 17th stage of last year's Tour.

Pierre Bordry, president of the French anti-doping agency, told The Associated Press the tests were concluded this weekend but he didn't know the result because they were sent directly to the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, which requested the tests.

Landis spokesman Michael Henson said Monday the head of the French lab prevented the cyclist's expert, Paul Scott, from entering the lab Sunday to witness the testing.

"Such behavior constitutes a clear and direct infringement of Landis' rights while casting severe doubt on the integrity of an already dubious process," Henson said in a statement.

Bordry confirmed the incident had taken place but said it stemmed from a prior agreement stipulating that Landis' expert would attend the test with two USADA experts.

Scott was excluded

Sunday because USADA experts didn't show up, Bordry said.

USADA general counsel Travis Tygart said agency rules prevent him from commenting on an active case.

Landis lashed out at USADA in a statement Monday, saying the incident in which his expert was barred from the French lab was "yet another in a series of malicious actions."

"I'm infuriated by the behavior of USADA" and the French lab, Landis said. "Together, they have turned this proceeding into a full-scale attack on my civil rights and a mockery of justice."

IN BRIEF

No surprise as Barbosa wins NBA 6th man award

PHOENIX — Leandro Barbosa, among the fastest players in the NBA, ran away with the league's sixth man award Monday.

The "Brazilian Blur" received 101 of a possible 127 first-place votes from a media panel.

The honor came one day after Barbosa matched his career playoff high with 26 points in the Phoenix Suns' 95-87 victory over the Los Angeles Lakers Sunday in Game 1 of their opening series.

"Give him a soccer ball," the Lakers' Kobe Bryant said when asked what could be done to stop Barbosa.

"Tell him Brazilians should be playing soccer, not basketball."

Barbosa was a reserve in 62 of the 80 games he played this season, adding extra speed to the already fast Suns.

"It's a fun team to win so many games," Barbosa said.

Metal bats to be replaced in New York school system

NEW YORK — Metal bats will be banned from high school baseball in the nation's largest school system starting this September after the City Council on Monday overrode a mayoral veto of the bill.

The measure outlawed metal bats under the theory that they produce balls with greater velocity and raise the risk of injury because of less reaction time. Opponents, including Little League Baseball and equipment suppliers, say there is no evidence metal bats are more dangerous.

Youth leagues and lawmakers are proposing similar bans in other areas, including New Jersey, where a 12-year-old boy went into cardiac arrest and suffered serious injuries after a batted ball struck him in the chest.

In New York City, Mayor Michael Bloomberg vetoed the bat ban this month.

Fallen pilot remembered by Oklahoma football coach

NORMAN, Okla. — The Navy Blue Angels pilot who died Saturday in a crash in South Carolina once had Oklahoma football coach Bob Stoops as a passenger in his plane.

Lt. Cmdr. Kevin J. Davis of Pittsfield, Mass., was in his second year with the Blue Angels, who are known for their high-speed aerobatic demonstrations.

Last May 10, Davis took Stoops and former "American Idol" winner Kelly Clarkson on a ride in his Blue Angels jet in Fort Worth, Texas.

On Sunday, Stoops recalled the flight.

"My experience with Lt. Davis was overwhelming," Stoops said.

"You just don't run into that caliber of person very often. He was bright and obviously very intelligent; a role model. That came across to me in just half a day."

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CLUB SPORTS

Women's water polo secures bid to the nationals

Men's sailing finishes third in Northwestern Regatta; women's sailing fails to qualify for nationals at Diamond Lake

Special to The Observer

Women's Water Polo secured a bid to nationals this weekend by winning the Midwest Conference Tournament.

Playing at home, the Irish started off strong, beating Western Michigan 15-2. Cristina Romano and Kelly Horner led the scoring with four goals apiece, MC Cimino and Kristin Schmitt each had two, and Bridget O'Neill, Ali Schilling and Emily Harig each added another. Goaltending was split between Betsy O'Neill and Maggie Hyde.

In the championship game, the Irish faced Grand Valley State. GVSU scored the first two goals of the game, but the Irish came back with seven unanswered goals, leading to an eventual score of 15-3.

O'Neill led the team with five goals, Horner added another four, Schmitt and Romano had two apiece, and Cimino and Schilling each one. The cage was guarded by goalie O'Neill.

The team will head to nationals in two weeks, which will be held at Williams College in Massachusetts.

Sailing

The Notre Dame sailing club just missed qualifying for women's nationals as it placed third in the qualifier the Irish hosted at Diamond Lake — the top two schools qualified.

Jaci Chase and Kerry Kilbourn finished fourth in A's, while Tricia Hughes and Ali Donahue placed third in the B Division.

The men's Irish squad, com-

peting at the Northwestern Regatta, finished third among 16 schools. Tim Roy and Nasha Baughman were tenth in A's and Tim O'Brien and Paul Cordes captured first in B's.

Men's Rowing

Notre Dame's varsity and novice crews squared off against Northwestern, Marquette, and North Park Rowing Club at Crystal Lake Park. The racing was over an 1800-meter course located northwest of Chicago.

The novice 4+ set the tone for the regatta by winning the first race of the morning. Andria Seneviratne's crew of Steve Walter, Nick Springer, Ben Queen, and Mark Brickey edged out Northwestern's top crew by a margin of 7:16.25 to 7:18.72, while easily leaving behind two Marquette crews and one North Park boat. Radhika Deva's boat of Craig Wiborg, Tomas Castillo, Andrew Matasic, and Matt Napierski took fourth in the lightweight 4+ event. Notre Dame's varsity 4+ crew of Mike Lehmann, Ray Schleck, Tedd Hawks, Michael Lucci, and Steve Maher took third in the varsity event, while Gigi Gutierrez, Karol Grzesiak, Jake Teitgen, P.J. McAward, and Taylor Donaldson finished fourth in the same race.

The eight-man Irish crews were the first to the finish line all afternoon. Julie Lambe's second varsity eight raced Northwestern's lightweight 8+, which is Northwestern's fastest eight-man boat. Lambe's crew of Michael Lutkus, Tom Mazzacavallo, Matt Degnan,

Andrew Baker, Andrew Matasic, Matt Napierski, Nick Kluesner, and Michael Giordano finished in 6:07.75, leaving the Northwestern lightweight 7 seconds behind.

The novice 8+ boat of Beth Daley, Steve Walter, Nick Springer, Ben Queen, Mark Brickey, Andrew Haynes, Yang Chen, Tom Kenny, and Jorge Trejo captured an easy victory in their event.

The closest competition for Notre Dame's first novice boat was Notre Dame's second novice boat. Caitlin Hawryszkow coxed Brian Simpson, Josue Rodriguez, Conor Binder, Steven Cumberworth, Colin Cimala, Devin Vrable, Tommy Clarke, and John Deng to second place in the event, leaving Marquette and Northwestern behind from the start of the race. The last race of the day featured Notre Dame's top two crews in the varsity 8+ event. Gigi Gutierrez's crew of Ray Schleck, Tedd Hawks, Karol Grzesiak, Jake Teitgen, Michael Lucci, Taylor Donaldson, P.J. McAward, and Steve Maher completed the course in 6:00.31. Julie Lambe coxed nearly the same crew as in her previous race, with Craig Wiborg and Tomas Castillo switched in for Andrew Matasic and Matt Napierski. Lambe's boat finished second in 6:06.74, while Northwestern's two boats took third and fourth.

Cycling

The Irish women salvaged an otherwise lackluster weekend for the Notre Dame

Cycling Team by scoring top 20 finishes in both races this weekend.

Women's A-racers Meghan Johnson and Jenn Perricone with Men's A racers Matt Prygoski, Neil Griggs, Mike Lavery, Andy Steves, and Tim Campbell made the trip to

Wisconsin this weekend with Peter Nistler accompanying in support role.

Saturday's race was a 70-mile road race through the rolling glacial deposits of Sheboygan County, Wisconsin.

The Woman's A field departed on their 50-mile excursion minutes afterwards. Perricone put in her best effort to date and showing the great strides she has made throughout the season by placing 12th while Johnson fell off the pace early, but dug deep to come back and finish 15th.

The Men's A field splintered apart due to the wind, aggressive racing, and a few well timed attacks. The first casualty of the race was Steves, who returned to the team car 40 miles in an attempt to save his legs for the next day. Campbell choked on a Powerbar in a feed zone and consequently fell off the pace, and Griggs dropped off soon after.

Campbell eventually caught Griggs and the two finished the race for the Irish

coming in outside of placing.

Prygoski and Lavery stuck with the pack for most of the race, with Prygoski falling off when the group counterattacked one of his moves. Prygoski also came in outside of placing. Lavery exhibited his

Ironman endurance with the highest Irish placing at 17th.

The weather was beautiful for the Irish in Sunday's criterium around the Capitol Building in downtown Madison, Wisconsin. The one-kilometer square was fast and had one decent rise, which put the hurt on riders.

Perricone and Johnson lined up first for the Irish in their 45-minute elite Women's A race. Johnson and Perricone suffered sore legs from the previous day's effort, but

still managed respectable 17th and 19th place finishes, respectively.

The one-hour Men's A race was fast, completing nearly 28 miles. Griggs and Steves were gapped early in the race and chased hard, but were pulled from the race 30 minutes in and not allowed to finish. Lavery, Prygoski, and Campbell worked hard throughout the race, launching attacks and making moves, none of which lasted.

With 3 laps to go, Campbell went off the front in an effort to win the race solo. No one from the pack organized the chase and Campbell opened up a sizeable gap. With 2 laps to go the peleton became motivated to chase and Campbell was caught with three quarters of a lap remaining.

Prygoski and Lavery contested the field sprint coming in 17th and 19th with Campbell coming in outside of placing.

The Irish will compete this weekend in the Midwest Collegiate Cycling Conference Championships in Indianapolis, the last regular season race weekend.

SMC SOFTBALL

Fifth-place Belles to face three MIAA rivals this week

By REBECCA SLINGER

Sports Writer

Saint Mary's has a busy week ahead of it, facing three MIAA rivals with the conference tournament less than two weeks

away.

The fifth-place Belles are currently one spot out of the four-team tournament, but freshman outfielder Ashley Peterson doesn't think the crucial week will slow the Belles momentum.

"It's going to be tough espe-

cially with school work," she said. "But I think we can pull it off and make it work."

Today, the Belles (18-6, 3-5 MIAA) will battle it out against eighth-ranked Albion (10-21, 3-9 MIAA) at 3:30 p.m. at Gainey Field.

Albion is a less accomplished squad, entering with a team ERA of 4.93 and batting average of .251. The Britons' ace pitcher is sophomore Amber Hummel, who has posted a 3.40 ERA but owns a 2-7 record, thanks in large part to poor run support.

Briton sophomore Andrea English leads the team with a .322 batting average in her 87 at-bats this season. Albion has only won two of their nine games on the road this season, while the Belles are undefeated at Gainey (3-0).

In the past week the Belles have returned to their early-season form, easily handing losses to Goshen and Olivet. The Belles' top four sluggers — freshman Ashley Peterson (.436), sophomore Kristin Amram (.429), senior Sarah Miesle (.408) and

sophomore Ashley Fusaro (.359) — have combined for 96 runs this season. Fusaro is second in the league with six homers and Miesle is third in the league with 31 runs scored.

"Instead of a few people having key hits everyone's hitting [well], from the top to the bottom of the order," Peterson said.

The Belles pitching staff has also been carrying their weight in the past few games, and sophomore Kristin Amram earned the most recent MIAA pitcher of the week honors. It is the third time in her career that she has received such an honor. Amram is second in the league with 116 strikeouts this season in 73 innings and has held batters to a .199 batting average when facing her. Alma senior Kay McDonald leads the league with 150 strikeouts in 100 innings.

The Belles will have to stay focused as they take on Hope Thursday and Kalamazoo Saturday in two more MIAA contests. Peterson said the looming league tournament, held May 5-6, isn't occupying the team's thoughts.

"I don't know if it's added pressure, but I think we all want to work hard," she said. "We work hard all the time so as long as we keep it together, we'll be fine."



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Belles sophomore Calli Davison throws a pitch in a complete game, 13-7 win over conference rival Olivet Saturday.

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erful offense and dominant pitching into South Bend, batting .297 as a team with a 1.77 ERA. Sophomore Tammy Williams and seniors Katie Logan and Garland Cooper have given opposing pitchers fits all season with their combination of power and speed.

Williams leads the team with a .465 batting average and 11 homers on the season, while

Logan is close behind batting .380. Cooper has been one of the premiere power hitters in the nation this season, hitting 18 home runs with 54 RBIs while batting .370.

The Wildcat pitchers have been just as dominant as their hitters this year, with pitchers Lauren Delaney and Eileen Canney each giving up less than two runs per game. Delaney, a freshman, sports a 16-2 record with 15 complete games. Canney, a senior, is 20-8 with 20 complete games and 236 strikeouts in 169 innings.

Despite the success and talent of Northwestern, Irish sophomore pitcher Brittney Bargar said the team is still very confident.

"We have been doing a good job putting the ball in play and taking advantage of opponents weaknesses," Bargar said. "We have been playing amazing defense that has really limited our opponents."

The game likely will carry extra significance for the Irish, whose season has been ended by the Wildcats the past two years in the NCAA

Tournament. Notre Dame will have to get its hitting back on track to have a chance against Northwestern — in the four Irish losses over the weekend, the team scored just four runs.

"A huge key to our success is scoring first, and making things happen," Bargar said. "Taking the momentum right off the bat and staying ahead are really important."

Much of the team's success this season has also been based on the performance of Bargar and fellow pitcher Kenya Fuemmeler. Bargar

leads the team with a 16-9 record and a 1.98 ERA, while Fuemmeler is 8-9 with a 3.00 ERA.

