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ND will award 13 honorary degrees at commencement

By KATE ANTONACCI
Associate News Editor

Thirteen honorary degrees will be awarded at Notre Dame's May 15 commencement ceremony, University officials announced Wednesday. Among the recipients will be baseball legend Hank Aaron and former papal candidate Cardinal Francis Arinze.

In addition to commencement speaker Vartan Gregorian, president of the Carnegie Corporation, Notre Dame will honor distinguished figures — three women and 10 men — for

their contributions in fields ranging from business, law and science to medicine, sports and entertainment, said Dennis Brown, associate director of news and information.

Honorary degrees are ways of recognizing and honoring the accomplishments of various individuals. Students, faculty and staff members are all allowed to nominate a person

for an honorary degree.

"Each of the colleges submits recommendations for honorary degree recipients, and other suggestions can be submitted by anyone within the campus community," Brown said.

University President Father Edward Malloy and several officers then narrow down the group of nominees. They make the final decisions, which

usually consists of 10 to 12 individuals who do not necessarily need a connection to the University, Brown said.

Aaron, the all-time leader for career runs in Major League Baseball who was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1982, will receive a doctorate of laws.

Arinze, a Nigerian who was considered a strong papal candidate before Pope Benedict XVI was selected Tuesday and has been instrumental in promoting inter-religious dialogue, will also receive a doctorate of laws.

Dr. Benjamin Carson, one of the top brain surgeons in the

world known for successfully separating Siamese twins joined at the back of the head in 1987, will receive a doctorate of science.

Judge Robert Carter, a U.S. District Court judge for the Southern District of New York known for his involvement in the civil rights movement, will receive a doctorate of laws.

Robert Conway, class of 1966, a senior director at Goldman Sachs who also serves on Notre Dame's Board of Trustees, will receive a doctorate of laws.

Jack Greenberg, a well-

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Aaron



Arinze

Abroad students flock to St. Peter's

New pope's views spark debate in Rome

By KELLY MEEHAN
News Writer

ROME — Saint Mary's sophomore Sarah DeShon was not expecting a new pope to be elected so quickly. When her roommate informed her Tuesday evening that a pope had been named, she knew she only had about 45 minutes to arrive at the Vatican to see the presentation of the new pontiff. She began running to St. Peter's square.

She had company. "I think it was amazing to see so many people running through the streets, especially several priests and nuns," DeShon said.

Word spread quickly among Saint Mary's students studying in Rome after German Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger was announced as the next pope.

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Catholics celebrate together the election of Pope Benedict XVI at St. Peter's square in Vatican City.

Crowds attend the papal announcement

By RICKY McROSKEY
News Writer

ROME — As the slow, steady cheers of "Benedetto" resounded throughout St. Peter's square, Notre Dame students had the special opportunity to witness history when Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger ascended to the papacy Tuesday evening in Rome. There, at 5:50 p.m., white smoke rose from the Sistine Chapel chimney and all of Rome — and the world, for that matter — turned its gaze toward the Vatican to hear the first words of Pope Benedict XVI.

Many students were there for the first papal inauguration in 26 years, though the sudden nature of the announcement sent many of them running toward St. Peter's from all different parts of Rome.

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Lead-ND works to help local youth

By JARRETT LANTZ
News Writer

In his first year composition class, Steve Cartwright was tasked with writing an essay about the issue of educational disparity. As he sat hunched over his desk, he had an idea: instead of just writing about the problem, he could propose a solution — a solution that led to his founding of Lead-ND, a Notre Dame service club.

Lead-ND strives to provide South Bend youth with after-school community service opportunities. What sets Lead-ND apart from other service programs is that the participating children, not adults, plan and carry out the bulk of the projects.

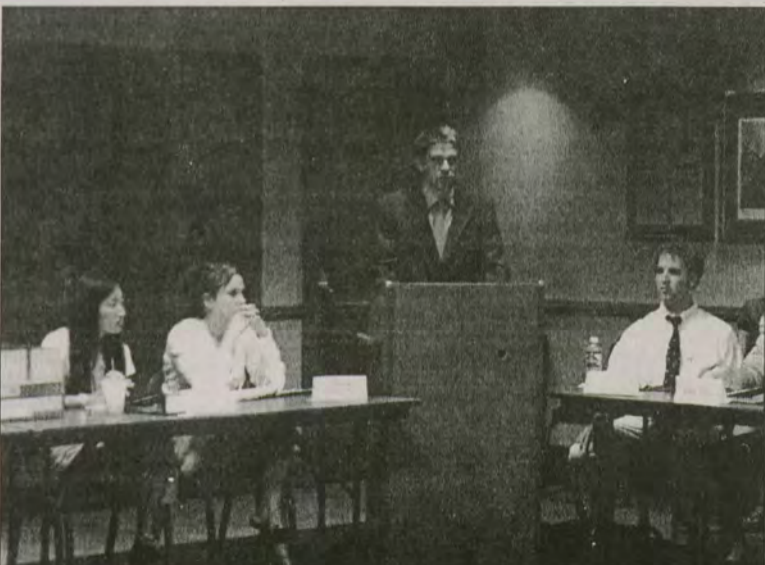
During this past semester, 10 Notre Dame students visited the children at Jefferson Intermediate School to gently guide the organization of their own community service projects.

"A lot of students come from low socioeconomic backgrounds and have a lot of different issues they face at school and away from school," Lead-ND team leader Krystal Hardy said. "They're the kids that don't necessarily get straight As, but they have a lot of leadership potential. They see that part of themselves stuck as a 'class clown', but we've shown them that they can channel that energy into something positive."

Over one year of planning and training culminated in

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Baron delivers first State of the Student Union



Student body president Dave Baron discusses perseverance, proactiveness and convictions during his speech to the Senate.

By MADDIE HANNA
Associate News Editor

Emphasizing "we're not government; we're Union," student body president Dave Baron delivered his first State of the Student Union address Wednesday night, assuming the podium at the beginning of the Senate meeting.

Baron's entry was what one might expect of a big-time politician — except for the laughter that ensued after director of communications Steve

Miller gave an exuberant, almost flamboyant introduction of the new president.

Despite being unable to suppress a few laughs himself, Baron quickly regained composure, apologizing for "all the pomp, circumstance and political theory that I'm about to give — but hey, that's what you get when you elect a [political science] and [economics] major as student body president."

He stressed the power of the Student Union while analyzing the common phrase "student government has no power."

"I'm here tonight to both agree and entirely refute that statement," Baron said.

He explained he agrees with

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INSIDE COLUMN

Proper quad attire

From what I can recall, Notre Dame is not the University of Southern California.

While the beauty of the St. Joe's and St. Mary's Lakes surpasses any ocean, unfortunately they are barely lakes — rather representative of ponds.

Jen Rowling
News Writer

At the same time it is understandable how the grassy North, South and God quads can be mistaken for the sandy beaches of the Pacific coast.

The sooner students come to recognize the difference between the beaches of California and the quads of Notre Dame, the better off we all will be.

What exactly do I mean by understanding the difference between the quads and the beach? By no means do I suggest that students not be out enjoying the radiant South Bend sun. That is what the quads are for. I enjoy walking to and from classes listening to the resounding music from the dorm windows and witnessing the countless games of frisbee, soccer and baseball. Furthermore, I find great pleasure in observing the talented trapeze artists who spend their afternoons walking across a rope connected to trees. All would agree that a nap on the grass tops off a spring day at Notre Dame.

So where exactly does the problem come in?

The spring events I have described take place on a grassy quad, and therefore, they should be accompanied by "quad attire." Although I cannot specify exactly what I mean by "quad attire," I can, however, explain what I do not intend.

Ladies, while it is finally warm enough to stop wasting money at FunTan and Malibu Tan, the quad is not the beach. Wear your bathing suits underneath a tank top and shorts. Heck, even sport your bathing top if you truly desire. Please, however, refrain from modeling the entire swim suit. When you run out to catch that frisbee at least have on a pair of shorts.

Gentlemen, I must admit there are a few of you who are deserving of a "double take" with your shirts off. However, is it really necessary all the time? I never realized how throwing a baseball or frisbee could work up such an intense sweat. Make us girls think you are a bit more masculine. Save the non-shirt competitions for a heated game of quad football or volleyball.

Couples, relaxing together on a blanket underneath the sunny sky is more than acceptable. When I pass couples laughing, talking and basking in the sun, I smile and find it quite adorable. However, excessive affection should not be on display. Warmer temperatures do not mean increased public display of affection.

In short, keep your clothes on and have fun!

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS THE BEST TIME OF THE YEAR AT NOTRE DAME?



Katie Jannazo
freshman
Cavanaugh

"The first really warm day when everyone comes on the quad."



Jen Richard
sophomore
Walsh

"The first snow-fall — before it's freezing and we get sick of winter."



Ashley Shelton
sophomore
Walsh

"'WILD' week in Walsh ... if you don't know, you should find out."



Tom Stablein
sophomore
Knott

"Leaving Bond at 7 for breakfast."



Michael Devitt
sophomore
Dillon

"Football season ... what else would it be?"



Brian Fallon
sophomore
Dillon

"Spring. Everyone loves a good tulip."



PAMELA LOCK/The Observer

Mansour Ourasanah, left, and Brendan McHugh, right, listen as host John Dickson advertises their study qualities to the bidders at the Dillon Dude Auction.

IN BRIEF

The Howard Hall Bone Marrow Registration will take place between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. today in the Sorin and Dooley Rooms on the first floor of LaFortune.

There will be a performance of Tom Stoppard's "Arcadia" today at 7:30 in the Decio Mainstage Theatre, DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. Buy tickets at the box office.

Writer Blue Balliett will sign copies of his latest book "Chasing Vermeer" today at 4 p.m. in the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.

Guillermo Grenier, professor of sociology at Florida International University in Miami, Fla., will give a lecture entitled "Exiles and Ideology: The Creation and Maintenance of the Suban-American Exile ideology — evident from the 2004 Cuba Poll." It will begin at 4 p.m. today in 138 DeBartolo Hall.

The Notre Dame Invention Convention will take place Thursday between 5:30 p.m. and 8:30 in the Giovanini Commons, Mednoza College of Business. The event is cosponsored by the Gigot Center for Entrepreneurial Students and the Robinson Community Learning Center.

The film "Downwind: Depleted Uranium Weapons in the Age of Virtual War" will be shown in Vander Vennet Theater in the Saint Mary's College Student Center at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday.

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

OFFBEAT

Harvard students treated for rashes after party

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Harvard undergraduates are in a lather over a party where students donned bathing suits and danced in a sea of foamy bubbles, only to wake up the next morning with painful rashes.

Seven or eight students who attended the annual "Mather Lather" party at the Mather House residence hall were later treated for skin rashes at Harvard's infirmary, according to Harvard spokesman Robert Mitchell.

The party, which drew an estimated 600 students last Saturday night, features a foam-making machine that fills the dance floor with suds. The foam apparently contains a chemical additive that keeps revelers from slipping, but can cause rashes if it isn't properly mixed or washed off soon after exposure.

Harvard freshman Andrew Trombly said he developed rashes on his arms and legs.

That was no lady, that was a bank robber!
STERLING, Va. — There

are bank robbers. There are cross-dressers. A suspect being sought apparently fits both descriptions.

The Loudoun County Sheriff's Office said Wednesday it is looking for a robber who walked into the Washington First Bank on Tuesday, handed a note to a teller and implied he had a weapon.

Investigators described the suspect as a 6-foot-3 man — wearing a flowery dress, a dark wig and white gloves.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 58 LOW 37	HIGH 49 LOW 34	HIGH 53 LOW 32	HIGH 55 LOW 33	HIGH 57 LOW 40	HIGH 48 LOW 43

SMC praises student and alumna for service

400 gather at fundraiser to honor contributions

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's junior Ginger Francis and class of 1969 alumna Kathy Malone Beeler were honored for their service work within the local community at the "Down the Avenue" fundraiser event Wednesday evening.

Held in the new Student Center, the black tie dinner and ceremony drew roughly 400 guests. Board of Trustees and dozens of prominent community members, including South Bend Mayor Steven Luecke and 1st Source Corporation chair Chris Murphy, joined Saint Mary's faculty and alumnae in celebrating the achievements of the two women.

The event raised \$100,000 to be divided between the Saint Mary's Office for Civic and Social engagement and a general scholarship fund.

Francis is the president of the Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination and headed the "Take Back the Night" marches against sexual violence in the fall. The psychology major and women's studies minor has also worked as a crisis specialist for Sexual Abuse Services at Madison Center and Hospital and volunteered at the YWCA's Women's Shelter.

Several faculty members nomi-

nated Francis as the Saint Mary's honoree last fall.

"There are a couple faculty members that I am really close to but I didn't really know that the community as a whole knew [about the service work] because I did it all on my own time," Francis said. "I feel honored, excited, joyful."

Beeler, who chaired the inaugural "Down the Avenue" two years ago, called the evening a great opportunity to introduce the community to the College.

"The concept was born out of a desire on the part of Saint Mary's people, administrators and alumnae, to share with the greater South Bend community the jewel that Saint Mary's is," Beeler said.

Beeler has been a life-long volunteer in the Michiana area working and raising money for such groups as Logan Center.

"First of all I feel as though I'm not worthy," Beeler said. She then called herself a "representative of the thousands of Saint Mary's graduates" who return to their own communities and try to improve them.

"I am who I am because of Saint Mary's," Beeler said. "All that I have been able to do has been because of the sisters of the Holy Cross and because of Saint Mary's."

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Seniors flock for Cubs tickets

By KAREN LANGLEY
News Writer

As a rule, Notre Dame students do not reminisce fondly about their early morning treks to Stepan Center. Tuesday, however, a portion of the senior class turned this trend around when they rose with the sun to pick up not another departmental exam, but a Chicago Cubs ticket or two. Not to be eclipsed, a few seniors even spent the night.

By far the most sought-after Senior Week event, the Cubs game sparked so much interest among the senior class that the online venue ND Marketplace was overwhelmed by the quantity of prospective ticket buyers, leading to the University server crash of April 12.

According to Beth Duran, a member of the Senior Week Committee and one of two students in charge of Cubs ticket distribution, the Senior Class Council responded to the server crash by holding a three-hour meeting in which members discussed the options for a response.

"We found out there was a way to have a list of 780 pre-approved names to purchase the tickets online," Duran said, adding that this list would prevent the need for seniors to rush.

So the committee devised a way to come up with this list of names.

"I didn't want to do a lottery because it's not fair to people who really want the tickets,"

Duran said. "We decided to distribute wristbands for each ticket to whoever showed up first."

When Duran arrived at the Stepan Center at 6 a.m. to begin wristband distribution, the line of students already wrapped around the building. Most students who arrived before 8 a.m. received wristbands.

"It was funny, I gave out the 780th bracelet to a person who just showed up at eight," Duran said.

A small band of seniors decided to take no chances with their tickets, choosing instead to spend the night camped outside of Stepan.

"I did it with a group of six of my friends and about 10 other seniors," Sarah Bates said. "I'm interested in attending the game, but the campout was more for the experience. We knew we could probably wake up at 6 a.m. and get tickets."

"We got there around 12:45 a.m.," Bates said. "It was a really fun experience. We sat around and played whiffleball, ran around campus and made a Reckers run."

Seniors responded positively to the revised system.

"This morning, every senior I talked to after they got tickets reserved was pretty impressed with how quickly the lines went," senior class president Darrell Scott said.

"The process itself was smooth," Bates said. "The seniors on council did a good job of controlling the lines, and they gave us bagels and doughnuts. Everyone was respectful while they were waiting in line."

This year's Senior Class Council took steps to increase seniors' chances of snagging a Cubs ticket.

"This is the first year ever that we were able to get more than 650 tickets," Scott said. "We were able to purchase 850 tickets."

Scott estimated that approximately half of the senior class had interest in buying a Cubs ticket.

"Demand is still higher than supply, but thankfully we were able to come close to matching demand," he said.

Even those seniors who were unsuccessful in their quest for Cubs tickets still praised the Senior Class Council's reactions.

"I was disappointed," said Jackie Dammann. "The Cubs tickets are what I really wanted, but I will probably be registering for the other events as well. I really appreciated [the council's] ideas to try to make the process fair for everyone by avoiding the lines. They handled it really well when it didn't work out the first time by communicating with us right away."

Scott expressed appreciation for seniors' patience.

"I want to thank the seniors for sticking through this and coming this morning," he said. "It's going to be a great last week."

Registration for the rest of Senior Week events, including a dance and a trip to Cedar Point, will take place online in the coming days.

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STUDENT SENATE

Members discuss basketball tickets, future of Copy Shop

By MADDIE HANNA
Associate News Editor

Controversy surrounding the basketball ticketing system provoked debate at Student Senate's Wednesday night meeting, which also heard discussion on the Copy Shop.

Student body vice president Lizzi Shappell said she met with Josh Berlo in Basketball Operations to ask about the possibility of changing the ticket options available to students, including a split-ticket system designed to increase attendance.

However, Shappell said Berlo dismissed the idea almost immediately, citing men's basketball coach Mike Brey's disapproval.

"Coach Brey doesn't like that idea — he wants one united fan base," Shappell said.

Last year, Shappell said student government representatives met with Berlo to request that more basketball student tickets be sold to students. The deal, Shappell said, was that if student attendance increased, Basketball Operations would consider selling more tickets.

But attendance numbers this year "were comparable with, if not worse than last year's," Shappell said.

This year, the average game attendance was between 1,400 and 1,500 students, about half of the 2,800 undergraduate tickets sold.

One change that will occur next year is the inclusion of Ticket

Share information in the letters given to students who purchase tickets, Shappell said.

Student body president Dave Baron explained Ticket Share, a free ticket-swapping program currently organized through the dorms. Last year, big posters with "give" and "take" columns were hung in the dorms, Baron said, resulting in "modest success — nothing outstanding."

Shappell noted two other changes regarding pricing and purchasing. Due to inflation, ticket prices will increase across the board, going up to \$60 for students — although Berlo emphasized it was still the cheapest undergraduate student ticket found at schools with competitive basketball teams.

While the ticket purchasing time will not change — either a Tuesday or Thursday at 7 a.m. — each student ID will only be able to purchase four tickets as opposed to this year's six.

Shappell said she asked Berlo about letting students without tickets come to games on a "late arrival" basis, at a designated time midway through the first half, if student seats were still vacant.

"However, General Counsel would probably have a problem with this," Shappell said, since

there is a disclaimer on tickets saying Notre Dame is not responsible for any injuries.

Dillon senator Dan Brown proposed an incentives program where students with a certain attendance level would be guaranteed to get tickets next year, while those under a specified attendance level would be suspended from next year's purchasing process.

Alumni senator Andrew Beatty agreed with Brown.

"Something like that really seems to work getting attendance at lesser games," he said.

While Siegfried senator Ben Gunty said he felt "split ticketing isn't going to do anything," Baron stood behind the idea.

"With split ticketing, you're spreading it out so more people are available to go," Baron said. "There should be something in the middle, not all in or all out."

O'Neill senator Steve Tortorello also supported a split ticket package.

"Your diehard fans are going to be the first ones there anyway [to get the full ticket package], and they're going to go to all the games," he said. "I don't see the problem."

Shappell said Basketball Operations expected a renovation of the Joyce Center "in the next few years," which could lead to changing student seating at games.

"Coach Brey is pushing for the 'Duke style' — he's very adamant about getting students as close to the court as possible," Shappell said.

University Affairs committee chair Matt Walsh explained the possibility of the Copy Shop closing, although he admitted he did not fully

understand the situation since he hasn't officially met with manager Terri Teeple yet.

"She [Teeple] would like a letter from us getting student body support for keeping the Copy Shop in LaFortune," Walsh said. "She's scared they might get kicked out."

When questioned about the Copy Shop potentially closing, Walsh said Teeple was evasive.

"She was hesitant to tell me," he said. "I don't really know the full story behind it."

Walsh said he supported writing a letter on behalf of the Copy Shop due to its low prices, convenience, network capabilities and experience.

"They've been here for 20 years — they know what they're doing," Walsh said.

Although most senators supported helping the Copy Shop,

many said they felt students were unaware of its existence and that alternatives should be explored.

"We need to look into all options," Keough senator Rob Lindley said. "We need to do what's best for the student body."

Zahm senator Patrick Knapp suggested that Walsh ask Teeple about allowing students to use their printing money at the Copy Shop.

In other Senate news:

♦ A resolution was passed supporting the sending of a letter to Vice President for Student Affairs Mark Poorman, inviting him to an Aug. 31, 2005 Senate meeting and reception afterwards in the Student Government Office.

"It's sort of an opening of our doors to [Student Affairs]," Baron said.

♦ Katie Fox, president of The Shirt, assumed the podium at the beginning of the meeting to talk about the unveiling of The Shirt 2005 this Friday at noon at Hammes Bookstore, encouraging senators to come and tell their dorm constituencies.

"So much of Notre Dame is about unity," Fox said. "The Shirt hopes to do that."

The Shirt will be on sale for \$11, with half of the proceeds going to Student Activities and the other half going to charity. Irish head football coach Charlie Weis will speak, and free food will be offered.


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student body vice president

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1 U Got A Bad Draw
4/21 BK 1 @ 9:30 PM

16 Mean Girls

8 Pudgy's Chicken
4/21 BK 1 @ 7:00 PM

9 Training Day

5 Looking for a Sponsor...
4/21 BK 5 @ 9:30 PM

12 Linebacker Lounge

4 State Theater
4/21 BK 5 @ 7:45 PM

13 Hannah's Storm

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Championship Game

We Get Wet 2
4/21 BK 3 @ 8:15 PM

Anarchy 99 15

Platinum FUBU 2.0 7
4/21 BK 3 @ 7:00 PM


HP 10

CoCoa Butter 6
4/21 BK 1 @ 8:15 PM

Anthony Travel 11

Jack's Shorts 3
4/21 BK 3 @ 9:30 PM

Blue Collar Ballers 14



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Championship Game

Sweet 16
4/21 7-9 PM



Elite 8
4/22 5-7 PM

Final 4
4/23 5:30-7:30 PM

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4/23 5:30-7:30 PM

Elite 8
4/22 5-7 PM

Sweet 16
4/21 7-9 PM

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

More than 50 bodies found in river

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Iraq's interim president announced Wednesday the recovery of more than 50 bodies from the Tigris River, saying the grisly discovery was proof of claims that dozens were abducted from an area south of the capital despite a fruitless search by Iraqi forces.

Northwest of Baghdad, witnesses said 19 bullet-riddled bodies were found slumped against a bloodstained wall in a soccer stadium in Haditha.

The discoveries came as insurgents unleashed a string of attacks that killed at least nine Iraqis and wounded 21. They included four suicide car bombs — one of which targeted interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's convoy — and a roadside explosion in the capital, police said. Allawi escaped unharmed, they said.

Embattled president is replaced

QUITO, Ecuador — Lawmakers in Ecuador voted Wednesday to remove embattled President Lucio Gutierrez from office after a week of escalating street protests demanding his ouster, and they swore in Vice President Alfredo Palacio to replace him.

An unidentified army official in combat gear said on television that Gutierrez and his wife, Congresswoman Ximena Bohorquez, had left the presidential palace. An Associated Press photographer saw a small helicopter land briefly on the palace roof and a figure climb aboard. Panama's Ambassador Mateo Castillero denied reports that Gutierrez had sought political asylum in Panama.

Anti-Gutierrez protests have been building for a week and late Tuesday night 30,000 demonstrators marched on the palace, demanding Gutierrez's ouster.

NATIONAL NEWS

Senate votes to keep aircraft fleet

WASHINGTON — The Senate voted Wednesday to block the Pentagon's plans to scrap one of the country's 12 aircraft carriers, keeping the fleet intact — at least for now. Approved on a 58-38 vote, the provision was included as an amendment to the Senate's nearly \$81 billion bill for wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The House did not include the plan in its version of the war-spending legislation passed last month. That means senators and representatives will have to settle their differences when they write the final bill.

The Pentagon says it needs the money by the beginning of May to pay for combat and reconstruction in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Father requests military investigation

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — The father of an Army sergeant accused of killing two officers at the start of the Iraq war urged the military Wednesday to investigate religious and racial harassment he said his son faced from fellow soldiers before he unleashed the grenade and rifle attack.

John Akbar's statement to The Associated Press titled "Concerned Father Seeks Justice For Loved Son" came as testimony wrapped up in Sgt. Hasan Akbar's court-martial on murder charges that carry a possible death penalty.

Jurors were to return today for closing arguments and the start of deliberations.

LOCAL NEWS

Saving-time compromise elusive

INDIANAPOLIS — A compromise on legislation that seeks to move all of Indiana to daylight-saving time remained elusive Wednesday as a House-Senate conference committee failed to agree on a proposal that could advance in the Senate.

Republican Sen. Marvin Riegsecker of Goshen, the bill's primary sponsor in the Senate, said if the four-member panel did not strike a deal Thursday he would ask GOP legislative leaders to name a new committee that might forge a compromise.

Benedict XVI states his mission

New pontiff expresses desire to work for Christian unity, reach out to other religions

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Charting a papacy in the tradition of his predecessor, Pope Benedict XVI pledged Wednesday to work for unity among Christians and to seek "an open and sincere dialogue" with other faiths.

In his first Mass as pontiff, Benedict invoked the words of John Paul II — "Be not afraid" — a message designed to show he is intent on following the groundbreaking path of the late pope.

The German-born pontiff also stressed he would draw on the work of the Second Vatican Council, the 1962-65 meeting that modernized the church, an issue important to liberals who are wary of Benedict from his time as Roman Catholicism's doctrinal enforcer.

As the world's 1.1 billion Catholics got the first hints of where the papacy is headed, followers of other religions weighed its meaning for interfaith relations. By and large, reactions were hopeful and expectant.

"I think he has been very open, so I have no worries about the ecumenical route," said British Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor. "It will continue. No doubt at all."

Benedict, the former Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, said his primary task would be to try to reunify all Christians and stressed that sentiment alone was not enough. "Concrete acts that enter souls and move consciences are needed," he said.

The 78-year-old pontiff said he wanted to continue "an open and sincere dialogue" with other religions and would do everything in his power to improve the ecumenical cause.

But Benedict has been one of the most forceful Vatican voices for Catholic missionary work and other forms of evangelization. He was the intellectual drive behind the 2000 document "Dominus Iesus," which outlined the Catholic Church as an exclu-



Pope Benedict XVI greets the crowd Wednesday in front of his former private home in Rome. At his first Mass as pontiff, he displayed hints of his intentions to the world's Catholics.

sive road to salvation and angered Protestants, Jews, Muslims and other non-Christians.

In Israel, admiration for John Paul's tireless efforts to promote Jewish-Catholic reconciliation mixed with unease about Benedict's time in the Hitler Youth as a teenager.

Benedict has written about his service, which was compulsory under the Nazi regime. He also was drafted into a German anti-aircraft unit at the end of World War II, though he says he never fired a shot.

John Paul won many Israeli hearts during a trip to the Holy Land in 2000 by apologizing for Roman

Catholic wrongdoing over the centuries. He also was praised for promoting interfaith dialogue, establishing diplomatic relations with Israel and aiding Polish Jews during the Nazi era.

"Israel can certainly coexist with him," Oded Ben-Hor, Israel's ambassador to the Vatican, said of the new pope. "But the real test will come over the course of time."

Benedict inherits sometimes testy relations with the Russian Orthodox Church, which has accused Catholics of poaching Orthodox believers. John Paul, the first Slavic pope, saw a visit to Russia as a way to promote greater Christian unity a mil-

lennium after the east-west schism, but he was not able to arrange the trip.

"We very much hope that under the new pope those problems will be solved," said Igor Vyshchanov, an Orthodox church spokesman.

But Russian religion expert Alexander Ogorodnikov questioned whether Benedict will match John Paul's zeal for closer ties. As a cardinal, Ratzinger soured relations with the Russian Patriarchate by backing a move to stop referring to the Orthodox branch of Christianity as a "sister church" — since Roman Catholics see Rome as the "mother" church.

Bush signs new bankruptcy law

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Bush signed a bill Wednesday that will make it harder for debt-ridden people to wipe clean their financial slates by declaring bankruptcy.

The legislation was strongly opposed by consumer rights activists who said it would prevent vulnerable Americans from getting the fresh start they need. But Bush said the law was "restoring integrity to the bankruptcy process."

"Bankruptcy should always be a last resort in our legal system," he said. "If someone does not pay his or her debts,

the rest of society ends up paying them."

Many people in debt will have to work out repayment plans instead of having their obligations erased in bankruptcy court, according to the law, which takes effect in six months.

People with incomes above their state's median income will have to pay some or all of their credit-card charges, medical bills and other obligations under a court-ordered bankruptcy plan.

"This practical reform will help ensure that debtors make a good-faith effort to repay as much as they can afford," Bush said. "This new law will

help make credit more affordable because when bankruptcy is less common, credit can be extended to more people at better rates."

Those who fought against the legislation said the change will hurt low-income working people, single mothers, minorities and the elderly and will remove a safety net for people who have lost their jobs or face major medical bills.

"The big winners under the new law will be the special interests that literally wrote it, particularly the credit card industry," said Travis B. Plunkett, legislative director of the Consumer Federation of America.

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the statement since student "government" is not a sovereign entity and cannot make laws, but he disagrees because the Student Union has great power.

"Our ability to get anything meaningful done is nothing more than our ability to unite the student body, to get us all going in the same direction, to mobilize 8,000 people," Baron said. "We're not government. We're Union."

Baron said the Student Union's power lies in "our perseverance," "our proactiveness" and "our convictions."

"Change takes time," Baron said. "It's through continual pressure, year after year, Student Senate through Student Senate, that change does happen."

He said this perseverance was apparent in the progress being made towards publishing Teacher Course Evaluations.

Baron then discussed the importance of "proactiveness."

"Big questions are made every day at the University, and we need to make sure we get our voice heard. We must be proactive in advancing our interests."

Demonstrating proactive

behavior, Baron said he planned to write a "comprehensive report" regarding a possible new and expanded student center, an idea that surfaced in Notre Dame's most recent ten-year plan and in the Future of Residence Life and Housing Report.

Baron also said he would stand by his convictions as student body president.

"The Student Union has power in 'our convictions' and the strengths of our arguments," Baron said. "Change will come if we can show that what we believe is right."

As a personal example, Baron said he fully supports "official recognition of a student group, like United in Diversity, designed to be a network of support for homosexual students as well as a bridge of the homosexual and heterosexual students at Notre Dame."

"Church doctrine is clear in its distinction between the homosexual act and the orientation, and we run a great danger in reducing one to the other," Baron said. "We need a student group that focuses not on changing doctrine, but support and dialogue."

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Debate

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Sophomore Katie Osmack was informed of the election of the new pope while in class when her theology professor received a call from a friend on his cell phone. She only had time to run to her room to drop off her books and grab her camera before heading to St. Peter's Square.

"When I got to the square I thought it was remarkable that the crowd became so silent in anticipation of the introduction of the new pope," Osmack said.

DeShon found that while standing in the crowd, even the weather was omniscient of the day's events.

"It was cloudy and sprinkling for several minutes before the new pope was announced, and moments before his introduction the clouds broke and the sun emerged from behind the Basilica," DeShon said.

German cardinal Joseph Ratzinger stepped out onto St. Peter's Basilica's balcony at 6:48 p.m. and introduced himself as Pope Benedict XVI, the new leader of the Catholic

Church. He then led the crowd in a prayer and gave a general blessing to all those present.

The crowd welcomed him with cheering and an overall sense of praise. However, some students speculated he was not the best choice for the future of the Church. Some Catholics desired a more liberal pope, or one from a Third World country, in hopes of further uniting Catholics across the world.

"I feel that the new pope is going to be a transitional one because of his conservative nature," sophomore Meaghan Herbst said.

"It would have been nice to have a pope from a Third World country because the Church needs change."

Sophomore Cathy Theiss was slightly more at ease with the idea of Ratzinger serving as the new pope.

"I am not surprised by the cardinals' decision; he was the logical choice in following Pope John Paul II," she said. "I do wish, however, that they had

gone with more of a moderate than a conservative."

Saint Mary's sophomore Allison Beyer felt similarly disappointed in the cardinals' choice.

"I was focusing my prayers on changes surrounding the role of women in the church, amongst other issues, so I am a bit disappointed in the selection," she said. "Nevertheless, I will remain hopeful and trust that the Holy Spirit will continue to work through the new Holy Father and the body of the Church."

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Saint Mary's sophomore

Osmack remains optimistic about the Church's future with Pope Benedict XVI.

"I am very much anticipating the role of Benedict XVI in the Church," she said. "I do not know much about him, but I am confident in the cardinals' decision in choosing the best leader for the Church."

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Degrees

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known lawyer who was active in the civil rights movement and has argued 40 cases before the Supreme Court, including Brown v. Board of Education, will receive a doctorate of laws.

Joseph Keller, a well-known mathematician who has contributed significantly to the world of engineering and science, will receive a doctorate of science.

Sonia Manzano, a writer, producer and actress who played Maria on "Sesame Street" for over 30 years, will receive a doctorate of laws.

James Morris, executive director of the United Nations World Food Program, the world's largest food aid organization, will receive a doctorate of laws.

Anne Mulcahy, the CEO and chair of the board of Xerox,

will receive a doctor of laws.

Steven Sample, president of the University of Southern California and well-known electrical engineer, will receive a doctorate of engineering.

1979 graduate Dr. Carol Lally Shields, associate director of oncology at Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia who captained the Notre Dame women's basketball team three times, will receive a doctorate of science.

Dr. Joseph Walther, a decorated U.S. Army Air Force surgeon in World War II who founded the non-profit research organization Walther Cancer Institute of Indianapolis, will receive a doctorate of science.

In addition to the 13 honorary degrees, nearly 1,850 undergraduate degrees and over 550 advanced graduate degrees will be conferred at the 160th commencement ceremony in the Joyce Center.

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Moussaoui ready to plead guilty

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The only person indicted in the United States in connection with the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks plans to plead guilty to charges that could bring him the death penalty, two federal officials said Wednesday.

Zacarias Moussaoui, whose strange behavior throughout the drawn-out case raised

questions about his mental competence, met Wednesday with U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema. Afterward, Brinkema pronounced the French citizen fit to enter a plea to the six-count indictment and scheduled a hearing Friday in Alexandria, Va.

"The court finds that the defendant is fully competent to plead guilty to the indictment," Brinkema said in a

brief order.

The mercurial Moussaoui still could change his mind, which he did once before. But if he follows through, it will mark the latest twist in a convoluted — and sometimes bizarre — case during which Moussaoui has fought with and insulted the judge, his own lawyers and prosecutors but also has had some surprising legal victories.



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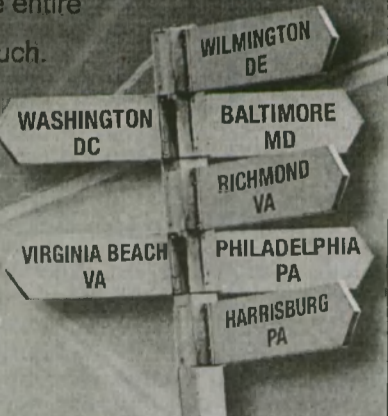
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Composite Volume:		2,231,208,000

AMEX	1,437.25	-5.02
NASDAQ	1,913.76	+18.60
NYSE	6,937.60	-93.14
S&P 500	1,137.50	-15.28
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	11,088.58	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	4,822.00	-33.60

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NASDAQ 100TR SER I(QQQQ)	-0.82	-0.286	34.704
INTEL CP (INTC)	+0.13	+0.03	22.66
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-1.26	-0.31	24.32
CISCO SYS INC (CSCO)	+0.06	+0.01	17.19
ORACLE CORP (ORCL)	-0.84	-0.10	11.78

Treasuries			
30-YEAR BOND	+0.66	+0.30	45.71
10-YEAR NOTE	+0.19	+0.08	42.11
5-YEAR NOTE	+0.23	+0.09	38.54
3-MONTH BILL	-1.40	-0.40	28.07

Commodities		
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GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+2.30	436.70
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-0.70	85.25

Exchange Rates	
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IN BRIEF

Oil prices aren't the only ones on the rise

WASHINGTON — It isn't just gasoline prices that are pinching consumers' wallets. The cost of health care, clothing, hotel rooms and airline travel all jumped last month, pushing the core inflation rate up at the fastest pace in 2 1/2 years.

The Labor Department reported Wednesday that its closely watched Consumer Price Index increased by 0.6 percent in March, the biggest rise since October.

NYSE announces plan to merge

Archipelago Holdings Inc. will allow the stock exchange to have an electronic option

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The 213-year-old New York Stock Exchange vaulted into the top ranks of electronic stock trading Wednesday, announcing a merger with all-electronic rival Archipelago Holdings Inc. in a stunning move that will also transform the NYSE into a for-profit, publicly traded enterprise.

The NYSE, famous around the world for its busy trading floor, says it has no intention of becoming an entirely computer-based exchange. Instead, by offering a fast electronic option alongside the slower but less volatile floor-based operation, the NYSE hopes to effectively compete with its chief U.S. rival, the Nasdaq Stock Market Inc., and tackle increasing global competition.

"This is an essential step to maintaining our global competitiveness and leadership," Thain said. "I believe that the combination of Archipelago and the New York Stock Exchange will be the leading securities market in the United States and in the world."

Still, the merger does move the NYSE in the direction of all-electronic trading.

The NYSE's 1,366 seat holders, its current owners, will receive \$400 million in cash and 70 percent of the shares in the new company, while Archipelago's shareholders will retain 30 percent of



John Thain, New York Stock Exchange CEO, left, shakes hands with Archipelago Holdings Inc. Chairman and CEO Jerry Putnam after a news conference Wednesday.

the shares, NYSE Chief Executive John Thain said at a news conference.

Using the value of the NYSE's latest seat sale — \$1.62 billion — as a guide, the NYSE is roughly valued at \$2.2 billion. Archipelago is valued at \$844 million using Wednesday's closing stock price.

The new entity, a holding company to be called NYSE Group Inc., will spin off the NYSE's regulatory arm — recently invigorated after coming under intense criticism for failing to stem a floor-trading scandal — into a not-for-profit oversight entity. That part of the deal answers the

demands of some NYSE members who have been agitating for the exchange to turn for-profit in order to better compete as a business.

"I think the regulatory structure we're proposing will be a model for other self-regulating agencies," Thain said.

STUDENT INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS COUNCIL

Members provide economic sector summaries

Editor's Note: The Notre Dame Student International Business Council's Federal Open Market Committee meets weekly to discuss broad changes and events in the economy in different sectors and regions. This article represents the group's most recent assessment of appropriate monetary policy.

Most recent assessment of, our discussions have focused on inflation, while keeping an eye on the fluctuations of the dollar. The current federal funds rate rests at 2.75 percent. We believe that the Federal Reserve Bank's Federal Open Market Committee will raise the rate another 0.25 percent at its meeting in May in order to prevent hyperinflation. The following sector summarizations are provided by the student members of our group and provide a snapshot of the current status of the most-watched sectors in our economy for the beginning of the first quarter of 2005. The sector summaries provide readers with a condensed view of the current economy.

Financial Services

Companies such as H&R Block report high revenues from tax preparation. Bank of America Corp., the third-largest U.S. bank, said first-quarter earnings rose to a record 75 percent. Royal Bank of Canada, the country's largest bank by assets, said it will switch from U.S. to Canadian accounting rules to calculate financial results because the countries' standards have grown more similar.

