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Mass for Virginia Tech provides consolation, hope



CLEMENT SUHENDRA/The Observer
Altar servers lead the procession past pews during Tuesday's Mass for Virginia Tech.

Students, community members fill Basilica

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

Only a week after Easter, the Notre Dame community once again "finds [itself] at the foot of the Cross," said Father Pete McCormick during his homily at a memorial Mass for the Virginia Tech community Tuesday night at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

"We always have the Cross in our life, but we do not grieve without hope," said McCormick, the assistant rector of Dillon Hall, who was

just ordained on Saturday.

The Mass, presided over by Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman, was organized Monday after news of the 33-person massacre at Virginia Tech broke. Students were informed of the Mass by an urgent IrishLink email from Poorman late Monday.

The Basilica was packed to a standing room only capacity, with the entire rear lobby of the church completely full. The Mass drew more people than last fall's 9/11 five-year

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CLEMENT SUHENDRA/The Observer
Father Pete McCormick delivers the homily Tuesday night, focusing on the unity of humanity.

COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Leaders consider responses to tragedy

By SONIA RAO
News Writer

In light of the Virginia Tech shooting tragedy Monday, student body president Liz Brown asked members of the Council of Representatives (COR) for input Tuesday on how the Notre Dame student body could show its support to the campus located in Blacksburg, Va.

"Immediately after this happened, [student body vice president] Maris [Braun] and I started talking about what we should send as a student body," Brown said, noting that both she and Braun had already received e-mails from concerned students with suggestions.

"One of the ideas that has

been tossed around is some kind of letter that we would write and solicit signatures from the student body from a variety of points on campus," Brown said. "We just want to get as many signatures of support as possible to send in one package. We could also have blank cards at those sites that people could write messages on."

Braun said she looked on Virginia Tech's Web site and saw the school was observing National Maroon and Gold Day.

"I think that it would be a really cool thing if we could get Notre Dame students to observe this day sometime next week or something ... maybe notify them through

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CHRISTIAN SAGARDIA/The Observer
Student body president Liz Brown, center, speaks during the April 3 meeting of the Council of Representatives.

South Bend eyes role in Olympics

By ROHAN ANAND
News Writer

With Chicago aiming to play host to the 2016 summer Olympics, city leaders of South Bend have pondered appropriate roles they could play to enhance Chicago's plan to win the international bidding war — though Notre Dame's contribution to the effort remains uncertain.

The official application for host city is due to the International Olympic committee in September, and the IOC will announce its decision in October 2009. Until then, said Greg Ayers, executive director of the South Bend/Mishawaka

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Africa Week celebrates cultural past, future goals

Events focus on both problems, positives

By JENN METZ
News Writer

Notre Dame and the Congregation of Holy Cross have long histories with the African continent — and this week's Africa Week events are intended to both reflect on these histories and look toward the future.

The week features events including an African Mass, a panel discussion on microfinance in Africa, a Theology on Tap about the Church in Africa, a lecture by the deputy ambassador of Ghana to the U.S. and a commemoration of the

Rwandan genocide — along with several opportunities to enjoy African food, dance and music.

Africa Week is designed to offer a more positive view of the continent as one that is changing and developing, and to also raise awareness of its current problems.

"Certainly, Africa has more than its fair share of struggles," said Notre Dame Millennium Development Initiative Director Father Bob Dowd. "However, the media often reports only the bad news out of Africa, and this often

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JESSICA LEE/The Observer
Junior Joshua Kempf, right, speaks along with senior Melissa Fisher during Tuesday's panel on Africa.

Panel examines microfinance in Africa

By JOHN-PAUL WITT
News Writer

Microfinance is one of the most promising ways to help the developing world, said panelists at Tuesday's "Microfinance in Africa" presentation.

Students filled a classroom in DeBartolo Hall for the discussion, which continued the work of "Africa Week" with an examination of strategies used to help poor Africans start their own businesses.

Microfinance entails providing loans in amounts as little as \$50 to the working poor in Africa to enable them to take advantage of

otherwise impossible business opportunities, said professor Frank Belatti of the Mendoza College of Business, who was joined on the panel by several business students.

While microfinance has been practiced since the 1970s, the award of this year's Nobel Peace Prize to Muhammad Yunus, who founded a bank to provide loans to impoverished residents of Bangladesh, has spurred more interest in the concept from the corporate world.

"What got Yunus excited was the capacity to help the poor with loans — now,

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INSIDE COLUMN

Reflections on VT

They say God is everywhere, in the slums and in the churches and in war and in peace. So I want to think God was there in that French class at Virginia Tech, when students were still tired and blinking from not getting enough sleep the night before, probably

Allison Ambrose

Photographer

wishing it was still the weekend and replaying stories of their drunk friends in their heads — maybe planning who they would go to lunch with that day or when they would go running that afternoon.

I'm sure God was there in the seconds before the first shots rang out. