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Students pleased with 2006 Shirt



The Shirt Project president Richard Fox speaks at The Shirt's unveiling Friday afternoon outside the Hammes Bookstore.

By KAITLYNN RIELY
News Writer

Notre Dame fans who felt they had outgrown the sea of green era and were not quite suited for yellow may now contribute to a new hue in The Shirt's recent years — navy blue.

A cheering crowd greeted the unveiling of the 2006 version of The Shirt at the Hammes Bookstore Friday afternoon. The Shirt Project president Richard Fox said he was excited to see a positive response to the navy blue color and simple design of The Shirt.

"I thought the reaction was going to be good," Fox said. "But

I'm surprised by how well the reaction went over."

The Shirt Project — now in its seventeenth year — raises money for different aspects of student life at Notre Dame. This year's The Shirt is navy blue with the word "Tradition" in bold writing on the front. The back of The Shirt features former coaches Knute Rockne, Ara Parseghian and Lou Holtz, as well as the Four Horseman.

Current head coach Charlie Weis also appears on The Shirt above a packed Notre Dame stadium. A Knute Rockne quote, "This is the day and you are the team" is written across the bot-

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D'Arcy denounces ND policy

Bishop disapproves of Jenkins' recent choice

By KAREN LANGLEY
Associate News Editor

In a visit scheduled months before campus controversy about academic freedom would prompt him to issue a statement of disappointment with the University, Bishop John D'Arcy of the Fort Wayne-South Bend Diocese spoke Friday to students and faculty at Notre Dame Law School about a particularly timely topic — the pastoral role of the bishop and his relationship to the Catholic university.

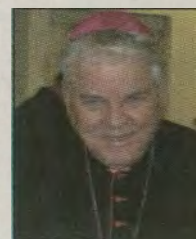
D'Arcy said the Second Vatican Council had a strong impact on the role of the bishop within the Church.

"We see an attempt to move the bishop from being a CEO and administrator to a pastor and evangelist," he said.

When asked by a student about his relationship with the University administration, D'Arcy connected his pastoral role to the recent debates on academic freedom that have for months embroiled Notre Dame's campus.

"It is important to recognize the independence of the University and its academic freedom," D'Arcy said. "But I have pastoral freedom. I cannot

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D'Arcy

Bush speechwriter returns to Notre Dame

By MARCELA BERRIOS
News Writer

William McGurn left the halls of the West Wing and the Oval Office Friday for the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business.

Though miles away from Washington, the chief speechwriter for the White House — a 1980 Notre Dame graduate — was hardly disoriented as he returned to his alma mater to present his lecture "Future Government and Public Policy."

A former editorial writer at the Wall Street Journal, McGurn first became a part of the Bush administration in early 2005, and has since become the head of the entire speechwriting team in the White House.

He spoke to an audience of students and faculty members on topic ranging from his work in the West Wing, the

challenges of speechwriting for the President and the role of the media in the portrayal of news.

McGurn said for any given speech, there might be approximately 30 people working to produce an average of ten drafts. He said focal and delicate matters such as the war in Iraq generally require even more preparation.

"We're trying to explain to the American public a very difficult situation and the President's perspective, his voice," McGurn said.

When asked if he had ever written a speech outlining something contrary to what he believed was correct, McGurn said though there may have been occasions where his personal opinion was different from that of the White House — he would never promote anything he did not consider

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White House speechwriter and Notre Dame graduate William McGurn speaks in the Jordan Auditorium Friday.

GEOFF MATTESON/The Observer

Dancers raise record amounts



Two dance marathon participants play a game of Twister Friday night in the Angela Athletic Facility at Saint Mary's.

KRISTY KING/The Observer

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Senior Staff Writer

After nearly 12 hours on their feet, participants in the Riley Hospital for Children dance marathon were beginning to look weary Saturday morning.

Then came the announcement that made it all worthwhile — Saint Mary's had broken the record for the most money raised by any institution's first dance marathon in the state of Indiana.

The \$21,047.42 total roughly doubled to previous record held by Indiana University at Bloomington.

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Speaker encourages careers in social work

By ADRIENNE RUFFNER
News Writer

Over two dozen students and faculty members gathered in 119 O'Shaughnessy Hall where co-founder and executive director of the Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy (LAANE) Madeline Janis-Aparicio spoke about the variety of career options within the field of social work.

Janis-Aparicio rallied for six years to pass the Los Angeles living wage ordinance prior to co-founding LAANE, a social justice

agency in Southern California.

"In the face of globalization, in the increasingly faceless world of capital, how can we make the world a better place," Janis Aparicio said. "Oftentimes poor people are hidden."

Janis-Aparicio encouraged the crowd to consider a career in social work through the retelling of her own experiences in the field.

Social justice careers have many forms from community and union organization to research and legislative advo-

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INSIDE COLUMN

Leaving out
a legend

The Shirt 2006 was almost one of the best ever.

The 100-plus years of Tradition — The Shirt's theme — converging with the hope of an unforgettable season to come (my last as an undergrad) on Pat O'Brien's timeless prophecy in Knute Rockne All-American: "This is the day and you are the team."

Tim Dougherty

Sports Writer

Down right inspirational — it literally gave me chills to think of the possibility of seeing my life's fulfillment mere months away. But like a loss in next year's record, it had one fatal blemish, and The Shirt fell short — shockingly so.

Frank Leahy's .864 winning percentage is Division I college football's second highest career mark, behind only Knute Rockne's .881. His lads' 39 game unbeaten streak (37-0-2) from 1946-1950 remains Notre Dame's longest ever and ninth in Division I history. No list of all-time college football's greatest coaches that omitted his name would be credible, much less a list of great Notre Dame coaches.

The same goes for any shirt that uses the likenesses of Fighting Irish coaches to boast its proud Tradition and refuses to acknowledge the special place Leahy holds in shaping the very Tradition of Notre Dame an enduring reality for each person who has ever dreamt of those gold helmets shining in the sun.

Unfortunately, The Shirt Committee didn't get the memo.

Knute Rockne, The Four Horseman, Ara Parseghian, Lou Holtz, and Charlie Weis unmistakably deserved to be on The Shirt. Although the committee's "system" (see <http://theshirt.nd.edu/current.html>) has some truth to it, under The Shirt 2006's theme of Tradition, that "system" omitted the absolute most important reason why those four coaches belong on The Shirt. Knute had three of them, Ara two, Lou one, and Weis — well, according to the committee's interpretation of Rockne's immortal words at the 1928 Army game, this coming fall should be his first. Leahy, on the other hand, led all Notre Dame coaches with four consensus national championships.

While Rockne certainly started the Tradition, Leahy is truly the one who made it perennial, from his dominance in the late 40's to his All-American grand-lad Ryan Leahy ('96), who donned the blue and gold the last time (1993) the Irish could look at themselves in the mirror and say they were without question the best team in the country. Without Leahy, Notre Dame is the University of Chicago on prayer-oids — or Boston College (whom he left to return to Notre Dame) at best.

The absence of Leahy's image on this year's shirt is an absolutely unforgivable affront to the 87 wins he earned and the 23 consensus All-Americans — including four Heisman winners — he produced in the 11 years of service and Tradition he gave to Our Lady's University. In the end, The Shirt is closer to Jack La Motta than The Gipper. It coulda been a contender.

It shouldn't take a giant statue outside of Notre Dame Stadium to prove my point, but it is there nonetheless. For the millions of fans who walk around the stadium next year staring into the tens of thousands of The Shirt's scampering around the stadium on game day, their only visible reminder of Leahy's place in ND Tradition will be that hefty hunk of bronze outside the East Gate. At least Jerry McKenna knew something about Tradition.

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

QUESTION OF THE DAY: DID YOU PARTICIPATE IN MUDDY SUNDAY?



Caroline Green

freshman
Cavanaugh

"No."



Christian Medeiros

sophomore
Keenan"I invented
mud."

Hollywood Healy

junior
off-campus"Science
fiction!"

Megan Marsh

freshman
Cavanaugh"Good times
getting dirty."

Michelle Byrne

freshman
Cavanaugh

"Yes?"



Phil Mauro

sophomore
Keough"Absolutely,
I grilled
burgers."

KATIE RIVARD/The Observer

Participants of the second annual Eucharistic Procession and Divine Mercy look on as priests ascend the stairs on the Main Building on Friday afternoon following the 11:45 a.m. Basilica of the Sacred Heart Mass.

IN BRIEF

Environmental specialist Sister Paula Gonzales will speak in Carroll Auditorium at Saint Mary's College at 7 p.m. today.

From 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. today students are invited to tie-die free T-shirts on O'Shag quad as part of the AnTostal events.

Notre Dame softball will take on Purdue at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Ivy Field.

Notre Dame baseball will take on Bowling Green at 5:05 p.m. Wednesday at Frank Eck Stadium.

The world premiere of the opera "Witness" will be at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday in O'Laughlin Auditorium. It will run through the weekend with performances at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. on Sunday.

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

Class of 2006 Senior Week tickets will be on sale at the LaFortune Box Office this week. Graduating seniors interested in purchasing tickets to the events must bring their Notre Dame ID to the Box Office between 12-6 p.m.

The AnTostal: First Annual Dorm Olympics will take place from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday on South Quad.

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

OFFBEAT

Police rescue naked man stuck in chimney

Hayward, CA — Police say they've arrested a man who spent five hours naked and stuck in the chimney of his stepmother's California home.

Police say Michael Urbano locked himself out of the house early yesterday morning and decided to get in on a cable TV wire through the chimney.

He told police he thought taking off his clothes would help ease his way down the chimney.

But the cable wire broke and Urbano fell, getting stuck about three-quarters

of the way down. He was freed when a firefighter pushed him up to safety.

Urbano was arrested on suspicion of being under the influence of drugs.

Oregon man survives 12 nails to the head

Portland, OR — Doctors say a dozen nails in the head caused no serious lasting effects for an Oregon man.

A report in the current issue of the Journal of Neurosurgery says the man was suicidal and high on methamphetamine when he used a nail gun to fire the nails into his head one

by one last year. A day later, he showed up at a hospital complaining of a headache.

Surgeons pulled the nails out with needle-nosed pliers and a drill. The patient was later transferred to psychiatric care and stayed under court order for nearly a month before leaving against doctors' orders.

In his report, the neurosurgeon who oversaw the patient's treatment says no one is known to have survived firing so many foreign objects into the head.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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Writer

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truthful and substantiated.

"The people elected him," he said. "It's the Bush administration, not the McGurn administration."

He said speechwriters that are acutely opposed to one of the President's stances are generally assigned to work on an unrelated issue, to avoid a conflict of objectivity.

McGurn also commented on the role of the media, and the ways in which every network or newspaper bias deters from the message he and the President are trying to evoke.

"In many cases, the reporting may be slanted not consciously or on purpose, but rather due to ignorance and a lack of knowledge of all the facts," McGurn said. "Sometimes the media isn't even aware of the existence of a counterargument to what they are saying."

He also expressed frustration in the way that television and newspapers highlight drama and controversy, sometimes neglecting comprehensive and responsible journalism.

"The President may be delivering an important speech on Medicare but if someone yells out something from the back, that becomes the news," McGurn said. "From the inside that is really frustrating but we understand the media needs the drama, sometimes over substance, to sell more."

But sensationalist reporters

are not the biggest problem McGurn and his team of writers face every day at work. Instead it's the challenge of striking a balance between informative and clear speeches.

"A speech can't be too dense with facts, or else people won't follow," he said.

All bases must be covered, though, and all relevant points must be addressed, he said. Knowing presidential speeches are subject to the scrutiny of the media and history, omitting complicated information is also not an option.

McGurn said even after the efforts of the speechwriting team, President Bush makes the final decision by approving or rejecting a speech.

Higher-ranking government officials often check content and interpretation of policy within the text, McGurn said. But it is Bush who goes gives final approval to all of his public oratory.

He said Bush consistently reminds his speechwriting team of his enrollment within an American oratory during his time in Yale University and reminds his speechwriting team of that advantage on a regular basis.

McGurn said the President likes to adhere to the methodology and rhythm he learned in such course.

The speechwriters are always busy looking at the next of fifteen drafts before their speech airs throughout the world, he said.

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AnTostal to return to campus

Student Union Board has week of fun events planned for Notre Dame

By KATHLEEN McDONNELL
News Writer

From free movies and tie-dyeing T-shirts on the quad, the events of the 39th annual AnTostal will distract students from their homework throughout the week.

AnTostal — Gaelic for "the festival"

— returns to Notre Dame's campus this week as a celebration of spring. Events this year are a mix of old and new, and the Student Union Board (SUB),

AnTostal's sponsor and organizer, hopes to bring the traditional festival back to its early days of glory.

SUB spends the entire year programming this event that hopes to "truly complete the college campus experience outside the classroom," SUB manager Pat Vassel said.

"In years past, AnTostal was a

completely unifying event for the Notre Dame campus, with every student participating in one way or another," Vassel said.

The events begin today and continue through Saturday, April 29th. Events are free and open to the entire Notre Dame community.

On Monday students can tie-dye T-shirts in front of O'Shaughnessy Hall on South Quad and some students will receive Panera bagels that will be delivered to selected classrooms.

The First Annual Dorm Olympics scheduled for Tuesday allow students to participate in mattress races

down South Quad, obstacle courses and wing eating contests.

"This year, the AnTostal committee has made a special effort to reach out to the dorms with the Dorm Olympics," Vassel said. "A number of dorms will be participating in a wide range of events, and that level of student involvement is really what

AnTostal is all about."

A showing of "Top Gun" on North Quad and the Quarter Dog Eating Contest — two annual traditions — will take place Tuesday evening.

Thursday's carnival on North Quad boasts a Mechanical Bull, Euro Bungee ride, caricature artist and other traditional carnival games.

AnTostal's musical events include Thursday's AcousticCafe, which will take place on the Fieldhouse Mall. Friday evening Legends will host the annual Battle of the Bands, which will feature ten student groups. Judges and audience voting determine which band will be deemed the best of Notre Dame. The evening's events will conclude with late night Karaoke at Reckers.

On Saturday students can return to Legends to hear rock band Matchbook Romance.

"Whether through contests, performances, or any other variety of activities, students in decades past always looked forward to the end of the year celebration organized by the Student Union Board," Vassel said.

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SUB manager

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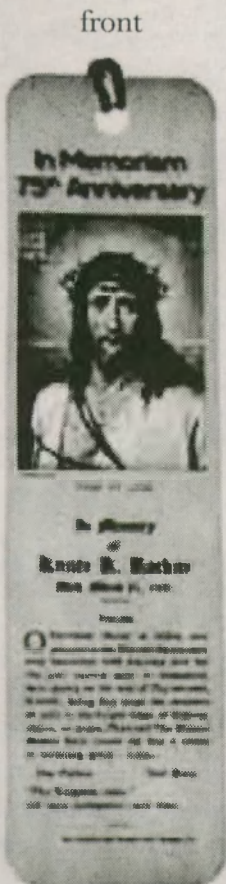
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"It was amazing to have so many people there ... at six in the morning when we released the total amount. It was the best feeling ever," said organizer and freshman class president Francesca Johnson.

The money raised at the event, which ran from 6 p.m. Friday to 6 a.m. Saturday, will go to Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis. The hospital, which never denies care to a patient, receives no state funding and is entirely dependent on corporate and private donations.

"One out of every two children that walk into the doors of the hospital can't afford to pay for the service they are receiving," Riley special events manager Kristi Judson said.

On a scale of one to ten, Judson said, she would give the Saint Mary's dance marathon a 15.

"We live off groups like this who stay up all night [and raise money for us]," Riley events coordinator Katherine Cain said.

The number of universities and colleges who put on dance marathons has grown to 14, Cain said. While the basic structure of the event is set, Cain works with student leaders to develop programs that best fit their schools.

Cain described the Saint Mary's dance marathon, which was largely spearheaded by the freshman class, as "impressive."

The participants were entertained by dancing group TroopND, a cappella singers The Undertones, Saint Mary's cheerleaders and the Notre Dame band Speedway. Further, dancers kept busy playing improvised games of volleyball and basketball, as well as writing cards to patients at Riley.

The morale committee kept students energized by teaching them a "morale dance" in small increments throughout the evening. The groups then performed the dance in its entirety at the end of the 12 hours.

A local family who personally benefited from the medical services offered by Riley was present to share their story with the students.

Johnson said 140 of the 190 registered students showed up to dance Friday night. They were joined by 50 marathon committee members. There were students who left the event, Johnson said, but she estimated there were still 120 dancers on the floor at the closing ceremony.

While the first dance marathon exceeded all expectations, Johnson said, there is always room for improvement.

She said she hopes to confine future events to one condensed area in order to keep the group united, noting that at any given time Friday night there were 25 people on the second level of the gym.

"In the future I would like to have a few hundred dances stay the whole time," Johnson said.

Organizer Amy Dardinger said it was difficult to convince people to return to the dance floor after they were permitted to sit briefly in order to eat.

"For the first year, I think the marathon ran smoothly," Dardinger said. "We followed the schedule almost exactly until about three in the morning, then we started some games. A little after three, the dancers realized that they were actually going to make it until 6, so the energy level picked up again."

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tom to complete the design.

Bookstore greeter Cindy Ciesiolka said the crowd gathered at the unveiling — approximately 2,500 to 3,000 people — reacted with "a great big gasp and a cheer" when they saw The Shirt for the first time. Ciesiolka said crowds were streaming in all day to purchase the new edition.

"[People are] very excited to see Charlie Weis's picture actually on the shirt," Ciesiolka said.

Joe Petros was on campus this weekend visiting his son, a sophomore at Notre Dame. He said this year's The Shirt is the best

one yet.

"[I like] the color [and] the design," Petros said. "I think the Four Horsemen and the coaches ... stand out in people's minds — the tradition. Everything about it is great."

Fox said he anticipated a positive student reaction to the shirt because of the simplicity of its design and its historical significance.

"Everything on there is instantly recognizable by students," Fox said.

The Shirt Project website said the design of this year's The Shirt attempts to link the successes of past Notre Dame football eras to the potential of the current team. The general student consensus seems to favor this year's shirt over last year's for the design and

the color.

Freshman Rebecca Svenson was at the bookstore on Friday to buy The Shirt. Svenson called The Shirt classy and said she was relieved it was not yellow again like last year's The Shirt.

"It's a lot nicer than last year," Svenson said. "I like the color."

Graduate student Yinlu Chen was also at the bookstore Friday to buy The Shirt, but said she liked last year's yellow color better than the navy blue of this year's shirt.

"I prefer a lighter color," Chen said.

Freshman Andrew Bertoli has not yet purchased The Shirt, but he has seen it and said he likes the navy blue color.

"It's a lot better than the yellow they had last year," Bertoli said.

Sophomore Mary Beugelsdijk attended the unveiling ceremony Friday. She said the crowd was very excited after seeing The Shirt's new look. Beugelsdijk said she likes The Shirt and would wear it to the games next year if she were not in the band.

"I like the color first of all and I like the simplicity of it, especially the front," Beugelsdijk said.

Fox said the combination of the new color and the prospects of a successful season will bode well for sales of this year's version of The Shirt.

"Given the extreme excitement over The Shirt, we look forward to setting a few new records this year," Fox said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Insurgents kill three soldiers

BAGHDAD — Insurgents killed three American soldiers in the Baghdad area Sunday and fired mortars near the Defense Ministry in a spree of violence that killed at least 27 Iraqis as politicians began work on forming a new government.

The largest Sunni Arab party raised new allegations of sectarian killings — one of the most urgent issues facing the new leadership.

U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad said the next government must decommission sectarian militias and integrate them into the national armed forces, warning that the armed groups represent the "infrastructure for civil war."

Protesters burn effigy of king

KATMANDU, Nepal — The protesters crowding a Katmandu road in a whistling, seething mass Sunday were clearly unified in their quest to force Nepal's king from power.

They roared their approval as a straw effigy of King Gyanendra was burned. They cheered demonstrators who dared to confront police. They chanted for a return of democracy and an end to royal rule.

Two weeks of demonstrations have regularly brought tens of thousands into the streets around Katmandu, and smaller crowds in other cities across this Himalayan nation, but under that surface unity is a deeply fractured political scene.

Politicians ousted when the king seized absolute control in February 2005 want back in power with a restored parliament, but are widely despised for ineffectiveness and corruption. Maoist rebels want to end generations of feudal-style rule, but have a long history of brutality in areas under their control.

NATIONAL NEWS

Bush urges quick formation in Iraq

TWENTYNINE PALMS, Calif. — President Bush on Sunday called Iraq's top leaders to congratulate them on breaking a political impasse and urge the quick formation of a coalition government.

Bush said he told President Jalal Talabani, Prime Minister-designate Jawad al-Maliki and parliament Speaker Mahmoud al-Mashhadani that they have a duty to improve the lives of Iraqis, defeat the insurgency and unite the country.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan told reporters that Bush encouraged the leaders, especially al-Maliki, to act quickly and pick a Cabinet.

FEMA requests return of funds

BEAUMONT, Texas — The federal government is asking 625 people in Texas to pay back a total of \$1.26 million in recovery aid they shouldn't have received after Hurricane Rita.

Texas families received more than \$592 million from the Federal Emergency Management Agency after the September storm.

Most of the money FEMA wants — \$1.14 million — was incorrectly paid for damage to homes that were not the owners' primary residences, agency spokeswoman Hannah Vick said. Damages to secondary residences are ineligible for FEMA money.

LOCAL NEWS

Man retried for quadruple murder

LAWRENCEBURG, Ind. — The retrial of man accused of killing a woman and three children will begin Monday in Dearborn County.

Robert Bassett Jr., 43, was sentenced to four life terms without the possibility of parole in 2001, but the Indiana Supreme Court overturned the conviction and ordered a new trial because evidence and testimony about Bassett's previous criminal record were improperly presented.

Finance ministers discuss policy

Proposals concerning oil prices, trade gaps and other growth problems endorsed

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Finance ministers endorsed proposals Sunday intended to make it easier for international lending institutions to deal with soaring oil prices, trade gaps and other problems that threaten to derail growth.

The policy-setting committees for the 184-nation International Monetary Fund and the World Bank told the World Bank to attack corruption and directed the IMF to explore ways to give tougher policy advice to member countries in such areas as budget deficits and currency values.

Oil prices, now at a record \$75-plus per barrel, were among the developments causing officials from Europe, the United States and other countries at the institutions' weekend meetings to worry about the prospects for long-term growth.

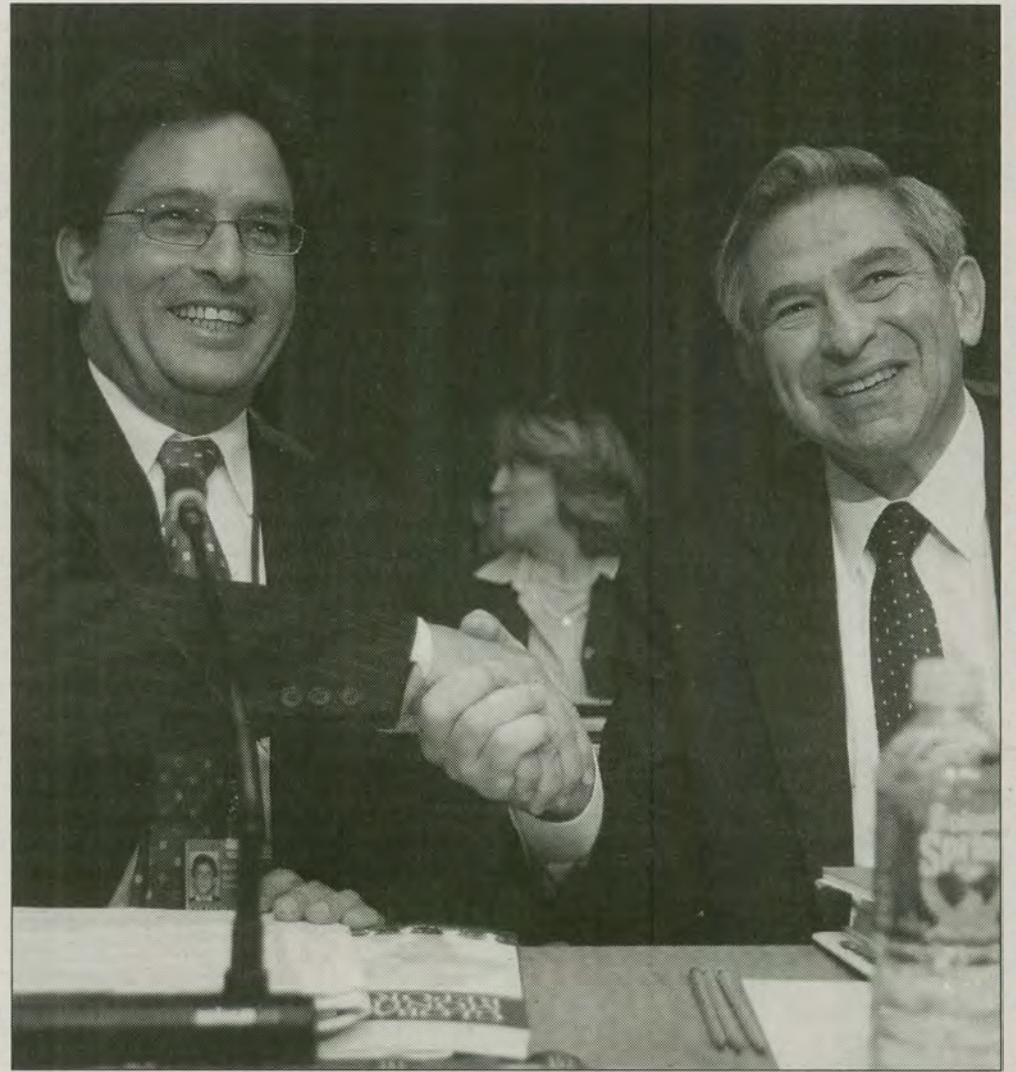
With U.S. pump prices already above \$3 per gallon in some places, the White House is under pressure to act. On Sunday, for example, the chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee said the government should consider a tax on oil companies if they make excessive profits.

In talks that wrapped up Sunday, ministers resolved a dispute over anti-corruption efforts by pledging "to improve governance in all countries."

Some European nations complained that the World Bank's president, Paul Wolfowitz, was emphasizing the fight against corruption at the expense of poverty reduction. The former top Pentagon official began his five-year term in June.

Wolfowitz told a closing news conference that he was satisfied with how the debate was resolved.

"These are complex and nuanced issues, but we must develop a common approach if we want to



Colombian Finance Minister Alberto Carrasquilla, left, shakes hands with World Bank President Paul Wolfowitz, before the start of the Development Committee session Sunday.

deliver results for the poor," he said. "It is an effort that will take some time."

The Bush administration says it's critical to crack down on corruption so that the U.S. is assured its dollars supporting the bank are not wasted.

"With billions of people still living in destitute conditions, we cannot rest," Treasury Secretary John Snow said. "We must do more to make these ideas and programs even more productive, beneficial and effective."

On the issue of oil, the world's seven wealthiest industrial countries met Friday night with three big oil-producing countries —

Saudi Arabia, Russia and the United Arab Emirates — to explore ways to improve data about production and reserves to give oil markets better information. The G-7 countries also called for increased investment in exploration and refinery capacity to boost supplies.

The meetings went ahead without any of the large-scale demonstrations that in years past have filled the streets around the IMF and World Bank headquarters, a few blocks from the White House. This year's events were on a small scale; one man among a group of 30 protesters was arrested Saturday and charged with carrying a stun gun.

Anti-poverty activists expressed disappointment that more was not accomplished toward meeting the U.N.-sanctioned goal of cutting poverty in half by 2015.

"By their next meeting, we want to see real change — not just pocket change — for the 100 million poor children out of school," said Max Lawson, policy adviser for Oxfam International.

Getting the go-ahead at these meetings was what supporters hope will prove to be a broad overhaul of IMF operations. Proposals include giving rapidly growing economies such as China, South Korea and Mexico greater voting power.

AFGHANISTAN

Troops face increased resistance

Associated Press

KABUL — Britain's defense secretary warned on Sunday that any let up on militants could see the toppled Taliban regime and al-Qaida regain power in Afghanistan.

As John Reid made his call during a visit to Kabul, gunbattles elsewhere killed five people and rockets slammed into a U.S.-run base in the south.

The warning followed a spike in bombings and shootings targeting coalition troops, Afghan forces

and often ordinary locals as the Taliban apparently have made good on threats to increase attacks during the warmer spring and summer months.

"The greatest danger of all for the people of Afghanistan and the people of the United Kingdom would be if Afghanistan ever again came under the rule of a Taliban regime prepared to protect al-Qaida or terrorist groups," Reid told reporters in the capital.

Spiraling violence is a growing concern for nations contributing troops to a force operating here

under a NATO mandate. The force is to rise from its current 10,000 soldiers to about 21,000 by November as it gradually assumes command of all international troops in Afghanistan.

Some 6,000 mainly British, Canadian and Dutch soldiers have started deploying in the remote tribal-dominated southern region.

At least 18,000 U.S. soldiers are in Afghanistan — more than four years after the U.S.-led invasion toppled the hard-line Taliban regime for hosting al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden.

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eacy — all involving business skills aimed at reducing poverty instead of turning a profit.

"Each of these is a profession in a new kind of way," said Janis-Aparicio.

She said LAANE is an innovative agency because it incorporates a variety of professions, rather than tailoring its work to one specific arena. The agency works to ensure that all workers in Los Angeles County labor for a living wage and have necessary union protection.

"Not only is poverty immoral, but it pulls us all

down," she said. "You can't have prosperity amidst so much suffering. It's not possible, and it doesn't work."

After graduating from law school, Janis-Aparicio said began her career helping low-income tenants who had been cheated by their landlords — a rewarding yet limiting job, she said.

To overcome her career restrictions she said she decided to devote her career

to public service by starting LAANE 13 years ago.

"Non-profits are the vehicles we have in the U.S. to do social justice," she said.

While a career in public service may not be lucrative, Janis-Aparicio said the rewards of social justice extend beyond money and fame.

"You gain a sense of 'this is what I need to be happy, and I don't need a whole lot,'" she said.

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Madeline Janis-Aparicio
co-founder
Los Angeles Alliance
for a New Economy

North Pole students return to class

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — Students were encouraged to return to North Pole Middle School Monday with the assurance that police would patrol the halls following the weekend arrest of six seventh-graders suspected of plotting a deadly attack.

Nine other seventh-graders also were suspended in possible connection with the elaborate scheme to kill faculty and classmates using guns and knives at the school, where about 500 sixth- through eighth-graders have four weeks until summer vacation, officials said.

"We're going to have school," said principal Ernie Manzie. "We feel that all the students involved are not at school, so we feel it's safe."

The town of 1,600 people is about 14 miles southeast of Fairbanks in Alaska's interior and is home to many military families from nearby Eielson Air Force Base and the Army's Fort Wainwright.

The story has been widely broadcast, but some residents aren't worried about the arrests tainting the image of North Pole as the idyllic home of Santa Claus. The town receives thousands of letters each Christmas from around the world.

"I think most people are savvy enough to realize that violence of this nature can happen anywhere, to the best of families and the best of communities," Mayor Jeffrey Jacobson said.

Still the allegations have shocked this "nice little community," said Laura Harper, who has lived in North Pole for 23 years and works in a local restaurant. "We just can't believe something this horrible is happening in this good town."

The boys, who could face charges of first-degree conspiracy to commit murder, are at the Fairbanks Youth Facility in Fairbanks.

Without elaborating on the evidence, North Pole Police Chief Paul Lindhag said the boys had planned to disable the school's power and telephone systems, giving them time to kill their

victims and leave town.

The group wanted to seek revenge for being picked on, he said.

The story in North Pole broke two days after five Kansas teenagers were arrested on suspicion of planning a shooting rampage at their high school last Thursday, the seventh anniversary of the Columbine High School massacre in Colorado.

"Our investigation does not reveal any connection to any of these other school tragedies," Lindhag said. "I think it's more coincidental than anything."

In Riverton, Kan., a community of about 600 people in southeast Kansas, near the Oklahoma and Missouri borders, prom went on as planned Saturday.

"Our school is not big on canceling things," said Daniel Koucky, a senior at Riverton High School. "We haven't had a snow day in two and a half years."

Sheriff's deputies found guns, ammunition, knives and coded messages in the bedroom of one suspect and documents about firearms and references to Armageddon in two suspects' school lockers.

A bond hearing for the suspects — ages 16 to 18 — was set for Monday afternoon. The prosecutor said he would soon determine whether to file criminal charges.

"I think most people are savvy enough to realize that violence of this nature can happen anywhere, to the best of families and the best of communities."

Jeffrey Jacobson
North Pole mayor

D'Arcy

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refrain from preaching the Gospel."

In his response to University President Father John Jenkins' April 5 announcement that the "Monologues" would not be prohibited on campus, D'Arcy said he was "deeply saddened" by the decision.

He told audience members Friday that this difference of opinion has affected his connection with the current administration.

"I've always had a very good relationship with three [University] presidents," he said. "It's under stress now. I don't enjoy that."

D'Arcy never referred to "The Vagina Monologues" by its name Friday, calling it instead "the play."

"This is Notre Dame," he said. "We dare to say it is the school of Our Lady. ... This place has a special obligation."

The Feb. 2005 campus visit of "Vagina Monologues" playwright Eve Ensler was "especially painful" to him, D'Arcy said. He said he and the Diocese were originally notified by event organizers that they could have a representative on discussion panels to convey a Catholic stance on the matters discussed but that the offer was withdrawn "at the last minute."

"Who was constricting academic freedom that time," he said.

D'Arcy noted another time when he disagreed on religious grounds with a University action. In 1992, the pro-choice Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan was awarded the Laetare Medal, Notre Dame's highest honor. Though he planned to attend the commencement ceremony that spring, D'Arcy ultimately chose

to attend only the graduation Mass.

"There was someone on that platform whose position on unborn life was unacceptable to me," D'Arcy said. "The church's position is mine. I didn't want the young people to think that was OK ... If the bishop is there, that is what it means."

Throughout the disagreement, D'Arcy said he retained his respect for the University.

"I never bashed Notre Dame — because it is too elegant a place to do that," he said. "I have great affection and love for this place."

Though he spoke out against Jenkins' decision not to ban the "Monologues," D'Arcy advised students to read the play and become informed about the surrounding issues.

He said his actions and decisions have been based on the late Pope John Paul II's definition of academic freedom. The Catholic teaching states that members of a university should be treated with academic freedom so long as the rights of the individual members are maintained, D'Arcy said.

"In all this 10 week debate did you ever heard that definition?" he said. "Did you ever hear it on this wonderful campus?"

The students present questioned the Bishop about how they should express their dissatisfaction with Jenkins' decision to allow the continued performance of the "Monologues" and their concern that dorm Masses are celebrated improperly.

D'Arcy rejected a student's suggestion that Notre Dame was no longer a strictly Catholic university.

"I think among the major universities it is by far the most Catholic," he said. "I have great affection for it, and so does [Pope] Benedict [XVI]."

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IN BRIEF

Merck responsible for Vioxx death

RIO GRANDE CITY, Texas — A state jury found Merck & Co. liable Friday for the death of a 71-year-old man who had a fatal heart attack within a month of taking its since-withdrawn painkiller Vioxx and ordered the company to pay \$32 million. Merck said it would appeal.

The damage award will likely be reduced because of a state law capping punitive damages.

The jury of 10 men and two women deliberated for about seven hours over two days before returning the verdict in favor of the family of Leonel Garza, who had suffered from heart disease for more than 20 years and had taken Vioxx for less than a month.

The company was ordered to pay \$7 million in non-economic compensatory damages and \$25 million in punitive damages.

Crude-oil prices continue to rise

NEW YORK — Crude-oil prices broke through \$75 a barrel to hit a new record Friday, fueled by concerns about Iran's nuclear ambitions and tight U.S. gasoline supplies.

Prices at the pump also kept rising, with the average price of a gallon of unleaded regular gasoline at \$2.855, up 3 cents from a day earlier and more than 60 cents higher than a year ago, according to AAA's daily fuel gauge report.

Crude prices, which are more than 40 percent higher than a year ago, have risen 8.4 percent from Thursday's closing price — the biggest weeklong jump since the week ended June 17, 2005, when crude futures rose 9 percent.

Ford records loss for first quarter

DEARBORN, Mich. — Ford Motor Co. swung to a \$1.2 billion loss in the first quarter as it began a costly restructuring effort amid weak U.S. sales, leaving Ford executives disappointed but determined to go ahead with their plan to cut 30,000 jobs and remake the No. 2 automaker.

Ford's stock fell 63 cents, or nearly 8 percent, to close at \$7.32 on the New York Stock Exchange, approaching its 52-week low of \$7.13

Eli Lilly involved in racism suit

Lawsuit alleges discriminatory pay rates on behalf of 1,000 black employees

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — A racial discrimination lawsuit alleges Eli Lilly & Co. paid black employees less than their white peers, passed them over for promotions and subjected them to harassment such as epithets.

The lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court also claims a Lilly human resources staffer told a complaining female employee that her managers on the manufacturing side considered her previous corporate supervisors to be too accepting of blacks and that they were no longer in a position to address her concerns.

"It's like the plantation, unfortunately, at the manufacturing site. It's blatant discrimination," Cassandra Welch said Friday, the day after the lawsuit was filed. Lilly fired her in mid-2004 for allegedly falsifying e-mails in an unrelated financial dispute with another employee of the Indianapolis-based drug company.

Welch, two other former employees and a current one are named as plaintiffs in the complaint, which seeks class-action status on behalf of more than 1,000 black employees whom attorneys said might have faced the same kinds of discrimination since August 2003. It seeks unspecified damages, lost compensation and an order enjoining Lilly against future discrimination.

Each of the four plaintiffs also have complaints pending with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the lawsuit said.

Lilly spokeswoman Carla Cox said the company was withholding comment on the specific allegations as officials had not yet reviewed the lawsuit.

"It's certainly part of our company fabric to treat people fairly and with respect," Cox said.

More than 20 present and former Lilly employees



A racial discrimination lawsuit was filed against Eli Lilly & Co. Thursday. The company faces allegations concerning inequality between black and white employees.

have contacted the plaintiffs' lawyers, Joshua and David Rose of Washington, D.C., about possible representation in the case, Joshua Rose said.

"Lilly managers tend to groom white employees for promotion and bonuses more effectively, more rapidly and more often than their African-American peers," the attorneys, who specialize in employment law, said in a written statement.

Welch, 45, now a northern Virginia-based business consultant, said she began at Lilly in 1992 as a production worker earning an hourly wage, transferred to finance and, after obtaining her bachelor's degree in accounting and information

technology, was promoted to a salaried position in 2000.

The lawsuit alleges she was paid at a grade lower than her responsibilities merited and was part of a team whose white male members received bonuses, merit awards and promotions that were denied to her.

"I have to say the executives and Lilly, in terms of (diversity) strategy and policy, has one of the best in the industry," Welch said in a telephone interview. However, she said managers only went through the motions with those policies. "A policy only is as good as it's implemented. It was more of a check-the-box exercise."

Racist comments by and among white workers against black employees and other blacks were common in a manufacturing department where Welch worked, the lawsuit said.

"On one occasion, Welch found a dark colored doll with a noose around its neck on her desk," the lawsuit said.

When her complaints about discrimination went nowhere with her department managers, she went to human resources, where a representative told her manufacturing managers considered corporate officials to be too accepting of blacks, referring to them with a hostile slang term, the lawsuit said.

Delphi attempts to cancel contracts

Associated Press

DETROIT — The United Auto Workers and other unions opposed Delphi Corp.'s attempt to cancel its labor contracts in court filings Friday, saying the auto parts supplier has failed to prove it needs to slash workers' wages as part of its Chapter 11 restructuring.

"This is a case in which the debtors have opted to place litigation before bargaining and to place confrontation before consultation," said the United Steelworkers, which represents about 1,000 of Delphi's 33,000 U.S. hourly workers.

Unions aren't the only parties opposed to Delphi's motion. Appaloosa

Management LP, a New Jersey-based hedge fund that owns 9.3 percent of Delphi's stock, said in a filing that Delphi hasn't proven canceling its contracts would be better than waiting until they expire and renegotiating them. Appaloosa also is concerned Delphi's motion will be considered before a committee representing Delphi's 300,000 shareholders can be formed to review it.

Delphi, which filed for bankruptcy protection in October, asked a federal judge to void its labor contracts March 31 after it failed to reach an agreement to lower wages with its unions and General Motors Corp., its former parent and largest customer. Under its latest proposal, Delphi wanted to lower wages

from \$27 an hour to \$16.50 an hour by 2007.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Robert Drain is scheduled to consider Delphi's request May 9. He ordered opponents of the plan to file their objections by Friday and gave Delphi until May 1 to respond.

The UAW, which represents 24,000 Delphi hourly workers, said Delphi's motion is premature because it depends on GM to supplement workers' wages, something GM hasn't agreed to do. A financial adviser to the UAW from New York-based Lazard Freres & Co. said Delphi also failed to provide relevant financial information until a few days before its motion, if at all, violating its bargaining agreement with the UAW.

EGYPT

Osama bin Laden issues new threats in video message

Terrorist leader warns of civilian attacks, remains most wanted

Associated Press

CAIRO — Osama bin Laden issued new threats in an audio-tape broadcast on Arab television Sunday and accused the United States and Europe of supporting a "Zionist" war on Islam by cutting off funds to the Hamas-led Palestinian government.

He also urged followers to go to Sudan, his former base, to fight a proposed U.N. peace-keeping force.

His words, the first new message by the al-Qaida leader in three months, seemed designed to justify potential attacks on civilians — something al-Qaida has been criticized for even by its Arab supporters.

He also appeared to be trying to drum up support among Arabs by accusing the West of targeting Hamas, a militant group that fights against Israel and now heads the Palestinian government.

Citing the West's decision to cut off aid to the Hamas-led government because it refuses to renounce violence or recognize Israel, bin Laden said Washington and Europe were waging war on Islam.

"The blockade which the West is imposing on the government of Hamas proves that there is a Zionist, crusaders' war on Islam," bin Laden said.

President Bush was told about the tape Sunday morning. The intelligence community has informed the White House that it believes the tape is authentic, said Bush's spokesman, Scott McClellan.

"The al-Qaida leadership is on the run and under a lot of pressure," McClellan said at a Marine base in Twentynine Palms, Calif., where Bush was having lunch with military families.

"We are on the advance. They are on the run."

Al-Qaida is not believed to have direct links to Hamas, which is an outgrowth of the Muslim Brotherhood. Hamas spokesman Sami Abu Zuhri was quick to distance the group from bin Laden, declaring that "the ideology of Hamas is totally different from the ideology of Sheikh bin Laden."

The groups do, however, share an anti-Israel ideology that calls for the destruction of

the Jewish state. And recent reports in Middle East media have said al-Qaida is trying to build cells in the Gaza Strip, the West Bank, Lebanon and Sudan. Israel has indicted two West Bank militants for al-Qaida membership.

Israeli government spokesman Raanan Gissin said it appeared bin Laden decided to issue the verbal assault to deflect growing Arab animosity toward al-Qaida.

That criticism peaked in December when the leader of the al-Qaida in Iraq group, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, claimed responsibility for the bombings of Jordan hotels that killed many Arabs.

"This is something the Arab world can agree upon," Gissin said.

Bin Laden "has been criticized for the destruction and carnage he's causing the Muslim nation. He's looking for another justification," Gissin said. "Criticizing Israel sounds more politically correct."

The U.S. ambassador to Iraq, Zalmay Khalilzad — a former ambassador to Afghanistan — said the tape was another attempt by bin Laden to gain attention for his cause.

"He wants to be relevant to the situation, wants to get attention that he still is a player," Khalilzad said on CNN's "Late Edition."

The voice on the tape sounded strong and resembled that on other recordings attributed to bin Laden, but its authenticity could not be verified independently.

Al-Jazeera television appeared to have had the tape long enough to make significant edits, with its news reader providing background comments. The network broadcast about five minutes of the tape in all.

Bin Laden's remarks touched on the full range of issues that anger militant Arabs and other Muslims. Many of them see a renewal of a Christian- and Jewish-inspired Western "crusade" to dominate the Islamic world and to confiscate Muslim lands and resources — particularly oil.

Bob Ayers, a security expert with the Chatham House think tank in London, said the tape may be bin Laden's way of

playing cat-and-mouse with those hunting him.

"It's when people have kind of forgotten about him, when he's not been on the news, that the tapes emerge," Ayers said. "It's kind of his way of thumbing his nose at the U.S. and saying, 'Hey, I'm still out here, and you haven't caught me and you can't.' That's what he's saying."

Concerning Sudan, bin Laden called on "mujahedeen and their supporters, especially in Sudan and the Arab peninsula, to prepare for long war again the crusader plunderers in Western Sudan. Our goal is not defending the Khartoum government but to defend Islam, its land and its people."

"I urge holy warriors to be acquainted with the land and the tribes in Darfur," he said, adding they should be aware that the rainy season approaches and that will hamper their movement.

Al-Qaida has targeted Western forces in Africa before — including its attacks against U.S. troops trying to bring peace to Somalia in 1993.

The fighting in Darfur began when rebels from black African tribes took up arms in February 2003, complaining of discrimination and oppression by Sudan's Arab-dominated government.

The government has been accused of unleashing Arab tribal militia known as the Janjaweed against civilians in a campaign of murder, rape and arson — a charge it denies. At least 180,000 people have died — many from

hunger and disease — and 2 million people have been displaced in the vast, arid region of western Sudan and as refugees in neighboring Chad.

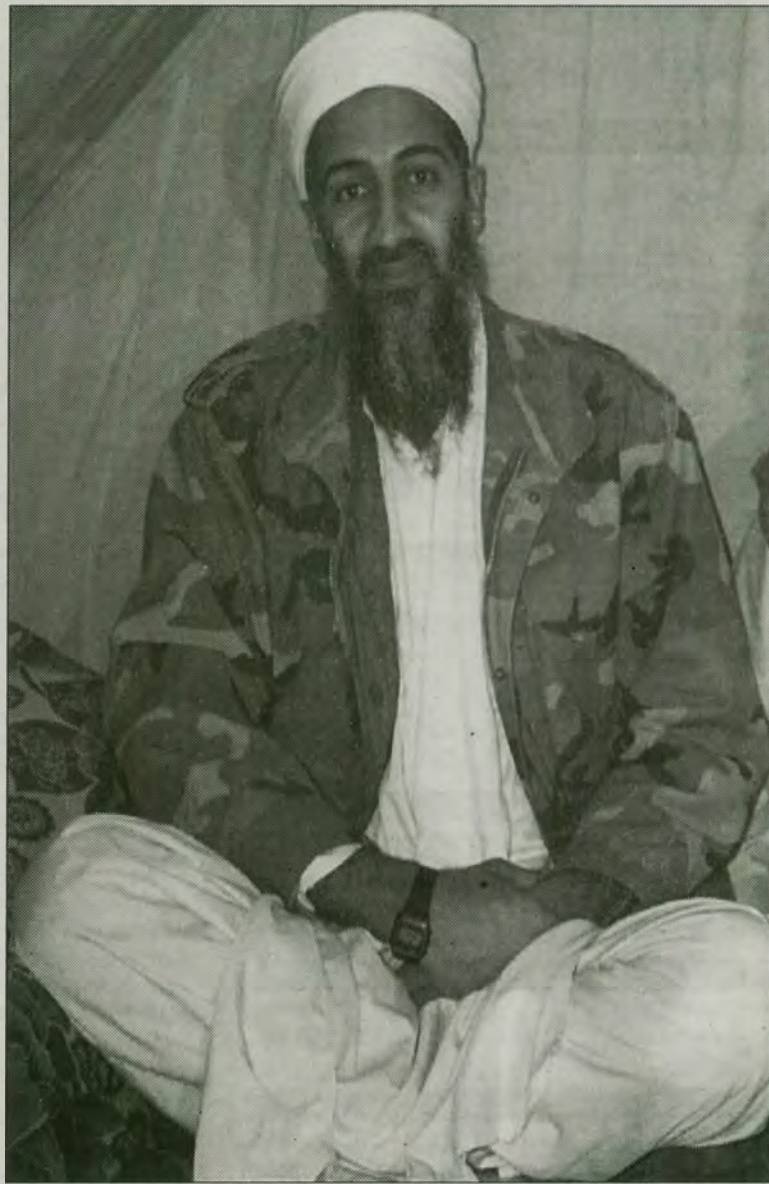
The United Nations has described the conflict as the world's gravest humanitarian crisis. The United States has described it as genocide.

Negotiators are trying to broker a peace deal between warring factions by an April 30 deadline. Members of the African Union have agreed in principle to hand over peace-keeping duties to the United Nations this fall.

The Saudi-born bin Laden set up headquarters in Sudan after

"He wants to be relevant to the situation, wants to get attention that he is still a player."

Zalmay Khalilzad
former Afghanistan
ambassador



Osama bin Laden plots his next attack while in Afghanistan last year. Bin Laden is hiding out in Afghanistan as guest of its Islamic rulers, the Taliban.

he was forced to leave his homeland, but Khartoum expelled him under threats from the United States. He moved to Afghanistan, where he trained fighters and organized the Sept. 11 attacks. He is believed hiding in the rugged mountains on the Pakistani side of that country's long border with Afghanistan.

In Washington, U.S. intelligence officials said bin Laden was living separately from top deputy Ayman al-Zawahri and, in a sign he has to be careful about whom he trusts, surrounded by fellow Arabs.

The al-Qaida chieftain, who last issued a message broadcast by Al-Jazeera on Jan. 19, also made a point of trying to justify attacks on civilians. He said citizens of Western countries were equally responsible with their governments for what he termed the "war on

Islam."

"I say that this war is the joint responsibility of the people and the governments. While the war continues, the people renew their allegiance to their rulers and politicians and continue to send their sons to our countries to fight us," bin Laden said.

In his last message, bin Laden offered the United States a long-term truce but warned that al-Qaida soon would launch a fresh attack on American soil. But no new attacks on the United States have occurred.

In the Sunday broadcast, bin Laden called for a global Muslim boycott of American goods similar to the recent ban on Danish products after the publication of caricatures of Islam's Prophet Muhammad that outraged the Muslim world.

Prosecutor's son questioned about Holloway murder

Associated Press

ORANJESTAD, Aruba — The former lead investigator in the disappearance of U.S. teenager Nataliee Holloway said Sunday his 19-year-old son was questioned as a witness in last year's still unsolved case.

Aruban Police Commissioner Gerold Dompig told The Associated Press that police have twice questioned his 19-year-old son, Michael — once since the April 15 arrest of Geoffrey van Cromvoirt, who is also 19.

"Michael was merely one of the many people who were

questioned as witnesses in this investigation and was never considered a suspect," Dompig said during a phone interview.

It was not known if the questions concerned van Cromvoirt, who was arrested on suspicion of "criminal offenses that may be related to the disappearance" of Holloway, according to authorities who have not provided details.

Dompig made the comments after his son told Fox News on Saturday that the Holloway family and others who have alleged incompetence and conflicts of interest in the investigation have been "trying to

bring my father down."

The elder Dompig said earlier that Holloway's mother, Beth Twitty, has hurt the investigation by releasing sensitive information during her frequent appearances on U.S. television shows, but he said Sunday he did not agree with his son's comments and called the interview a "regrettable incident."

Local newspapers say Dompig's son worked for the same private security company as van Cromvoirt. He was questioned during a resurgence of activity in the past week that included new coast

guard searches of the sea floor.

Authorities continued to study images of the sea floor taken during a four-day search by the Netherlands Antilles and Aruba Coast Guard, said Mariaine Croes, a spokeswoman for the prosecutor's office, on Saturday.

"There is nothing we can say immediately about the results," said Croes, who has declined to say what authorities hope to find in the images or to say how the search was related to Holloway's disappearance nearly a year ago.

Croes said that prosecutors must present new evidence to

a judge by April 25 to keep van Cromvoirt in custody. They had not yet done so as of Saturday, she said.

Van Cromvoirt's lawyer said he has no connection to Holloway's disappearance in May 2005. Holloway, of Mountain Brook, Alabama, was last seen driving away from a bar with three young local men on the final night of a high school graduation trip to the Dutch Caribbean island.

Aruban authorities have arrested seven people in connection with Holloway's disappearance and later released them for lack of evidence.

Wal-Mart practices under fire

Company engages in battle with politicians aiming to change its policies

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — There is no candidate. There are no ballots. There won't be an Election Day. And yet it may be the hottest, highest-stakes political contest in America today.

It's the campaign against Wal-Mart.

A year-old effort to force the nation's No. 1 private employer to change its business practices has evolved into a Washington-style brawl: tens of millions of dollars spent by Republican and Democratic political consultants using polling, micro-targeting, ads, e-mails, direct mail, grassroots organizing and strategic "war rooms" to ply their trade in the corporate world.

Their fight involves some of society's most vexing trends, including the rising cost of health care, the painful realities of globalization and the waning relevance of organized labor.

"Our opponents have organized the likes of a political campaign against us," said Bob McAdam, vice president of corporate affairs at Wal-Mart. "It would be nonsense for us not to respond in a similar fashion."

Wal-Mart's main opponents are the Service Employees International Union, which started Wal-Mart Watch, and the United Food and Commercial Workers International Union, which funds a separate campaign called WakeUpWalMart.com.

After failing to organize employees of Wal-Mart Stores Inc. with traditional tactics, the unions decided to use modern campaign and communications

methods to drag the company into the public square and try to shame them into change.

Both groups have hammered the world's largest retailer about its wages, health insurance, treatment of workers and proclivity for buying non-U.S. goods. Wal-Mart has responded with counterattacks and a multimillion-dollar public campaign to polish its image.

On both sides are some of the best political strategists money can buy.

WakeUpWalMart.com is run by Paul Blank, political director for Howard Dean's 2004 Democratic presidential campaign, and Chris Kofinis, a former

political professor who helped draft retired Army Gen. Wesley Clark into the same race.

Their campaign has all the markings of the Dean and Clark insurgencies — a snappy Web site, volunteer action lists and an issues-based grassroots campaign.

Among those lined up against the company at

Wal-Mart Watch are Jim Jordan, campaign manager for 2004 Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry, and Terry Holt, a spokesman for the 2004 Bush-Cheney campaign.

Odd bedfellows: A Republican working for unions against Wal-Mart.

"Wal-Mart is giving capitalism a bad name," Holt explained. "It's lost touch with its small-town roots and has become a company that is depending on corporate welfare ... and an all-

too-cozy relationship with China."

Under fire, Wal-Mart turned to Reagan adviser Michael Deaver, Bush-Cheney political director Terry Nelson and several Democrats, among them civil rights leader Andrew Young and campaign strategist Leslie Dach.

Talk about odd bedfellows: Democrats working for Wal-Mart against organized labor.

"We were being attacked. We wanted to hire people who knew how to respond," said Wal-Mart's McAdam, formerly a GOP aide on Capitol Hill and political strategist for the tobacco industry.

WakeUpWalMart.com claims 212,000 supporters who can be mobilized with a computer stroke to recruit members and participate in media events designed to shine a bad light on the Bentonville, Ark., company.

The group also passes out UFCW-sponsored workers' rights material outside Wal-Mart stores.

A goal of the UFCW is to show Wal-Mart's 1.3 million U.S. employees — many of whom have a low opinion of unions or fear retribution if they organize — that unionized labor can change their workplace and lives for the better.

For years, labor leaders were fighting Wal-Mart the old way, but times have changed," Kofinis said. "Instead of organizing workers, they're trying to organize the nation" against

Wal-Mart.

In its own way, this campaign over Wal-Mart is as important as the congressional races this year.

Bringing Wal-Mart to heel with 21st-century tactics would signal a fresh approach for organized labor after a decades-long decline in membership.

"Our opponents have organized the likes of a political campaign against us."

Bob McAdam
vice president of
corporate affairs
Wal-Mart

"Wal-Mart is giving capitalism a bad name."

Terry Holt
spokesman

IRAQ

Marines not standing still in city

Associated Press

RAMADI — Weapons locked, loaded and ready, a U.S. Marine platoon runs through this troubled Iraqi city's war-wrecked streets, hurling yellow, gray and violet smoke grenades to shroud their path.

Pausing only to train gunbarrels around corners or scan rooftops for insurgents, they bound across desolate roads lined with broken glass and charred cars — and start running again.

Standing still is rarely an option in this insurgent-plagued metropolis beset by roadside bombs, rocket fire and, Marines here say, the worst sniper threat on the planet.

"Every time we go out, we run," said 2nd Lt. Brian Wilson, a 24-year-old platoon commander from Columbia, S.C. "If you stand still, you WILL get shot at."

And most of the time, Marines shoot back.

Buildings around Government Center, the Marine-defended headquarters of provincial government, offer stark evidence of fighting between insurgents and U.S. forces in downtown Ramadi, a city 70 miles west of Baghdad in the heart of the Sunni Arab-domi-

nated insurgency.

Some buildings have been blown away by air strikes, their walls ripped open, their twisted floors collapsed. Others, including a small mosque and its tank-blasted minaret, are riddled with rocket and bullet impacts. Plastic awnings over shopfronts are shredded. Power lines hang down along sidewalks.

Marines patrolling this city on foot don't like to stay exposed too long, preferring instead to blow front gate locks off private homes with special shotgun shells to take temporary cover in walled courtyards before moving on. They don't knock first — there is no time.

On one recent sweep, U.S. and Iraqi infantrymen climbed over walls between houses instead of risking the streets outside.

"We try to stay mobile so snipers can't aim in on us," said 1st Lt. Carlos Goetz, a 29-year-old Miami native. "If we walk, then it gives them more time to aim in on your head."

Running around with 60 to 80 pounds of gear, the Marines' pace is more of a quick jog.

The urban environment of walled villa rooftops and four- to five-story windowed buildings

keeps Marines edgy.

"You try to take cover wherever you can, but it just feels like someone's always watching you. It really messes with your head," said Cpl. Jason Hunt of Wellsville, N.Y.

"You look for dark windows, tiny holes anywhere," the 24-year-old said. "They could be sitting back on a bench with a scope and a barrel — they see you, but you can't see them."

Troops from the 3rd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment aggressively patrol the blown-out district around Government Center at all hours — conducting raids and sweeps during the hazy, gritty heat of the day, and in the quiet of night when moonlight casts buildings and villas in blue hues.

Marines say the patrols have disrupted insurgent operations. But the guerrillas operating in small teams are relentless, firing rockets, mortars and machine guns daily at Government Center, U.S. bases and fortified observation posts. Sometimes they attack the same targets several times a day.

Goetz said Marines patrol hoping to bring insurgents out into the open, where they are little match for the overwhelming U.S. firepower.

TURKEY

Orthodox Christians celebrate Easter Sunday



Bishops celebrate Easter Mass in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, traditionally believed by many Christians to be the site of the crucifixion and burial of Jesus Christ, in Jerusalem's Old City Sunday.

Associated Press

ISTANBUL — Orthodox Christians around the world celebrated Easter Sunday, worshipping at candlelit services from Russia to Ethiopia before gathering families for outdoor feasts.

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, spiritual leader of 200 million Orthodox Christians, led prayers on Easter eve in the crowded Church of St. George in Istanbul. A flame brought from the site of Jesus' grave in Jerusalem was passed from candle to candle.

The patriarch called for peace, telling the congregation, "We call for an end to the killing of one another, and we denounce the violence and fanaticism that threatens life."

In Jerusalem's Church of the Holy Sepulchre, hundreds of Orthodox Christians gathered for Mass. Candles glowed around the tomb where many Christians believe Jesus was buried, and hymns filled the cavernous grotto-like church.

Orthodox Christians use a different calendar from Roman Catholics and Protestants, so their celebration of Easter usually falls on a different date from the rest of Christianity and always after the Jewish festival of Passover. Coptic Christians in Egypt and some 25 million Ethiopian Christians also celebrated Easter on Sunday.

At the Vatican, Pope Benedict XVI joined Orthodox religious leaders' calls for peace and offered prayers for victims of flooding along the Danube River.

"In the joyous atmosphere of these days, I cannot not recall that many of these peoples, in Serbia, Romania and Bulgaria, are suffering because of the flooding," he said, speaking from his window overlooking St. Peter's Square to tens of thousands of pilgrims.

The disaster has forced thousands from their homes yet Orthodox Christians still managed to celebrate Easter. Romanian refugees held services outdoors in the flood-stricken village of Rast, where priests used an improvised altar in an open tent.

Similar services in other flooded Eastern European villages were accompanied by fireworks and even celebratory gunfire.

Easter celebrations, a blend religious and local traditions, typically include a spit-roast lamb dinner and a display of hard-boiled eggs, dyed red to symbolize the blood of Christ.

In Cyprus, youths around the island lit traditional Easter bonfires to burn effigies of Judas — the disciple thought to have betrayed Jesus.

In Greece, Orthodox leader Archbishop Christodoulos said the church remains a source of defiance against the negative effects of globalization and dominance of major world powers.

"The church is our hope for the future," Christodoulos said in his Easter message. "It is the living and new resistance against the murderous world order which throws every independent voice, every protest of conscience and reasonable opposition into the meat grinder."

Christodoulos' remarks were seen in part as a reference to the United States, ahead of demonstrations planned this week by anti-globalization and other groups against a visit by U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

Political and religious leaders in predominantly Orthodox countries used Easter messages to issue appeals for national unity.

At Moscow's Cathedral of Christ the Savior, President Vladimir Putin attended Easter prayers led by Patriarch Alexy II.

"I heartily congratulate Orthodox Christians and all citizens of Russia celebrating Christ's resurrection. Easter gives millions of Russians joy and hope," Putin said.

Ukrainian President Viktor Yushchenko said he hoped moderation would prevail in tough negotiations to form a governing coalition as well deep division between the nation's Ukrainian-speaking, nationalistic west and pro-Moscow, Russian-speaking east.

"God will give us wisdom and lead us down the correct path," he said.

Analysis shows college grads flocking to big cities

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — College graduates are flocking to America's big cities, chasing jobs and culture and driving up home prices.

Though many of the largest cities have lost population in the past three decades, nearly all have added college graduates, an analysis by The Associated Press found.

The findings offer hope for urban areas, many of which have spent decades struggling with financial problems, job losses and high poverty rates.

But they also spell trouble for some cities, especially those in the Northeast and Midwest, that have fallen behind the South and West in attracting highly educated workers.

"The largest predictor of economic well-being in cities is the percent of college graduates," said Ned Hill, professor of economic development at Cleveland State University. To do well, he said, cities must be attractive to educated people.

Nationally, a little more than one-fourth of people 25 and older had at least bachelor's degrees in 2004. Some 84 percent had high school diplomas or the equivalent.

By comparison, in 1970 only a bit more than one in 10 adults had bachelor's degrees and about half had high school diplomas.

Seattle was the best-educated city in 2004 with just over half the adults having bachelor's degrees. Following closely were San Francisco; Raleigh, N.C.;

Washington and Austin, Texas.

Molly Wankel, who has a doctorate in educational administration, said she moved to the Washington area for a job, and the culture of the city pulled her from the suburbs. Wankel, 51, grew up in eastern Tennessee and works at a company that develops software and training materials. She recently bought a home in the city.

"I just enjoy walking around looking at the architecture and the way people have renovated these 100-year-old homes," Wankel said. "I love the landscaping and the lovely mix of many races, straight people, gays, singles, older people, younger people."

The AP analyzed census data from 21 of the largest cities from 1970 to 2004. The AP used every-10-year census data from 1970 to 2000, and the Census Bureau's American Community Survey for 2004.

The 21 cities were chosen because of their size and location to provide regional balance. The analysis was expanded for 2004, the latest year for data, to include all 70 cities with populations of 250,000 or more.

While most states in the Northeast have high percentages of college graduates, their big cities do not.

Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Jersey were among the top five states in the percentage of adults with college degrees in 2004. But the Northeast placed no city among the top five, and only one from the region — Boston — was in

the top 20.

Cities with few college graduates have a hard time generating good-paying jobs. That, in turn, makes it hard to attract more college graduates, said Richard Vedder, an economics professor at Ohio University.

Cities such as Newark, N.J.; Detroit and Cleveland have relatively few college graduates, which helps explain why they are struggling to recover from the decline of U.S. manufacturing, Vedder said.

Among the three, Cleveland had the largest share of college graduates in 2004, 14 percent of those 25 and older.

"Society is paying people more for their brains than for their brawn," Vedder said. "The nerds and the wimps and the geeks are ruling the world."

College graduates made about two-thirds more money than high school graduates in 2004, according to the Census Bureau. The median income — the point at which half make more and half make less — for adults with bachelor's degrees was \$42,404. It was \$25,360 for high school graduates.

Adults who did not graduate high school had a median income of \$18,144.

Many cities with a lot of college graduates also have expensive homes, even with the softening real estate market.

San Francisco was the costliest in 2004, with a median home value of \$662,000, according to census data. That was more than four times the national median of \$151,000.

Cities that want to increase their pool of skilled labor need to foster an environment that welcomes outsiders, including immigrants and people from elsewhere in the U.S., said Richard Florida, professor of public policy at George Mason



Ann M. Pappas, a Cleveland resident, is one of many recent college graduates who flocked to big cities after earning a degree.

University.

"You know what they say, they say we want our kids back. We want them to stop leaving," Florida said, paraphrasing leaders of many depressed cities. "What they don't say is that they want other people's kids to move there."

Most big cities are strapped with struggling public schools and need to attract outsiders to improve education levels among adults. It's possible, in part because unmarried college graduates are the most mobile demographic group, according to census data.

"Cities have realized that they can attract educated people and they don't need good schools to do it," said Florida, who wrote the book, "The Rise of the Creative Class."

But cities need good schools to keep people from fleeing to the sub-

urbs once they become parents, said William Frey, a demographer at the Brookings Institution in Washington.

Frey pointed to Washington, a city with lagging public schools but impressive education levels among adults.

"D.C. is like a revolving door," Frey said. "These young people move in and then they move out when they want to have kids."

But Wankel, the Tennessee native, said she has no plans to leave Washington. She said she would miss the restaurants, museums and convenient public transportation, what she calls "civilization."

"I had always been a small town girl, and I didn't know if I could adjust to living in a big city," Wankel said. "Now, I don't want to go back to the suburbs."

IU music students die in crash

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Georgina H. Joshi had studied at the Royal College of Music in London and sung in Wales. Zachary J. Novak shared his love of music with children as a church choir director.

Joshi, Novak and three fellow graduate students from Indiana University's music school died late Thursday when the small plane Joshi was piloting crashed near the Monroe County Airport.

"This is a devastating loss that is deeply felt on the Bloomington campus," IU President Adam Herbert said at a news conference Friday afternoon.

Investigators from the Federal Aviation Administration and National Transportation Safety Board were searching for answers about what caused the single-engine Cessna to crash in heavy fog. But without a cockpit recorder and with no distress call from the plane, answers were few Friday.

Ed Malinowski, an air safety investigator for the NTSB, said the probe would look at the plane, the pilot and the weather. A preliminary report could be available within a week, but the final report could take a year or more, he said.

The students were identified as Joshi, 24, of South Bend; Novak, 25, of Anderson; Robert Clayton Samels, 24, of Medina, Ohio; Garth A. Eppey, 25, of Wabash, Ind.; and Chris Bates Carducci, 27, of Monroe, Mich.

They were returning from a rehearsal for a community concert in West Lafayette, about 90 miles to the north, when the plane disappeared from radar about 11:40 p.m. Thursday.