Labor Market, Wages and Prices

The number of Americans seeking unemployment benefits for the first time fell by 10,000 last week, an improvement for the 22nd straight week, according to the Labor Department. Jobless claims have steadily gone down in the past few weeks. Prices went up last month by only .5 percent, according to predictions. However, overall wages do not seem to be increasing with prices, in part because the effect of oil prices on employers is affecting inflation.

Agriculture & Natural Resources

Oil prices have fallen in recent weeks, decreasing from the price of upwards of 50 dollars a barrel to about a 50 dollar plateau. Traders are weary to declare that the worst is over, but with supply increases due to Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Company [OPEC]'s rise in production and signs of a declining demand growth, prices are not expected to rise significantly in the near future. Energy prices as a whole are 30 percent higher than they were a year ago. These increases have caused farmers to pay more for petroleum and natural gas products, which in turn will hurt the agricultural community. After increasing by more than 10 percent in 2004, crop production income is projected to drop more than 15 percent in 2005 and crop prices are estimated to drop for the first time in a few years.

Consumer Spending

So far in the month of April, consumer confidence has reportedly slid to 88.7 percent from 92.6 in March. Analysts had forecast a

more modest dip to 91.5 percent. Consumers feel less secure about the strength of the economy because gasoline prices are currently soaring, reinforcing the concerns that economic growth is slowing.

Construction

Over the past quarter, residential construction has experienced an overall high level of activity. Larger cities felt the majority of the effects with higher and healthier conditions. The commercial construction market reported strewn increases. Cities and areas near Philadelphia, Cleveland and Richmond all experienced significant amplification in these markets. Increased input costs have attributed the relatively mundane, incremental increases to the construction sector. Considerable increases in oil, steel and other raw materials are to blame. These increases affected commercial and high-volume builders the most. Despite the overall price increases, the construction market is expected to continue expan-

sion into the summer months, following seasonal and yearly trends.

Manufacturing

The manufacturing industry slowed as whole in late March for the first time in six months due to higher commodities prices and slowing economic growth. Consumer spending also continued to decline, due to fears of higher prices and growing inflation. Production in factories, especially in automotive products, slowed as rising fuel costs caused import prices to jump.

Tourism

As summer approaches, sales in the tourism industry will begin to pick up. After a relatively solid spring break season, sales should be quiet until May, when summer tourism will begin to flourish. Within the United States, sales have been solid this year do to cheaper airfares. However, international tourism has been relatively quiet due largely to terrorism threats and the recent tsunami disaster in Asia.

Lead-ND

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a rally Saturday at South Bend's Jefferson Center. The event, planned entirely by the middle school leaders, served as a launching point for three major service projects organized by the young students. At the prompting of Lead-ND members, many other unrelated youth organizations throughout South Bend designed their own projects during the month of April, as well.

"There hasn't ever been a large city mobilization in South Bend," said Meg Towle, director of community outreach and partnerships at Lead-ND. "We had about 800 people participating on Saturday. The kids were excited that something they planned had influenced other groups to create their own projects too."

After the rally, 30 children officially joined in National Youth Service Day by completing three different community service projects that they themselves had organized. One group, whose members named it "Happy to Help," took on beautification projects at Kelley and Coquillard parks by replacing missing basketball nets, planting trees and removing graffiti.

"As we worked in Kelley park, neighborhood children, intrigued by our actions, joined the project and helped us pick up trash and plant flowers," said Ben Zerante, a Lead-ND member who worked on the beautification process. "As one

of the children in our group commented, 'We really are making a difference.'"

Another group, "Leaders 4 Life," organized a meal campaign program for the Center for the Homeless. In order to "earn" funds for their community service project, the young participants had to create proposals and present them to the Lead-ND members. Once funding was secured from the club and other community businesses, the children put together 120 lunches for the homeless in an assembly line, including notes of encouragement.

"Protected and Loved," the third student-led community service group, worked to fundraise for the Casie Center, an advocacy group for abused and neglected children. Using a wish list that the Casie Center provided, the volunteers purchased all of the items, dropped them off at the center and spent the day cleaning it to give the workers a break.

In order to complete the projects, the junior high school participants took part in a 10-week curriculum created by Lead-ND coordinators. Each week, the kids started with a large group activity that conveyed a message, whether it was how to work with others or the importance of networking. Then, small groups were formed where the Notre Dame mentors would guide the community service projects' organ-

ization.

However, the goal of Lead-ND isn't just to perform community service projects but to empower the children who organize them. Club members brought the participants on a variety of field trips, including a visit to the radio station 99.1 WSMK to record public service announcements, a question-and-answer session with South Bend's mayor, Stephen Luecke and a trip to Notre Dame's Office of Admissions.

"We're trying to create passionate leaders, concerned citizens and active students," Towle said. "Civic engagement is a big emphasis."

Next fall, Lead-ND plans to broaden its reach in order to train more young leaders. While the program only took place during the spring semester in its inaugural year, club organizers hope to expand it year-round, include more schools and meet with the children twice a

week instead of once.

"I definitely feel that there need to be more programs like Lead-ND that are about more than just tutoring," Hardy said. "I think tutoring is very necessary, but if you can tutor a child and build a mentor relationship, then that's very powerful. They can not only ask you about fractions, but they also have someone to talk to."

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"We're trying to create passionate leaders, concerned citizens and active students."

Meg Towle
Lead-ND director of community outreach and partnerships

Crowds

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For some, the announcement came during the middle of classes, prompting entire classrooms to empty at once. For others, the news hit while at home, or in computer clusters or on the streets. Wherever Notre Dame students were, however, they ran.

The scene was sheer mayhem as thousands of pedestrians herded towards St. Peter's, oblivious to cars, bikes, traffic lights or fellow runners.

Upon finally arriving in St. Peter's Square, thousands stood in anticipation for almost an hour, waiting for the chance to see the new pope.

Junior Erin Kruse described the mood among the crowd as "incredible."

"Being able to be there with other Notre Dame students, seeing everything, with the crowd going wild and the constant cheers, was unbelievable," she said.

While awaiting the new pope's appearance, cheers of "Viva il papa" reflected the spirit of the event. The excitement was almost palpable.

"When I got there it was right when they were closing off parts of the square and it was getting pretty crowded."

junior Caroline Murray said. "But once I got in, it was great to see the anticipation everywhere, especially how quickly the crowd quieted when the pope finally came."

And come he did. At just before 7 p.m., the announcement came for the world to hear: habemus papam — "we have a pope."

Within minutes, Pope Benedict XVI emerged amidst great applause and cheering and proceeded to thank the crowd and offer his papal blessing.

"Standing there in St. Peter's for the pope's first blessing was a real honor," junior Pete Murphy said. "To have had this opportunity is unforgettable."

Most in the crowd were very familiar with the chosen pope, as Cardinal Rat-

zinger — the dean of the College of Cardinals — had been visible in the events surrounding the late Pope John Paul II's funeral. Junior Matt Stefanski said he believed the cardinals made a fitting choice.

"They chose the right guy," he said. "I knew going into it that whoever was supposed to lead the Church would be chosen to lead the Church. It's been unbelievable to witness this all."

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House to approve of oil drilling in Alaska

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The House is set to approve an energy bill that would open an Alaska wildlife refuge to oil drilling and provide billions of dollars in benefits to energy industries, but critics say it does little to reduce the nation's thirst for oil.

The legislation, expected to be voted on by the House on Thursday, is certain to produce a confrontation with the Senate over protection of the Alaska refuge and over a provision in the bill that would help makers of a water-polluting gasoline additive deflect environmental lawsuits.

By a vote of 231-200, the House late Wednesday rejected an attempt to strip from the bill a section to allow oil drilling on the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in northeastern Alaska. The House has given the go-ahead for drilling there twice in the past four years, only see the issue die in the Senate each time.

The House bill also would shield the makers of MTBE, a gasoline additive that has prompted dozens of lawsuits over drinking water contamination, from defective product liability claims. The issue was blamed for scuttling energy legislation in the Senate in 2003.

House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, has insisted that the MTBE liability waiver be included, arguing that the oil industry produced MTBE to help meet government-imposed clean air requirements in the 1990s, so Congress should protect the industry against what is expected to be an avalanche of lawsuits that claim the product is defective.

The "safe harbor" for MTBE makers will leave communities and water districts around the country left to pay cleanup bills, said Rep. Lois Capps, D-Calif.

She said dozens of members of Congress represent districts where water agencies or communities have filed lawsuits that would be thwarted if the MTBE liability waiver became law.

The bill calls for \$8.1 billion in tax breaks over 10 years, most of it going to promote the coal, nuclear, oil and natural gas industries. In addition it would give refiners and oil companies \$2 billion over eight years for shifting from making MTBE as the additive is phased out. It also calls for \$2 billion over 10 years to fund research into oil and gas recovery in extremely deep areas of the Gulf of Mexico.

DeLay, who has been fighting allegations of unethical conduct involving his travels and other issues, has been the primary force behind both the MTBE industry assistance and money for deep-water drilling research.

"This is the majority leader's bill that we are debating here today," Democratic leader Nancy Pelosi said during floor debate Wednesday, alluding to the DeLay. "It is clearly designed to help energy companies make more money."

Development of the Alaska refuge has been a contentious issue for nearly a decade and is sure to be one again now that the House has included it in its energy agenda.

Environmentalists fear a spider web of drilling platforms and pipelines would harm the area's polar bears, caribou, migrating birds and other wildlife. Senate Democrats have pledged to filibuster any energy bill that would open the refuge to oil companies.

Rep. Richard Pombo, R-Calif., acknowledged that ANWR was "a very unique place" that deserves protection but argued that its oil can be developed using modern drilling techniques without harming the environment and wildlife.

Howard hosts fifth annual drive

Students participate in bone marrow drive, offering hope for many

By TRICIA DE GROOT
News Writer

When then-junior Howard resident Anne Gurucharri discovered in 2000 that her father Vince (class of 1967) had been diagnosed with myelodysplastic syndrome, a rare form of leukemia, she looked to the Notre Dame community for help. After learning of a bone marrow drive held the year before by Zahm Hall and the junior class for student Connor Murphy, Gurucharri began Howard's own bone marrow drive.

A few months after the drive, her father found a match for a bone marrow transplant that significantly prolonged his battle against cancer so that he was able to see his daughter graduate the following year.

This year marks Howard's fifth annual bone marrow drive. The drive, which takes place today between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. in the Dooley and Sorin rooms on the first floor of LaFortune, takes blood samples from willing students, faculty and employees and puts them in a computerized registry with approximately four million other potential donors.

The drive does not require donors to go through the actual bone marrow donation procedure. Rather, it puts their information in a registry so that persons in need of a transplant with no known compatible match

can search the registry for a possible donor.

This year, the drive is being co-coordinated by Howard juniors Caitlin McGinty and Natalie Bennett.

McGinty and Bennett are both pre-med students, and their studies sparked their interest in helping out with the drive.

"I'm impressed they could plan all of this among all of the stress in their lives, including the MCATs last Saturday," Howard rector Kathy Brannock said.

McGinty, Bennett and others began planning for this year's drive last September, but the bulk of the work came this semester with setup, publicity, soliciting volunteers and taking care of the smaller details to

ensure the drive's success.

"The Howard Bone Marrow Drive is just one of many great events run by Notre Dame students that has the possibility to have a monumental impact

on someone's life," McGinty said. "It is something I was proud and excited to be a part of."

Registering to become a potential bone marrow donor usually costs \$65, but the University has covered the costs.

"Since we had such great success in registering candidate donors on campus, we have been very fortunate to receive substantial funding from Notre Dame and discounted rates from LifeSource Blood Centers, who provide us with the

technicians and supplies to physically conduct the drive," Bennett said.

Last year the Howard drive registered 438 donors. Because it becomes difficult each year to register new donors, since many on campus have already participated, Howard is strongly encouraging the freshman class and ethnic minority students, who are currently underrepresented in the registry, to come out and participate.

"Our goal is to have a record number of students, faculty and staff register this year, and in order to meet that goal we have tried to find new and innovative ways to get the word out to the Notre Dame community," McGinty said.

Bennett, McGinty, and others have been advertising through posters, table tents and banners in the dining hall, mailings to students and a grassroots e-mail campaign.

The coordinators also made it a point to clarify the purpose of the bone marrow drive and what is actually involved in registering. They wanted to make sure all students know that all that's required on the day of the drive is a simple blood sample and paper work. Then, once registered, each potential donor stays on the national registries list until the age of 61.

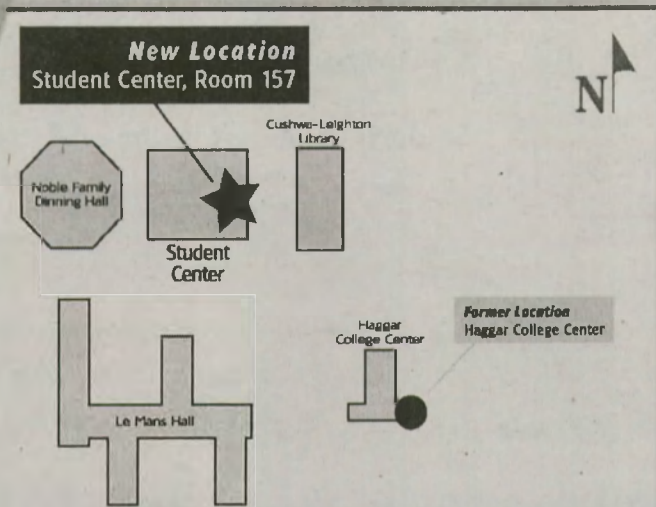
"I really encourage everyone to come out and be registered in this national registry," Brannock said. "To have that chance to be a match is so important, and this is a real call to Notre Dame's campus."

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Kathy Brannock
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Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Two senior investigators in the probe of corruption in the U.N. oil-for-food program have resigned because they believed a report that cleared Kofi Annan of meddling in the \$64 billion operation was too soft on the secretary-general, a panel member confirmed Wednesday.

The investigators felt the Independent Inquiry Committee, led by former U.S. Federal Reserve chairman Paul Volcker, played down findings critical of Annan when it released an interim report in late March related to his son, said Mark Pieth, one of three leaders of the committee.

"You follow a trail and you want to see people pick it up," Pieth told The Associated Press, referring to the two top investigators who left. The committee "told the story" that the investigators presented, "but we made different conclusions than they would have."

The investigators were identified as Robert Parton and Miranda Duncan.

Parton, as the senior investigative counsel for oil-for-food, had a wide purview. He was responsible for investigations into the procurement of companies under the oil-for-food program and he was the lead investigator on issues pertaining to allegations of impropriety relating to the secretary-general and his son Kofi Annan. Duncan worked on Parton's team.

Parton, a lawyer and former FBI agent who has worked on a hostage-rescue team abroad, confirmed to Associated Press on Wednesday that he resigned a week ago, but he declined further comment.

Duncan did not respond to telephone and e-mail messages left at the Rockefeller Family Fund, where she is a member of the board. She is a granddaughter of billionaire David Rockefeller.

The committee's interim report last month faulted Annan's management of the oil-for-food program, which was set up to help ordinary Iraqis cope with crippling U.N. sanctions imposed on Saddam Hussein's regime after

his 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

The report also said Annan didn't properly investigate possible conflicts of interest surrounding a U.N. contract awarded to the Swiss employer of Kofi Annan. The investigators criticized Kofi Annan for refusing to push his top advisers further after they conducted a hasty, 24-hour investigation relating to his son and found nothing wrong.

But the interim report cleared the secretary-general of trying to influence the awarding of the \$10 million-a-year Swiss contract and said he didn't violate U.N. rules.

Annan said the report exonerated him — something Pieth denied at the time — and the secretary-general said he had no plans to resign. The investigation into Kofi Annan continues. Volcker has promised to deliver a final oil-for-food investigation report in mid-summer.

The oil-for-food scandal has been among a series of problems that have plagued the United Nations in recent months. U.N. peacekeepers have also been accused of sexual misconduct in Congo and other missions, while the former U.N. refugee chief was accused of sexual harassment.

Annan's spokesman Fred Eckhard said the resignations were an internal committee matter and refused to comment. U.N. officials have repeatedly said the report speaks for itself.

A spokeswoman at Volcker's committee, who would speak only on condition of anonymity, said the resignations came after the investigators had completed the work they signed on to do.

Pieth acknowledged disagreements within the committee about how to interpret the evidence on Annan, but he denied investigators were censored. He also praised the work of Duncan and Parton.

"I have high esteem for both Robert and Miranda," Pieth said. "It's not a bad parting. I think they are very capable people."

Pieth added, however, that he believed the two investigators got "personally very involved" in the probe and so grew upset. "Again, this is the nature of things," he said.

MEXICO

Mayor faces trial for power abuse

Leader stripped of immunity, charged with mishandling authority

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Prosecutors charged Mexico City's popular leftist mayor with abuse of authority Wednesday, moving closer to a criminal trial that could knock him out of the 2006 presidential race.

Prosecutors formally asked a court to issue an arrest warrant for Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador. The court has 10 days to comply or dismiss the charges.

On April 7, Congress voted to strip Lopez Obrador of the immunity from prosecution he enjoyed as a public servant, which cleared the way for Wednesday's charges.

Authorities allege the mayor ignored a court order in an obscure land expropriation case. Lopez Obrador claims the charges were fabricated by his

political enemies to keep him out of next year's race, which he leads in all public-opinion polls.

Lopez Obrador was traveling in his home state of Tabasco, in southeastern Mexico, when the news broke, and was expected to issue a statement later Wednesday. He has pledged to fight the charges from jail, refuse bail, and act as his own lawyer in the case.

Wednesday's move by prosecutors marks the beginning of the end of a nearly two-week state of limbo during which authorities also insisted that Congress' action effectively barred Lopez Obrador from carrying out his duties as mayor in this city of 8.5 million. Lopez Obrador debated that interpretation of the law, but stayed away from his office to avoid additional problems.

The mayor's supporters have held nearly daily protests since the congressional vote, hounding President Vicente Fox at his public appearances and setting up a protest camp outside his official residence.

Federal prosecutors — who initially appeared in no hurry to charge Lopez Obrador — may have been spurred to quicker action by the prospect of continued demonstrations, and suggestions from some Fox administration officials that a deal might be struck with the mayor.

The case file — comprising 18,000 pages — was delivered to a federal district court based at the Eastern Penitentiary on the edge of Mexico City.

A Fox spokesman had promised earlier in the day that federal prosecutors would move "soon" against the mayor.

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Bomb plotter stops cooperating

Ressam jeopardizes two national security cases, faces 35 years in prison

Associated Press

SEATTLE — An Algerian convicted of plotting a millennium eve bombing at Los Angeles International Airport stopped cooperating with federal investigators, jeopardizing at least two cases "of vital interest to national security," the government said Wednesday.

Ahmed Ressam provided information on more than 100 potential terrorists in interviews over two years, and federal prosecutors and public defenders had agreed his sentence would be at least 27 years.

In a sentencing memorandum filed Wednesday, however, federal prosecutors recommended a 35-year term because Ressam stopped cooperating in 2003, "breaching his agreement and effectively terminating at least two criminal cases of vital interest to national security."

He'll be sentenced April 27 by U.S. District Judge John Coughenour, who has described the information Ressam provided as "startlingly helpful."

Federal public defenders representing Ressam did not immediately return a call for comment.

In December 1999, Ressam was caught smuggling a car trunkload of bomb-making materials into the United States from Canada through Port Angeles, about 120 miles northwest of Seattle.

The explosives "would have killed and maimed hundreds of innocent people," prosecutors said in the sentencing memorandum.

He was convicted in April 2001 of terrorist conspiracy and other charges, and faced up to 130 years in prison. He agreed to cooperate with the Justice Department.

Up until April 2003, Ressam spent more than 200 hours speaking with authorities about terrorist networks — and 65 hours testifying during depositions or trials, his lawyers wrote last week in documents outlining Ressam's cooperation.

Among the topics he covered were training camps in Afghanistan, terrorist recruitment, training, cell locations, general targets, the ideology of the movements, weapons and technology, explosives making, chemicals used in constructing explosives and the use of safe houses. Much of the information remains secret.