Notre Dame is 13-1 in games in which the Irish have scored first, and 20-0 when leading through the first three innings.

The game is the second to last at home for the Irish, who will play their last home game against Illinois-Chicago Wednesday.

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Irish one round away from conference title

ND holds three-shot lead into final round

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

Notre Dame is poised to win the Big East championships when it enters the final round today with a three-stroke lead, after it shot a 14-over par 392 in the second round Tuesday.

Louisville shot the lowest score of the day Monday with its 11-over par performance, shaving three strokes off the Irish lead to move into second place. South Florida is a distant third, 22 strokes behind the Irish.

Notre Dame's overall score is an 18-over par 594 with solid contributions from the team's young golfers.

Freshman Annie Brophy clubbed a one-over par 73, mainly due to her team-high five birdies on the day. After shooting an even par in the first round, the freshman leads the Irish in scoring and is in a tie for second in the tournament.

Senior co-captain Noriko

Nakazaki shot a two-over par 74 on the day, placing her in a tie for sixth place. After her first round score of one-over par, Nakazaki looks to move up the leaderboard with a strong final round.

Freshman Julie Kim fell six strokes behind her first-round mark when she fired a six-over par 78 after breaking for even par on the first day. She enters the final round in command of seventh place.

Sophomore Lisa Maunu equaled her first-round mark of a five-over par 77 on the second day, which was good enough for a ninth-place tie. She is the third member of the Irish in the top-10. Freshman Kristin Wetzel is in 13th place after she shot a 10-over par 82 in the second round.

The Irish will tee off for the final round at the Oxmoor Country Club in Louisville, Ky., Tuesday morning.

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SMC GOLF

One more chance to qualify

Belles tee off in MIAA NCAA qualifier final round this afternoon

By KATE ARNOLD
Sports Writer

It has all come down to this. Saint Mary's will compete today in the third and final round of the MIAA NCAA qualifying tournament, held at Tri-State University's Zollner golf course. With a two-day total of 760, the team currently sits in fifth place, behind Olivet, Albion, Hope and Tri-State. Captain Katie O'Brien leads the team with a score of 165. Sophomore Meredith Fantom follows next, with a total of 192.

The Belles have had their sights on this tournament all spring, but the team is current-

ly 36 strokes off the lead going in to the final round.

"The past few weeks have mostly consisted of fine tuning our golf swings and working mainly around the green to help us score low," Fantom said. "Spring break was incredibly intense for the golf team since we were playing every day, and we really have worked hard since then to practice every day and really work on the areas that each of us needed to improve on."

Although it's a long road to victory, the team still has high hopes.

"The course we are playing tomorrow is not nearly as tough as the course we played this past weekend," Fantom said. "Consistently working on chipping and putting [has been] the most crucial part of preparing ... because with a solid short game we will be able to score low as a whole

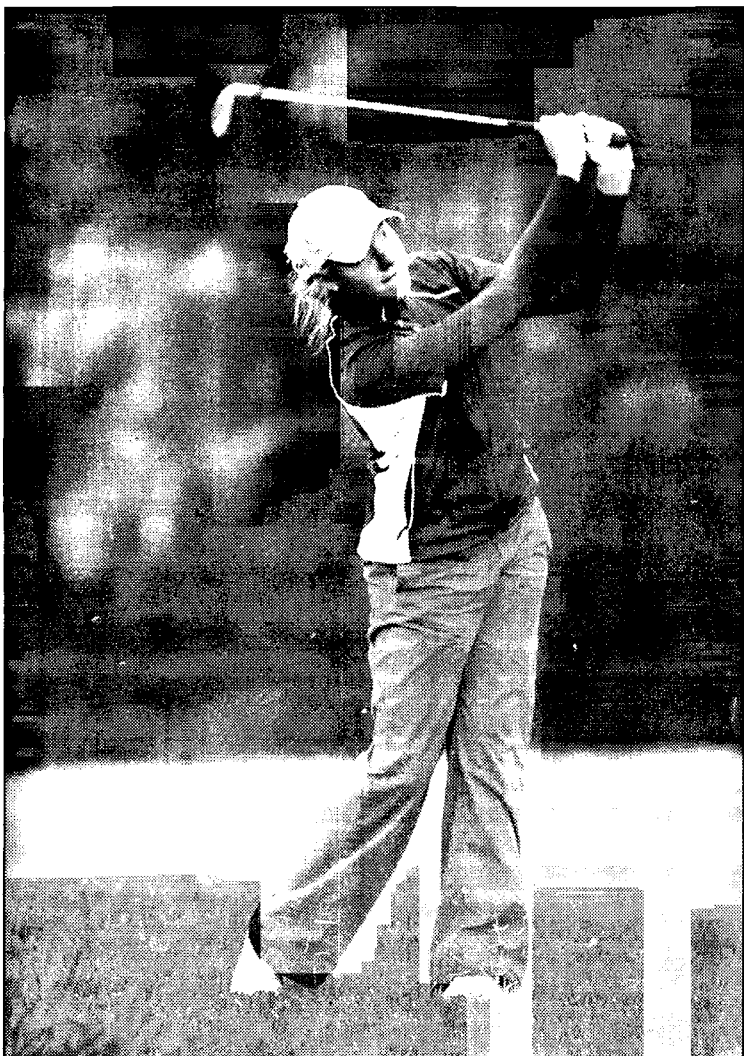
team."