Emergency crews found the badly damaged craft more than four hours later, upside down in dense woods just south of the airport a couple miles west of Bloomington. The main fuselage appeared to be in one piece, and the landing gear was still attached, but the wings were damaged.

Malinowski said the plane hit nose-first. Nicole Meyer of the Monroe County coroner's office said all five students died instantly.

Autopsies were scheduled Friday and Saturday.

Several 911 callers had described "the spit and sputtering of an airplane" and the sound of "extreme acceleration unusual for a plane coming in for a landing," said Mike Cornman, deputy fire chief in Van Buren Township. Some reported hearing a loud boom.

Malinowski said visibility was about a mile at the time.

Investigators said they did not immediately know how much flying experience Joshi had.

The plane was registered to Yatish Air in South Bend. A phone number to Yatish Air could not be found.

The crash came as the IU campus prepared to celebrate the Little 500 men's and women's bicycle races, a two-day event that draws thousands

to Bloomington for racing and parties.

As students cried and consoled one another at the music school's building, rock music echoed from the Delta Upsilon fraternity house across the street, where students played volleyball and threw Frisbees.

"It's kind of put a strain on the party. I know a lot of students have a heavy heart about now," said Ryan Pappas, a 19-year-old freshman from Cincinnati, as he returned to the party.

The music school, with about 1,600 students, is one of the largest in the nation, with programs in opera, jazz, orchestral music and early music. Still, Herbert said, it has "a family kind of environment."

"Students are taking it very hard," he said.

Sam Page, a 19-year-old freshman from Columbus, Ohio, majoring in performance bassoon, agreed.

"To lose one student, let alone five, is such a tragedy. It will have a big impact on all of us," Page said.

A memorial service was planned Friday evening at First United Methodist Church, where Novak was worship coordinator and directed the Wesley choir and children's choir. Church members put up silver-framed photo of Novak on table with three white roses as a photo collage of him stood nearby.

"Zach was just a beautiful person, more full of life than anyone I know," associate pastor Jimmy Moore said.

Big oil companies now recruiting on campuses

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — University of Texas senior Thuan Phan switched majors from computer science to geological sciences, figuring the field trips would make it more fun. Now his degree turns out to be lucrative, too.

"Big Oil" has been doing some big recruiting on U.S. campuses this year — as have many smaller companies in the petroleum and natural gas business. The combination of high prices, an aging work force and a tight pipeline of trained workers has the industry desperate for talent. Phan accepted a \$55,000-per-year offer in Houston at Schlumberger Ltd., an oilfield services firm.

"The pay's really good, and it's just exciting," says Phan, who may pursue a master's degree while he works.

For job-hunters, 2006 is a good time to graduate from college. The National Association of Colleges and Employers' most recent survey found companies planning 14.5 percent more on-campus hiring this year; a recent salary survey showed offers up significantly across a range of fields.

But it's a particularly good time

for petroleum engineers and geologists — fields that were so slow in recent years some university departments closed. Offers made last fall to undergraduate petroleum engineers averaged \$62,236, up more than 6 percent, and the highest of any categories in NACE's survey (geologists' starting salaries are generally somewhat lower).

Prominent geoscience programs, including those at Texas, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Colorado School of Mines, are reporting more companies interviewing on campus. William Fisher, dean of UT's Jackson School of Geosciences, saw something this year he'd never seen before: a student got a signing bonus — for a summer internship.

"My guess is the demand for geoscientists is roughly twice the supply," Fisher says.

Adds Maria Zuber, department chair of earth, atmospheric and planetary sciences at MIT: "I have high-level people oil companies who are in my office frequently saying, 'send me more students.' We can't keep up with the demand of what the oil companies need."

"My guess is the demand for geoscientists is roughly twice the supply."

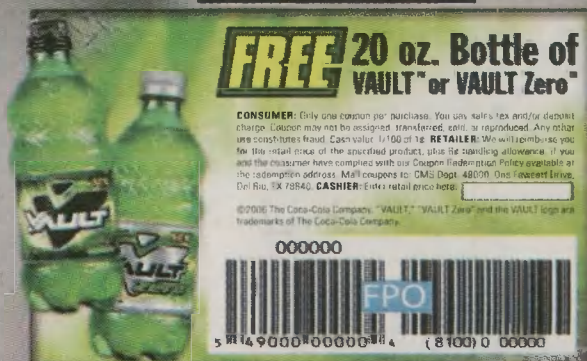
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With all this chatter about Katie Holmes giving birth to her daughter in silence so as not to traumatize it later in life and her baby's daddy, Tom Cruise, supposedly gnawing on the poor girl's placenta for the alleged health benefits, Scientology has once again reemerged in the national spotlight as the craziest religion on Earth not practiced by Madonna.

But as I gazed over the numerous tabloid photos of the former Joey Potter of "Dawson's Creek" fame proudly knocked up by the pseudo-homosexual, ex-Mr. Nicole Kidman, I could not help but wonder what about this mysterious religion made people like Cruise do the cha-cha on Oprah's couch and engage in hand-to-hand combat with Matt Lauer over the benefits of psychiatry. After all, rumor has it that Scientology was created by its founder, L. Ron Hubbard, as a joke after he bet a friend that he could start and popularize his own religion as a money-making scheme.

Sure, Scientology Web sites claim that their religion is on par with the Eastern religions that seek salvation and unity with God through personal enlightenment. But on the flip side, many have accused it of being run like a commercial business (unlike Catholicism, of course), in which members are charged for each of the religious services performed by the church. Plus, the Church of Scientology itself is rumored to have real estate holdings valued in the billions of dollars (unlike Catholicism, of course).

Beyond these financial practices, though, there are some tenets of Scientology that make the rumor about Hubbard's facetious formation of the church sound highly plausible. For instance, the central practice of



Joey Falco

Forty Ounces

Scientology and me

Scientology — auditing — requires a counselor to measure the electrical resistance running through a practitioner while he holds onto metal objects as a means of quantifying disturbances in his spirit. Also, to those who obtain a certain level of clarity in Scientology, Hubbard's teachings promise a number of supernatural abilities, including telekinesis, immortality and even immunity from the common cold.

Best of all, though, Scientologists supposedly believe that our emotional and physical problems emerged 75 million years ago, when an evil galactic warlord named Xenu attempted to fight interplanetary overpopulation by dumping trillions of bodies into Earth's volcanoes. Eventually, their radioactive souls attached themselves to the spirits of human beings — hence the plethora of modern mental disorders.

So no wonder Tom Cruise had the munchies for his tyke's placenta. His soul was actually locked in battle with the tortured spirit of a 75 million-year-old alien! Give the guy a break.

Well, I was going to do just that, and in my quest to achieve true solidarity with the guy who had me from hello in "Jerry Maguire" and the girl who stole my heart while making out to Sixpence None the Richer songs on "Dawson's Creek," yesterday morning I snuck into the Founding Church of Scientology of Washington, DC.

Upon entering, I was not only struck by the lavishness of the chapel which held the Sunday service — mahogany walls and bookshelves, beautiful stained glass covered in esoteric Scientology symbols, a large portrait of the deific Hubbard and comfortable wicker chairs that could have doubled as patio furniture — but also the size of the place. While the overall building was a palatial mansion, only 25 to 30 people could even fit into the tiny chapel itself.

We began the service by reciting a creed, and then followed that with some readings from a massive collec-

tion of Hubbard's writings. To be honest, I was pleasantly surprised by the scriptural part of the service — Hubbard's teachings did seem to offer thoughtful insights on how to cleanse one's soul and become a psychosomatically sound individual.

But then things just got weird.

The minister dragged out an E-Meter — a laptop-sized electromagnetic sensor that measures an individual's stress levels — and proceeded to test it out on a member of the congregation. Then, the doors to the chapel were ominously slammed shut as the lights were dimmed, and I grabbed my wicker chair expecting my soul to be sucked out by an alien warlord with an E-Meter.

Instead, we ended the service with an activity called group processing, in which those of us in the congregation proceeded to roll our necks, nod our heads, find the floor, envision the walls, find our heads and bodies and shout words like "Okay!" and "Here!" back and forth with the minister. I literally felt like I was a four-year-old with ADD playing Simon Says with my psychiatrist and therefore had no desire to stick around after the service to sign up for the extremely expensive weekday processing sessions.

Still, with absolutely no mention of aliens, silent births or Tom Cruise, I have to admit I was a little disappointed with the whole Scientology experience — except for the part where I got to watch middle-aged men and women shouting things like, "My head is a part of my body! My body is in the chair! The chair is on the floor!"

If L. Ron Hubbard really did start this whole thing as a lucrative practical joke, then it's safe to say the joke was on these idiots.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Closing statement response

In his response to University President Father John Jenkins' closing statement, Rev. John J. Coughlin, O.F.M. argues that "the University needs to hire more devout Catholic professors who cherish the Catholic approach to reason and are also top notch in their respective academic disciplines" ("A response to Father Jenkins," April 20). I wonder if this is absolutely necessary since for the most part Catholic reason does not seem to enter classroom discussion, outside of possibly Theology, and Philosophy — never once in my courses in political science did I hear any mention of religion or get a Catholic perspective on issues, and I would have benefited

immensely from such input.

Unless a student gets to know a professor on a one-on-one basis, the faith and beliefs of the professor seem to be irrelevant. There is a long held tradition in academia that seems to separate the personal beliefs in both the secular and religious spheres from teaching. If this is the case, why would a person's religious background matter? In my two years at Notre Dame, the most enriching conversations I had about Catholicism were with a non-Christian faculty member who, out of personal interest, knew an immense amount about Catholicism and challenged me to understand more deeply what it is about Catholicism that is important.

Notre Dame's Catholic identity is expressed in ways that go beyond hiring mainly Catholic professors. The top quality and the willingness to engage the students in thought and discussion seem to be important in the hire of faculty at Notre Dame. Besides being taught the faith and having it deepened and nourished, Catholics also need to learn how to engage it with the rest of the world, and a diverse faculty and student body is one of the best ways to understand, live and deepen one's faith.

Fr. David Kashangaki, CSC

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"Give to every human being every right that you claim for yourself — that is my doctrine."

Thomas Paine
American Revolutionary writer

Too soon for 'United 93'

It's just too soon for this tagline: "September 11, 2001. Four planes were hijacked. Three of them reached their target. This is the story of the fourth."

It's the tagline for "United 93," a movie, told in real-time, about the plane that crashed into a Pennsylvania field on that fateful morning.

Maybe I've watched a little too much cable television over the years, but to me, that sounds an awful lot like the tagline of MTV's hit reality show. You know it —

"This is the story of seven strangers, picked to live in a house and have their lives taped, to see what happens when people stop being polite and start getting real."

And while "United 93" is the story of 45 people (many of whom were indeed strangers) who chose to take a plane out of Newark International Airport on a sunny September morning, this story — unlike the one on MTV — is not entertainment. Moreover, unlike MTV's contrived "Real World," this actually was the real world. It still is.

In fact, Osama bin Laden, the orchestrator of the 9/11 attacks, is

still wandering the deserts of Pakistan. And from wherever he is, he's still making videotapes and threatening more attacks against America. Each time a new tape is released, the al Qaeda leader still makes the front page of American newspapers.

In a United States Federal Courthouse, Zacarias Moussaoui is currently on trial for conspiring with al Qaeda to commit the 9/11 attacks. During the past few days, the jury has heard testimony from those who lost loved ones in the World Trade Center Towers and the Pentagon, including Michael Williams, a man who lost his 24-year-old son in the World Trade Center. Before the attacks, Michael was helping to plan his son's wedding. After the attacks, he helped to plan his funeral.

On Wednesday, the jury will hear similarly gripping stories from the families of Flight 93 victims. Flight 93's cockpit voice recording will be played publicly for the first time. Then on Friday, April 28, a major motion picture will be released. It's just too soon.

But we all love movies about heroes, right? Who didn't love "Batman" or "Indiana Jones?" And the men and women of Flight 93 were undoubtedly heroes. But if this Friday night I ask a friend what movies are playing at the local theater and she lists "United 93" as one of the

options, I can't see myself exclaiming, "Oh yes! I really wanted to see that one!" That just wouldn't seem right.

I couldn't buy a greasy tub of popcorn and sit in a cushiony reclining chair to watch something so similar to what jurors are watching (and weeping over) in an Alexandria, Virginia courthouse. I just couldn't do it. The jurors are listening to the testimony in an attempt to decide whether or not to give Moussaoui the death penalty. But it's too soon for me to watch that in a movie theater. It's just not the right time.

So when is the right time?

When September 11 stops being news. And that might take a while.

On July 18, 1863, Colonel Robert Gould Shaw led the 54th Massachusetts Voluntary Infantry, the first all-black regiment, into battle at Fort Wagner. The group experienced catastrophic losses. One hundred and twenty-six years later, TriStar Pictures released a movie about it.

This movie, "Glory," received much critical acclaim. It grossed over 25 million dollars. Denzel Washington won an Oscar for his performance. I even watched it in my Civil War class last semester. And I loved it.

But I don't need to watch a movie about Flight 93 in my American History class. I already saw live footage of the Shanksville, Pennsylvania field in my second period AP American History class, back

on a September morning when I was a junior in high school.

We don't need a major motion picture about September 11. We can still see footage of it on CNN. Note that CNN is a 24-hour news network, not to be confused with E!, the 24-hour entertainment network.

A film about September 11 will never be viewed as entertainment in the same way that MTV's "The Real World" is. One hundred and twenty-six years from now, the story of September 11 will undoubtedly evoke strong emotions in those who didn't watch two airplanes hit the World Trade Center towers in the middle of their American History class. But for these students, the events of September 11 will no longer be front-page news. For these students, 9/11 will truly be American history.

Flight 93 crashed in a Pennsylvania field on September 11, 2001. It was part of the most devastating attack ever on American soil. Four and a half years later, Universal Studios is releasing a movie about it. That's just too soon.

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Liz Coffey

The Coffey Grind

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Chicken rights

In the April 19 issue of The Observer, Julie Nichols expressed her perspective on how we students could do our part to "make the world a better place" and "ease the suffering in the world" through decisions based on "compassion and decency" ("Rid campus eateries of battery-cage eggs"). I highly doubt anyone would argue that these abstract goals are quite worthy of our attention and commitment, as suffering and injustice are rampant on both an international and local scale.

Amidst my consideration of how to address suffering around the world, Julie pointed out to me that farmers are confining their egg-producing chickens to "barren, wire cages" all over the world. Wait a second. Now this is a topic that truly deserves my attention. Let me forget about the international struggles against genocide in Sudan, the enslavement and forced prostitution of women in Eastern Europe and the growing sweatshops in Southeast Asia. All of the homeless, starving and impoverished people living on the streets in the US are also going to have to wait. Sorry CLAP and AllianceND, but it's the chickens' turn.

I cannot truly express my severe disappointment that human rights (on whatever scale) are less important than the quality of life for your average chicken. At no point should animal rights step ahead of our own as a campus priority. While nothing necessarily threatens our existence as students, our attention would be much better spent addressing any worthwhile human cause before an arbitrary animal rights cause.

Ultimately, Julie would like to see Notre Dame buy its eggs from a source that does not confine its chickens to a cage. If it were up to me, I'd much rather see the effort and money that she would apply to this cause sent to an international relief organization or earmarked for an increase in the wages of campus employees. While I completely agree that we should base our decisions on "compassion and decency," I find that neither of these criteria is met by wasting resources on a species that is not even capable of appreciating it. Go tell a starving child or an impoverished working father that mistreated chickens deserve aide before them, and I guarantee that you do not understand compassion and decency.

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Catholicism equals patriarchy?

Critics of President Father John Jenkins' "closing statement" should help us understand their response to the following questions. In what sense does "The Vagina Monologues" mount an "attack" on the Church or on Catholic teaching or the Magisterium? "Does it really reduce women to one of the female organs of reproduction?"

No doubt theatre and film can be used to attack corporate greed or the war in Iraq. But since I'm not a trained film critic, I ask myself such simple questions as how does "The Vagina Monologues" stack up against such "classics" as "Roger and Me," "Fahrenheit 9/11" or "Bowling for Columbine?"

The difference that seems most significant is that there is never, ever,

any doubt as to who or what Michael Moore is attacking: the CEO of General Motors, President George W. Bush and his rubber stamp Congress, absentee or uninvolved parents and indifferent school teachers.

Who or what is Eve Ensler attacking? Women? The Catholic Church? The Magisterium? The proposition that sex outside marriage uniting a man and a woman is sinful? Forgive my dullness, please, I just don't read the script that way.

I read "The Vagina Monologues" as a very broad satire, even a burlesque, of the basic principle of patriarchy — that men control female sexuality and fecundity and, necessarily, women's bodies, particularly their reproductive organs. It also

ridicules male control of the language and speech used to describe female sexuality and women's bodies and body parts.

As a Catholic, I would like to believe that an attack on patriarchy is NOT in itself an attack on Catholicism or on Catholic sexual morality. I would also appreciate the opportunity to invite my students to interpret such texts as "The Vagina Monologues" for themselves.

Would it be too much to ask those who disagree with this interpretation of "The Vagina Monologues" and the academic freedom appropriate for college students to rebut it directly?

Edward Manier
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April 21

One loyal daughter's dissent

In the thirty-some years since my graduation from Notre Dame, I have been embarrassed to be associated with the University only once: on April 5, 2006, when the new University President Father John Jenkins issued his profoundly disappointing "closing statement" on "Academic Freedom and Catholic Character." From Jenkins, the philosopher, I had hoped for so much more.

For the last five years, when contemplating Notre Dame's sponsorship of the sexually degrading "Vagina Monologues," I thought perhaps philosophically serious people had not considered the work's implications. As Father Wilson Miscamble points out in his clear-eyed open letter to Jenkins, the production is an insult to the dignity of women and men alike ("An open letter to Father

John Jenkins," April 11). It reduces women to their body parts and pretends to define their identity and worth in terms of their sexual experiences (an attitude associated until now only with testosterone-driven alpha-males). It exalts lesbian relationships. It is man-hating. It separates sex from relationships and love. It directly contravenes Pope John Paul II's important work on the integral nature of body and spirit in what has been called Theology of the Body.

The young woman who will supposedly spearhead "Loyal Daughters," a soon-to-be-created version of "The Vagina Monologues," believes the objections to the original production are fundamentally "political." What? The objections are philosophical. The issue is not Republicans versus Democrats — it is the sort of idea and mindset pro-

moted on the Notre Dame campus and what it means to have a Catholic identity.

Jenkins intuited this with his initial statements, and then he caved. Amazingly, he has been lauded for his "courage" to stand by the status quo. Real courage is the virtue it would take to do the right thing — to say, "I was wrong" and reverse course. That would be a model of courage this loyal daughter would not soon forget.

In the meantime, could we please not label another sexually debasing performance, written by women who currently attend Notre Dame, "Loyal Daughters?" Some of us are offended enough already.

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Class of 1975
April 18

SCENE
IN PERSPECTIVE



'United 93' raises questions about film, history

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Scene Editor

Paul Greengrass' "United 93" opens next weekend, pre-empting other 9/11 themed films like Oliver Stone's "World Trade Center." The film is projected to perform well both critically and commercially, as it has been received positively in pre-release screenings.

"United 93" is particularly notable because it is the first major fictional film based on the events of 9/11. Prior media coverage was primarily documentary in nature, including slanted non-fiction like Michael Moore's "Fahrenheit 9/11."

From "Titanic" to "Schindler's List" to Greengrass' own "Bloody Sunday," historical tragedies are a cinematic staple. Yet never has the event been as close to the American people as 9/11, and perhaps more importantly, 9/11 was a recent event. Unlike most films based on historical events, "United 93" arrives less than half a decade from the tragedy itself. This raises an important question: is it too soon? "United 93" lacks the advantage of time and history given to most cinematic depictions of real-life events.

The movie's official Web site (www.united93movie.com) claims that, "the time has come for contemporary cinema's leading filmmakers to dramatically investigate the events of [9/11]." But is it truly time for such an investigation? Is five years enough? There are

those for whom the event is still a very real and very fresh experience, and in light of America's continued involvement in the Middle East, the consequences of the event are still left unresolved.

The other important question is this: what are the filmmakers trying to achieve? The shock of the tragedy of 9/11 gave way to unified heroism and unbridled patriotism. Greengrass, in the "Director's Statement" on the official Web site, speaks of the "courage and endurance" of the men and women involved in 9/11 — is "United 93" thus a film about heroes, or is it, as the trailers lead us to believe, about ordinary people? The easy answer, of course, is that it's both — a film about ordinary people who became heroes.

Such a depiction is in and of itself extraordinary, especially since the official Web site describes the flight as "one of the most heroic legacies of [incomprehensible tragedy]." Such a statement raises another question: if the tragedy of 9/11 is still incomprehensible, if its meaning is still not sorted through by time and understanding, is it really appropriate for filmmakers to be depicting such events?

Some may feel uneasy due to the fact that the media seems to have cashed in so quickly on this tragic event. "United 93" is a feature film with a relatively small, but not unsubstantial budget (15 million dollars). It will undoubtedly make a lot of money in its theatrical release, and then in DVD sales.



JAMES RUDY/Observer Graphic

Paul Greengrass' movie "United 93" chronicles the flight of the fourth plane hijacked by terrorists on Sept. 11, 2001. The plane crashed in Pennsylvania.

What was so striking about the media reaction to 9/11 was the respect and taste Hollywood showed — films and television programs were delayed or had the Twin Towers digitally removed. For instance, a "Spider-Man" trailer featuring the World Trade Center was pulled from theaters.

Yet here we are some five years later, and between Stone's film and Greengrass' film, it seems that Hollywood has returned to the tragedy with full gusto. Is it appropriate? Is it

respectful? The quality and depictions of the films themselves will contribute much to the perception of Hollywood's 9/11, but only time will tell. And though Hollywood may believe the time is now, it remains to be seen if the time is right.

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Intense, beautiful 'Exils' chronicles self-discovery

By GRACE MYERS
Scene Critic

The 2004 French film "Exils," directed by Tony Gatlif, tells the story of a couple who travel back to their parent's Algerian homeland, in search of their past, their families and themselves. The rich story is marked by cinematography of excess — intense music, colors, sounds and sex. Throughout their journey through Europe and Africa, the couple struggles to find a place where they belong.

"Exils" deals with the difficult issues faced by thousands of Europeans from Northern African descent in a strikingly artistic manner. Indeed, the most successful aspects of the film were the technical achievements and the musical score, which highlights the different cultures encountered and propels the plot.

Actors Romain Duris and Lubana Azabal star as Zano and Naima, lovers living in Paris. In the heat of their passion, they decide to travel to Algeria, the country that they and their families fled when they were children. Out of necessity — but also as a personal challenge — they sneak on trains, buses and walk to Spain. They end up sleeping in fields, the forest and benches, and they are often mistaken for Spanish gypsies. They bring only a few pairs of clothes and their music as their baggage.