By early 2003, however, Ressam began to wear down, showing the effects of two years of interrogations and three years of solitary confinement that included "vicious verbal harassment" and a physical assault by a prison guard at a detention facility shortly after Sept. 11, 2001, according to his lawyers.

According to a defense memo, meetings became less frequent and less productive, and then were called off as Ressam sought to regain his health.

The lawyers have said Ressam's current condition does not diminish his past help and he is still willing to testify if called.

Ressam's testimony helped convict Mokhtar Haouari of supplying fake identification and cash for the millennium bomb plot. Haouari was sentenced in New York to 24 years in prison.

Ressam also provided information about two other suspects in the millennium bomb plot. Haydar Abu Doha, an Algerian national, is in British custody awaiting extradition to the United States. Samir Ait Mohamed awaits extradition from Canada.

Connecticut votes to accept gay marriage

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Connecticut on Wednesday became the second state to offer civil unions to gay couples — and the first to do so without being forced by the courts.

About an hour after the state Senate sent her the legislation, Republican Gov. M. Jodi Rell signed into law a bill that will afford same-sex couples in Connecticut many of the rights and privileges of married couples.

"The vote we cast today will reverberate around the country and it will send a wave of hope to many people, to thousands of people across the country," said Sen. Andrew McDonald, who is gay.

The state House passed the measure last week but amended it to define marriage under Connecticut law as between one man and one woman. The Senate approved the amended bill Wednesday 26-8. The law takes effect Oct. 1.

"I have said all along that I believe in no discrimination of any kind and I think that this bill accomplishes that, while at the same time preserving the tradi-

tional language that a marriage is between a man and a woman," Rell said.

Vermont is the only other state to allow civil unions. Massachusetts allows gay couples to marry. But those changes came about after same-sex couples won court battles.

Last summer, seven same-sex couples sued in Connecticut after being denied marriage licenses; the case has not been resolved.

Roman Catholics and pro-marriage activists plan a big rally Sunday in opposition to the bill.

Marie Hilliard, executive director of the Connecticut Catholic Conference, said the civil union proposal "got more legs than we ever hoped it would get." About 44 percent of the state's 3 million residents are Roman Catholic.

Brian Brown, head of the Family Institute of Connecticut, said his group intends to keep the issue squarely before the public.

"Our mission will be to let every person know in the state of Connecticut which lawmakers voted to redefine marriage, and which lawmakers voted to protect marriage," he said.

Free trade agreement to be argued

Opponents claim enough votes to kill the deal, supporters fight back

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Opponents of a free trade agreement with six Central American and Caribbean countries said Wednesday they have the votes to kill the deal when it comes up for a House vote. Supporters declared they have just begun to fight.

Rep. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio, an opponent, said that if a vote were held now on the Central American Free Trade Agreement, 195 Democrats and more than 60 Republicans would reject it, well more than enough to defeat the measure in the 435-member House.

"If CAFTA weren't so wrong-headed and opposition to it so deep, Congress would have voted on the bill shortly after the president signed it" last May, Brown told a large anti-CAFTA gathering including farm-state lawmakers from both parties, Democrats with ties to organized labor, and groups representing agriculture, labor, religious, human rights and environmental interests.

House Republican leaders, meanwhile, held a strategy meeting with business groups, ambassadors and administration officials — including Deputy Secretary of State Robert Zoellick and Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez — to discuss how they are going to win the vote that the leadership says they would like to hold next month.

"We know this is going to be a tough fight," said Zoellick, the former U.S. Trade Representative. But he noted that opponents had predicted they would be able to kill past trade bills that eventually passed, including legislation giving the president "fast track" negotiating authority. "This

process hasn't really started."

Rep. Kevin Brady, R-Texas, the GOP's point man on the bill, also discounted Brown's numbers. "At the end of the day, when the facts get known, we'll get the votes."

Backers of the trade agreement with Costa Rica, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras and Nicaragua, say it would be a big win for American producers, with 80 percent of U.S. exports of consumer, industrial and farm goods becoming duty free immediately.

They note that the agreement would be a boon for America's beleaguered textile industry because Central American textile factories, unlike those in China, use a large amount of U.S.-produced yarn and fabric in their goods.

But opponents point to the loss of American jobs and soar-

ing U.S. trade deficit following past trade deals such as the NAFTA agreement with Canada and Mexico, and say the agreement would benefit international corporations at the expense of poor subsistence farmers in Central America. They also say the pact's labor and environmental provisions are weak and will lead to abuses.

The sugar industry has led the charge against the measure, saying imports from the six CAFTA nations, while amounting to only 1.7 percent of U.S. consumption after 15 years, would set a dangerous precedent.

Montana's Republican senator, Conrad Burns, and its sole representative, Republican Dennis Rehberg, said it would destroy their state's sugarbeet industry. Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, said the agreement was "trading off one segment of our economy against another in the name of free trade."

"We know this is going to be a tough fight."

Robert Zoellick
Deputy Secretary of State

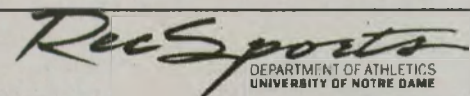
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One church, one leader

Even with the election of Benedict XVI, it is difficult to put out of mind the symbolisms in the death of Pope John Paul II. He had canonized St. Faustina, a Polish nun to whom Christ had personally committed the devotion to His Divine Mercy. John Paul died on the vigil of Divine Mercy Sunday, which he had established as a special day of grace. His funeral was swept by a wind reminiscent of Pentecost; it flipped over and closed the book of Gospels on his coffin. And so on.

John Paul II himself had become a symbol — one of strength as well as sanctity. His human qualities brought him the love and respect of millions. He spoke directly, in person, to more people than anyone else in history. He will merit the title "John Paul the Great" not only for his impact on geopolitics and culture but because he was, above all, a holy pastor of souls and a teacher of Truth.

In Benedict XVI, the Holy Spirit, we trust, has given us the pope we need. But a cautionary note may be in order: the human qualities of its leaders are not what ensure the survival of the Church. Benedict XVI will not have the "star" quality of John Paul II. But the Church will endure because Benedict will be the successor of Peter, the "Rock."

John Paul II was not even in his grave before pundits were giving the unnamed new pope their orders: to survive, which means to win the approval of the mainstream media, the Church must drop its opposition to women's ordination, contraception, homosexuality and abortion, for starters.

Fat chance. Those are definitive teachings, not disciplinary rules like Friday abstinence or clerical celibacy which could be changed

at the will of the pope.

In one of his last public statements, on Dec. 6, 2004, John Paul stressed to American bishops "the Church's binding obligation to remind the faithful of their duty in conscience to act in accordance with her authoritative teaching."

A teaching of the "authentic Magisterium ... upon a matter of faith or morals," even if not proclaimed "by definitive act," must be given "religious submission of intellect and will," requiring the faithful to "avoid whatever does not accord" with it.

The usual Catholic critics, some in unfamiliar clerical collars, materialized on television after John Paul's death to warn the Church that it must change.

But their day is passing, like an oil slick on a river. John Paul's appeal to youth reflects the reality of the future. That future belongs not to the dinosaurs left over from the 1960s, but to what The New York Times reported as the youthful "Generation John Paul II."

It belongs to the culture of life as presented in the social and moral teachings of the Church. John Paul gave the world, and especially its youth, a believable answer: that there is an objective moral standard. It is not a theory but a person, Jesus Christ, who is himself Truth with a capital "T."

The "culture of death" sees the intentional infliction of death as an optional problem-solving technique. John Paul identified the error of that culture as the denial of both God and the capacity of reason to know objective moral truth.

Thirteen days after 9/11, John Paul warned the Muslim people of Kazakhstan not to use the West as a model in rebuilding their country. The West, he said, suffers from a "spiritual and moral impoverishment" because of its "fatal attempt to secure the good of humanity by eliminating God, the Supreme Good."

He saw that a democratic system without objective truth is a suicide pact. "[I]f there is no ultimate truth to guide ... political activity, then ideas ... can easily be manipulated for reasons of power. As history demonstrates, a democracy without values easily turns into open or thinly disguised totalitarianism."

John Paul II, however, was no pessimist. The opening phrase of his pontificate, "Be not afraid!" was "an exhortation," he later wrote, "to all people ... to conquer fear in the present world situation ... Why should we have no fear? Because man has been redeemed by God ... The power of Christ's Cross and Resurrection is greater than any evil which man could or should fear." (Crossing the Threshold of Hope, p. 218-19.)

The pope who died as a new spring was emerging had assured us that "God is preparing a great springtime for Christianity." His coffin carried an imprint of a cross and the letter "M" for Mary. His motto was "Totus Tuus," affirming his commitment to her to be "all yours."

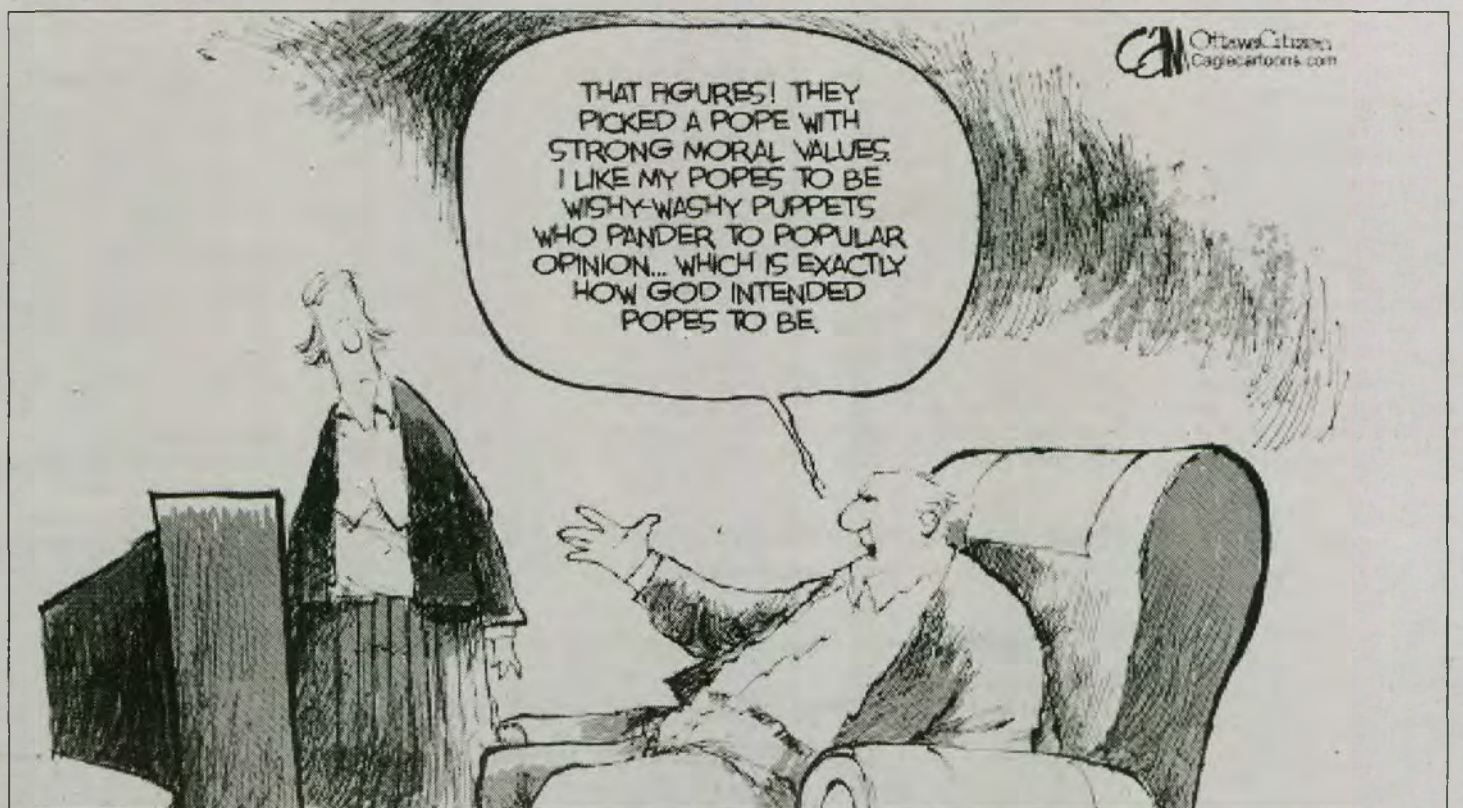
John Paul wrote that when Christ told the apostles and the women, "Be not afraid!" these words were not addressed to Mary. Strong in her faith, she had no fear ... Christ will conquer through her, because He wants the Church's victories now and in the future to be linked to her." (220-21.)

At the University of Our Lady, we ought to keep that in mind. And act accordingly. Habemus papam. Deo Gratias.

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"To persevere, trusting in what hopes he has, is courage in a man."

Euripides
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Explaining humanistic studies

"What exactly is 'humanistic studies?'" I have answered this question a countless number of times whenever someone asks me what my major is. It is not that I mind answering, but I wish to explain exactly what this major entails for those of you out there — likely the majority — who haven't the slightest idea about what humanistic studies is about.

Molly Acker

Nobody Likes A Dumb Blonde

First, I must admit that this major is unique to Saint Mary's, which may explain the air of mystery surrounding it. The program is much like humanities programs at other schools — it weaves together history, literature, theology, philosophy and art to give students a more complete understanding and appreciation for Western culture. Additionally, there is a strong emphasis placed on Christianity's dynamic role in forming civilization.

My fellow HUST-ers and I have heard that one of the College's administrators refers to us collectively as the "Gucci majors." Believe me — this has left many of us baffled as well. I like to think that we are just a stylish group, but I am guessing this has further implications.

One girl suggested that maybe this is because they think we are intellectual snobs — focusing on what are often referred to as the "great books." Another suggested that perhaps it is because we appreciate what is classic and timeless. Maybe we will never know why our group has been given this nickname, but we are nevertheless proud of our major.

Humanistic Studies began in the fall semester of 1956 at Saint Mary's and was founded by Bruno Schlesinger. It was originally known as the Program for Christian Culture and was an experiment based on the British historian Christopher Dawson's idea that Christian culture in history, literature, art, and social and spiritual thought should be studied as an integrated whole.

Initially the program received much national attention and support. Both the student enrollment and fac-

ulty of the department has grown since Professor Schlesinger pioneered the program with just 13 pupils.

Today the major usually has about 20 new students each year. These small classes not only encourage strong relationships with fellow students and professors alike, but also give a unique setting for our discussion-based classes.

The Humanistic Studies program was the first at Saint Mary's to be granted a nationally endowed chair to the college. It was named after our founder Bruno Schlesinger who dedicated himself and taught in our program until just this year.

His 60 years of service to Saint Mary's have been quite remarkable. Many alumnae have described his distinguished reputation to me as "the reason I came to Saint Mary's for an education."

On Monday, Saint Mary's honored Professor Schlesinger for his impressive contributions to the college, and named Professor Gail Mandell to the Bruno P. Schlesinger Chair for her service and dedication to the major. She humbly accepted this honor, telling her students and fellow faculty members, "You are my reason for being here. You are my reason for doing what I do."

Mandell and the other faculty members of the program continue to remain committed to the founding ideas of the program. As Professor Schlesinger said, his purpose was "To give the students bread instead of stone."

I think I can speak for all of my fellow majors when I say that we have been nourished by what we have learned from our studies.

Our focus on history and culture in addition to "the greats" such as Virgil, Augustine, Chaucer, Machiavelli, More, Shakespeare, Voltaire and Freud (to name a few) has given us a better understanding and perspective of the history of western civilization, contemporary issues, and our own lives.

I encourage any student, either at Saint Mary's or Notre Dame, to take a Humanistic Studies course if you have the time. For those of you who are still looking for a major, this one is worth further consideration.

Humanistic studies is a unique and enriching program that helps develop superior skills in thinking, reading, writing, listening, and speaking.

In closing, I would like to pay tribute to Bruno Schlesinger for his outstanding service to Saint Mary's.

He truly has become a treasure to the College. I would also like to congratulate Gail Mandell — I know she will carry on in Dr. Schlesinger's great tradition.

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U-WIRE

New hope for a new pope

The pope has incredible influence over millions of people worldwide, including college students. USA Today recently reported that here in the United States, Roman Catholic students outnumber those of all other faiths.

This being said, all the coverage surrounding the election of the new pope is highly relevant to us collegiates.

Much of the world was surprised by the choice of German Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger as Pope Benedict XVI, for many believed a non-European and more liberal pope would be a more progressive, unifying move.

Although this did not occur, since Ratzinger is even more conservative than John Paul II, it does not necessarily mean Benedict XVI won't be effective in reaching out to the world.

If he walks in the footsteps of John Paul II, he may be a conservative leader, but he will also maintain a global vision.

The last pope was a wonderful representative of Christianity and an advocate of hope. He reached out to countries across the world and encouraged leaders to choose peace and tolerance.

The new pope has the opportunity to do the same. John Paul II set a great precedent of being a spokesman for world peace and humanitarian efforts.

Younger than John Paul II, the world should expect Benedict XVI to have renewed vitality in traveling the world and associating with world leaders.

He can cross religious divides and impact global opinion. No celebrity can rival his ability to speak out against atrocities and injustices and plead for humanitarian donations.

Hopefully, the new pope will take advantage of these opportunities and change the world for the better.

Liberal-leaning faithful were dismayed by Tuesday's announcement, and Latin American and African nations were disappointed by the appointment of another European. But politics should take a backseat to religion, and true religion, the New Testament says, is helping the widowed and fatherless.

Benedict XVI should reunite Catholics worldwide under a banner of charity, tolerance and peace. These values surpass the importance ideologies.

If nothing else, maybe a German car company — either Audi, BMW or Mercedes — will supply an even cooler "Pope-mobile."

Staff Editorial

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Nutrition an issue of national concern

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns admits few Americans follow the Food Guide Pyramid's recommendations.

Yet, according to the Wall Street Journal, the U.S. Department of Agriculture paid \$1.6 million to Porter Novelli, an international marketing-based public relations firm, to develop a slogan, Web site and educational materials for the redesigned Food Guide Pyramid unveiled Tuesday.

Did anyone at the USDA stop to ask how it might encourage Americans to conform to the guidelines before it opened taxpayers' checkbooks to pay for a splashy revamp?

And is the design meaningful or easy to understand?

The new pyramid, dubbed "MyPyramid," features six different colored bands to signify the food groups. Recommended intake for each food group is directly proportional to the width of each band.

The pyramid still employs the ambiguous term 'servings.' What measuring cup in any household measures a serving?

The USDA says serving recommendations

depend on an individual's age, gender and daily activity level. The new pyramid's Web site, www.mypyramid.gov, allows Americans to personalize USDA recommendations based on user input.

Wonderful. In order to recommend something as basic as nutrition, Americans now must have a computer or, at the very least, access to one.

Fast food and vending-machine cuisine are cheap and accessible. The USDA has succeeded in making the Food Guide Pyramid anything but.

Healthy eating requires a little bit of planning and commitment. The USDA has taken a task that is already somewhat daunting and made it even more so.

Let's hope the USDA doesn't take another 13 years to redesign the pyramid. But if it does, it should spend less money marketing it and put a little more thought into making it understandable.

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ALBUM REVIEWS

Carey shows her voice can still soar

By BRODERICK HENRY
Scene Music Critic

Mariah Carey is a music superstar. With 16 No. 1 pop hits and more than 57 million units sold in the U.S. alone, Carey is considered one of the greatest singers of our generation.

Yet, like superstars Whitney Houston and Michael Jackson, Carey has had her fair share of problems. After a very public divorce from Sony music exec Tommy Mottola in 1997, Carey's career went from a sizzle to a slow burn. As her clothes have come off, the hits have diminished, and the pop diva's inner demons have also surfaced. During the past four years, the singer has experienced an emotional breakdown — highlighted by a bizarre appearance on MTV's Total Request Live — and suffered the critical and commercial failure of two records and a movie. As

a result, Carey finds herself trying to revamp an image and a career with the release of "The Emancipation of Mimi."