The Belles are a young team, and were forced to change their fall line up due to the loss of talented players, but they remain confident and enthusiastic.

"If we don't qualify for Nationals this year, it is in our future plans for next year, and we are all very excited to be one of the top competitors in the fall next year. Our team is extremely close knit and I think that will attribute to our successes this season," Fantom said.

After today's competition, the MIAA squad with the lowest cumulative score will advance to the NCAA Championships held May 8-11 at El Campeon Golf Course at the Mission Inn and Resort & Club in Howey-in-the-Hills, Fla.

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Irish freshman Annie Brophy hits from the fairway during the Irish Invitational Sept. 24

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Comets in 2000. She continued her education during that time, earning her juris doctorate from Notre Dame Law School in 1997, which she used as the first president of the WNBA Players Association. In that role, she helped formulate the league's first collective bargaining agreement.

Washington has played an important role in both game-planning and recruiting for the Irish. She focused on coaching the guards and was crucial in developing Frances Pomeroy Naismith award winners Niele Ivey (2001) and Megan Duffy (2005).

"She's really grown tremendously into the coach that she is now from all the different experiences she's had here working with so many different

players," McGraw said. "And she has done a great job of working with our guards. She's done a very good job recruiting."

Washington became the sixth former assistant coach or player under McGraw who has moved on to coach a Division I team. Former McGraw assistants Sandy Bothman (Wisconsin-Milwaukee), Bill Fennelly (Iowa State), Kevin McGuff (Xavier) and Carol Owens (Northern Illinois), as well as former player Beth Cunningham (Virginia Commonwealth), are all members of the McGraw coaching tree.

McGraw said that while losing a coach like Washington is difficult, it is an inevitable part of coaching college basketball.

"When you graduate a player who did a lot for the team, I think it's the same thing with coaching," McGraw said. "You're always going to lose people. I feel like it's my job to

get them ready for a head coaching job."

McGraw also said that Washington's departure could give her other coaches — Jonathan Tsipis and Angie Potthoff — a chance to step up to fill that void.

"It will be an opportunity for somebody to come in and then do some things here," she said. "And it will also be an opportunity for the two assistants that we currently have to do a little bit more."

One additional problem with Washington going to Penn State is that the Irish are scheduled to play them next season at the Joyce Center in the second leg of a home-and-home series. McGraw said that this causes a problem because she does not like to play against her former assistants and avoids scheduling games against their teams whenever possible.

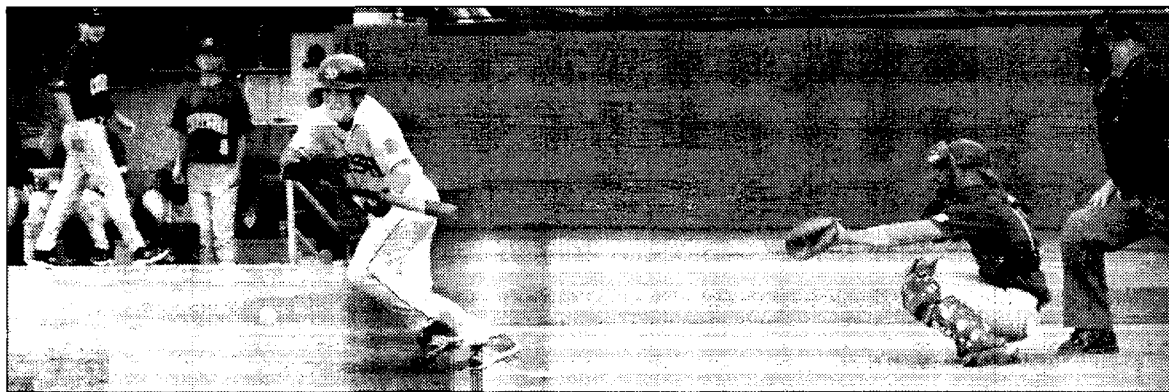
"It's just interesting that they're already on the schedule, but we'll see," she said. "They have not called yet about dropping the game but we certainly will talk about that."