Music is their sustenance throughout the journey. When Zano says, "Music is

my religion," he neatly encapsulates the film's emphasis on music in their lives.

They become intoxicated with the sensual land and music of Andalucía. Zano and Naima become lost in the primal quality of their new life independent of society, encountering many mishaps and adventures.

The audience comes to realize that they have not known each other for very long before they left on this journey. It becomes obvious that Naima has had a difficult life and now struggles with intimacy and having a sense of belonging. Lubana Azabal's portrayal of this passionate and troubled character is astounding. The couple fights and make up passionately continually, as they learn more and more about each other and themselves.

In Andalucía, they meet Leila and Habib, siblings who left their homes in Algeria to work and study in France. Zano and Naima work

in fields with them and hear their story. They also meet many other immigrants who have also snuck into Spain in hopes of finding a better life. Naima learns a little Arabic, while she tells Leila how to survive in Paris. The couple lets time slip by while they stay in Andalucía, until they finally decide to cross the Mediterranean.

Once in Africa, it becomes painfully clear that they are traveling against the norm. This is represented in a scene where the couple walks to the city where Zano's parents and grandparents lived. They must walk against a large



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"Exils" follows the journey of Zano (Romain Duris), left, and Naima (Lubana Azabal), both of North African descent, as they discover their cultural past.

crowd going the other way, and in this manner, Zano and Naima recreate the path of exile.

Upon arrival in Algeria, Zano and Naima's entire backgrounds are not revealed. Instead, the audience only sees the childhood house Zano fled from and a series of photos of relatives, making the past appear even more elusive.

The couple also struggles with the difficulties of the new culture, which is compounded by the fact that they speak very little Arabic. Naima is forced to wear traditional Algerian clothing to avoid being publicly scoffed for her immodest dress. However, she soon

feels too constrained and quickly loses the garments. In spite of how little they know about their past, the couple manages to find a sense of who they are through these trials.

"Exils" is an incredibly interesting and striking film. The cinematography and music are stunning and highly memorable, a showcase for Gatlif's talents as a director.

The film is difficult at times, but, overall, is a remarkable portrayal of a passionate journey to self-discovery.

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SHOW REVIEW

'Rent' rocks the Morris Performing Arts Center



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The first production of "Rent" on Broadway featured Jesse L. Martin, right, and Idina Menzel, second from right, who would later star in the 2005 film version.



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First-time playwright Jonathan Larson wrote "Rent" as part of a theatre workshop. He died from heart complications on the eve of the first performance.

By LAURA FOX
Scene Writer

The performances of "Rent" at South Bend's Morris Performing Arts Center — which ran for three nights this past week — provided audiences with a unique personal encounter with a famous Broadway production.

Started as a script for a theatre workshop, the evolution of "Rent" into a renowned musical involved a seven-year struggle with writing and rewriting for first-time playwright Jonathan Larson. Larson, however, was never able to see his masterpiece performed. After receiving congratulations concerning his anticipated success, Larson died of heart complications on the eve of the show's opening. Grounding the musical in the celebration of life and the permeability of death, the spirit and tenacity of Larson's legacy has infused following performances with true emotion.

In the year following Larson's death, "Rent" premiered to commercial and critical success. The musical received a total of 17 awards in 1996, including a number of Tony Awards and a Pulitzer Prize.

The minimalist props the musical employs reflect the initial budget constraints that Larson faced while writing "Rent." Three "Frankenstein" tables are usually used for multiple purposes, and a simply crafted metal spire may signify either a Christmas tree or a church steeple depending on the scene.

This sparse, industrial set contrasted sharply against the ornate beauty of the Morris Performing Arts Center. Golden cornices and crown molding only fur-

ther highlighted the bleak surroundings inhabited by Larson's vivacious characters.

The cast's performances offered an infectious spirit, which involved audiences in the closely intertwined elements of levity and tragedy within the show. Focused on the lives of struggling artists in New York City, "Rent" functions as a musical and a social commentary. Once asked to describe his work in one sentence, Larson concluded, "'Rent' is about a community celebrating life, in the face of death and AIDS, at the turn of the century."

The community Larson adeptly created consists of a number of complex relationships formed out of the universal human search for love, identity and friendship. The narrator and central character, Mark is the spoke and impetus around which most of the relationships in the play revolve. He binds them together into a circular, inter-relational unit.

Mark is the former boyfriend of the spunky and irrepressible Maureen, now a lesbian with the intelligent Joanne. He lives with Roger, an aspiring musician who meets and falls in love with Mark's beautiful and self-possessed neighbor Mimi. Mark befriends both Collins and Angel, who later become lovers.

Many of the relationships within "Rent" have their problems — each pairing endures the hardships of AIDS, death, and jealousy but they do not do so individually. Instead, the beauty of their interactions allows them to share and shed their grief in an ultimate

avowal of human dignity and strength.

The audience at the Morris was captivated and included in this sensation through various scenes. The scene in which Maureen protests the attempted eviction of a homeless population from a vacant lot by the group's former friend Benny was a particularly good example of this effect.

As a performance artist, Maureen uses her art to discuss the unnatural venture Benny is attempting to undertake and calls for universal action through a communal "leap of faith." Maureen further involves the audience as she calls them to "jump over the moon," a metaphor for overcoming the negative influence of commercialism upon their neighborhood, through their collective mooring.

Notre Dame students were offered a unique opportunity to see the show for greatly reduced prices through the Student Union Board (SUB). Students were only charged \$10 for tickets originally priced at \$42. The decision of SUB to purchase such a large number of tickets and to offer them for such a low price was a welcome one for Katie Helm, the organizer of the outing.

"It's great that SUB can get students involved in the South Bend community," Helm said.

According to the testimonies of many of the attendees, students loved this opportunity to reach beyond the borders of campus and foray into the cultural life of South Bend. Jeniffer Velez, a proclaimed lover of the popular movie ver-

sion of "Rent," thought of trekking to Chicago with some of her friends to catch one of its performances there, but was dissuaded by the high costs and distance.

"Having it play in South Bend was really convenient," Velez said. "It was awesome that SUB provided the students with tickets and transportation, especially since they gave us such a big discount."

The musical invoked a common enthusiasm among those who attended. Velez recounts her favorite memory of the show as "exiting the parking lot with the car in front of us blaring 'Seasons of Love.'"

Orllana Gutierrez, also a big fan of the movie, was particularly pleased by the live performance of the musical as it offered her "extra insight into the emotions and experiences of the characters, and the additional scenes, excluded from the movie version, especially drew my interest."

The staged production of "Rent" included various scenes that the movie excluded, further cementing the sense of community which Larson created. One in particular, the singing of "Christmas Bells" by the homeless street vendors and many of the main characters of the cast elucidated both the tumultuous nature of their surrounding community and the love encompassed within their shared vivacious relationships.

The local production of "Rent," a major musical, proved to be an exciting and enjoyable experience for many Notre Dame students.

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In 2005, the film version of "Rent" was released and featured many of the original cast members. The film led to a resurgence in the musical's popularity.



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"Rent" is loosely based on the Puccini opera "La Boheme." The musical follows the relationships of a group of young New York City bohemians in the 1990s.

MLB

Maddux improves to 4-0 as Cubs beat Cards

Angels squeak past A's, Rockies outlast Giants

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Greg Maddux is turning back the clock for a team missing its offensive star and two of its best pitchers.

The four-time NL Cy Young Award winner, who turned 40 earlier this month, threw seven scoreless innings on Sunday to help the Chicago Cubs beat the St. Louis Cardinals 7-3. He has won his first four starts for the first time in his career, to go with a miniscule 0.99 ERA.

Maddux's big start is helping rescue a team that doesn't have Derrek Lee, Mark Prior or Kerry Wood.

"It's just amazing what he does because he's not throwing 94, 93 mph," outfielder Juan Pierre said. "You watch Greg Maddux, that's an art."

Maddux (4-0) held the Cardinals to five hits and also singled and scored, helping the Cubs avert a three-game sweep and win for the first time in three games since losing Lee for at least two months with a broken wrist. This is the first 4-0 start for Maddux since 2000 with the Braves when he needed six starts, and it's his first four-game winning streak since July 17-Aug. 7, 2004.

All month, Maddux has insisted that he's doing nothing different and not trying to fill the void.

"I wish I could explain it," Maddux said. "Personally, I'm just getting ready to pitch like I always have, I'm just catching a lot of breaks."

"Sometimes you catch a few breaks in this game, and right now I am."

Jacque Jones hit his second homer, and second against the Cardinals, leading off the fourth against Jason Marquis (3-1).

Aramis Ramirez, who entered the game in a 3-for-18 slump, hit a two-run shot into the visitor's bullpen beyond the left-field wall in the fifth.

Dodgers 6, Diamondbacks 4

Brett Tomko and Russ Ortiz both had early control problems and threw an inordinate amount of pitches during the first couple of innings. The difference was that Tomko was able to figure out how to correct it.

Tomko lasted through six impressive innings, helping the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Arizona Diamondbacks 6-4 on Sunday. The right-hander gave up two runs — one earned — and four hits while striking out four. He allowed only two

baserunners after Orlando Hudson's bloop RBI double with one out in the second, and departed with a 6-2 lead.

"He worked himself out of some jams, and that goes to show how good a pitcher he is," Hudson said. "He kept his composure, and his boys made the plays behind him and swung the bats behind him."

Tomko (2-1) threw 36 pitches in the first inning, giving up an unearned run when first baseman Olmedo Saenz fielded Shawn Green's bases-loaded grounder and blew the play while trying to flip the ball with his glove to Tomko at the bag.

"It was just nice to get out of that inning with one run," Tomko said. "It wasn't one of those days where you're just saying to yourself, 'What is going on,' or 'Where's my stuff?' I actually felt pretty good. I didn't feel like I was wild or that didn't know where the ball was going. I was making good pitches and hitting my spots, but I was just missing. I had a little hiccup in the second, but I got on a roll after that."

J.D. Drew homered and Bill Mueller drove in two runs with a double that highlighted a four-run first inning against Ortiz, who threw 63 pitches and allowed four runs, four hits and five walks in just 1 2-3 innings.

"We were just trying to get a ball in the zone," Drew said. "He was off the corners of the plate, so you just try not to chase and get a ball you can handle. The guys did a good job of getting quality at-bats, and that makes it easier to get to their bullpen early."

Rockies 3, Giants 2 (10)

Rockies reliever Ray King wasn't only angry about his ejection but the four others that marred the Colorado's victory over the San Francisco Giants.

Giants starter Matt Morris was thrown out by home plate umpire Travis Reininger, a Triple-A reserve, in the first inning Sunday of Colorado's 3-2 win in 10 innings — and that was just the beginning of the early exits.

"With the ejections early, the umpires lost control of the game and it changed the game," King said.

Crew chief Derryl Cousins defended Reininger, saying the umpires weren't going to let things get out of hand a day after Jose Mesa renewed his long-running feud with Omar Vizquel by plunking the short-stop with a pitch.

The game featured four hit batters and five ejections,



Cubs starter Greg Maddux delivers a pitch in a 7-3 win against the Cardinals Sunday in St. Louis. Maddux — who recently turned 40 — is 4-0 with a 0.99 ERA in his four starts this year.

including both managers.

"No brawl. No fight. Kind of a strange," Giants manager Felipe Alou said. "I never saw anything like that before."

Morris was tossed after plunking Eli Marrero in the first. He had been warned by Reininger after he struck Matt Holliday two batters earlier. Alou drew an automatic ejection and San Francisco pitching coach Dave Righetti was tossed for throwing his pitch counter onto the field and yelling at Reininger.

Rockies starter Jeff Francis hit Steve Finley with a pitch in the sixth but stayed in the game, much to the chagrin of Giants coach Ron Wotus, who had taken over for Alou. In the eighth, Rockies manager Clint Hurdle and King were ejected after the left-hander hit Vizquel with a pitch, putting runners at the corners with one out and the Rockies clinging to a 2-1 lead.

Mesa and Vizquel played together in Cleveland from 1992-98 but their friendship ended when Vizquel criticized Mesa in his 2002 autobiography for blowing the save in Game 7 of the 1997 World Series against Florida, and Mesa vowed never to forget the criticism.

Alou said it's a shame these two teams are paying for the Mesa-Vizquel feud.

"Whoever is in charge of stopping it better stop it and stop it soon. Because we play 15 more games," Alou said.

King said it was obvious

Holliday was hit on purpose but no so Marrero.

Angels 4, Athletics 3

Adam Kennedy lunged to his right behind second base for a spectacular diving stop on Adam Melhuse's sharp grounder, quickly flicking the ball to short-stop Orlando Cabrera to start a double play with the bases loaded.

His teammates considered that masterful fourth-inning turn a true game-turner.

Vladimir Guerrero homered the next inning and finished with three RBIs and Kelvim Escobar pitched seven strong innings to lead the Los Angeles Angels to another one-run win against their rival, 4-3 over the Oakland Athletics on Sunday.

The Angels did all the right things to send Oakland to its fourth consecutive series loss: getting solid starting pitching, superb outings by the bullpen, strong defense and timely hitting.

"I'm speechless," Cabrera said of Kennedy's play. "Great play, man, unbelievable. He covered a lot of ground. I didn't think he was going to be able to make it. He got it done. We always come out with good plays in those kind of situations."

Guerrero, the 2004 AL MVP, entered the series finale mired in a 4-for-27 funk but made the most of his at-bats and hit safely for the 14th time in 19 games.

His RBI groundout in the first

put the Angels ahead, then he singled in a run in the third. He sent a 2-1 pitch from Kirk Saarloos into the stands in left field in the fifth for his fourth home run of the year.

Jose Molina added an RBI single and Robb Quinlan doubled and scored a run for the Angels, who concluded a 10-game, 11-day road trip with a 5-5 record — the first of two 10-game trips this season for Los Angeles.

Nick Swisher hit his team-leading eighth home run of the season with a solo shot to right in the sixth, a day after getting his first career grand slam. Milton Bradley homered leading off the seventh for the A's, who refuse to be concerned about yet another slow April start. They are 8-11 and have lost nine of 12.

The A's have only 32 hits in their last six games.

"There are so many games left, we just have to continue to work hard," Eric Chavez said. "We haven't hit the ball well all year. It's only a matter of time."

Escobar (3-1) retired the first nine A's hitters — four on fly balls to center — before allowing three straight singles to start the fourth by Mark Kotsay, Swisher and Chavez.

Bradley drew a bases-loaded walk to bring in a run but Kennedy followed with his big defensive stop.

"That was the game," Escobar said. "That play right there was the key."

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| Boston | 12-7 | .632 | 6-4 | - |
| Baltimore | 11-9 | .550 | 6-4 | 1.5 |
| New York | 9-8 | .529 | 6-4 | 2 |
| Toronto | 9-8 | .529 | 6-4 | 2 |
| Tampa Bay | 8-11 | .421 | 4-6 | 4 |

American League Central

| team | record | perc. | last 10 | GB |
|-------------|--------|-------|---------|-----|
| Chicago | 13-5 | .722 | 9-1 | - |
| Detroit | 12-7 | .632 | 7-3 | 1.5 |
| Cleveland | 10-9 | .526 | 4-6 | 3.5 |
| Minnesota | 7-11 | .389 | 4-6 | 6 |
| Kansas City | 4-13 | .235 | 2-8 | 8.5 |

American League West

| team | record | perc. | last 10 | GB |
|---------|--------|-------|---------|-----|
| Anaheim | 10-9 | .526 | 5-5 | - |
| Texas | 10-9 | .526 | 8-2 | - |
| Oakland | 8-11 | .421 | 3-7 | 2 |
| Seattle | 7-13 | .350 | 2-8 | 3.5 |

National League East

| team | record | perc. | last 10 | GB |
|--------------|--------|-------|---------|-----|
| New York | 12-6 | .667 | 5-5 | - |
| Atlanta | 8-9 | .471 | 5-5 | 3.5 |
| Washington | 7-10 | .412 | 5-5 | 4.5 |
| Philadelphia | 7-10 | .412 | 6-4 | 4.5 |
| Florida | 5-11 | .313 | 4-6 | 6 |

National League Central

| team | record | perc. | last 10 | GB |
|------------|--------|-------|---------|-----|
| Houston | 13-5 | .722 | 8-2 | - |
| Cincinnati | 12-7 | .632 | 6-4 | 1.5 |
| St. Louis | 11-7 | .611 | 6-4 | 2 |
| Chicago | 10-7 | .588 | 5-5 | 2.5 |
| Milwaukee | 9-10 | .474 | 3-7 | 4.5 |
| Pittsburgh | 5-15 | .250 | 2-8 | 9 |

National League West

| team | record | perc. | last 10 | GB |
|---------------|--------|-------|---------|-----|
| San Francisco | 10-8 | .556 | 5-5 | - |
| Colorado | 10-8 | .556 | 5-5 | - |
| Los Angeles | 9-10 | .474 | 5-5 | 1.5 |
| San Diego | 8-10 | .444 | 5-5 | 2 |
| Arizona | 8-11 | .421 | 4-6 | 2.5 |

NCAA Baseball Big East Conference

| team | conf. | pct. | overall |
|---------------|-------|------|---------|
| NOTRE DAME | 13-1 | .929 | 32-8 |
| Connecticut | 13-3 | .812 | 26-12 |
| St. John's | 8-6 | .571 | 25-13 |
| Cincinnati | 8-7 | .533 | 24-15 |
| Louisville | 8-7 | .533 | 17-23 |
| Rutgers | 7-7 | .500 | 17-18-1 |
| South Florida | 8-9 | .471 | 19-22 |
| West Virginia | 7-8 | .467 | 27-13 |
| Villanova | 4-8 | .333 | 19-17 |
| Georgetown | 5-10 | .333 | 17-24 |
| Pittsburgh | 5-12 | .294 | 17-21 |
| Seton Hall | 4-12 | .250 | 12-24 |

NCAA Women's Softball Big East Conference

| team | conf. | pct. | overall |
|---------------|-------|-------|---------|
| South Florida | 10-0 | 1.000 | 38-19 |
| NOTRE DAME | 9-1 | .900 | 27-13 |
| Syracuse | 11-3 | .786 | 29-16 |
| Louisville | 5-3 | .625 | 26-8 |
| Pittsburgh | 8-6 | .571 | 27-20 |
| Providence | 6-6 | .500 | 23-13-1 |
| DePaul | 5-5 | .500 | 20-15 |
| Seton Hall | 5-9 | .357 | 27-21 |
| St. John's | 5-9 | .357 | 22-22 |
| Connecticut | 4-8 | .333 | 17-21 |
| Rutgers | 4-10 | .286 | 12-30 |
| Villanova | 2-12 | .143 | 13-28 |

NHL



New York Rangers forward Jaromir Jagr, left, collides with John Madden of the New Jersey Devils during Game 1 of their first round playoff series Saturday. Jagr was injured in the game as the Devils won 6-1.

Injured Jagr unable to practice Sunday

Associated Press

GREENBURGH, N.Y. — Jaromir Jagr got only as far as the trainer's room Sunday after leaving the ice with his left arm limp a day earlier in the New York Rangers' play-off opener.

His teammates practiced without him and there was no immediate indication that the All-Star who scored 123 points this season would be available to face the New Jersey Devils in Game 2 on Monday night.

"He's uncomfortable, but it doesn't appear to be too bad," coach Tom Renney said Sunday.

As disjointed as the

Rangers looked in giving up five power-play goals during Saturday's 6-1 thrashing, having to face the formidable Devils without Jagr makes the outlook that much bleaker.

Patrik Elias had two goals and four assists for New Jersey.

"We're definitely playing with confidence," Devils forward Jamie Langenbrunner said. "When you have confidence, things seem to go better."

The first half of New York's practice was sluggish but improved steadily. The highlight of the hourlong session was Michael Nylander's outburst that

came after the puck was knocked away. He responded by slamming his stick hard against the glass several times.

New Jersey already entered this first-round, best-of-seven series as the heavy favorite. New York is riding a six-game skid that cost them the Atlantic Division title to the Devils.

Officially, Jagr's injury is being described as an upper-body problem. While getting a rare shift as a penalty killer, Jagr tried to take a swipe at Devils forward Scott Gomez. He made a stiff-arm type move as he carried the puck and didn't connect, apparently causing

the injury. It'll be up to doctors, Renney and Jagr to decide if he can play Monday.

"As long as we're working hard and playing within our system we should be able to get scoring chances with him out there at less than 100 percent," Renney said. "But we're going to be really very, very careful here and make sure that we give him a chance to assess where he is, both psychologically and physically."

Rangers defenseman Darius Kasparaitis also sat out Sunday's practice as he recovers from a groin injury that forced him to miss 12 of the last 14 games.

IN BRIEF

Rockies more optimistic about Helton's health

DENVER — The music was a little louder, the mood a little lighter in Colorado's clubhouse, and the Rockies' 3-2 win over San Francisco in 10 innings Sunday wasn't the only thing they were celebrating.

Sluggish Todd Helton seems to be improving, although the stomach ailment that landed him in the hospital and on the disabled list Friday remained a mystery 48 hours later.

"More a positive vibe because he is feeling better," team trainer Keith Dugger said.

Helton is expected to be released from Rose Medical Center on Monday after another battery of tests. Dugger said doctors "haven't officially eliminated anything" but reiterated that Helton's condition isn't considered life-threatening.

"I think there is improvement," manager Clint Hurdle said. "More optimism maybe today than there was yesterday."

Red Sox, former player agree to send World Series ball to Hall of Fame

BOSTON — The Boston Red Sox and their former first baseman, Doug Mientkiewicz, agreed to end their legal fight over ownership of the ball from the final out of the 2004 World Series by sending it to the Hall of Fame.

"An amicable agreement was reached many weeks ago, and it provides a permanent home at the (Hall of Fame), with opportunities for some public display as well at Fenway Park," Red Sox president Larry Lucchino said via e-mail Sunday.

The agreement was first reported Saturday night in The New York Times.

Pitcher Keith Foulke fielded the ball off the bat of Edgar Renteria on Oct. 27, 2004, and threw to Mientkiewicz for the final out of Boston's four-game sweep of the St. Louis Cardinals.

Injured Street still unavailable for A's

OAKLAND, Calif. — Huston Street's strained chest muscle is taking longer to heal than he might have expected.

What the Oakland Athletics' closer thought would probably sideline him for only a couple of days could end up keeping him off the mound for more than a week.

Street was unavailable to pitch for the fifth straight day Sunday and his status for a three-game series at Texas starting Monday also is in doubt. The A's have an off day Thursday before a weekend series at Kansas City, so they might decide to rest the reigning AL Rookie of the Year until then to be extra cautious.