With that in mind, the first single from "Emancipation," "It's Like That," finds Mariah in a convivial mood singing, "Cuz it's my life / No stress, No fights / I'm leaving it all behind."

Lyrical and musically, it is a significant retreat from Carey's earlier works. Driven by a hard bass-line, the 35-year-old singer proclaims herself a "hot tamale and those chickens ash, and she lotion." Undoubtedly, Carey is attempting to cater to the MTV and BET audience who were five years old when she released her first album. To that end the song has been a great success, selling more than 404,000 copies in its first week of release. However, it may have confused the pop diva's devoted fans about the direction she is headed.

Luckily, the rest of "Emancipation" is not as predictable or commercially constricted



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Although "The Emancipation of Mimi" has its missteps, highlights like "Mine Again" and "Fly Like a Bird" more than make up for them.

as "It's like That." Similar to most of today's pop records, the album has its fair share of guest performers: Snoop Dogg, Nelly, Twista and Jermaine Dupri, who makes numerous appearances as both producer and MC. Other than Twista's appearance on the stylized rap/singing hybrid "One and Only," these collaborations are rather forgettable. It appears the songbird is at her best when she leaves the musical extras of hip-hop behind and displays the incomparable five-octave instrument that has made her famous — her voice.

"Mine Again" is a standout and the perfect example of Carey's singing abilities. Produced by Roots producer James Poyser, it is a song of heartbreak and yearning. The ballad begins with introductory piano keys and then adds horns and a bass guitar. Not much else is added to the mix, leaving Mariah's voice to bring her past relationship gone wrong to life, which she does effortlessly.

The Kanye West produced "Stay the Night" samples the old school hit "Betcha by Golly Why," and brightens the album up a bit. The sped-up sample works well with MiMi's wailing. Of course, no Mariah album would be complete without an inspirational gospel record. This time around it is the emotionally uplifting "Fly Like a Bird," which is reminiscent of Carey's former hits "Make it Happen" and "Hero." Soaring vocals and beautiful instrumentation leads the listener to believe either she or Carey will fly away.

Overall, "The Emancipation of Mimi" is a good listen despite today's radio-singles-driven market. Although the album does have a few missteps, the good tracks, buoyed by Carey's voice and exquisite production, more than make up for them. An emancipated MiMi is an older, slightly flawed, more soulful MiMi.

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Hot Hot Heat stays lukewarm

By BECCA SAUNDERS
Assistant Scene Editor

Although "Elevator" is its second album, few people have probably heard of the Canadian four-piece band Hot Hot Heat. Yet "Elevator" has garnered the attention of MTV and is slowly becoming a part of the contemporary music scene. While Hot Hot Heat shows promise as a great band, in comparison to similar bands like Jet, The Hives, Razorlight and Keane, Hot Hot Heat does not measure up. "Elevator" is a good album with solid songs, but it is generally a level below its competitors.

"Elevator" is the follow-up to 2002's "Make Up the Breakdown," Hot Hot Heat's first major album. The Vancouver, Canada-based band is a basic four-piece rock band, with Steve Bays on vocals and keyboards, Paul Hawley on drums, Dustin

Hawthorne on bass and Luke Paquin on guitar.

The band is excited about its latest album and according to its Web site, frontman Steve Bays explains that, "We figured there were two ways to record a second album. You can do more or less what you did before, which works for some bands. Or, you can experiment, grow and change, which is the approach we took. What we discovered in the process was that, while we were taking huge steps forward musically, we were also coming full circle back to the style and sound that had brought us together in the first place. What we ended up with was a heightened version of what we've been doing from the beginning."

That statement holds true to the record that was produced by Hot Hot Heat, and although "Elevator" is an improvement from its first album, it is still not enough to



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Hot Hot Heat has its moments, but it is not on par with similar bands like Jet, The Hives and Razorlight.

catapult the band into the same level as its rock contemporaries.

That is not to say that there are not great songs on "Elevator." There are a handful of highlights and there is not really a bad song on the entire album. "Middle of Nowhere" is one of the best songs on the album and is also the second single Hot Hot Heat is releasing off of "Elevator." The song shows the skill Hot Hot Heat has for developing a catchy melody and memorable lyrics.

As many of the songs on the album are, "Middle of Nowhere" is about a girl and the confusion that lies in the singer's relationship with her. The girl chimes in with advice multiple times throughout the song. At one point, "She said, 'Unpredictability's my responsibility,

baby,'" and at another, "She said, 'Maybe there is a bit of me waiting for a bit of you, baby.'" All in all, her lyrics are cleverly added to the song and make the song lyrically strong as well as melodically strong.

Some other great tracks on the album include "Goodnight Goodnight," "Jingle Jangle" and "You Owe Me An IOU."

All in all, "Elevator" is a quality album by a solid and creative band, but it does not rise above other bands in its genre. Hot Hot Heat is a good band, but as of now it has not proven itself as a group that deserves attention over its rock peers who are simply doing a better job at making great rock music.

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Future of ABC News remains uncertain

Network faces important personnel decisions

Associated Press

A generation ago, *Roone Arledge* took a third-ranked ABC News organization and transformed it into a powerhouse with such stars as *Peter Jennings*, *Ted Koppel* and *Barbara Walters*. In part because of the personal crossroads of Jennings and Koppel, the next few years represent the news division's biggest challenge since then.

Three of ABC's signature newscasts — "World News Tonight," "Nightline" and "Primetime Live" — face significant threats and how the network responds could define ABC News President *David Westin's* legacy.

Cancer is always cruel, but Jennings' April 5 announcement that he was undergoing chemotherapy for lung cancer also seemed sad for professional reasons. With *Tom Brokaw* and *Dan Rather* stepping down as anchors over the past few months, Jennings was poised to become broadcast news' elder statesman and perhaps even begin a second run at the top of the ratings. He said he would continue working when he could, but hasn't been on the air since.

Only weeks ago a succession seemed several years off, and may still be. But, at the very least, it's something Westin has to keep in mind.

Charles Gibson and *Elizabeth Vargas* were designated as fill-ins on "World News Tonight" for when Jennings is too sick to anchor. They would have to be considered the two most obvious internal candidates to succeed Jennings if it came to that, with *Bob Woodruff* and

Terry Moran also possibilities. But Westin stressed he's only thinking about a substitute for Jennings, not a replacement.

"A healthy news division has these transitions and has people in place to step in and we do," he said. "We have a bigger and stronger bench than the other news organizations."

Gibson may be too valuable at "Good Morning America," which has dramatically narrowed the gap with NBC's market-leading "Today" show.

The only anchor that "Nightline" has ever had over 25 years, Koppel announced last month he would leave ABC News at year's end.

His show has earned one of the best reputations in broadcast news. But its ratings are declining, and Koppel's lighter schedule was a problem: he often anchors three nights a week.

"They knew they had a 'Nightline' problem for years and knew that Ted wouldn't be part of the solution," said *Bob Zelnick*, former ABC News reporter and now head of Boston University's journalism school.

Westin now has the delicate challenge of inventing a new, live "Nightline" that doesn't insult the hard-news sensibilities of its current audience yet can still attract new, younger viewers more used to *Jon Stewart* late at night. And the unsuccessful recruitment of *David Letterman* left questions about ABC's commitment to news in the "Nightline" time slot.

"Primetime Live," one of ABC's two newsmagazines, had high hopes for a revival this season behind new executive producer *Shelley Ross*. But it didn't happen, and *Ross* was ousted after less than a year on the job.

A difficult Thursday time slot and an industrywide trend of declining interest in newsmagazines hurt "Primetime."

ABC has put the show under the control of "20/20" executive producer *David Sloan*, perhaps an indication that "Primetime" may be threatened when the network sets its fall schedule next month.

"From my point of view, the challenges remain about constant," Westin said. "They are just more visible."

Arguably, he said it was tougher duty when he began eight years ago, when he had to get the news organization working better together and not resting on the laurels of its 1980s glory years.

"It's a time of change," said *Richard Wald*, a former ABC executive and now professor at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism. "It's a time of problems. Nothing in television gets invented until there is a problem."

The late Arledge made bold moves, Wald said, because he had to.

ABC News missed a key opportunity when it decided, for financial reasons, not to start a 24-hour cable news operation a decade ago, Wald said. NBC News did, and although MSNBC isn't a success, the network news division as a whole is the industry's most powerful.

Earlier this month, ABC announced it was going ahead with ABC News Now, a 24-hour service that will offer news on various platforms: digital cable, the Internet, video streaming, cell phones and pagers.

"To my way of thinking, ABC News Now is leapfrogging the traditional, linear 24-hour news services," Westin said.

Two decades ago, successful broadcast news companies did not see the business opportunity offered by cable news and it took another outlet — CNN — to realize it, said *Marc Gunther*, author of "The House That *Roone* Built," about ABC News in the 1980s.

Similarly, the organizations now concentrating on cable news may not be in

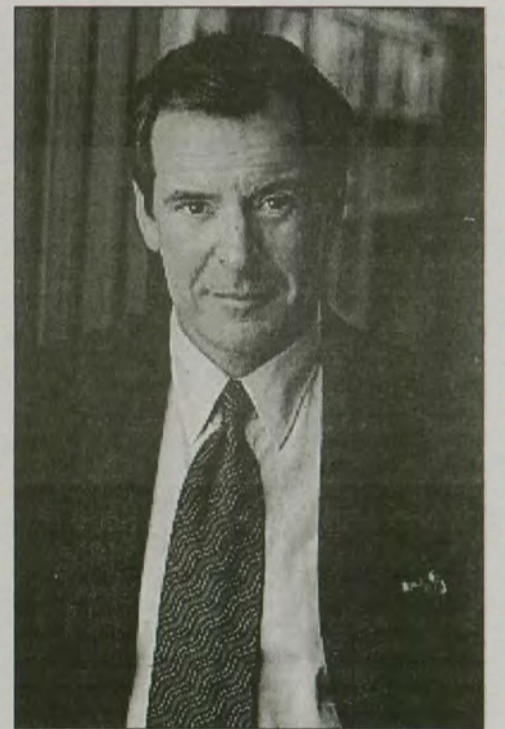


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Peter Jennings' lung cancer has raised questions about the future of ABC's evening newscast.

the best position to see the new possibilities that ABC is exploring.

"They're busy with the old wars," Westin said, "and we're trying to go ahead with the new wars."

ABC's aggressiveness in this realm may pay big future dividends.

"That's about the only bright light that I can see on the horizon," Gunther said.

Becoming dominant in that area of 24-hour news, however, depends upon having a strong, recognizable news product that people will want to seek out.

And that requires ABC News to meet the immediate challenges.

MacFarlane enjoying comedic success

Associated Press

He's a family man, evil infant, talking dog and sarcastic alien.

Meet *Seth MacFarlane*, the creator of Fox's "Family Guy" and "American Dad," as well as the voice of many of the characters on the two witty and ribald animated series.

This day, at a table reading for an episode of "Family Guy," MacFarlane as title character *Peter Griffin* sings a song about working, works his way through baby *Stewie's* biting commentary, and invests *Brian* the mutt with lively common sense.

He also subs for so many other roles — later to be filled by guest actors — that eventually even he, in an exchange between *Brian* and *Peter*, gets the voices mixed up — to a chorus of laughter from some 60 people gathered in the conference room at MacFarlane's office.

Among them are network watchdogs scribbling notes, undoubtedly marking extremes of sexual and religious humor that may not make the final cut in this post-Janet era. "We give them a few red herrings that we figure they would take out," MacFarlane says.

Although he wonders why the standards and practices people get so upset sometimes, he credits them for generally being reasonable, "particularly with the pressures they are under right now with the FCC."

Fox originally canceled "Family

Guy," but has picked it up again, along with his new series, "American Dad." MacFarlane says he recognizes the cancellation was a business decision the network was entitled to.

But now, in response to the success of the "Family Guy" DVDs and reruns on the Cartoon Network's late-night "Adult Swim" lineup, 35 new episodes, along with at least 13 episodes of "American Dad," have been ordered by the network.

The half-hour shows, which got a prominent kickoff following the Super Bowl telecast in February, begin airing regularly on May 1, in the 9 p.m. EDT time slot.

"I'm too excited to gloat," the 31-year-old MacFarlane says, laughing.

Mike Barker and *Matt Weitzman*, co-creators and executive producers of "American Dad," say it helps to be "twisted" if you work with MacFarlane.

"American Dad" is about *Stan Smith* (voiced by MacFarlane), a trigger-happy CIA agent obsessed with national security. His ultraliberal daughter, *Hayley*, is voiced by MacFarlane's younger sister, *Rachael*. *Roger*, a space alien also voiced by MacFarlane, lives in the Smiths' attic, and the family circle includes *Klaus* (*Dee Bradley*), a German-speaking, sexually obsessed goldfish, the result of a CIA experiment gone wrong.

MacFarlane gets into his characters at a reading — so much so that he sometimes gets voices mixed up.

MacFarlane says the show's concept "sprang from the climate during the [presidential] election ... a very politically charged time, with the whole country split in half."

He's a big fan of "All in the Family," which satirized the sharp cultural and political divisions in the 1970s, and feels "that's what we are dealing with now."

A liberal on most issues, MacFarlane co-created in Smith a right-wing character who is "completely the other end of the spectrum." But he says, "It's interesting, because by its nature, it does keep us in check from getting on a soap box, because at the end of the day, you have to like your main character."

So there's equality of thought in the parodying of the absurdities of both Stan's knee-jerk reactionism and Hayley's ultraliberalism.

"Originally we intended for Hayley to be the voice of reason, but as it's gone along, it's much funnier to play a little more extreme," says Barker.

The visual style is the same on both the Griffin- and Smith-family shows — which are hand-drawn in Korea — but Weitzman believes what most clearly marks the difference between the two is that "American Dad" has "much less non-sequitur humor than 'Family Guy' ... We are more narrative."

MacFarlane freely acknowledges his influences and inspirations. He's a fan of "The Simpsons" and of *Gary Larson's* "The Far Side" cartoons, in

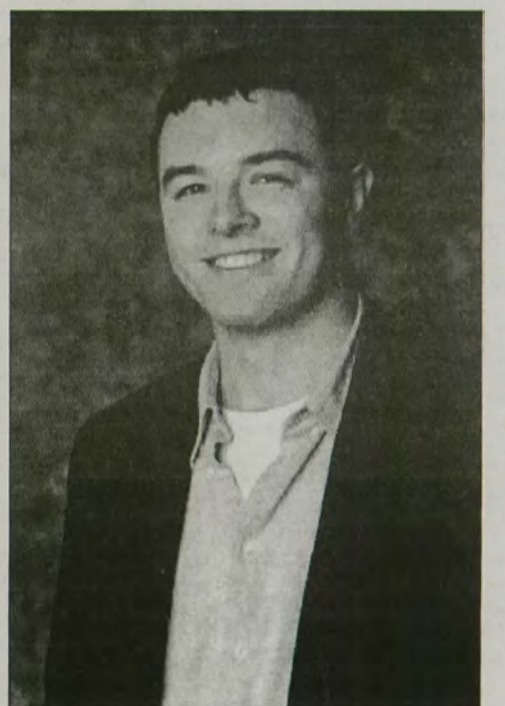


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Seth MacFarlane's new series, 'American Dad,' begins airing regularly on May 1 on Fox.

which the "animals were always drawn completely real. If you look at his cows, there's nothing cartoony about them — other than that they are standing on their hind legs. But those leg joints are like real cows, only these have names like *Warren*, *Paul* and *Steve*."

NBA

Nets clinch last playoff berth 102-93 over Celtics

Associated Press

BOSTON — Vince Carter and the New Jersey Nets clinched the NBA's last playoff berth with a shaky start and a strong finish — the same way the team's season went.

Carter shook off an early injury and scored 24 of his 37 points in the second half to lead the Nets' comeback from a 19-point, second-quarter deficit in a 102-93 win over the Boston Celtics on Wednesday night.

New Jersey needed to make one final rally after the Celtics used an 8-0 run to close to 96-93 with 1:16 left. The Nets scored the final six points, all on free throws, then shook hands with Boston players and walked calmly off the court.

The Nets got the No. 8 seed in the Eastern Conference and play at top-seeded Miami on Sunday. The Celtics already had clinched the No. 3 seed and open their first-round series at home Saturday night against Indiana or Philadelphia. New Jersey started the season with a 2-11 record but finished with a 15-4 surge. Still, the Nets went into the final day of the regular season competing with Cleveland for the last playoff spot. Had the Nets lost, they would have been eliminated because Cleveland won at Toronto.

New York 113, Washington 105

Jamal Crawford made seven 3-pointers and scored 36 points, and the New York Knicks came from behind to beat the playoff-bound Washington Wizards 113-105 Wednesday night.

The Knicks didn't lead until 1:48 remained when Maurice Taylor posted up Etan Thomas, hit a short jumper and drew Thomas' sixth foul. Crawford followed with his seventh 3-pointer with 1:06 left, and the Wizards were forced to foul the Knicks, who set a team record by hitting all 26 of their free throws, including seven by Crawford.

Stephon Marbury added 20 points and seven assists for the Knicks, who avoided a 50-loss season. Michael Sweetney had 16 points and 13 rebounds.

Gilbert Arenas scored 25 points for the Wizards, but nei-

ther he nor Larry Hughes played a minute in the fourth quarter as Washington rested up for its first-round playoff series against Chicago, which starts Sunday.

Miami 98, Orlando 93

With Shaquille O'Neal and Dwyane Wade watching from the bench, the Miami Heat won their final tuneup before the playoffs, beating the Orlando Magic 98-93 on Wednesday night.

The Heat (59-23) enter the playoffs on a three-game winning streak, proving they've snapped out of the funk that developed after they clinched the East's top seed on April 5. They lost four straight after that.

Miami will open the playoffs against New Jersey this weekend. The Nets took the eighth and final postseason berth by beating Boston.

Miami took all three games from New Jersey, winning by an average of more than 21 points.

The absence of O'Neal for a second straight game was expected. His bruised right thigh may sideline him for Game 1 of the first round.

Minnesota 95, San Antonio 73

The Minnesota Timberwolves' lost season finally came to an end Wednesday night with a 95-73 victory over the San Antonio Spurs, already looking ahead to a first-round playoff matchup with Denver.

Ndudi Ebi had a career-high 18 points and eight rebounds and Michael Olowokandi had 10 points and 14 rebounds for the Timberwolves, who outrebounded the Spurs 58-39.

Tim Duncan played only 23 minutes for the Spurs, the No. 2 seed in the Western Conference. They will open the playoffs Sunday at home against the Nuggets.

For the Timberwolves, it was an anticlimactic ending to a monumentally disappointing season filled with contract squabbles, a coaching change and uninspired effort, the last of which completely befuddled interim coach Kevin McHale.

LA Clippers 86, New Orleans 75

Elton Brand scored 18 points and grabbed 14 rebounds to

help the Los Angeles Clippers defeat New Orleans 86-75 Wednesday night, leaving the Hornets with the worst record in franchise history.

New Orleans (18-64) had a nine-game losing streak to end the season.

Two of the Clippers' soon-to-be free agents, Bobby Simmons and Marko Jaric, both left good impressions with 14 points each in what was otherwise a meaningless game between two non-playoff teams. Simmons also had 11 rebounds.

It was the opposite story for two of the top Hornets entering the free agent market this summer. Dan Dickau shot 1-for-10 and finished with three points, and Bostjan Nachbar was 1-for-8 for six points. J.R. Smith led New Orleans with 15.

Dallas 108, Memphis 88

Josh Howard scored 27 points to help the Dallas Mavericks roll into the playoffs with a 108-88 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies on Wednesday night.

The Mavericks, who will play the Houston Rockets in the first round, closed the season by winning their last nine games and 13 of their final 14.