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Muffet McGraw
Irish coach

SMALL BALL



Irish junior Ross Brezovsky lays down a bunt during Notre Dame's 8-4 loss to Central Michigan March 27 at Frank Eck Stadium. Brezovsky is batting .297 so far this season.

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we'll be fine," he said.

Another problem that surfaced against West Virginia was an inability to fend off breaking pitches in the strike zone. The Irish scored 28 runs through their first 21 innings against the Mountaineers. But once Mountaineers reliever Chris Enourato started throwing his slider for strikes, Notre Dame looked helpless.

"The other two guys weren't able to locate their breaking stuff for strikes, but he was putting them over the plate," Schrage said of West Virginia's pitching. Even with the loss, however, the Irish have won six of their last eight games. And, if the season ended today, they would qualify for a spot in the Big East tournament — an impressive feat for a

squad that was 2-6 in conference play at one point.

But Schrage doesn't want to make any promises with conference leaders Rutgers and Louisville still left to play.

"We have a tough schedule ahead," he said.

There are opportunities for improvement, however, like tonight's match-up with non-conference Ball State. The Cardinals are 15-24 overall and just 4-11 in the Mid-American Conference. First baseman Matt Stoeklen, who is hitting .319 this season with four home runs and 25 RBIs, leads the Ball State offense.

After the Cardinals, the Irish will wrap up their 12-game home stand against Valparaiso Wednesday before traveling to Piscataway, N.J., to play the Scarlet Knights over the weekend.

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Marksman

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aggressive press, trapping in the corners and dropping back to a 2-3 zone that tried to swallow the point guard at the top of the key. This defense worked well for the Barbers, who quickly climbed out of their hole to pull within one at the half.

The game was physical with both teams jawing, hustling for rebounds, and playing gritty in-your-face defense. With the game tied at 20-20, it came down to ball control and free throws. The Marksman shot poorly at the line, going 1-6 from the charity stripe. In the end, though, it was the speed and athleticism of the Marksman that helped them pull away.

With the ball at the top of the key, the Marksman stole a lazy pass off of the Barbers, leading to a foul on the ensuing layup. The Marksman missed their free throw attempt, but in Bookstore Basketball, a team only shoots one free throw and gets the ball back. On their possession after the missed free throw, the Marksman's George Fisher, wearing No. 3, was fouled. Fisher then sank the free throw to win the game.

"I'm number three for a reason because the third time is a charm," said Fisher, talking about his previous misses from the line before his game winner.

"It was a hard fought game, and we made a lot of strides to where we want to be," Marksman coach Alvin Reynolds said. "[Marksman players] Tommie Lee, Geogre Fisher, and Dan Djondo all played very hard and did a good job of finishing the game."

Engineering Giants 21, Ingabo Ziba Abakabwa Bawe 31 17

In this battle of two capable and athletic teams, it was the Engineering Giants that were able to come through in the end in this marathon of a game that lasted over an hour and a half.

The game, which began with a fast pace, quickly slowed down as both teams had difficulty scoring. Ingabo relied heavily on its athleticism to help them penetrate to the heart of the Giants' 2-3 zone, while the Giants relied on their size advantage to attack the post. With both teams collapsing in the middle and incapable of consistently making outside shots, points were sparse. With little offense to separate the two teams, the Giants handled the ball and rebounded better to take an 11-10 lead at half.

The second half was much the same; however, as time wore on, conditioning became a big factor. Both teams' offensives slowed down even more in the second half, but it was the

Giants who were able to handle a longer game. Fatigue contributed to Ingabo committing even more turnovers in the second half, which allowed the Giants to pick up easy buckets. In the end, the size and endurance of the Giants were just too much.

"This just proves that old men, old engineers nonetheless, can still play," Engineering Giants coach Tim Hall said.

"If we played them ten times, they would win five," Giants player Phil Schonewill said. "It was a very hard fought game."

Air Force One 21 Straight From Da 'Burbs 10

Air Force One flew on all cylinders Monday, taking care of Straight From Da 'Burbs in convincing fashion.

Before the game, 'Burbs captain T.J. Ceravolo was not intimidated by his team's noticeable size disadvantage.

"I wake up every morning, and I [urinate] excellence," he said.

Despite Ceravolo's confidence, Air Force One used its size to establish an inside presence early. St. Edward's freshman Joe DeMott authoritatively grabbed boards and hit several inside shots. No one from Da 'Burbs was able to challenge him in the paint.