Street played catch for the second straight day Sunday but did not feel good enough to work off the mound, which had been a possibility if he had been physically able. Trainer Larry Davis is going to be conservative with Street.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish come back to edge Rutgers

Foote became first ND player with 200 points

By ERIC RETTER
Sports Writer

Notre Dame senior Crysti Foote led the team with four goals and five assists as the Irish snapped their two game losing streak Sunday, topping Rutgers 13-8 in a rainy game at Yurcak Field in Piscataway, New Jersey.

The No. 7 Irish had previously dropped back-to-back 11-10 contests to No. 1 Duke and No. 3 Georgetown before improving their record to 11-3 (3-1 Big East) with Sunday's win over Rutgers.

"I was ecstatic about the win," Notre Dame coach Tracy Coyne said. "I was really happy about the way we responded to a lot of the challenges they put out for us."

The Irish got off to a quick start, with senior All-American candidate Crysti Foote scoring 48 seconds into the game, and recording an assist on freshman Jillian Byers' goal 1:04 later.

Behind two goals from Katie Batiuk, the Scarlet Knights were able to tie it just as quickly, making the score 2-2 at 22:46.

Although the Irish increased

their lead to 5-2 with goals from sophomores Mary Carpenter, Heather Ferguson and Caitlin McKinney — Foote picked up assists on two — Rutgers again fought back, scoring four unanswered goals to go into halftime with a 6-5 lead.

As the second half began, Foote took control offensively. The senior was involved in the first three goals of the half, scoring two goals after picking up an assist on Byers' half-opening goal.

A candidate for the Teewaraton Trophy, which honors the nation's best player, Foote has 55 goals and 29 assists this season, and is only four assists away from breaking Notre Dame's single-season and career records.

Foote's nine-point performance was her third of the season and made her the first Irish player to score more than 200 career points.

"The thing about Crysti [Foote]'s game is that she just accomplishes things you don't even notice," Coyne said. "She works hard creating opportunities for others. Whatever the defense throws at her, she can recognize whether it's her time or someone else's."

Once Foote's first goal of the half made the score 7-6, the Irish never relinquished the lead.

After Kathryn Lawrence's goal 6:47 into the half again made it a one-point game at 8-7, Byers, who finished with three goals and two assists, scored with 22:16 left to play and ignited a Notre Dame offensive run. The Irish score five straight goals, increasing their lead to 13-7 while holding the Scarlet Knights scoreless for 16:59.

With games against No. 13 Syracuse and Vanderbilt remaining on the schedule, Notre Dame hopes to enter the postseason on a high note.

"Our goal this year is to finish on a winning record, and we can do that if we win our next two games," Coyne said. "[However], that will be a tall order with two good teams left to play."

Notre Dame will play Syracuse at home Saturday at noon.

Notes:

◆ Byers now holds the Notre Dame freshman record for goals scored. Her first goal of the game, which was her 39th of the season, pushed her over the mark. Byers currently has 41 goals with two games to play.

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ND TRACK AND FIELD

Notre Dame adds four to Regionals



HY PHAM/The Observer

Irish freshman jumper Blair Majcina prepares to compete in the high jump Jan. 27, 2006 at Notre Dame.

Annen, Weber headline Irish qualifiers at event

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame continued its success on the track this weekend as the Irish sent the majority of their squad to the Central Collegiate Championships hosted by Eastern Michigan in Ypsilanti, Mich.

The highlight of the meet was sophomore Kyle Annen's first-place finish in the hammer throw event with a total distance of 187 feet, one inch. The seventh best toss in Notre Dame's history, Annen eclipsed distances that haven't been touched in over a decade. The mark was also long enough to qualify the Idaho native for the NCAA Regional meet.

"Kyle has done very well recently in practice, he is really starting to come into the peak of the season and competing at the top of his game," freshman Anna Weber said.

Weber, Annen's female counterpart, was also successful as she logged a length of 147 feet, five inches. The throw was just long enough to nudge out Eastern Michigan's Marika LeRoy for a second place finish. Weber also placed first in the shot put competition earlier in the day.

The only other regional qualifier at the meet was the 4 x 100-meter women's relay team. The crew ran to its fastest finish of the season to claim second place behind the EMU Eagles.

Maryann Erigha, one of the four members of the team, also ran well in her individual 100- and 200-meter sprints earlier in the day. She placed second in both events, with times of 12.2 and 23.71, respectively.

"This meet was more about getting people ready for the Big East, trying to improve our marks," Weber said.

Other notable performances

for the Irish included Okechi Ogbuokiri and Kate Mattoon, who both took home first place finishes in the 400-meter race and the pole vault, respectively. Notre Dame also added to its point total in the women's high jump as Stacey Cowan, Emily Loomis and Lauren Biscardi swept the top three spots.

"We went in with a new philosophy to just win the competition, rather than go for the best mark," Cowan said. "It helps to get your adrenaline pumping."

On the men's side, Garet Koxlien was also a winner, dominating the competition in the discus throw with an initial mark of over 51.5 meters. Ryan Postel finished second behind Michigan's Stann Waite in the 400-meter race.

The men also sent four distance runners to Hayward Field in Eugene, Ore. for the Oregon Invitational. Thomas Chamney and Kurt Benninger became the third and fourth members of the team to qualify for the NCAA Regionals, as they both ran for the first time since the beginning of the outdoor season.

Chamney finished third in the 800-meter run with a time of 1:49.44. Benninger competed in the 5,000-meter race. He finished in seventh place of the "A" bracket.

Freshman Patrick Smyth also ran the 5,000-meter for the Irish. His time of 14:10.05 was good enough for third place, and he was only .05 seconds away from joining both Benninger and Chamney as a qualifier for the regional meet.

Next week the Irish will split up again with the top athletes going to the Drake Relays in Des Moines, Iowa. The rest of the team will compete in the Hillsdale Gina Relays in Hillsdale, Mich. The two competitions will be the last tune-ups before the Big East meet kicks off May 5.

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PGA

Appleby wins in Houston

Five-under Sunday secures win for golfer

Associated Press

HUMBLE, Texas (AP) — Stuart Appleby made it look easy in the Shell Houston Open.

Appleby shot a 5-under 67 on Sunday to cap a wire-to-wire victory and join Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson as the only two-time winners on the PGA Tour this year.

Appleby, also the 1999 winner in Houston, finished at 19-under 269 on the new Tournament Course at Redstone, six shots ahead of Bob Estes. Appleby matched the tournament record for margin of victory and was the first player in the event's 60-year history to lead from the opening round to the end.

The victory margin was also a personal best in eight career wins for Appleby. He won twice in playoffs and the other five by one shot.

"To have a comfortable victory has never left my lips," said Appleby, who won in 1999 by one stroke over John Cook and Hal Sutton. "It was nice to know, coming down the last part of the day that things were in hand."

Like a pinch to make sure he wasn't dreaming, Appleby asked caddie Joe Damiano where he stood with two holes left.

"I knew where I was," Appleby said, "I just wanted to hear it from his lips."

Appleby, who turns 35 on May 1, earned \$990,000 and

has two victories in the same year for the first time in his career. In January, Appleby won the season-opening Mercedes Championships for the third straight time.

Lately, Appleby was growing increasingly frustrated that he couldn't win anywhere but Kapalua.

"There needed be another dose of that throughout the years and there hadn't been," Appleby said. "Winning now, twice, puts that emotional feeling at a higher level. Once is nice, twice certainly shows and proves to you that what you're doing works."

Estes closed with a 69 to finish second, and Steve Stricker was 12 under after a 66. Mathias Gronberg, paired with Appleby on Sunday, had a 73 to match Jerry Smith (72) at 10 under.

None of them ever threatened Appleby, who won for the fourth time in five tournaments when holding the 54-hole lead. His one blemish came in 2004, when he closed with a 76 at Bay Hill and lost to Chad Campbell.

Appleby never wavered this time.

He moved to 15 under on the first hole, curling in a 20-footer that danced halfway around the lip before falling. Gronberg, 5 feet closer, left his birdie putt short.

Appleby extended his lead with birdies on Nos. 4 and 6. Before another birdie at No. 8, Appleby was careful to follow the rules.

He hit his approach into a greenside bunker and found a bug crawling on his ball. He

tried to shoo it away, but never touched it. Once the bug disappeared under the sand, Appleby blasted out to 10 feet and sank the putt.

Typical of Gronberg's day, his eagle chip from behind the par-5 eighth lipped out and he gained no ground. Gronberg then three-putted the ninth, while Appleby made a par to lead by four at the turn.

As relaxed as he looked all week, Appleby said he was still churning inside.

"You always feel pressure," he said. "As the week goes on, the pressure mounts. You've got too bleed it off and keep it at the level where the cooker doesn't blow."

It never came close.

Estes mounted the only other mild threat, closing within three on the front nine. But Estes, from Austin, sliced his drive into the water on No. 8 and bogeyed the hole to drop four back.

By the time Appleby reached No. 13, the only question was whether he'd break the tournament scoring record of 22 under set by Vijay Singh in 2002.

Appleby reached the par 5 in two en route to a birdie, then fell back to 19 under with a bogey on 14. He made routine pars the rest of the way.

The Houston Open will move to the weekend before the Masters next year, a jump tournament organizers hope will strengthen the field.

They may also have to sell more players on the 7,457-yard Tournament Course, which got mixed reviews in its debut.

MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish, Walsh down Lehigh in final away game

Fourth quarter surge propels Irish in win

By TIM DOUGHERTY
News Writer

The only signs of Irish senior Pat Walsh's illness Sunday was his sick play on the field.

Walsh, who Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said felt ill all day, took over in the fourth quarter against Lehigh, scoring three of his four goals to lead No. 17 Notre Dame (8-4, 1-2 GWLL) to 10-7 victory at Georgetown Prep in Bethesda, Md.

With the score tied 6-6 after three quarters, Walsh sparked a late Irish surge that outscored the Mountain Hawks (8-6, 4-2 Patriot League) 4-1 in the final frame to pull out Notre Dame's last non-league game.

Despite recording their fourth game with 10 or more goals, Corrigan said poor defensive awareness by the Irish kept Lehigh in the game by making mistakes that led to Mountain Hawk opportunities.

"I thought we did a good job of keeping them in the game for 50 minutes," Corrigan said. "[We also did] a good job of closing the game out in the last 10 minutes."

Down 1-0, senior attackman Brian Hubschmann began his four-point day by turning a Bill Liva pass into Notre Dame's first score with 7:38 in the first quarter, and feeding freshman Ryan Hoff's strike minutes later for a short-lived lead.

After knotting the game 2-2 after one period, Lehigh jumped on top to take a 4-2 lead several minutes into the second quarter after one of junior attackman Alec Hooff's team-high three goals.

The Irish closed out the half up 5-4 with three straight scores, the last coming from Walsh's first of a season-high four goals.

Though senior attackman Matt Karweck lifted the Irish lead to two minutes into the third quarter, Notre Dame could not ground the Mountain Hawks — who soared back behind another Hooff goal to tie the game at 6-6 after three quarters.

Despite traveling much farther to Georgetown Prep than Lehigh's eastern Pennsylvania home, Corrigan — who arranged the location of the game — said they felt like the home team throughout the day. Sophomore goaltender Joey Kemp went to high school at Georgetown Prep.

"It was a nice atmosphere,"

Corrigan said. "We had a good solid crowd and obviously a lot of our fans there with Joey and some of the other local kids."

Going into the fourth frame, Notre Dame's comfort and confidence paid dividends as the Irish defense held strong, limiting Lehigh to one goal. The defensive effort came just in time for Walsh to take over, en route to passing Steve Pearsall's 77 goals for ninth on the all-time Irish goal list (79).

"Pat was terrific today," Corrigan said. "He was sick and played quite well in spite of [it]."

Walsh's third goal, which put the Irish ahead for good 8-7, came off an assist by junior Brannon Halvorsen after Corrigan said the midfielder made a "terrific play" to get Walsh the ball.

However, the Irish coach wished Halvorsen's efforts were not necessary to ensure the victory. Despite showing signs of the team ranked as high as No. 8 in the country earlier in the year, the Irish could not play 60 minutes of consistent lacrosse.

"The pace of game was what we wanted to be," Corrigan said of his team's performance through the first three quarters. "When we settled down and played six-on-six with

them, we played pretty well. But we kept them in the game. They had seven at one point, and it should've probably been 9-3."

After disappointing losses in Colorado last weekend against No. 15 Denver and Air Force, Corrigan was pleased the Irish made the plays necessary to come out on top Sunday.

"We kept our poise at the end," he said. "And [we] made the plays down the stretch we needed to make."

With four-point performances by both Walsh and Hubschmann, Sunday's win marked the sixth game this season that the duo combined for eight or more points. It was the second Irish win against a team ranked in the Top 20 at the time of the game.

When the two leading Irish scorers (Walsh 36, Hubschmann 35) fail to notch eight points, the Irish are only 3-3, highlighting the importance both play in the Irish defense.

"We need them to score and take advantage of opportunities we create as a team," Corrigan said. "Clearly, they're our two best offensive players, and we play better when they put points on the board."

Freshmen attackmen Ryan Hoff and Peter Christman also

added their 14th and fourth goals of the season, respectively, and Matt Karweck picked up his 16th — good for third on the Irish season leader board in both goals and points.

Senior reserve face-off specialist Steve Panos split time with injury-ridden sophomore starter Taylor Clagett (whose .616 percentage would put him 10th in the country if he had enough face-offs to qualify) to go 12-19 against the 13th best face-off team in the nation.

"[Clagett] is a little banged up, and Steve gave him a break," Corrigan said. "[Clagett] is really toughing it out...And there are no complaints from him. He's a warrior."

With the non-league schedule finished, the Irish turn their attention to this Saturday's contest against Ohio State (6-5, 3-1 GWLL), who split its weekend matches, falling 13-9 to No. 15 Denver Friday and downing Air Force 11-7 Sunday. The Irish need convincing wins against the Buckeyes and May 6 at home against Quinnipiac (6-5, 0-3 GWLL) to make a late case for an at-large tournament bid.

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ATP

No. 2 Nadal upsets Federer in Monte Carlo Masters final

Tennis star beaten in French Open warmup

Associated Press

MONTE CARLO, Monaco — Rafael Nadal called his latest clay-court win over top-ranked Roger Federer easier than the one at the French Open.

Federer believes he is closer to figuring out how to beat Nadal on clay.

Second-ranked Nadal defended his Monte Carlo Masters title with a 6-2, 6-7 (2), 6-3, 7-6 (5) win over Federer on Sunday, handing the seven-time Grand Slam champion his second defeat of the year.

Nadal has beaten Federer four times in five meetings, and twice on clay after winning in four sets last June at Roland Garros. Federer, who had 78 unforced errors on his least-favorite surface, is now 28-2.

"I was beating him easier today than in Paris," Nadal said.

"To begin the clay season like this, for me, is unbelievable."

Nadal extended his winning streak on clay to 42 matches and can pass Bjorn Borg's mark of 46 and move behind Guillermo Vilas (53) if he wins next weekend at Barcelona.

"One day, for sure, I'm going to lose on clay," said Nadal. "I just hope it isn't next week."

Federer complimented himself on "a fantastic week" and felt his chances of one day overhauling Nadal on clay "went up."

"I've got to adjust quite a bit to play Rafael," Federer said. "But I already feel like I'm improving a lot. The more I play against him, the more I'll be able to figure out his game and the easier it will be."

Nadal broke Federer seven times, overcame a 3-0 deficit in the fourth-set tiebreaker and won the match with a forehand pass that bounced on the line.

"It's very special for me to defend the title," Nadal said.

"Beating Federer in a final is special too. I was very aggressive with my forehand and I had a good touch."

Federer lamented missed opportunities, felt his serve was below par, and was upset at converting only 4-of-18 break-point chances.

"I was not serving well enough or just playing well enough from the baseline," Federer said. "I thought I gave him a little too much."

Nadal used his big forehand to pressure Federer on his weaker backhand.

"He's a lefty, so I'm always going to have problems," Federer said. "I enjoyed the battle against him. I have answered some questions I had about how to play on clay."

Federer appeared in his 12th consecutive final, but his winning run in Masters series matches ended at 29. His previous Masters defeat came at Monte Carlo in a quarterfinal loss to Richard Gasquet of

France last year.

Federer started with a string of erratic shots that helped Nadal race to a 4-0 lead.

He finished with twice as many unforced errors as his opponent, and his first-set loss was the largest margin this season. Federer's previous worst sets were 3-6 against Olivier Rochus, Nikolay Davydenko and Tommy Haas.

"I don't care about the unforced errors, as I had no choice but to attack him," Federer said. "I'm going to make errors because I'm the

guy pressing."

Nadal served for the second set at 5-4, but Federer broke him, and closed out the tiebreaker with an ace. At the start of the third set, Federer broke Nadal to love and looked comfortable on serve before suffering a lapse.

"I thought I let him have a couple of breaks, you know, just stuff out of the blue really," Federer said.

Nadal broke for a 5-3 lead, and Federer screamed in frustration while losing the next game.

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ND SOFTBALL

Notre Dame dominates opponents in sweeps

Irish hitters unload for 31 runs in four games

By DAN MURPHY and JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writers

Notre Dame finished its home Big East schedule on a high note, sweeping both Villanova and Rutgers in weekend doubleheaders.

Irish pitcher Heather Booth dominated the Scarlet Knights in game one, throwing a perfect game in the five-inning win. The perfect game was Booth's first, as well as her first solo no-hitter in her already illustrious career. The complete game also brought Booth over the 800 inning mark, making her the first Irish pitcher to accomplish this feat in the school's history.

The Irish were also able to hit the ball hard all weekend, driving in eight runs in three of their games and seven in the fourth.

Notre Dame catcher Mallorie Lenn and third baseman Meagan Ruthrauff had huge days at the plate, each hitting a homerun and driving in multiple runs, and shortstop Sara Schoonaert made a big impact in the field by robbing hitters of what would have been base hits.

Notre Dame 8, Villanova 7

The weekend started in exciting fashion as the Irish (31-13, 13-1 Big East) needed some last-inning heroics to overcome the worst inning in Notre Dame's recent history for an 8-7 win over Villanova.

Notre Dame entered the bot-

tom of the seventh down two runs. Ruthrauff started the inning with a deep solo shot over the centerfield wall. Then consecutive doubles brought around Notre Dame first baseman Linda Kohan to tie the game as right fielder Carissa Jaquish, the winning run, stood at second.

Two batters later Notre Dame designated player Erin Glasco stepped to the plate and delivered her second game-winning hit of the season. A sharp single through the left side of the infield scored Jaquish easily and the Irish survived Villanova's scare.

The excitement for Notre Dame came after an explosive Wildcat fifth inning. Villanova piled up seven runs off of six hits against Booth. There were no errors or extra base hits — the entire Wildcats' lineup got the job done with consistent hitting.

Notre Dame 8, Villanova 3

The second game of the doubleheader was also close for the majority of the game, and once again, Glasco came through with the big hit Notre Dame needed. A two-run home run in the fifth inning put the Irish ahead for good.

The score was tied 3-3 as a fired up Villanova once again looked to be in position to upset the Irish. Two sacrifices scored Wildcats leadoff hitter Cassie Koenig after she started the game with a double to right field.

Notre Dame's scoring started in the fourth frame with three consecutive bunt hits at the top of the order. Ruthrauff then added two more as she double into left field to take a 3-2 lead.

The advantage did not last long as the Wildcats responded in the fifth as Villanova first basemen Laura Determan singled in the tying run — setting the stage for Glasco's homer.

The Irish tacked on two more in the fifth and one in the sixth to go ahead 8-3 and freshman Brittany Bargar (8 hits, 7 strikeouts) was able to silence Villanova for the remainder of the game.

Notre Dame 8, Rutgers 0

The Irish started game one strong against Rutgers (12-34, 4-14) behind Booth's perfect game in five innings of work, including four strikeouts. Booth overpowered Rutgers, using all of her pitches effectively to keep every Scarlet Knight off the basepaths.

"Heather dominated today, making hitters look sick with her changeup," Irish head coach Deanna Gumpf said. "She went out and had great command over her pitches today."

Booth's perfect game was aided by a hardworking defense behind her, including great plays by Kohan and Jaquish.

"The defense played awesome today," Booth said. "They went out and took away a lot of hits."

Notre Dame also had a big day at the plate from the start, sending seven batters to the plate in the first and scoring three runs behind a Ruthrauff single and a two-run double by Kohan.

After a quiet second inning, Notre Dame continued the onslaught in the third with two more runs. Kohan knocked in sophomore pinch runner Brittany Glynn with a sacrifice fly while Jaquish poked an RBI single over the shortstop to add



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Irish pitcher Heather Booth delivers a pitch in an April 11 win against Ball State. Booth pitched a perfect game Sunday against Rutgers in an 8-0 win.

another run to the Irish lead.

Notre Dame finished off the five-inning contest with a big final inning, led by back-to-back homeruns by Lenn and Ruthrauff. Kohan followed with a walk and Glasco finished off the win with an RBI double to left center.

"We unloaded on their pitching today," Booth said. "They tried a lot of different things against us, but no one could control our bats today."

Notre Dame 7, Rutgers 0

The Irish came out a little slow in the second game, but an explosive five-run fifth inning helped Notre Dame pull well out of reach from the Scarlet Knights and complete the sweep.

Notre Dame batted around in the fifth, starting with a double to the warning track in center by second baseman Katie Laing. Laing's base hit was followed by a single from Schoonaert and a two-run double to left center by Lenn to give the Irish a 3-0 lead. The

Irish were able to knock in three more runs in the inning to secure their eventual 7-0 win.

One important reason for the offensive turnaround for the Irish in the fifth was their ability to make adjustments to Rutgers' pitching.

"We needed that big rally in the fifth," Gumpf said. "We had the bases loaded with no outs twice, and we couldn't have that. We made some good adjustments in the fifth and that really helped out."

With the sweep, the Irish complete their home Big East schedule, but still have key matchups on the road against Louisville and South Florida to come.

"We aren't looking to the postseason yet, because we still have a lot of tough parts of the season left," Booth said. "Louisville and USF are going to be big games that we need to win."