Memphis, the Western Conference's No. 8 seed, limped into the postseason, losing five of its final six. The Grizzlies will open against the top-seeded Phoenix Suns.

The tone was set early and Dallas was never threatened after building a 19-point lead in the first half. The game was so in control that the Mavericks' starters were able to sit out the fourth period.

Howard was 11-of-14 from the field and grabbed six rebounds. Dirk Nowitzki scored 16 points, Jerry Stackhouse had 13 and Michael Finley 11.

Charlotte 97, Detroit 86

Emeka Okafor left the court for the final time as a rookie without his shirt or shoes, everything given away to the fans who cheered the Charlotte Bobcats on to a victory in their season finale.

Okafor had 16 points and 19 rebounds as Bobcats closed out their inaugural season with a victory, snapping the Detroit Pistons' 11-game winning streak with a 97-86 win



New Jersey forward Vince Carter smiles during the final minute of a 102-93 win over the Boston Celtics on Wednesday.

Wednesday night.

"It's just great to go home like this, with a win and on a good note," Okafor said. "We didn't win a lot of games this year, but we played hard in all of them and it's great to get a reward in the last one."

Actually, the Bobcats won more games than anyone predicted. They finished 18-64, equaling the number of wins Orlando had in 1989-90 and bettering the first-year marks of Vancouver, Miami and Dallas.

Philadelphia 110, Atlanta 86

Kyle Korver openly rooted for Chicago. Josh Davis was flipping channels trying to locate ESPN. Marc Jackson insisted Philadelphia could beat any team.

Allen Iverson scored 16 points

and put the finishing touches on his fourth scoring title, and Philadelphia clinched seventh place in the Eastern Conference with a 110-86 win over the Atlanta Hawks on Wednesday night.

Afterward, the 76ers had to await the outcome of the Indiana-Chicago game to learn who their first-round opponent would be. When the Pacers won, it meant Philadelphia will face former coach Larry Brown and the Detroit Pistons, who won the season series 3-1.

"We're 3-1 against Boston so obviously we want to play Boston. We had the most success against them," Korver said. "At the same time, we're not scared of Detroit. We're going to come out and play hard regardless of who it is."

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MLB

GarciaParra injured in Cubs win

Chicago shortstop had been struggling to open the season

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Nomar GarciaParra of the Chicago Cubs was carried off the field with a groin injury after grounding into a double play and then collapsing just in front of the batter's box in the third inning of Wednesday night's game against the St. Louis Cardinals.

The slumping GarciaParra, hitting .157 after going 0-for-2 with a strikeout, took a few steps toward first base before falling. The team said the severity of the injury to GarciaParra's left groin was unclear and said he likely would undergo an MRI exam on Thursday.

Jerry Hairston replaced GarciaParra in the lineup, playing second base with Neifi Perez moving from second to short-

stop. GarciaParra's slump landed him in the sixth spot in the Cubs' lineup. He'd batted third all season but is in a 4-for-23 skid and has four RBI this season.

He volunteered to move down in the order if it would help the team.

"I'm not going to be upset about it," GarciaParra said before the game. "I'm just struggling a little bit, just off. That's the nature of the game and I'll just keep working through it."

Derrek Lee, batting .385 with a team-leading four home runs and 17 RBI, switched places with GarciaParra in the lineup. Manager Dusty Baker thought it was best not to tinker with the rest of the order.

"He said, 'I'm not helping us

now,'" Baker said. "He just wants to win and I know he feels bad about not contributing. He hasn't struggled this much in a long time."

Baker said it's likely only a minor alteration is needed for GarciaParra to bust out of his slump.

"It's usually something small," the manager said. "But we haven't been around him long enough to know what it is."

Earlier in the week, the Cubs tried giving GarciaParra some rest. But after a day off he was 0-for-5 without hitting the ball out of the infield on

Tuesday at Cincinnati.

Lee was 14-for-32 in his previous nine games, plus he batted .420 against the Cardinals last year with five homers and 16 RBI in 69 at-bats.

"He just wants to win and I know he feels bad about not contributing."

Dusty Baker
Cubs manager

NFL

Clarett is a likely second-day choice

Associated Press

Maurice Clarett's long, strange trip to the NFL is nearing its end. Maybe.

It's been more than two years since Clarett scored the touchdown that gave Ohio State its first national title in 34 years.

Then came legal troubles, NCAA violations and a failed lawsuit against the NFL. A player once spoken of with the kind of awe reserved for a young talent like LeBron James had become synonymous with controversy and poor character.

Now, Clarett is saying and doing all the right things — enough, perhaps, for a team to select him in this weekend's NFL draft.

"He's definitely a second-day pick," said Gil Brandt, the NFL's draft consultant. "He's really tried to turn his life around."

Brandt knows Clarett hasn't dazzled anyone with his speed. After a disastrous showing at the NFL combine, Clarett improved last month at a private workout near his hometown of Warren, Ohio, running a 4.67-second 40-yard dash.

But Emmitt Smith and Jerome Bettis didn't run that fast either, Brandt said.

"He might be a player that just doesn't run fast, but somehow gets the job done," Brandt said.

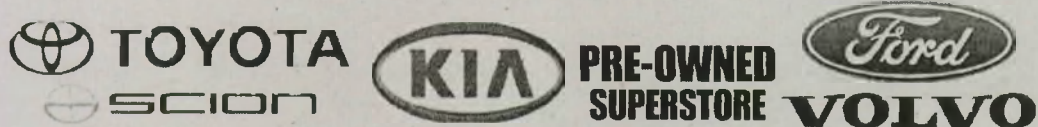
Don't look for Clarett to get drafted any earlier than the fifth round, said Mike Mayock, a draft analyst for the NFL Network.

"This is pretty good running back class coming out this year. I'd much rather go with a proven track record of durability," Mayock said. "Is somebody going to say let's take a chance? Yes."

Brandt points to Clarett wrestling the ball away from Sean Taylor after an interception — one of the most memorable plays of Ohio State's 31-24 victory over top-ranked Miami in the 2003 Fiesta Bowl — for an example of why Clarett is worth drafting.

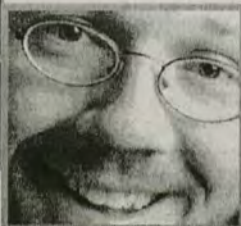
It was a play that took great football sense, something his representatives have been promoting in recent weeks.

"Maurice is one of these guys who you can do all the drills in the world, you put a football in his hand and he turns into a different kid," said his attorney, David Kenner. "That's Maurice. He's been doing it since he was 5 years old and I don't see any reason to believe it should change now."



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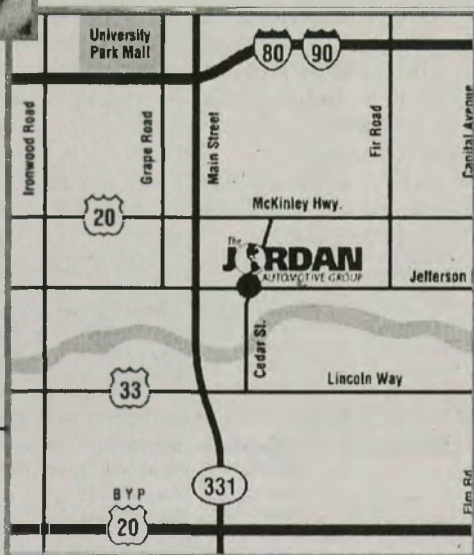
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Toronto	33-49	.402	3-7
New York	33-49	.402	4-6

Eastern Conference, Central

team	record	pct.	last 10
Detroit	54-28	.659	9-1
Chicago	47-35	.573	6-4
Indiana	44-38	.537	6-4
Cleveland	42-40	.512	4-6
Milwaukee	30-52	.366	3-7

Eastern Conference, Southeast

team	record	pct.	last 10
Miami	59-23	.720	5-5
Washington	45-37	.549	4-6
Orlando	36-46	.439	2-8
Charlotte	18-64	.220	3-7
Atlanta	13-69	.159	2-8

Western Conference, Northwest

team	record	pct.	last 10
Seattle	52-30	.634	2-8
Denver	49-33	.598	8-2
Minnesota	44-38	.537	6-4
Utah	26-55	.321	4-6
Portland	26-55	.321	2-8

Western Conference, Pacific

team	record	pct.	last 10
Phoenix	62-19	.765	8-2
Sacramento	49-32	.605	6-4
L.A. Clippers	37-45	.451	5-5
L.A. Lakers	34-47	.420	1-9
Golden State	33-48	.407	7-3

Western Conference, Southwest

team	record	pct.	last 10
San Antonio	59-23	.720	6-4
Dallas	58-24	.707	9-1
Houston	51-31	.622	7-3
Memphis	45-37	.549	4-6
New Orleans	18-64	.220	1-9

College Softball

Big East Conference

team	conf.	record
Seton Hall	10-2-0	24-11-0
NOTRE DAME	8-0-0	29-8-0
Syracuse	8-2-0	23-13-0
Connecticut	4-10-0	14-22-0
Pittsburgh	4-4-0	17-21-0
Providence	4-6-0	26-13-0
St. John's	4-6-0	17-24-1
Villanova	4-6-0	29-19-0
Boston College	3-5-0	15-17-0
Rutgers	1-9-0	3-33-0

College Baseball

Big East Conference

team	conf.	record
St. John's	9-2-0	23-10-0
Boston College	9-4-0	23-11-0
NOTRE DAME	8-4-0	20-15-0
Rutgers	7-5-0	19-14-0
Villanova	7-6-0	22-10-1
Pittsburgh	5-8-0	19-14-0
West Virginia	5-8-0	16-21-0
Connecticut	4-7-0	21-14-0
Georgetown	4-9-0	19-19-0
Seton Hall	4-9-0	10-23-0

GOLF



Vijay Singh smiles during a news conference to announce his induction to the World Golf Hall of Fame's Class of 2005 Wednesday in Humble, Texas. Singh is the defending champion of the Houston Open, which starts today.

Singh inducted to Hall of Fame, barely

Associated Press

Vijay Singh's arduous journey from Fiji reached another unimaginable destination Wednesday when he was elected to the World Golf Hall of Fame with the lowest percentage of votes and help from a clause in criteria.

Singh was the only player elected from the PGA Tour ballot, receiving 56 percent of the vote.

"Coming from where I am, trying to make a living and never thinking about player of the year or the Hall of Fame, this was never in my wildest dreams," Singh said from

the Houston Open, where he is the defending champion. "This is what hard work does. It pays off."

Few have worked harder than Singh, 42, a self-taught player from tiny Fiji who toiled on tours around the world until his career took off in America. He has 25 victories on the PGA Tour, won three major championships and late last year reached No. 1 in the world ranking.

But his election to the Hall of Fame was a close call.

Players from the PGA Tour and International ballot require 65 percent of the vote for election. Hall

of Fame officials two years ago added a stipulation that if no one gets 65 percent, the players with the most votes will be elected provided he is on at least 50 percent of the ballots.

It was the second time the Hall of Fame changed its criteria, lowering the standard from 75 percent to 65 percent in 2001 after no one from the PGA Tour was elected.

Larry Nelson, who won 10 times and three major championships, finished second in the voting with 55 percent.

Curtis Strange, the dominant American of his generation with 17 victories

and the back-to-back U.S. Open titles, received 50 percent of the vote. Two-time major winners Henry Picard (49 percent) and Craig Woods (41 percent) rounded out the top five.

The World Golf Hall of Fame refused to say how many ballots were returned or how many votes Singh, Nelson and other candidates received; it only released percentages.

The induction ceremony is scheduled for Nov. 14 at the World Golf Village in St. Augustine, Fla., although it was not immediately clear when Singh would be inducted.

IN BRIEF

Major league umpire investigated in alleged assault

DENVER — Major league umpire Paul Schrieber is under investigation for an alleged assault on a flight attendant during a trip to Denver last weekend, two sources told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

U.S. attorney's spokesman Jeff Dorschner confirmed federal prosecutors are investigating allegations that a flight attendant was assaulted by a passenger on Sunday. He said no decision has been made on whether charges would be filed.

American Airlines spokesman Tim Wagner said the flight attendant was verbally abused and physically assaulted, but would not identify anyone involved.

A baseball source and a law enforcement source, both speaking on condition of anonymity, told the AP that Schrieber was being investigated.

The 38-year-old Schrieber worked the games between the Arizona

Diamondbacks and Colorado Rockies on Monday and Tuesday. He is in his eighth season in the majors and has done three playoff series and an All-Star game.

Indiana fans say goodbye to Reggie Miller

INDIANAPOLIS — Reggie Miller scripted his own farewell.

He chose the music, left the game on his terms and delivered on the court in typical fashion Wednesday night — helping to spark a late rally as the Indiana Pacers beat Chicago 85-83 in his final regular-season home game.

Afterward, Miller, a sometimes brash talker and effervescent celebrator, showed a humble side. He thanked the Indiana Pacers fans for helping him grow up and choked back tears as team owner Herb Simon gave Miller a parting gift — a Bentley car.

"They talk about Los Angeles and Hollywood and New York, but nobody really knows how to do this but in the

heartland," Miller said as he spoke to the soldout crowd.

The Indianapolis Children's Choir and the Pacemates all wore Miller's familiar No. 31 jersey. Fans held up gold-and-blue placards that read "Thank You Reggie." Some fans brought their own signs that read "There will be only one No. 31" and "Miller Time Will Never Be The Same."

Bulls put Chandler on injured list for last game

INDIANAPOLIS — The Chicago Bulls placed Tyson Chandler on the injured list Wednesday night and activated guard Frank Williams before their game at Indiana, the final game of the regular season.

Chandler, averaging eight points and 9.7 rebounds a game, sprained his left ankle Tuesday night in Chicago's victory over the New York Knicks.

The Bulls said Chandler will return in time for the playoffs and will be included on their 12-man active roster.

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Diamondbacks top Giants in pitchers' duel

Vazquez throws seven shutout innings to get first win of season

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Even though he spent last season in the American League, Javier Vazquez remembered how to beat the San Francisco Giants.

Vazquez pitched seven scoreless innings, helping the Arizona Diamondbacks hand Noah Lowry the first loss of his major league career with a 2-1 victory over the Giants on Wednesday night.

Vazquez (1-2) allowed eight hits, struck out two and walked two to win for the first time since returning to the National League in the trade that sent Randy Johnson to the New York Yankees. He entered the game with an 11.77 ERA this season before improving to 5-1 in his last six decisions against

the Giants.

"I've actually felt as good or better my first three starts," Vazquez said. "I got a few breaks today and got the results."

The last time he faced the Giants, on Aug. 18, 2003, as a member of the Montreal Expos, he pitched a shutout. Vazquez improved to 2-1 with a 2.10 ERA in four games at SBC Park.

"I've been on the other side of him shutting us out," Diamondbacks manager Bob Melvin said. "That's no surprise to me. I knew he was going to give us an outing like this. He picked us up big time."

Lowry (1-1) had been 7-0 in 22 games, including 16 starts. That was the second-longest winning streak to start a career in Giants history, behind Hooks Wiltse's 12-0 start in 1904.

Lowry gave up only two hits, but walked five and allowed both runs in six innings. He

struck out four and retired the final seven batters he faced.

"I just didn't have it," Lowry said. "The winning streak doesn't matter to me. I was just trying to find some consistency. By the time I found it, it was too late."

The Diamondbacks, hitting only .204 through the first six games of a seven-game road trip, won for just the second time in six games. They also beat the Giants in San Francisco for the second time in 12 games.

"It was just enough," the Diamondbacks' Luis Gonzalez said. "This road trip we haven't hit as well as we'd like, but Vazquez pitched great. He's been a dominant pitcher in the National League his whole career."

Brian Bruney got the first two outs of the eighth, and

Brandon Lyon came on for the final four outs, earning his sixth save in seven chances despite giving up his first earned run of the season in his eighth appearance.

Pedro Feliz doubled with two outs in the eighth and Bruney walked Edgardo Alfonzo before Lyon came in to strike out

Marquis Grissom.

"We had lots of offense," Giants manager Felipe Alou said. "Even by accident we should have scored."

Durham hit a sacrifice fly off

Lyon in the ninth before Omar Vizquel flied to left with a runner on first.

Arizona scored its runs in the third with the help of an error. Lowry walked Vazquez to open the inning and Craig Counsell grounded to Lance Niekro,

whose throw pulled Vizquel off second base and both runners were safe.

Royce Clayton bunted, but Lowry forced Vazquez at third. Gonzalez hit an RBI double off the center-field wall and Troy Glaus followed with a sacrifice fly.

The Diamondbacks turned three double plays in the first five innings to support Vazquez, who did not allow a runner past second until the Giants left the bases loaded with two outs in the seventh.

"Defense has been big for us all season," Melvin said. "It was the difference in the ball game. It's almost routine the way Counsell and Clayton come up with balls that has affected the game."

The Giants had two runners on in the third, but Vizquel — playing in his 2,139th game at shortstop, tying him with Alan Trammell for eighth all-time — grounded out. Feliz flew out with two on in the sixth.

"I got a few breaks today and got the results."

**Javier Vazquez
Diamondbacks pitcher**

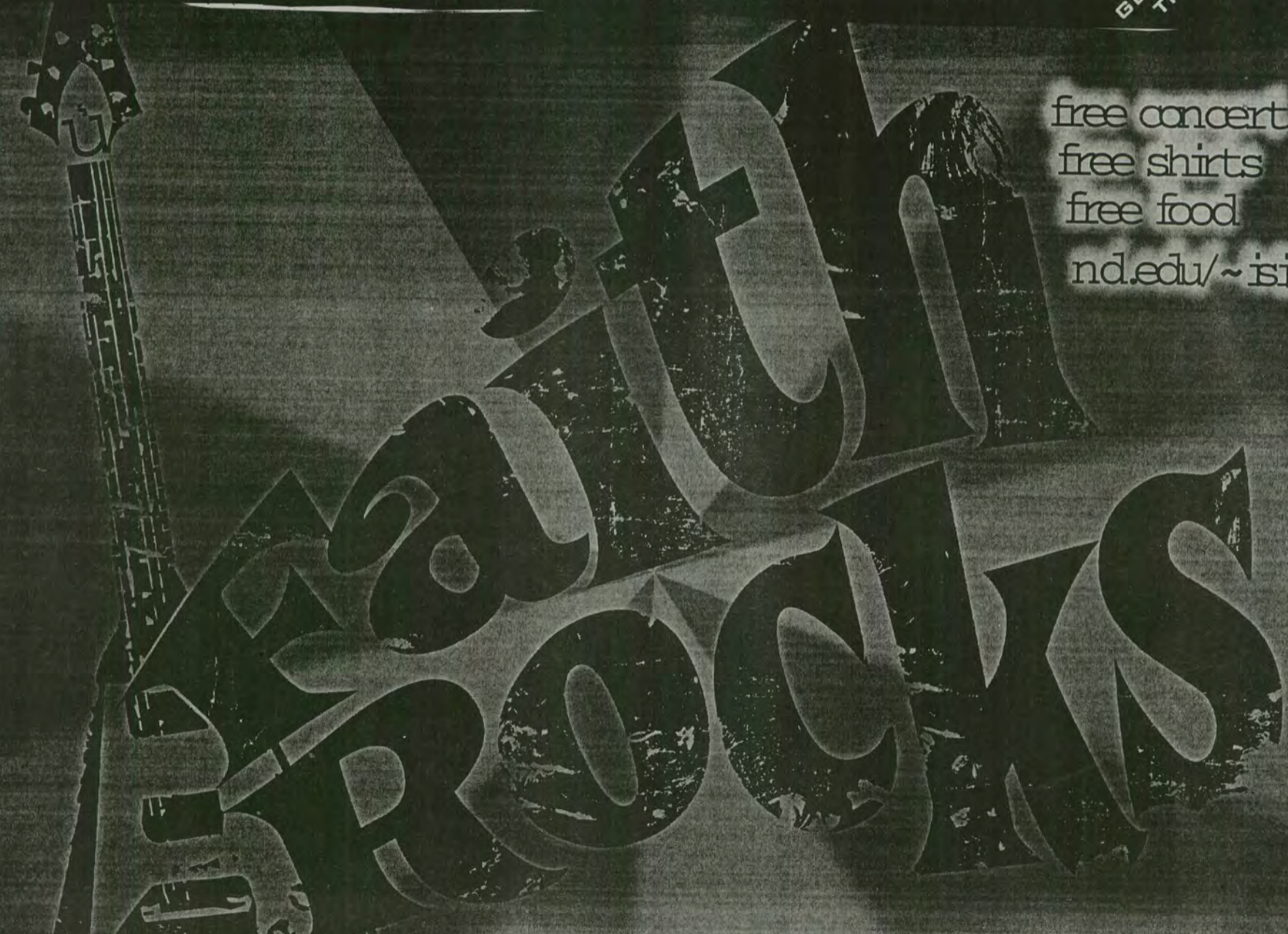
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Belichick takes long-term view of NFL draft

Patriots coach doesn't expect much rookie contribution next year

Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. — The New England Patriots go into the draft with a team that already looks different than last season's champions.