Air Force One captain Rich Ybarra was responsible for handling the quick Ceravolo, and he did so effectively throughout the contest. On the offensive end, Ybarra ran his offense patiently and efficiently, refusing to yield to the pressure applied by Ceravolo.

When Straight From Da 'Burbs fell behind early on, frustration

sank in. They aggressively challenged every single Air Force One shot, even shots that had no chance of being blocked. They committed 18 fouls total, allowing Air Force One to reach the bonus early on in both halves.

While the outcome of the game was never in doubt, Ybarra and his teammates were far from pleased with their level of play.

"We definitely have to play better than that in the next round," Ybarra said.

Indian Peaks 21 We Sold Our Naming Rights to Mimi 19

In an intense and well-played contest with a running time of more than 70 minutes, Indian Peaks outlasted We Sold Our Naming Rights to Mimi, coming away with a two-point victory.

Naming Rights' big man Sean Murphy felt good during warm-ups.

"We're excited. [Captain] Matt Cavo is going to be feeling it," he said.

Indian Peaks, led by captain Matt Frankenfeld, attempted to set the tone early by creating fast break opportunities, but Naming Rights ran the floor in both directions, not allowing any easy baskets for Frankenfeld or his teammates.

Cavo and his teammates may have been feeling it on the defensive side of the ball, but neither team could establish an offensive edge early on. Impenetrable 2-3 zone defenses employed by both teams forced several turnovers and prevented either from establishing an inside presence. With gusts of wind wreaking havoc on every

outside shot, points were at a premium early.

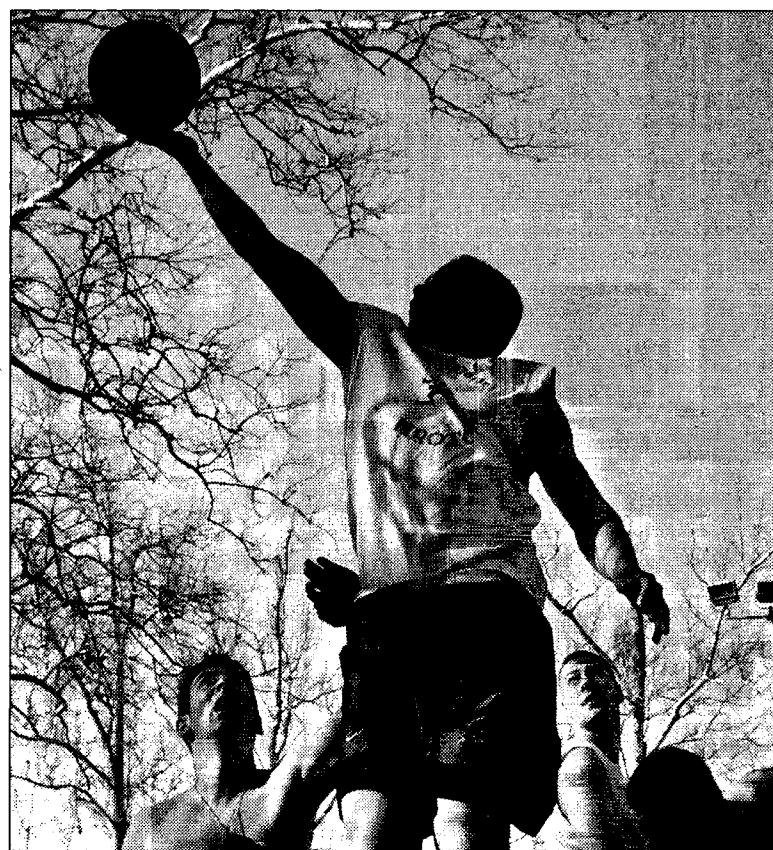
Eventually, Indian Peaks' Ray Farabaugh found his rhythm. He ran his team's offense with unmatched proficiency, and his shots were the first to start dropping.

Naming Rights kept pace by grabbing rebounds and converting crisp outlet passes into easy buckets, eventually coming to within one point of Indian Peaks at 20-19.

At that point, Frankenfeld put

an exclamation point at the end of his performance. With momentum on the side of Naming rights, Frankenfeld established position underneath with a beautiful spin move from the free throw line. He was fouled on the shot and made his free throw to secure victory for Indian Peaks.

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A student skies for a lay-up during a Bookstore Basketball game this weekend.

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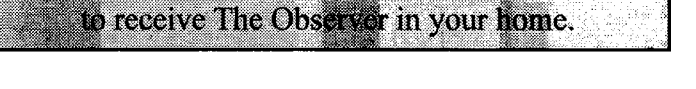
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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXVI

A close shave

Marksman need extra basket to secure win over Barbers Monday

By JAY WADE and
CHRIS DOYEN
Sports Writers

In a hard-fought, emotionally charged game, the Marksman beat the Big League Barbers 22-20 Monday as the Bookstore Basketball field continued to narrow.