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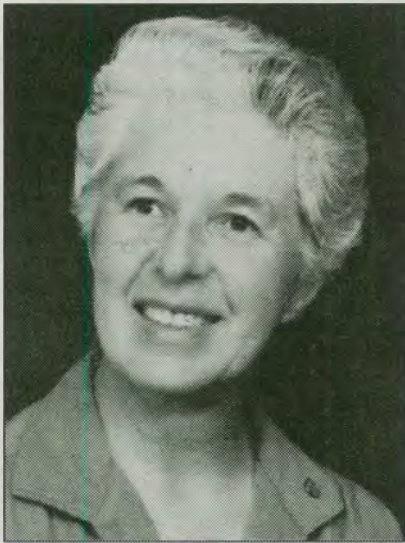
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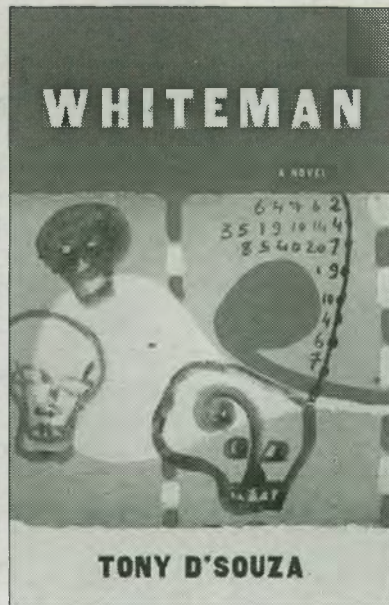
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No. 11 KPMG cruises past Fully Depreciated

Average Joe's, Smush Parker also advance

By TIM DOUGHERTY AND FRAN TOLAN

Sports Writers

In a business battle between old and new, No. 11 KPMG steamrolled its toughest competition of the tournament so far to advance to the round of 64 with a 21-7 win against Fully Depreciated.

Matched against five formidably-sized University employees in the accounting office, whose name suggests their games (and accounts) aren't what they used to be, the accounting firm-sponsored students overcame experience with fresh innovation — and legs.

KPMG established a physical defensive presence early, matching its strength with youthful quickness that enabled the team to force turnovers when Fully Depreciated players drove into the lane.

"These guys were pretty big and physical, so it was good to go out and bang with them," KPMG senior finance major Greg Hiltz said, while adding that Fully Depreciated was KPMG's most worthy victim thus far.

Former walk-on running back junior Robert Hyde led KPMG to an 11-4 halftime advantage with four of his five points.

Then Greg "Busch Leaguer" Hiltz Show took control, as he buried three of KPMG's next four points on mid-range jumpers to stretch the lead to 15-4. His shot tingled the nylon en route to his game-high seven points for KPMG, of whom Hiltz said — if not for sponsorship restrictions — would be aptly named It Tingles.

Hyde and Hiltz, two Keough Hall "Sons of Grace," were too much for Grace Hall's current office occupiers, according to Fully Depreciated's Andy Roeder, who said the team did not have high expectations for the game.

Captain Kyle Johnson agreed, especially since the team had to pick up two late subs.

"The score was closer than the game looked," Johnson said.

The Smush Parker Project 21, Team Vinny 4

Bookstore Basketball learned a new term Sunday, as Team Vinny found out what it feels like to get "smushed" in the final day of round of 128 play.

Though Webster and Oxford may not include "smushed" in their literal lexicons, the definition would have something to

do with falling behind 8-0, being dominated in the paint, and succumbing to relentless transition basketball by Dillon freshman.

Michael Wakim was all over the court for Smush Parker, hounding ball handlers by picking their pockets or forcing errant throws. Smush Parker then beat Vinny down the court to convert those turnovers into easy baskets around the net. Only one of Smush Parker's first-half points came outside of 10 feet from the rim, as the squad commanded an 11-4 lead.

Team Vinny struggled to find an inside presence all day, settling for unsuccessful long jumpers into unpredictably gusty winds.

Wakim was on the receiving end of several fastbreaks that he started, leading Smush Parker with six points and several steals in a game which the team was fully prepared.

"We came and scouted them the game before and knew we had nothing to worry about," Wakim said confidently.

After the win, Smush Parker ran through a tunnel of hands formed by their numerous fans.

"We had great fan support out there," Wakim said. "We had the sixth man on the sidelines."

On the court, it was Mark

Langhans who complimented Wakim's performance with five hard-earned baskets around the rim, establishing an inside game that featured rebounding dominance thanks to Smush Parker's superior ability to box out.

Langhans, on the other hand, explained their overall success more simply.

"They got smushed," he said.

Team Mountain Lightning 21, Pageantry 12

With a smashmouth style of play resembling that of a football team, Team Mountain Lightning defeated Pageantry Sunday. Mountain Lightning's Brent Gills was able to put up a game-high 13 points despite the physical play by both teams.

"Nobody could hit a shot in the beginning, but I eventually found my stroke," Gills said.

Both teams maintained high intensity levels throughout the contest, but Mountain Lightning was able to pull away early in the second half.

"Both teams got pissed off but, after about two hours of play, we were happy to come out with the win," Mountain Lightning captain T.J. Ceravolo said.

Ceravolo also said the Pageantry players were poor sports when they fell behind.

"They got really whiny," he said.

Mountain Lightning was thrilled to advance to the next round after the rough victory.

"We're definitely ready to move on," Ceravolo said.

Average Joe's 21, Justice League of Notre Dame 10

Average Joe's cruised to a victory over a less-than-super Justice League of Notre Dame team Sunday. The Average Joe's are already preparing for its round of 64 matchup.

"We gon' get to that next round," Average Joe's swingman Benedict "Hendry" Pietrzak said. "I wanna know where the gold at."

Average Joe's dominated the Justice League inside to build an 11-6 halftime lead.

It also employed a suffocating 2-3 zone that Justice League was unable to solve throughout the contest.

Average Joe's point guard Jeff Schweitzer, generously listed at 5-foot-4, shouldered much of the offensive burden to take the pressure off of his teammates.

"Jeff played like he was at least 5-foot-8 today," Pietrzak said. "He was a monster for us."

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MEN'S GOLF

Irish look to win third straight Big East championship

By JOE QUINN
Sports Writer

After a week-long hiatus following their best outing of the spring, the Irish will travel to Dade City, Fla. for the Big East championship on Monday and

Tuesday.

After hosting the Big East Championship five out of the past six years, Notre Dame will attempt to win its third straight championship on South Florida's home course.

The course, however, is not the only new element of the

tournament this year. After expanding the conference, Notre Dame will see a number of new teams.

"With several new Big East teams now in the fold, it should make for a very competitive event," Irish coach Jim Kubinski said.

One of the new teams, Louisville, has replaced Notre Dame atop the Big East standings, much to the team's dismay.

"I was a little surprised by that," Kubinski said. "Especially after beating them [in the Boilermaker Invitational], to see

Louisville get the No. 1 seed was unexpected to say the least."

If the Irish hope to regain their first place spot, they will most likely call on their seemingly unmatched experience.

"One of the coaches joked about this being Mark [Baldwin]'s 10th Big East championships," Kubinski said.

While 10 is a bit of a stretch, both Baldwin and Scott Gustafson have been here before.

"Mark, being the defending individual champ, and Scott, now playing in his fourth Big

East Championship, there's no question that will help us this week," Kubinski said.

One player who hasn't been there before is freshman Josh Sandman. But if his play over the past month is any indication, that won't hurt him in the least.

Kubinski said Sandman, who posted a 69 in the final round of the Boilermaker invitational, has been playing as well as anyone on the team.

In fact, Kubinski feels Sandman can lead the team to this year's championship.

"If he plays like he's been playing, he could possibly lead the team in scoring. And if he does that, we'll be in good shape to win," Kubinski said.

Fortunately for Sandman, he won't have to do it by himself. All five golfers have been showing signs of greatness over the week-long break.

"Mark, Cole, Josh and Scott have all shot in the mid-60s in qualifying matches," Kubinski said. "And our 'fifth' guy, Tommy Balderston, shot a 71, so he's not too far off the pace."

Kubinski is quick to note Balderston is not a typical fifth player, as he may have the most tournament experience. After battling neck and shoulder injuries in the fall, he was unable to participate in any official tournaments.

Kubinski, however, is confident that won't hurt his performance.

"Tommy was actually selected All-Big East twice, so he knows how to play in these kind of tournaments," Kubinski said. "It's like having a number two or three talent at the number five spot."

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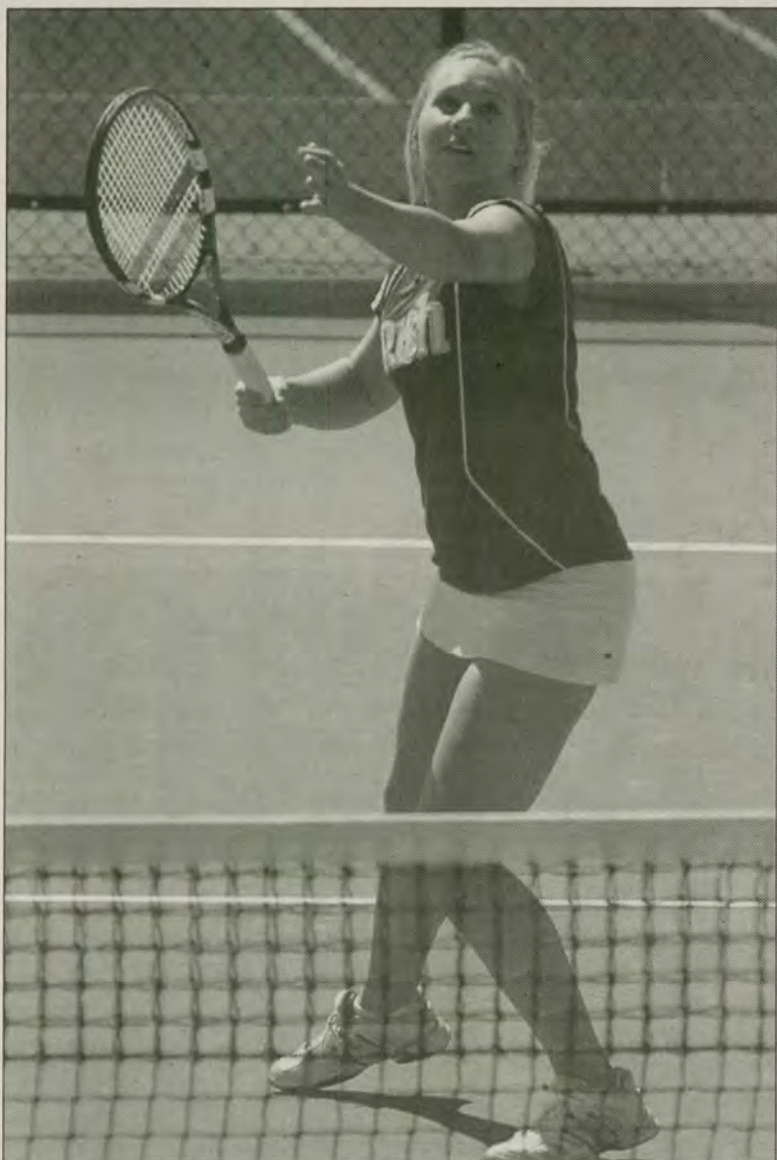


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Irish freshman Kelsey Teft prepares to smash the ball during Notre Dame's 7-0 victory over Marquette April 9.

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Sunday.

Not only did the win help Notre Dame retain its title from last season, but the Irish also collected their seventh title overall after joining the Big East in 1995.

Despite the successes the Irish have found this season, they never looked past any of their competitors en route to the finals for the conference title.

"We came in really confident, and we knew the match [against South Florida] was going to be a challenging one," senior Kiki Stastny said. "We didn't underestimate them, and we were going to fight for the win."

Notre Dame began the contest with a pair of doubles wins — its 25th consecutive doubles point. No. 6 juniors Catrina and Christian Thompson topped the Bulls' No. 10 Gabriela Duch and Neyssa Etienne 8-3.

No. 38 sophomore Brook Buck and freshman Kelcy Tefft followed up their win, clinching the point after downing South Florida's Liz Cruz and Ileri Rai 8-4.

The final match between seniors Lauren Connelly and Stastny and South Florida's Luisa Obardo and Courtney Vernon was abandoned, as the Irish already held a 5-4 lead.

Coach Jay Louderback believes the doubles point has played a significant factor in the team's success all season.

"We had such a good team effort, and Nos. 1 and 2 played really well," he said. "If we're ever close in a match, it is doubles that carries us."

In singles, first off the court was No. 31 Catrina Thompson,

who defeated No. 63 Etienne 6-2, 6-2. The next win came from Connelly, who topped Obardo 7-6 (7-2), 6-3. The final and clinching victory for Notre Dame came from Stastny, who eclipsed Rai 3-6, 6-1, 6-1. "I had a rough start at the beginning, so I was [focusing on] keeping the ball in play," Stastny said. "[Further into the contest] I was playing more confidently and consistently. So it was slow start, but strong finish."

No. 57 Vernon claimed the only victory for South Florida, defeating Notre Dame's No. 99 Christian Thompson 6-2, 6-0.

Thompson's loss was the only defeat the Irish suffered throughout the entire championship.

Louderback said the determining factor in the win was experience.

"We have played such a tough schedule this year. South Florida is a good team, they just haven't played as tough of a schedule, and that experience really helped us out," he said. "We played a lot on the road against good teams, so playing here didn't affect us."

However, the one variable that was difficult to adjust to were the weather conditions. "It was really hot and humid, and we did a great job of surviving that," Louderback said.

"We also didn't have really long matches [leading up to the finals], so we were pretty well-rested."

Notre Dame returns to the courts on May 12 in the first round of the NCAA Championships.

The draw will be announced on May 3.

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FOOTBALL NOTEBOOK

Bettis makes return to ND

By ERIC RETTER
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Former Notre Dame running back Jerome Bettis said Saturday's Blue-Gold game was the first time he returned to Notre Dame Stadium since entering the NFL in 1993.

Bettis was one of four honorary coaches for the game, along with former Irish standouts Rocket Ismael, Bob Golic and Mike Golic.

Bettis said he had seen road games when Notre Dame played near Pittsburgh when he was with the Steelers, but time constraints kept him from attending road games.

"I had a day job, so I couldn't make it," he quipped.

Bettis' appearance was a long time in the making. Bettis said a prior commitment prevented him from serving as an honorary coach at last year's Blue-Gold Game but told Irish coach Charlie Weiss that he would coach in the 2006 event.

"He booked me a year-and-a-half in advance, and didn't let me get out of it," Bettis said. "It was like, you are booked, it's a done deal, go to the next question."

Bettis said he was glad to finally return to the fold at Notre Dame.

"It was fun I got some goosebumps going down the tunnel," he said. "I'm just glad to be back and be a part of everything that's going on."

◆ The attendance of 41,279 was the highest in Blue-Gold history.

Bob Golic attributed this to the excitement Weiss and his coaching staff have brought to the program.

"There is a different look in people, there's a different look in the eyes of the players there's a different look in the

eyes of the fans, because they see something," he said. "Everything is going in the right direction, [and] because of that, there's this optimism, this excitement; people are actually enjoying going to the game."

◆ Junior punter Geoff Price had a strong showing Saturday afternoon, moving him closer to becoming the starting punter. Price punted the ball four times, with punts of 43, 43, 50 and 52 yards for a 46.3-yard average.

"It's good to see price punting the ball pretty [well]," Weiss said. "He had multiple 50 yard punts, that lifts my spirits."

◆ Irish kicker Carl Gioia struggled Saturday, going 1-for-3 in field goals and missing both within 40 yards.

"Missing two field goals, sign me up it concerns me," Weiss said.

But he was pleased that Gioia rebounded and made the kick to end the game.

"Even though it's not the pressure of real game it's still the last play of the game," Weiss said. "You kick the field goal, you're either in overtime or you win the game in regulation. It's just like when a quarterback throws an interception, you want to come out there and throw a pass right off the bat and get it out of the way, well same thing with field goals."

◆ Notre Dame running back Travis Thomas capped his strong spring with the 77-yard touchdown run in the third quarter. Weiss said Thomas' hard-hitting style complements starting running back Darius Walker's finesse game well.

"[Thomas] is just going to pound you and pound you and pound you and hit you in the mouth," Weiss said. "He's very unique, because there are very few offensive players with defensive mentalities. He plays

the game like he's a line-backer."

◆ Notre Dame senior line-backer Mitchell Thomas started for the Gold team — with the defensive first team — and looks to compete for a spot to join Maurice Crum Jr., who is currently injured, in the starting linebacking corps.

Mitchell Thomas joined sophomore Anthony Vernaglia and freshman Paul Quinn as the starters for Gold.

◆ Irish freshman Evan Sharpley took steps to distinguish himself as the backup quarterback for next season. Sharpley was 10-of-12 for 112 yards.

"Completing 10 out of 12 passes, I think that's a pretty good day," Weiss said. "I thought he held up well for himself today."

But Weiss was not pleased when Sharpley fumbled a snap early in the second half — something that competing quarterback sophomore David Wolke also did.

Wolke completed his only pass attempt of the game for eight yards.

◆ Weiss said he has been pleased with the talent level in his receiving corps.

He said the return of consensus All-American Jeff Samardzija and the team's former No. 1 receiver Rhema McKnight has created a buzz in some circles.

"I was talking to one of the scouts for the [New England] Patriots during pre-game, and we were looking out there at Rhema and Jeff, and they were like 'Whoa, we got a couple of legit receivers now,'" Weiss said. "You could match those two up with anybody. They're two front line receivers."

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SMC TENNIS

Belles drop match to Calvin 8-1

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

This is not how Saint Mary's envisioned heading into the MIAA conference tournament. After fighting to within a half-game of first place in the conference with a dramatic win over Kalamazoo ten days ago, the Belles fell to fourth place in the MIAA with Saturday's 8-1 loss to Calvin.

The loss drops Saint Mary's conference record to 5-3 on the season. The Belles are currently behind Albion, Calvin and Kalamazoo. Calvin moved into second place in the MIAA with its victory over the Belles.

"Calvin is a really good consistent team," senior co-captain Kristen Palombo said. "They don't have a true number one player, but their players are very consistent throughout their line-up. That puts other teams at a disadvantage."

Palombo, who lost her match to Calvin's Amy Zeilstra by the score of 6-2,

7-5, was one of five Saint Mary's players to lose her singles match in straight sets.

No. 3 Calie Mulcahy lost to Annie Huizenga 6-4, 6-4, while No. 4 Mary Elizabeth O'Connor was defeated by Kari Lipinski 6-3, 6-0.

No. 5 Tara O'Brien, returning after a one-match absence due to injury, was unsuccessful in her return as she lost to Allyson Logan 6-2, 6-1. No. 6 Melissa Dingler fell short against Kim Bosscher 6-2, 6-4.

Junior co-captain Kelly McDavitt was the only Saint Mary's player to walk away from Saturday's match victorious, defeating Emily Dosterhouse 6-1, 6-2.

The inability to win close games, which has been an issue for the Belles in their past couple of matches, plagued Saint Mary's again Saturday and is an issue that the team knows it must work on.

"In close games, a lot of the time it comes down to believing that you can win the point, and that's something we're really struggling

with right now," Palombo said. "We have to play to win the points rather than not to lose them."

One positive the team took from Saturday's match was that it prepared the Belles for next weekend's MIAA conference tournament. Saint Mary's was on the court for 12 hours against Calvin, and that foreshadows the type of stamina the Belles will need next weekend.

Each player will have to play up to four matches in the conference tournament.

Although Saint Mary's is currently in the midst of a two-match conference losing streak and a four-match losing streak overall, the team is ready to use the upcoming week to prepare itself for the conference tournament.

"We're just going to try and have a couple of good practices this week," Palombo said. "We can't control our draws, so we're just going to try and get our confidence back."

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Sweep

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ing faltered in the seventh.

"I've coached too many games against Rutgers to know they were not going to quit on us," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said.

Southpaw reliever Mike Dury surrendered two runs on three straight singles and a hit batsman before Mainieri brought in right-hander Joey Williamson. With two on and two in, Williamson walked the first batter he faced, allowed an RBI single and delivered a wild pitch that allowed Rutgers center fielder Jeff Grose to score.

Notre Dame freshman left-hander Kyle Weiland finished the inning — and the game — allowing just two inherited runners to score unearned following a fielding error by third baseman Brett Lilley.

Weiland (2 2-3 innings, two hits, no runs) and right-handed reliever Jess Stewart (4 1-3, two hits, two runs) were the bright spots for Notre Dame in an otherwise difficult day on the mound.

"It's unimaginable, but true, that we could give up 20 hits in a game, and I could sit here and tell you that the key to the victory was our pitching," Mainieri said. "I thought Kyle Weiland was phenomenal at the end of the game."

Stewart relieved Irish starter Tom Thornton, who allowed three runs and was hit in the left knee with a hot-shot up the middle in the first inning. Mainieri allowed Thornton to finish the first, but took out the lefty after he surrendered a double to Grose in the second.

In the first, Scarlet Knights catcher Frank Meade delivered a two-run double off the lefty, and first baseman Steve Hook hit an RBI double off Thornton after the senior was hit to give Rutgers a 3-0 lead in the first.

But Rutgers' lead was short-lived.

Notre Dame first baseman Craig Cooper blasted his fourth leadoff homer of the year on

an 0-2 fastball, and Irish designated hitter Matt Bransfield delivered a two-out, two-strike dinger with two on to give Notre Dame a 4-3 lead.

Cooper's homer extended his program-record hit streak to 21 straight. Mainieri said he hasn't approached the subject with the senior.

"All I'm doing is staying away from Cooper and letting him play," he said. "I just tell him what time to be at the ballpark, and hopefully that's enough."

Cooper was 4-for-5 with two doubles, a homer and five RBI in the game. He finished the series 8-for-11 with nine RBI, eight runs, three homers, two doubles and a 1.727 slugging percentage. The performance boosted his season batting average to .441 and his career Big East batting average to .445 — now first-

place all-time in the conference.

In the fourth inning, Notre Dame right fielder Cody Rizzo hit a two-run single, and Cooper followed with a two-run double to give the Irish a 13-6 lead. Lilley knocked in Irish shortstop Greg Lopez with a ground ball single in the sixth to extend the lead to 14-6.

The win was the eighth straight comeback victory for Notre Dame and 13th such win in the team's streak.

Notre Dame 15, Rutgers 3

The Irish used a nine-run sixth inning Saturday to blow open a close game and tie the longest winning streak in school history with a 15-3 victory over Rutgers at Frank Eck Stadium.

Notre Dame sent 14 batters to the plate in the sixth frame, garnering seven hits and scoring all nine runs with two outs.

"We got clutch hit after clutch hit," Mainieri said of the offensive outburst. "That's what our guys have been doing, getting the clutch hits when we need them."

With the Irish up 4-3 in the sixth, Notre Dame right fielder Danny Dressman got the rally started with a base hit with

two outs and a runner on first. Designated hitter Jeremy Barnes knocked in two runs with the single, then, after the next two batters reached base, scored from third on a two-RBI single by centerfielder Alex Nettey. Lopez was hit by a pitch, and catcher Cody Rizzo emptied the bases with a three-RBI double.