Ty Law and Troy Brown were released and Tedy Bruschi had a mild stroke that could sideline him at least for this season. Still, coach Bill Belichick isn't counting on immediate contributions from the players he picks this weekend.

"It is not always what a guy can do on the first opening day of his rookie year," he said. "We have seen a lot of players that have changed their value to the team as they have improved, whether it be after the first year or after the second year."

That growth process worked so well that the Patriots won three of the last four Super Bowls, an amazing accomplishment, but one that extends their season and cuts into their time to plan for the draft.

"I'm glad that that was the situation," Belichick said. "But it is still putting three months worth of work into two or two-and-a-half," he said. "There is nothing we can do about it."

He and his staff haven't had to spend much time studying the top 10 to 15 players available because the Patriots have the last picks of the first and second rounds. That gives them fewer options to trade for a better pick than they had last year, when they had the 21st and 32nd picks but kept both.

Their third pick is the 100th overall, a compensatory choice for losing free agents. Their own third-round choice was traded to Arizona for cornerback Duane Starks. They're not allowed to trade the compensa-

tory pick. "That really limits what you can do in the first two rounds," Belichick said.

The key for Belichick is how a drafted player performs within the Patriots' system once he becomes familiar with it. And that player could be chosen in a late round rather than on Saturday's first day of the draft, when the first three rounds will take place.

The Patriots took quarterback Tom Brady in the sixth round in 2000, a choice Belichick called the best of his career.

But he also took wide receiver David Givens in the seventh round in 2002 and center Dan Koppen in the fifth round in 2003. Then there's Brown, an eighth-round pick in 1993 who turned into an outstanding wide receiver and even saw considerable action at defensive back last season.

With an eye toward controlling their salary cap, the

Patriots released Brown and should be set at wide receiver after signing veterans David Terrell and Tim Dwight. Belichick said Brown could be re-signed.

"I don't want to comment on any of those personal conversations," he may have had concerning that possibility, he said.

The Patriots could use help in the draft at defensive back after releasing Law following 10 years with the team. And Bruschi's condition — along with the release of linebacker Roman Phifer — creates a need at that position.

Belichick shed no light on the likelihood of Bruschi playing this year.

"I think that Tedy has made a number of comments about his

situation, and I would just defer to him on any of those. I don't have anything to add," he said.


Even if Belichick isn't counting on Bruschi for the coming season, that may not influence him to draft a linebacker.

"If you are looking for a certain type of player, there is going to be a group that really appeals to you," he said, "and there is going to be another group that you just really don't have much use for, but are going to be drafted because other teams will be looking for those types of players."

Since the Super Bowl, the team has added linebackers Monty Beisel from Kansas City and Wesly Mallard from the New York Giants.

"We have seen a lot of players that have changed their value to the team as they have improved."

Bill Belichick
Patriots coach



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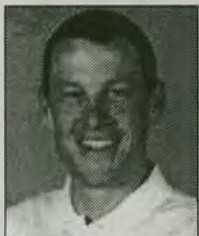
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CYCLING

Americans look for Armstrong's heir

Associated Press

Lance Armstrong is clearly the most recognizable figure American cycling has ever known, a rider who managed to make people in the United States take notice of a sport that previously registered little, if any, interest in this country.



Armstrong

And Tyler Hamilton was the one who was supposed to replace him on cycling's mountaintop.

Within a few hours earlier this week, Armstrong and Hamilton — albeit in vastly different ways, for vastly different reasons — essentially began pedaling their way out of the spotlight. And now USA Cycling is left wondering where its future star power will come from.

"There's some big shoes to fill," Olympic bronze medalist Bobby Julich said.

On Monday, Armstrong announced this year's Tour de France will be his last ride before retirement. Shortly after, Hamilton began serving a two-year doping-related suspension.

There will be appeals in both cases. Armstrong, the six-time defending Tour de France champion, will hear pleas for his return. Hamilton, the 2004 Olympic road time trial gold medalist, will lobby the Court of Arbitration for Sport to overturn what he calls an erroneous test and allow him to race again.

Yet it's seemingly certain that soon, USA Cycling will be without its two biggest drawing cards.

"I don't want to see Lance go, but he's given us an extraordinary career," said Gerard Bisceglia, CEO of USA Cycling. "He's put cycling on page one of sports sections. He's given a lot of other riders the opportunity to show their wares in Europe. But he's left the stage much brighter than when he stepped onto it."

The all-time roster of American superstar cyclists has two names: Armstrong and Greg LeMond, the three-time Tour de France winner. No one else even comes close to their stature.

Bisceglia says that for cycling to keep progressing in this country, a single American star doesn't necessarily need to emerge.

Instead, for perhaps the first time, the U.S. has strength in numbers — or in cycling-speak, a peleton.

"Of course Lance is the brightest star," Bisceglia said. "But all you have to do is look at the results in Europe last year and this year. ...What you're going to see happening is not one American replacing Lance, but the Americans as a whole will become a fixture of cycling."

Indeed, there seems to be far more American depth than there was a decade or two ago.

Julich has already won two major international races this year. George Hincapie, Armstrong's top lieutenant on what's known now as the Discovery Channel team, was second at the prestigious Paris-Roubaix race this month.

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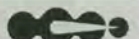
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NHL

Start of season may be delayed

Deal with players' union preferred over replacements

Associated Press

NEW YORK — If the NHL season is to begin on time, it will have to be with a new collective bargaining agreement in place — not with replacement players.

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said Wednesday that the season won't start in October if a new agreement hasn't been reached with the union, but left open the possibility that replacement players would be considered if no deal is struck.

The league continues to plan on having hockey in October, Bettman said.

"If we do not have a new collective bargaining agreement, we will not open the season on time," Bettman said. "If that is an eventuality at that juncture, we will have to start again on what options we will pursue."

The likelihood of replacement players taking the ice has diminished greatly since the last board meeting on March 1.

At that time, Bettman and several team representatives stressed that they expected next season to begin on time. The goal has always been to make a deal with the union, but it was clear that other options were being considered.

Replacement players appeared to be the most plausible alternative.

But having become the first major sports league in North America to lose an entire season to a labor dispute, the NHL doesn't seem anxious to jump

into that scenario — yet.

"We have stayed out of the replacement player debate since we thought it was a poorly conceived and ill-advised strategy," Bob Goodenow, the executive director of the players' association, said in a statement. "Finally, it appears the League has come to realize it would be bad for the fans, the sport and the business."

"The NHL should focus its efforts on reaching an agreement with the players."

Bettman was adamant that the board was as unified as ever and said there was plenty of support for all scenarios should a deal with the union fall out of reach.

"We made it clear that we were going to explore all our options," Bettman said. "Exploring your options, doesn't mean you're doing it or not doing it. It doesn't mean it's a good idea or bad idea."

Bettman wouldn't even use the term replacements, choosing "new players" instead.

He didn't set a deadline for a deal and he hasn't expressed one to Goodenow. The lockout was imposed last Sept. 16 after the expiration of the previous agreement with the union.

Representatives from all 30 NHL teams met in New York for the second time in seven weeks.

"It was really just a far-reaching discussion of all the alternatives and updating us," said Richard Peddie, the president of Maple Leafs Sports and Entertainment. "In the end, everyone agreed 'let's keep focusing on trying to get a deal.'"

Both the NHL and the players' association said that no progress

was made during a six-hour negotiating session on Tuesday.

That was the fifth trip to the table for the sides since the season was called off in February. Bettman said he was going to call Goodenow later Wednesday to set up a series of meetings.

NHL chief legal officer Bill Daly said he was hoping to set up a schedule of multiple meetings per week over the next couple of weeks. Negotiations could even take place in Austria, where the hockey world championships will be held from April 30-May 15.

"They're inching toward an agreement," Dallas Stars president Jim Lites said. "We're on the same page. We're talking concepts that maybe a year ago were pretty foreign to both sides."

In an April 4 meeting, the union came up with an idea that addresses the relationship between player costs and league revenues.

The concept, discussed extensively Tuesday, contains an upper and lower salary cap that would float among the teams depending on revenues from year to year. Financially successful years would increase the thresholds, but poor seasons would lower them.

Where the numbers fall and what the range would be is not close to being agreeable.

"The union said for as long as anyone can remember that they'll never, ever, ever agree to a cap, but is now negotiating a cap. That's the good news," Bettman said. "The bad news is there is no economic reality to what we need. But at least now we're in a negotiating session where it's dollars and cents."

MLB

Montero suspended 10 days for drug use

Rangers pitcher is third player to test positive for enhancers

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Texas Rangers minor league pitcher Agustin Montero was suspended for 10 days Wednesday, becoming the third player

to test positive under major league baseball's new policy on performance-enhancing drugs.

Agustin, who has never appeared in a major league game, failed the drug test while he was on the Rangers' 40-man roster during spring training.

He was designated for assignment on April 2, when opening-day rosters were set, then sent outright to Frisco of the Double-A Texas League.

He is 0-1 with a 5.63 ERA in eight innings over five relief appearances.

Texas manager Buck Showalter said Agustin planned to appeal the suspension, and general manager John Hart thought it

was "really possible" that the positive test might have resulted from a legally prescribed medication.

"We support him," Showalter said before the Rangers played at Tampa Bay.

Gene Orza, chief operating officer of the players' association, did not return a telephone call seeking comment.

A 27-year-old right-hander, Montero spent four years in the Oakland organization and five in the Los Angeles Dodgers system before signing with Texas last Nov. 19.

He began this season with a 28-22 record and 4.38 ERA in 28 starts and 234 relief appearances in the minors, then went 0-1 with a 7.15 ERA in 11 1-3 innings over 11 games during spring training with the Rangers.

His contract calls for him to be paid at a yearly rate of \$90,000 while in the minors and the minimum \$316,000 in the majors.

The suspension, which will be served immediately, is without pay and will cost him \$4,918.

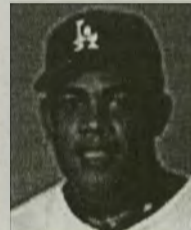
If Montero had tested positive while on the minor league roster, he would have been suspended for 15 games.

Tampa Bay outfielder Alex Sanchez was the first player suspended under the new major league program, starting his 10-day ban April 3.

Colorado outfielder Jorge Piedra was suspended for 10 days starting April 11.

This is the first season in which players are penalized for first offenses.

In 2004, players testing positive for the first time were sent for counseling and their names were not revealed.



Montero

"We support him."

Buck Showalter
Rangers manager

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MLB

Small Roberts has big start to season

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — The February trade that brought Sammy Sosa to Baltimore provided the Orioles with a potent slugger who leads the team in home runs.

His name is Brian Roberts.

When the Orioles sent Jerry Hairston and two minor leaguers to the Chicago Cubs for Sosa, they acquired a cleanup hitter with 574 career homers, including 66 in 1998. The trade also ended a longtime duel between Roberts and Hairston, who had competed for the starting job at second base for four consecutive seasons.

There was no animosity between Roberts and Hairston, just a fierce competition that ultimately wore on both of them. Now that Hairston is gone, Roberts knows that a few hitless performances won't send him to the bench. That's one big reason why he's gotten off to a torrid start, one that has enabled the Orioles to press the Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees in the American League East.

Through the first 2 1/2 weeks of the season, Roberts had at least one hit in every game and ranked in the top 10 in 11 key offensive categories, including batting average, on-base percentage, slugging percentage,

triples and steals. He also had six home runs in his first 14 games, a pace that would enable the 5-foot-9, 178-pounder to eclipse Sosa's best season.

Roberts, whose previous career high in homers was five, dismisses his surprising power surge as a "fluke," and laughs at the suggestion that he will finish with more than 20 home runs. But he expects to continue to drive the ball with authority, thanks to the experience he's gained since his rookie season in 2001.

And because he doesn't have Hairston to worry about.

"That's part of the comfort level, of course," he said.

Others are more emphatic about the effect the trade had on the success of Roberts, who was slated to begin last season on the bench before Hairston broke a finger in spring training. Roberts flourished as a starter, but figured he was a slump away from becoming a backup.

That fear was erased by the Sosa trade.

"I think a lot was taken off his shoulders. We had two pretty good second basemen," Orioles manager Lee Mazzilli said. "Not knowing who's going to play and whose job it is, that's tough. Sometimes it's addition by subtraction."

Sheffield will not be disciplined

Slugger exonerated for behavior during Fenway Park scuffle

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Yankees outfielder Gary Sheffield won't be punished for his role in a scuffle with fans at Fenway Park last week.

Bob Watson, baseball's vice president in charge of discipline, made the decision Wednesday, a day after meeting with Sheffield and the right fielder's agent at Yankee Stadium.

"It just proves that I was right," Sheffield said before Wednesday night's game at Toronto. "I'm just glad I was an example of how to handle a situation without making it worse or hurting the Yankees or any organization for that matter, or any sport."

"It wouldn't have been just me involved if I would have went into the stands, it would have been my teammates. I would have put them at risk. I'd have put the organization at risk and also baseball," he said.

The commissioner's office said Watson concluded the fan reached over the barrier near the right-field corner during the April 14 game in Boston and "struck Sheffield on the head as he was attempting to field a ball in play."



Gary Sheffield celebrates with Alex Rodriguez after Rodriguez hit a two-run home run against Tampa Bay on Monday.

"Sheffield in response swung his arms in an effort to extricate himself from the situation and to avoid further abuse, then completed the play and returned to confront the fan," the statement continued. "At that time no further altercation occurred, Red Sox security stepped in promptly and order was restored. Under the circumstances, Bob Watson concluded that discipline for Sheffield was not warranted."

Commissioner Bud Selig, in a statement, said: "We do not condone any interaction between fans and players whether initiated by either fans or players. I am pleased that Gary Sheffield showed restraint in not overreacting to the improper and clearly aggres-

sive action of the fan in question."

On Tuesday, Boston police filed applications for misdemeanor criminal charges against two fans — one who allegedly made contact with Sheffield and another who allegedly tossed a beer at him. A clerk magistrate will determine whether a disorderly conduct charge is warranted against the fans, police spokesman Officer John Boyle said.

The Red Sox officials revoked season tickets from Christopher House, the fan who appeared to make contact. The other fan has not been identified, but the Red Sox said he will not be able to buy tickets for games at Fenway this season.

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Dokes

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"In one word, he's dominant," the former Notre Dame wide receiver and current law student said. "He's the best big man I've seen to date in Bookstore."

Basketball did not always come easily for Dokes, though. In his freshman year at South Bend's Riley High school, Dokes struggled and became frustrated with the game.

"I was always the overweight kid," Dokes said. "I wasn't in good enough shape to really do what I wanted to do. And my coordination hadn't caught up with my feet yet."

All that changed when head coach Tom Debates arrived at Riley for Dokes' sophomore year. Debates recognized Dokes' potential and encouraged him to get into

shape and work on his basketball skills.

"Tom Debates got my weight cut back and put dedication into me," Dokes said. "He got me up to work out everyday in the summer."

With Debates' help, Dokes grew into an excellent high school player. By the end of his junior season, colleges flooded Dokes with scholarship offers. Dokes chose Ball State over Purdue and signed an early letter of intent.

The sudden departure of Ball State's head coach towards the end of Dokes' senior year complicated matters, though. Ron was left scrambling to find a place to play. On the recommendation of an ex-teammate, Dokes elected to enroll in Lincoln Trail

Junior College in southern Illinois. Dokes excelled at Lincoln Trail. After two seasons, several Division I schools were again

offering him scholarships, including Kentucky. In the end, though, Dokes chose Duquesne. Duquesne attracted Dokes because of both its basketball and academic opportunities.

"They graduate their players and get the best out of them on the court," Dokes said. "My biggest goal was to go to a school where I knew I would graduate within that two year time I had."

Dokes made an immediate impact at Duquesne. He started at center for the Dukes for two years, averaging 10 points and five rebounds per game.

Duquesne coach Danny Nee loved having Dokes in the paint for his squad.

"Ron is a bull around the basket," Nee said. "He is real strong on the boards and a great finisher inside."

Dokes graduated from Duquesne in 2004 and traveled overseas to play professionally in Turkey, where he finished the season averaging 18 points and nine rebounds per contest. Dokes credits his experience in Turkey with making him a much tougher basketball player.

"It was a real good experi-

ence," Dokes said. "It taught me how to be stronger with the ball and go to the boards harder. They play dirty, basically. You need to bring your football pads."

If there is anything stronger than Dokes' inside game, though, it just might be his character. It seems everyone who knows Dokes admires him for the type of person he is off the basketball court.

"He is maybe a better person than what he is as a basketball player even," Debates said. "I can't say enough good things about him. I just love the kid. Every time I see him I tell him how proud I am of him."

Dokes' collegiate coach echoed the sentiments of his high school one.

"Ron is the best guy I ever recruited," Nee said. "He was a model citizen for our team."

Even the other members of CoCoo Butter, who have only known Dokes for about a month, don't have enough good things to say about their new teammate.

"Hopefully we can win some more games and continue to play together," Brown said.

Standing in the way of that goal is the one big man in the

tournament whom Dokes said he felt could give him some trouble — former Irish forward Harold Swanigan. CoCoo Butter will face Swanigan's Anthony Travel squad Thursday night at 8:15 at the Bookstore.

Dokes is hoping that his team can develop better chemistry and make a run at the championship.

"Athleticism can only take you so far," he said.

In August, Dokes plans on returning to Europe for another season.

He hopes to sign with a team in either France or Italy and ultimately return to the United States to play on an even bigger stage.

"I'd like to reach the NBA within the next year or two," Dokes said. "If I have a good season next year, I am definitely going to look to put my name in the draft."

For now though, Dokes is focusing on his goal of cutting down the Bookstore nets with his teammates on Sunday. With Dokes on its side, CoCoo Butter will be a tough team to beat.

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Sweet 16

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walked away with the championship. However, veterans will tell him that once the Sweet 16 begins, anything can happen.

"Each year we go out there with the mindset go out and have a good time," said Justin Funk of We Get Wet, the No. 2 seed in the Sweet 16. "Anything can happen in Bookstore — we know because we've seen just about everything that could happen in the last three years."

Even the Sweet 16 keeps the spirit of Bookstore Basketball alive, with a high level of competition also focusing on having fun.

"I just think its great going out there and seeing everybody come out to Bookstore to watch everybody play," said Tom Exner of Anthony Travel, the No. 11 seed. "Nobody's even watching a particular game at times, everyone's out there just to have a good time and I think that's what book-store all about."

Ndukwe agreed.

"We like to mess around, but we obviously don't want to

jeopardize [our chances of winning] in any way," he said. "We try not to be too intense on the court but obviously these next couple games we'll have to bring our A-game."

By the Sweet 16, the remaining teams are the best out of more than 600 entrants, as Joe McClyde of No. 5-seeded Looking For a Sponsor at the Moment observed.