At the start of the first half, the Marksman jumped out to a quick 5-0 lead before the Barbers could gather themselves. The Marksman played an up-tempo style of play with an aggressive man-to-man defense, while the Barbers started off with a soft 2-3 zone.

After the Marksman's initial surge, however, the Barbers switched up their defense to an

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A member of No. 17 Team Chipotle takes a shot from the free-throw line Monday afternoon at the Bookstore Basketball courts.

ERIC SALES/The Observer

ND WOMEN'S HOOPS

Penn State hires Irish asst. coach

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish bench is going to look a little different next year.

After spending 12 years with Notre Dame — four as a player and the last eight as an assistant coach — Irish

coach Coquese Washington accepted the head coaching position at Penn State Monday.



Washington

The position opened when former Lady Lions head coach Rene Portland stepped down March 23 following allegations that she discriminated against lesbian players.

Irish coach Muffet McGraw said that Washington is prepared to step into the head coaching role.

"She has the total package," McGraw said. "She's going to be a great head coach. I think she's ready for the challenges, and I know that she's excited about this opportunity."

As a player at Notre Dame from 1989-93, Washington was a role player, earning a monogram all four years while leading the team in steals in four seasons and assists in three. For her career, Washington is ranked second in Irish history in steals (307), second in steals per game (2.7), fifth in assists (554) and fourth in assists per game (4.9).

Washington continued her playing career in the WNBA for seven seasons, winning a championship with the Houston

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MEN'S GOLF

Stellar round puts ND in contention

Isban and Gifford get Irish back in the mix for conference title

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

After finishing Sunday's opening round in fourth place, Notre Dame mounted a charge and finished Monday with the second-best two-day score at the Big East championships in Louisville.

The Irish now trail only the host Cardinals heading into today's final round.

Louisville has a team score of 14-under-par 562 — a mark 16 strokes ahead of the Irish.

"It's always going to be a two-team race here," Irish senior Cole Isban said. "They've just played better than us on their home course."

Isban and fellow senior co-captain Adam Gifford led the comeback for Notre Dame, which overtook St. John's and Marquette on the leaderboard Monday.

A day after tying his career-low round with a three-under-par 69, Gifford fired an even-par 72, leaving him tied for second in the individual standings, behind Louisville's Daryl

Fathauer.

Isban, meanwhile, rebounded after shooting a first-round 76 to card a four-under 68 and move into a tie for eighth place in the tournament.

Sophomore Josh Sandman continued his consistent play, notching a 74 Monday after shooting a 73 in the opening round. Sandman sits in a tie for 17th heading into today's final round.

Junior Greg Rodgers and freshman Doug Fortner round out the field for the Irish, with respective two-day scores of 148 and 149.

Notre Dame is now six shots ahead of third-place

Marquette, though the Irish are more concerned with Louisville. Despite the 16-shot deficit, Notre Dame thinks it has a shot to make up ground on the Cardinals before the final team scores are tallied today.

"We basically have to play match play with whoever we're playing against from Louisville," Isban said. "If we each beat our guy by four shots, then we have a shot."

The Irish tee off for the final round in 10 minute intervals starting at 8 a.m.

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ND SOFTBALL

No. 8 Wildcats roll into Ivy Field

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will look for its first win over a ranked opponent this season today, facing off against No. 8 Northwestern at Ivy Field.

The Irish (24-18) are coming off four straight losses over the weekend against Big East foes Louisville and South Florida. They will try to bounce back against the Wildcats (36-10) at 7 p.m. Notre Dame is 6-1 against non-conference opponents at home this year, dropping only a 2-1 game against Eastern Michigan.

Northwestern brings a pow-

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TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Freshman third basemen Heather Johnson throws out a runner during Notre Dame's 9-0 win over Western Michigan April 17.

BASEBALL

Pitching looks to bounce back at Eck

Team looks to recover from Sunday's loss to WVU with Ball State

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

After seeing its five-game winning streak come to a screeching halt against West Virginia Sunday, Notre Dame will try to regroup tonight at 6:05 against Ball State at Frank Eck Stadium.

The Irish (21-18, 6-8 Big East) were tied with the

Mountaineers 7-7 after six innings Sunday but had their pitching collapse in the final third of the game and found themselves on the wrong side of a 16-7 decision.

In the process, Notre Dame gave up 20 hits — by far the most this season. Irish coach Dave Schrage said he expects his pitching staff, which had been strong all year, to bounce back in time for the contest with the Cardinals tonight.

"Our pitching has done well for us all year, so I'm sure

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