After a walk and a hit batter loaded the bases again, Dressman knocked in two more runs with his second single of the inning.

Right hander Jeff Manship earned the win for the Irish, throwing seven innings and allowing three runs — all in the first inning — on six hits with eight strikeouts and two walks.

Mainieri said Manship's performance Saturday was reminiscent of starts by Notre right-hander Jeff Samardzija, who has given up early runs several times this year only to shut down opponents for the rest of the game.

"I thought what Manship did was Samardzija-like," Mainieri said. "He struggled early, but was able to battle back and dominate the game."

Notre Dame 11, Rutgers 5

The fan and media that descended upon Frank Eck Stadium to see Jeff Samardzija pitch in Friday's series opener served as an electric backdrop for an electric day at the plate for Notre Dame. A crowd of 3,507 fans — part of a record-setting weekend attendance of 10,003 — saw the Irish top Rutgers in the first of three weekend games.

Cooper extended his hit streak to 19 games with two two-run home runs over the right field fence, and Samardzija (6-1) picked up the win after working seven and one-third innings and allowing three earned runs on six hits and three walks. He struck out six Rutgers batters.

"It was a monumental night for Notre Dame baseball," Mainieri said. "We had a packed house, beautiful weather, a 19-game win streak on the line. And we've got a guy like Jeff Samardzija, who's practically a rock star celebrity in this town now."

The Irish rode a three-run rally in the fifth inning to break open a 2-2 deadlock. Cooper belted his first long

and they provided a pretty stiff challenge," Bayliss said. "But I think we played very well, and I think we only lost one set in singles."

Notre Dame swept the doubles matches to take the point, with wins by Helgeson and Roth at No. 3 and a clinching victory by King and Parbhu at No. 2, both by scores of 8-5.

At No. 1, Keckley and Langenkamp led 6-4 before their match was abandoned.

In singles, Langenkamp won 6-1, 6-0 at No. 6 and Helgeson had a 6-1, 5-2 win after his opponent retired. Keckley clinched the match with a 6-3, 6-2 win at No. 4 to clinch the win for the Irish. Bass was trailing in the second set at No. 1, but Parbhu and King both led at No. 2 and 5, respectively.

"I was pretty pleased with that effort, with the team,"



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Irish outfielder Danny Dressman looks at a pitch during Notre Dame's 12-0 victory over Valparaiso March 28.

ball off Scarlet Knights starter Steve Holt to spark the offensive outburst, scoring center fielder Nettey. Designated hitter Brezovsky gave the Irish the 5-2 advantage several batters later on an RBI ground-out.

"[Cooper] has been phenomenal. If he's not the player of the year in the conference, I don't know who is," Mainieri said. "He's just been fantastic — great defense at first base, hitting in the clutch, getting us going, hitting home runs, doing all the things that he needs to do."

The Irish added two more runs in the sixth inning off a bases loaded chop RBI single over the pitcher's head by third baseman Brett Lilley and a bases loaded walk by Dressman.

A four-run seventh inning completed the damage inflict-

ed by the Notre Dame bats on the day. Lopez belted an RBI sacrifice fly to center field, and Nettey knocked home another run on an error by Rutgers' first baseman Steve Hook.

Cooper later hit his second two-run dinger over the right field fence to extend the Irish lead to 11-2.

But Rutgers cut the score to 11-5 with a three-run eighth inning. Stewart entered in relief and stopped the Scarlet Knights attack, striking out four of six batters faced in his inning and two-thirds of work.

"He's been so reliable for us coming in, throwing strikes, changing speeds," Mainieri said. "And he's been like that all year for us."

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Louisville

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ference finals.

"[Louisville] played with a lot of passion, and they have a very senior dominated team," Bayliss said. "They turned around some matches we had won last week, we played the same players, and we had some leads we didn't turn into wins."

In their regular-season showdown, Notre Dame took the doubles by upsetting two nationally-ranked teams on Louisville.

But it was a different story Sunday when Ryan Keckley and Eric Langenkamp — ranked No. 25 nationally — lost 8-4 at No. 1 doubles, and Barry King and Sheeva Parbhu lost by the same score. Brett Helgeson and Andrew Roth trailed 7-4 when the point was clinched, and the match was abandoned.

The Cardinals took a 2-0 lead when Nicolas Houard beat Eric Langenkamp 7-6 (7-5), 6-3. But

Helgeson put the Irish on the board with a 6-7, 6-3, 6-2 win at No. 3 singles.

It would be the last point for the Irish in the tournament, as Sheeva Parbhu lost 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (7-2) to Jakob Gustafsson.

The final point went to Slavko Radman, the No. 1 singles player for the Cardinals, who beat Stephen Bass 2-6, 6-4, 6-4 for the win. Radman is No. 53 in the national rankings, while Bass stands at No. 18.

Notre Dame 4, USF 0

The Irish easily beat tournament host and fifth-seeded South Florida Saturday to earn a berth in the conference tournament finals.

"They were a little more problematic [than Georgetown, the first-round matchup] because they have an older group of international players who were very experienced,

"[Louisville] played with a lot of passion, and they have a very senior-dominated team."

**Bobby Bayliss
Irish coach**

In singles, Parbhu put Notre Dame up 2-0 with a 6-2, 6-0 win at No. 2. Keckley won 6-1, 6-1 at No. 4 and Bass clinched the win 6-1, 6-0 at No. 1.

Helgeson, King and Langenkamp led before the match was abandoned.

The NCAA tournament begins May 12 at various campus sites. The field will be announced May 3.

The Irish will have a much-needed rest before returning to prepare for the rest of the post-season.

"We'll definitely take tomorrow off — they're pretty beaten up right now," Bayliss said. "We'll bounce back. The next time, hopefully we're in this situation — maybe in the NCAA tournament — we'll win those matches when they're close."

"But we've won our share of close matches this year ... they just didn't fall our way today. Louisville played with a little more courage, a little more conviction when it mattered."

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LAURIE HUNT/The Observer

Blue quarterback Brady Quinn points at the line of scrimmage. Quinn finished 16-of-25 for 181 yards and a touchdown Saturday.

Clausen

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high school teammate Marc Tyler, a 6-foot, 215-pound running back.

Tyler is widely considered one of the top three tailbacks in the country for his class.

"I've seen [Clausen's interest in Notre Dame] boom since the first time he brought me out here for [Notre Dame's] junior day," Tyler said after the press conference. "I was like, 'What school are you going to recruit me to?' But he wouldn't say. After that, I knew he liked Notre Dame a lot."

Clausen's father, Jim, said he was pleased with Jimmy's decision.

"It's a dream come true," Jim Clausen said. "I'm overwhelmed by all this. We're tremendously honored."

Jim Clausen said he is most proud of the effort his son has put into his football career.

"I don't know if [Jimmy's] good enough to play football at Notre Dame or not, but I know he's a

young man that has worked extremely hard to get to this point," he said.

Jimmy Clausen's brother, Casey Clausen, said he wanted to play at Notre Dame but went to Tennessee because Irish coach Bob Davie wanted an option quarterback at the time instead of a drop-back passer. Casey Clausen started four years for the Volunteers from 2000-03.

"I think once Coach Weis came here and did what he did last year, with Coach Willingham's players basically, it kind of opened up [Jimmy's] eyes a little bit," he said. "He's one of a kind — and I'm his oldest brother, so I'm his biggest critic. But this a kid who's kind of in a league of his own."

Clausen's announcement gives Notre Dame three verbal commitments for his recruiting class. Kerry Neal, a defensive end from Bunn, N.C. and linebacker Aaron Nagel of Lemont, Ill. have already said they intend to play for Notre Dame.

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Blue

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up front without blitzing, I thought that there was good pressure applied, especially by that first group on defense," head coach Charlie Weis said. "I thought that first line was creating a lot of havoc in there, which that was encouraging."

The effort was led by junior defensive tackle Trevor Laws, whose two sacks earned him the Defensive MVP award. Laws had three total tackles in the game.

"Obviously, Trevor [Laws] got the MVP because of the penetration he was causing right there," Weis said.

The blue team was led by the starting offense and the gold team was led by the starting defense. Notre Dame coach Charlie Weis pitted the first team units against each other and the second team units against each other in order to ensure parity.

His plan worked. The game was a scoreless tie for much of the first half, until junior wide receiver Jeff Samardzija caught a 35-yard touchdown pass from junior quarterback Brady Quinn with 3:15 left in the second quarter.

An 83-yard touchdown run by junior running back Travis Thomas in the third quarter was the only other score until Gioia's game-winner.

"I showed patience and something broke open for us," Thomas said. "[Ferrine] was coming behind me and I was like 'five more [yard], five more [yards]' and I looked behind me and I was like 'leap!' and I got in there."

The game's first possession ended when Samardzija attempted a pass and was intercepted by cornerback Ambrose Wooden. The play



ALLSIEVE AMBROSE/The Observer

Blue receiver Jeff Samardzija makes a leaping catch during Blue's 10-7 victory. Samardzija caught a 35-yard touchdown in the win.

was one of four trick plays drawn up by the two offensive honorary coaches, Raghib Ismail and Jerome Bettis, none of which had much success.

But while Ismail and Bettis used their permitted trick plays, the defensive coaches — Bob and Mike Golic — didn't participate much in the on-field action.

"They gave us both headsets that didn't work; we got incoming but there was no outgoing," Bob Golic joked after the game. "I got that right away [that our headphones didn't work], [my brother] Mike actually didn't get that until the second quarter."

On the next possession, Gold appeared poised to score, driving 60 yards in nine plays behind 4-of-5 passing from freshman quarterback Evan

Sharpley, but the drive stalled and Gioia missed the 34-yard field goal.

After the game, Weis was pleased with the play of both defenses — especially since the Irish ran a base defense for much of the afternoon.

"I think that it's been pretty obvious that one of the things we've done throughout the spring is try to keep it relatively simple to make sure that we can evaluate their athletic ability based off of them not having to think about what they have to do," Weis said. "I think it's a positive when you can turn 'em instead of playing base defense and be able to hold up pretty well."

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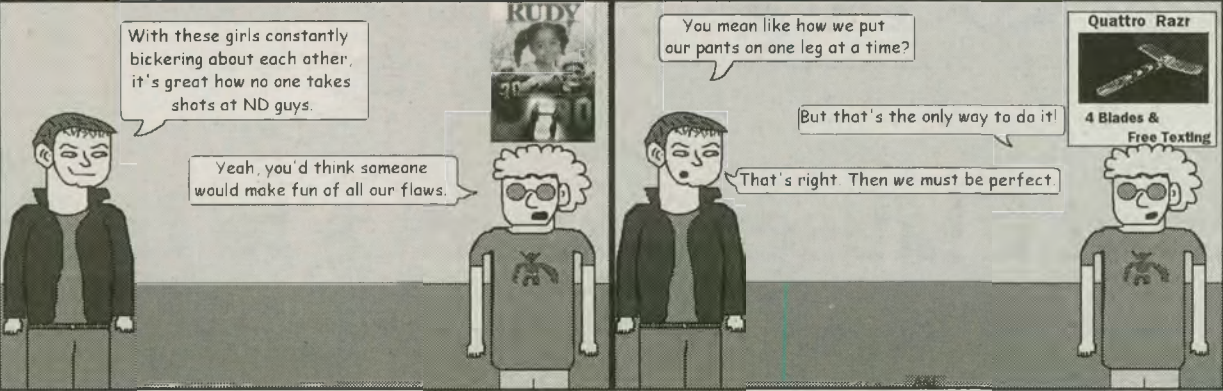
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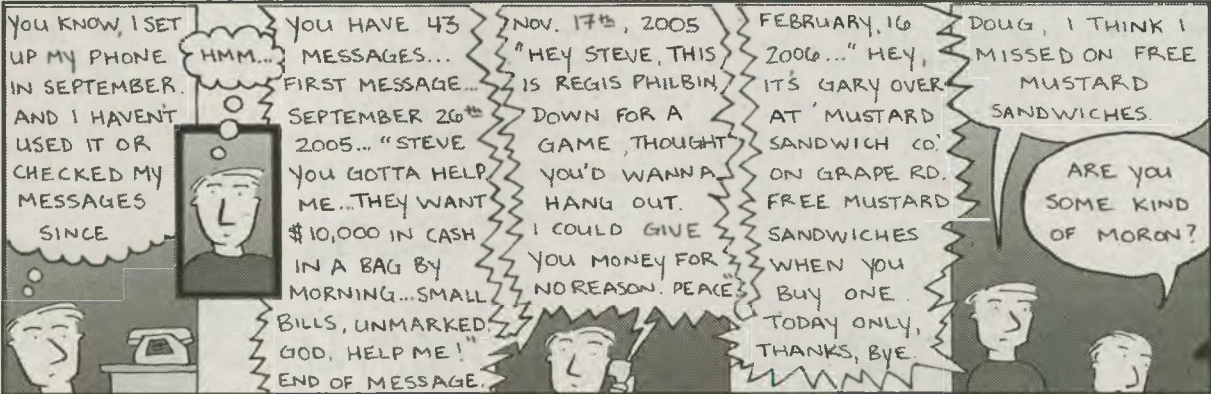
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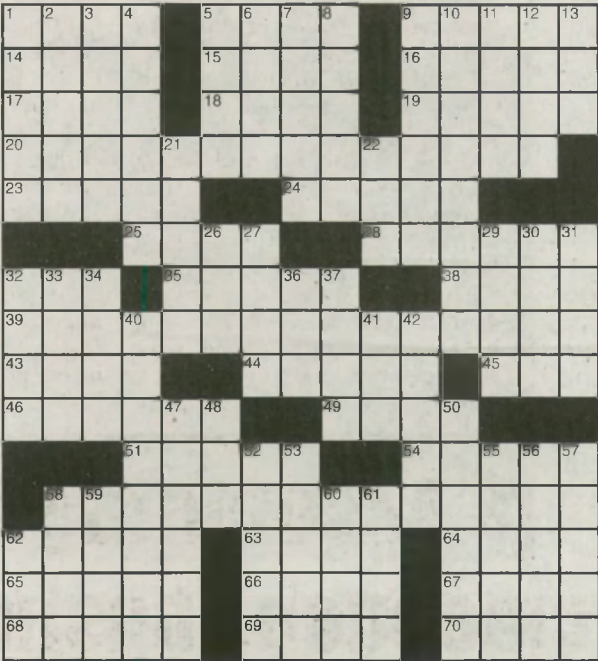


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- ACROSS**
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 - 5 Poison ivy woe
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 - 14 Worker in the garden
 - 15 Connecting point
 - 16 Word before and after say
 - 17 "My Friend ____" of 50's TV
 - 18 Mangled
 - 19 Words before "So sue me!"
 - 20 Vain
 - 23 Hurried
 - 24 It "has fleas" in an old ditty
 - 25 A few
 - 28 Forward flow
 - 32 "That was bad of you!"
 - 35 Claw
 - 38 Pay the kitty
 - 39 Vane
- DOWN**
- 43 Alan of "M*A*S*H"
 - 44 French cubist Fernand ____
 - 45 Big ____ (circus)
 - 46 Mischief-maker
 - 49 Hornswoggle
 - 51 Poet T. S. ____
 - 54 Apportions (out)
 - 58 Vein
 - 62 Powdered cleaning agent
 - 63 Guy with an Irish Rose, on old Broadway
 - 64 Delete
 - 65 Question to the Lord in Matthew 26
 - 66 Shout
 - 67 Prefix with scope
 - 68 Goes a few rounds in the ring (with)
 - 69 Not delete

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



Puzzle by Bernice Gordon

- 36 Be in the red
- 37 "And stay by my cradle till morning is ____"
- 40 Mangle
- 41 Prefix with classical
- 42 Many an Arthur Miller work
- 47 One of the Carringtons on "Dynasty"
- 48 ____ Fail, Irish coronation stone
- 50 Son of Darius I
- 52 Green-lights
- 53 Lhasa's land
- 55 Hearty steak
- 56 Give the slip
- 57 Attack
- 58 Neither good nor bad
- 59 Cereal for 34-Down
- 60 Alexandria's river
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ARIES (March 21-April 19): A sudden change in your financial situation is apparent. An older relative may pose a problem for you. Do the best you can to help, but don't let anyone make you feel guilty for something you have no control over. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Today is all about love, romance and spending time with someone you really adore. You can rely on friends, relatives or even neighbors to help you out. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You can get a lot done today. Reconsider your lifestyle and make changes to help you look and feel your best. You will be torn between making a change and keeping things exactly the same. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): It's time to take a chance and hook up with some different people or take a short trip. Visit someone or attend something that will get you excited and optimistic about making a change. *****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will have to try exceptionally hard if you want to avoid problems with a loved one or friend. Watch what you say and how you act. Someone may have a change of heart. Prepare to defend yourself. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): This can turn out to be a very exciting day for relationships and partnerships. Open your heart and your mind to the ideas that others have to offer. *****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your mind will be on getting ahead. A change of direction or taking a unique approach to what you would normally do while at work will be what leads you in a new direction. Discipline will be the key to your success. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Update your looks or take a fresh new look at something you are trying to create. Walking away from something you believe in will not help matters. ***

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CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Friendship will be important today. A trip that takes you back to your roots will be eye-opening. You shouldn't have to spend too much money on entertainment. *****

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PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Children and elders may play a role in your life today. You will be a little unpredictable, but that will only draw more interest in you. This is the perfect day to spend time with someone you love or want to get to know better. *****

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FOOTBALL RECRUITING

Highly-touted recruit Clausen commits to Irish

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

SOUTH BEND — For Jimmy Clausen, it was all about the coach.

The Westlake Village, Calif., quarterback said Saturday he will attend Notre Dame thanks to the straightforward recruiting of Irish coach Charlie Weis.

"It all comes down to Coach Weis," Clausen said. "Throughout

the recruiting process, he has been straightforward with me. I just think this is a great situation, and every high school quarterback would want to play under Coach Weis."

In front of more than 250 people during a news conference in front of the Heisman Gallery at the College Football Hall of Fame, the nation's No. 1 high school quarterback — and arguably the most highly touted quarterback recruit

since Ron Powlus — announced he will enter Notre Dame as an early-enrollee next spring.

"I think you all know why I'm here today," Clausen said. "I'm very excited and proud to say that in January I'll be attending the University of Notre Dame."

Clausen's announcement was followed by 27 seconds of thunderous applause from the fans in attendance. The 6-foot-3, 195-pound protégé of renowned quar-

terbacks coach Steve Clarkson has thrown 88 touchdowns and just 11 interceptions while leading his Oaks Christian High School team to a 27-0 record as a starter.

"I'd like to say 'thank you' to Coach Weis for having the confidence in me throughout the recruiting process," Clausen said. "I look forward to this afternoon to meet my future teammates and help bring us national championships."

Clausen said he decided last week that he would attend Notre Dame and informed Weis after the team's practice Friday.

Clausen said he will be an active recruiter for Notre Dame and already has phone numbers for many of the top prospects. During the press conference, he pointed out one person he would recruit that he's already familiar with —

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FOOTBALL

Feeling Blue

Gioia boots game-winner as time expires, Blue edges Gold 10-7

By ERIC RETTER
Associate Sports Editor

With only 17 total points, it was clear Saturday's annual Blue-Gold game was a defensive battle. But the story of the game wasn't either team's defense — it was the leg of junior Carl Gioia that gave the blue team a 10-7 victory.

Gioia nailed a 20-yard field goal to break the 7-7 tie as time expired in the fourth quarter — in front of a record 41,279 fans. Gioia had missed a 34-yard field goal earlier in the first quarter and Notre

Dame head coach Charlie Weis was happy the junior ended the game when he did.

"I'm glad we kicked a field goal, because I didn't know what I was going to do with over-time," Weis said. "I didn't say too much during the game, but I did say center the ball and kick the field goal."

Both Notre Dame defenses played well and limited the scoring opportunities of the opposing offenses. And for Notre Dame, who ranked 75th in total defense and 103rd in pass defense last season, getting pressure on the passer had been a focal point during spring practices.

"All spring long I've been talking about getting pressure

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LAURIE HUNT/The Observer

Irish senior running back Travis Thomas, right, breaks away for an 83-yard touchdown run in Blue's 10-7 victory Saturday.

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish take home Big East title

Championship is team's seventh since joining the conference in 1995

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

The defending champs and top-seed Irish went into the Big East championships with high expectations — and they didn't disappoint.

No. 2 Notre Dame downed second-seeded No. 37 South Florida 4-1 in the finals of the tournament in Tampa, Fla.

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BASEBALL

Streak hits 22 with Rutgers sweep



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Senior shortstop Greg Lopez leaves the batter's box during Notre Dame's 4-3 victory over Pittsburgh April 1.

By KEN FOWLER, KYLE CASSILY and CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Writers

There was no catch-22 for Notre Dame this weekend. The Irish (31-8, 14-1 Big East) beat Rutgers 14-12 in a wild game Sunday to sweep the Scarlet Knights and extend their winning streak to a program-record 22 games.

But it wasn't easy. Ahead of Rutgers 14-6 with a 21-game winning streak on the line, Notre Dame's pitch-

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MEN'S TENNIS

Team falls to Cards in conference finals

After flawless run to championship, Irish lose 4-1 to Louisville

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

Despite not giving up a match en route to the championship, top-seeded Notre Dame fell to Louisville 4-1 in the Big East tournament Sunday.

"It was, to me, a crushing disappointment," Bayliss said. "If you look at the scores, we were in positions to win many of the matches and collectively just didn't give it done."

Notre Dame topped Georgetown Friday and host South Florida Saturday. The Irish — who lost to Louisville in the NCAA tournament last year — beat the Cardinals on April 12, but could not reprise the victory in the con-

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

SMC TENNIS

Calvin 8
Saint Mary's 1

The loss to rival Calvin drops the Belles to fourth place in the MIAA.

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SOFTBALL

Notre Dame 8
Rutgers 0

Irish senior Heather Booth tossed a perfect game Sunday, retiring all 15 Scarlet Knight hitters.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Notre Dame 10
Lehigh 7

Irish senior attackman Pat Walsh paced the Irish attack with four goals against the Mountain Hawks Sunday.

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TRACK

Irish sophomore Kyle Annen recorded the seventh best hammer throw in Irish history to lead team at the Central Collegiate Championship Saturday and Sunday.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Notre Dame 13
Rutgers 8

Irish attack Crysti Foote recorded nine points to become the first Irish player with more than 200 career points Sunday.

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MLB

Cubs 7
Cardinals 3

Greg Maddux tossed seven scoreless innings to improve to 7-0 as the Cubs avoided being swept by the Cardinals.

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