"I think it gets serious at this point," he said. "It becomes more fun when you're battling from the beginning to the very end. It's all out, everyone's putting everything into it for who's a better team. You want

to win it at least once before you graduate ... you thrive off having the crowds there."

Funk's team has received special attention due to this year's addition of varsity basketball player Jordan Cornette.

"It might change the way other teams play [us]," he said. "But the rest of us four all know how to play, so it's not like he has to go out there and play like he's in a Big East game or anything ... its fun though, he's awesome to play with."

Players from We Get Wet are on familiar territory, though, having made it to the Elite Eight twice and the Final Four once.

Like the other remaining teams, all are focused on their matchup in the Sweet 16. Exner and Anthony Travel are looking at a challenging game against CoCoo Butter, the No. 6 seed.

"Our strength is Harold Swanigan," Exner said. "Everyone tries to guard him at once so it makes everything

easier for the rest of us. Obviously I think the game tomorrow will be awesome because I know the team we're playing has a guy about his size."

The level of competition is at its highest in these finals rounds.

"Everyone's been taking it pretty seriously," Exner said. "We'll be up for any challenge."

We Get Wet is confident in their ability, however.

"Once we put Jordan on the team this year, it changed the dynamic," Funk said. "At this point, we really do expect to be there at the end."

The other remaining teams are No. 3 Jack's Shorts, No. 4 State Theatre, No. 7 Platinum FUBU 2.0, No. 8 Pudgy's Chicken, No. 9 Training Day, No. 10 HP, No. 12 Linebacker Lounge, No. 13 Hannah's Storm, No. 14 Blue Collar Ballers, No. 15 Anarchy 99 and No. 16 Mean Girls.

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Akron

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The team's lone loss came Tuesday in game two of a doubleheader with DePaul in which the Blue Demons came away with a 7-4 comeback victory.

Notre Dame won game one of that doubleheader, and stretched its winning streak to 19 games before falling to DePaul in game two of the series.

The Irish are anxious to get another winning streak started, and equally anxious to be back home again.

"We're really hoping to take these games this week and next week and really use them as momentum as we head toward the Big East tournament," Gumpf said. "I hope that [loss against DePaul] is a wake-up call for our girls that they need to play hard every single game down the stretch."

One player who has had little trouble consistently answering the call for the Irish has been senior pitcher Steffany Stenglein. Stenglein is 15-4 on the season, with an ERA of 1.27 and a commanding 191 strikeouts in 121 2/3 innings pitched. Opponents are hitting just .141 against her, and she recently pitched an eight inning gem as Notre Dame beat DePaul 2-1 in game one Tuesday.

"[Stenglein] is very confident

right now," Gumpf said after Tuesday's game. "She has a confidence in her ability to get out of any jam. She trusts her pitches and has shown that she has the ability to consistently strikeout opposing batters."

Stenglein and the rest of the Irish pitching staff face a tall order in the Akron lineup, which features both power and average.

First baseman Kelly Quigley leads the Mid-American Conference with 11 home runs on the season — eight more than the co-leaders for Notre Dame in that category.

Shortstop Sara Zilles has been a terror on the basepaths, hitting for a .359 average and stealing a MAC-high 19 steals in 29 attempts. And the Zips are equally represented on

the mound, with a pitching staff led by Tina McCauley (1.60 ERA).

Akron comes into Ivy Field after winning one of its last three games against conference foe Miami (Ohio). The Zips are in a bit of a slump, losing five of their last eight games.

Notre Dame remains at home following the Akron doubleheader to face St. John's in a two-game series on Friday and Seton Hall in a doubleheader Saturday. Game one against the Zips is scheduled for 3 p.m. today at Ivy Field.

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"She has a confidence in her ability to get out of any jam."

Deanna Gumpf
Irish coach

SMC TENNIS

Belles look to utilize freshman

By KATE SERYAK
Sports Writer

The Belles take on the Pilots of Bethel College today in their first non-conference match since March.

Younger members of the Belles' team expect to compete tomorrow, some in their very first regular season match of their careers.

"We're changing our lineup to give other people a chance to play and give some others a rest. We're just hoping to have a fun match tomorrow, its not going to be as intense as our other matches," captain Kristen Palombo said. They will be playing in a match that actually counts and not just an exhibition."

However, the Belles hit a rough patch earlier this month, losing MIAA conference matches to

Kalamazoo, Adrian and Calvin. "These last couple losses have hopefully taught us that we're making too many mistakes and hopefully well learn from these mistakes," Palombo said. "We know we need to work on volleys, coming in to the net and attacking more. Hopefully we'll have more confidence for the next couple matches."

The Kalamazoo and Adrian losses were difficult because they were both 9-0 matches.

"We're at the point right now where we've lost so many, it's hard to think of winning. It's hard to want it, hard to step up and win," Palombo said. "It's easy to get down on yourself when you're not on a winning streak, when you're not playing as well as you can play."

Despite their recent misfortunes, the Belles are still trying to be positive, recognizing that they can learn from these losses

and keep improving. "This match will be a good chance for people to work on the areas they need improvement in, areas where they know they need work," Mikulyuk said.

The team also believes their problems stem from this year's lack of experience.

"There are girls in top positions that haven't played collegiate sports before," Mikulyuk said. "This season has been about working to get them that experience and we've been working hard. Now, we hope to put in a good showing at the conference championship."

Nevertheless, the Belles remain confident with two more conference matches to go in the regular season and the conference tournament fast approaching.

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Purdue

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The Irish rallied from two down in the bottom of the eighth to take a 7-6 lead, but ace closer Ryan Doherty couldn't finish the Purdue Boilermakers. Doherty walked the first Boilermaker in the top of the ninth.

Purdue rightfielder Neal Gorka then laid down a sacrifice bunt to advance the runner to scoring

position, and third baseman John Hunter singled up the middle to knot the game at seven.

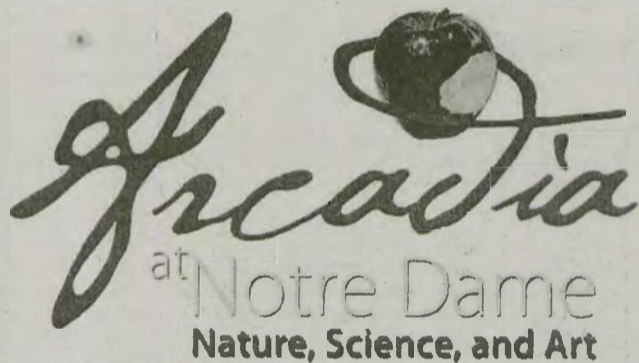
After two and a half scoreless extra innings, third baseman Brett Lilley led off the bottom of the 12th with a walk, and Cooper sent the game-winner sailing over the left field fence. Freshman righthander Tony Langford was the winning pitcher.

He nabbed his first win of the season after pitching two-thirds of an inning and shutting down the Boilermaker hitters.

First baseman Matt Edwards and Lilley continue to pace the Irish on the offensive side. Lilley finished with two hits against Purdue. Centerfielder Alex Netley broke out of a slump with a four-hit game. Notre Dame improved to 21-15 and dropped Purdue to 11-22.

Tonight at 6 p.m., the Irish will take the diamond at Frank Eck Stadium to face the Valparaiso Crusaders.

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- 2:45-4:15 Chair: Anja Jauernig (Philosophy, Notre Dame)
Speaker: Bas van Fraassen (Philosophy, Princeton University)
"Knowledge in Arcadia: 'First Fine Rapture' & Disenchantment"
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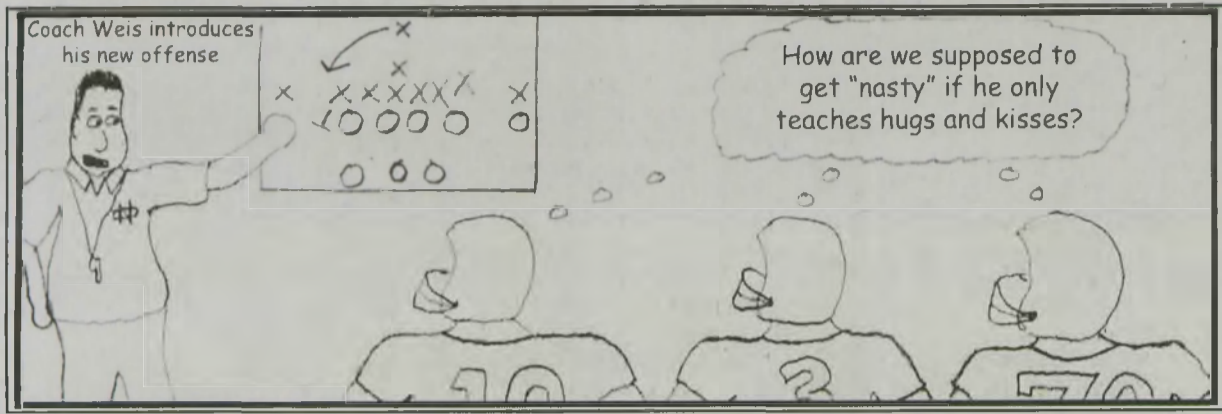
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- 10:00-11:30 Chair: Alex Hahn (Mathematics, Notre Dame)
Speaker: Enoch Brater (English, University of Michigan)
"Playing for Time in Stoppard's Arcadia"
- 11:45-1:15 Chair: Greg Kucich (English, Notre Dame)
Speaker: Anne Mellor (English, UCLA)
"Et in Arcadia ego: Byron, Humphrey Repton, and Romantic Irony"

Afternoon Session

- 3:00-4:30 Chair: Fred Rush (Philosophy, Notre Dame)
Speaker: Richard Eldridge (Philosophy, Swarthmore College)
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- 4:45-6:15 Chair: Gary Gutting (Philosophy, Notre Dame)
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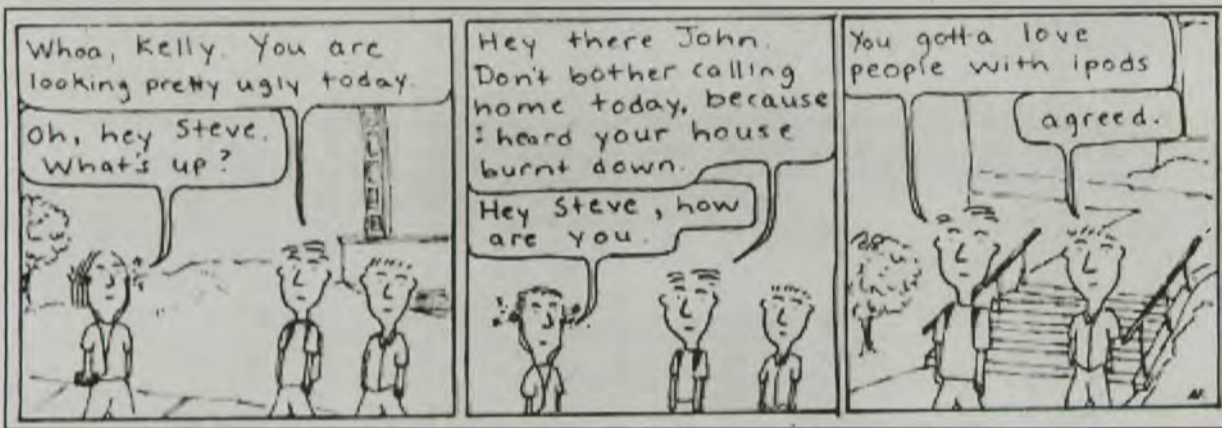
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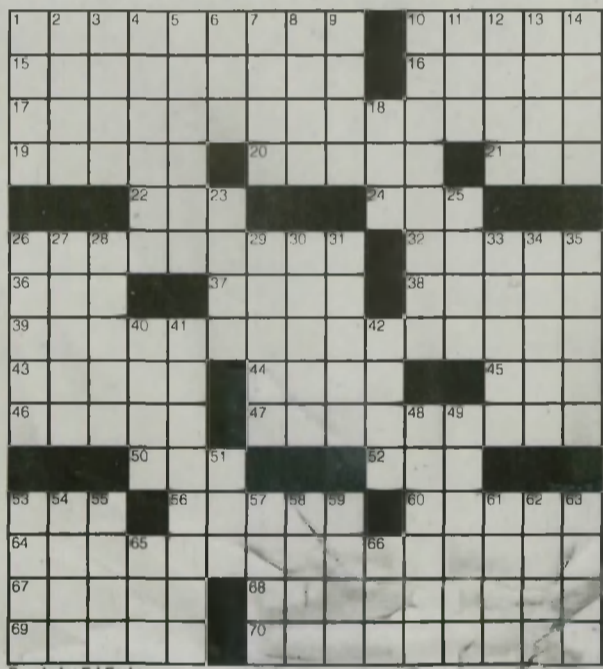
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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: "□ □ □ □ □" IN THE "□ □ □ □ □" (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: WHINE LOFTY INVADE AWHILE
Answer: What happened to his ski vacation after he took a spill - IT WENT "DOWNHILL"

HOROSCOPE

EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Joey Lawrence, 29; Don Mattingly, 44; Clint Howard, 46; Jessica Lange, 56

Happy Birthday: Make some interesting changes this year to your appearance, personal life and direction. This is the time to leap into something you have wanted to do for some time. Tie up loose ends so that nothing will stand in your way. There must be no more sitting back and waiting. Your numbers are 8, 12, 29, 33, 39, 41

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You can make some adjustments to your work and how you decide to proceed with it. Don't expect everyone to get what it is you are trying to accomplish. Someone you meet through work may have a greater interest in you than you realize. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Everything is turning around for you, so make personal adjustments to suit your new lifestyle. Update your look and decide how to utilize one of your ideas in order to prosper. Children may play an important role in your life today. *****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Be careful. Although everything appears to be going your way, someone is trying to sabotage your game plan. Be prepared to change mid-stream if you must. An emotional matter may lead to a change of heart. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Get all the information you need to follow through with a plan you have. This is a great day to talk to friends or someone in the know. Getting together with friends could lead to a chance meeting with someone special. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your cash must be protected. Instant wins and losses are apparent but beware of a fast talker. Work hard, and you will prosper. Fast-cash schemes are too risky. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You may find it difficult to deal with emotional matters today. A sudden change of plans may set you off. Be prepared to adapt. A chance to find true love or rekindle the flame with your current partner is apparent. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Someone you know through work may have a surprise for you. A chance to come into some money is evident. A change of residence or alterations to your living arrangements will turn out well. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Today is about love and making the day memorable. A chance meeting will lead to an interesting turn of events. Partnerships will bring you a deal you can't pass up. Someone you are close to may not be supportive. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Put a little extra detail into something you are working on. It will give you the edge you need to present what you have done to others. A chance to do something creative or to use your voice in an authoritative way will help you get ahead. **

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Travel or venture down the information highway, searching for knowledge that will enlighten you about something you want to pursue. Beginning to follow through with your dreams will brighten your day. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Start thinking about financial, legal or health issues that have been holding you back. A change at home may not be wanted but in the end it will be better for you. Eliminate whoever it is that is creating all the confusion. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Take the advice of a good friend. Once you accept that you have to change course, you will be on your way to a better future. Unstable love can take its toll. ***

Birthday Baby: You are charming, reliable and always interested in contributing to something worthwhile. You are stubborn, but only when you know you are right. You are a thinker and a doer.

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BASEBALL

Cove classic

ND tops Purdue, 9-7, in the 12th inning at Coveleski Stadium

By TOM DORWART
Sports Writer

The list of classics at the Cove grew Wednesday night.

Notre Dame defeated the Purdue Boilermakers 9-7 in a 12-inning thriller at the single-A South Bend Silverhawks' Coveleski Stadium. Outfielder Craig Cooper smashed a mammoth walk-off home run to left field, sending the Irish to their fourth straight victory.

Notre Dame and Purdue met for the 116th time Wednesday — the sixth-most Irish meetings against any single opponent. The Irish lead the all-time series 76-37-3 after Wednesday's dramatic victory.

Starting Irish pitcher Wade Korpi threw six solid innings, allowing six runs — three earned.

While the contest lasted slightly over four hours, it ranks alongside the 1989 season's memorable games at the Cove.

That year, the Midwestern Collegiate Conference (the Irish's conference prior to joining the Big East) Tournament was held at

Coveleski Stadium.

The week of the tourney, it poured.

Games were pushed back until the teams were forced to compete at ungodly hours, and Irish ballplayers made an incredible run through the tournament — winning four straight games in a span of 23 hours. The first of those four ended at 4:24 a.m.

Wednesday, heading into the 12th inning, the time read nearly 10 p.m., and the way the relief pitchers were holding their own, the already-epic battle seemed destined for another late-night, early-morning finish.

But Cooper wanted to get home. "That's the first time [I've had a walk-off home run]," said Cooper, who hit his fourth home run of the season. "It was awesome coming around third base, and you could see everyone crowded around home plate. It was just a great feeling."

Cooper was mobbed at home plate as the Irish celebrated their seventh win over the Boilermakers in the 11-year Mainieri era.

Early on, the ball simply didn't bounce Notre Dame's way.

"Early in the game, I thought we had a lot of bad luck, bad hops," coach Paul Mainieri said. "We hit a lot of balls hard right at people."

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Irish freshman Brett Lilley takes a swing against the Boilermakers. Notre Dame defeated Purdue, 9-7, in 12 innings Wednesday night.

RICHARD FRIEDMAN/The Observer

ND SOFTBALL

Irish to host Akron after loss

DePaul snapped team's 19-game win streak

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Senior Staff Writer

The Irish will have an unfamiliar foe waiting for them when they return to Ivy Field this afternoon. Notre Dame (30-9) will face Akron (20-19) in a doubleheader for the first time since 1990.

"When I don't know a team all that well it makes me even more wary of them," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "You look at Akron's numbers and they're as good as anyone we've played. They have players who hit the ball hard, speedy players who steal bases, and their pitchers are good enough to keep them in the game."

"We're going to have to be ready to play against them."

Notre Dame recently finished up a nine-game road trip in which the Irish went 8-1.

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXIV

'U Got a Bad Draw' leads this year's Sweet 16

Reigning champions confident in their ability to repeat

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

Sixteen teams. Eighty players. Eight thousand fans. But only one team will be named champion on April 24.

And at this point, every group of five believes it could be them.

"I think that this year's field is definitely a lot deeper than last year's," said Chinedum Ndukwe, captain of top-seeded U Got a Bad Draw. "I think we're having some good games trying to get to the finals, but I'm not worried about anyone in particular. If we play our style of basketball, I think we'll be hard to beat."

Last year, Ndukwe's team

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Above, CoCoo Butter captain Lance Wescher takes a jump shot. At right, Wescher's teammate Ron Dokes inbounds the ball.



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Dokes, professional star in Turkey, takes 'Butter' to Sweet 16

By KEVIN BRENNAN
Sports Writer

Bookstore Basketball has found its newest star.

Ron Dokes, a 6-foot-8 former starting center at Duquesne and professional star in Turkey, has manhandled opponents while leading CoCoo Butter to the tournament's Sweet 16.

On Tuesday, Dokes had 10 points and eight boards as CoCoo Butter downed Malicious Prosecution in the round of 32. The big man entertained the crowd with his physical play and four thunderous dunks.

CoCoo Butter teammate Bobby Brown said Dokes' game could be summed up

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SMC TENNIS

Belles look to their freshmen to play a critical role against Bethel College today on the road at 4 p.m.

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MLB

Yankees slugger Gary Sheffield will not be punished for last week's scuffle with Red Sox fans at Fenway Park.

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NHL

NHL commissioner Gary Bettman looks to make a deal with the players' union before the new season can begin in October.

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MLB

Rangers minor league pitcher Agustin Montero has become the third player in the league's system to be suspended for drug use.

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CYCLING

USA Cycling is looking to replace its star power after Lance Armstrong announced his retirement plans following this year's Tour de France.

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MLB

Nomar Garciaparra was carried out on a stretcher during Wednesday's game against St. Louis.

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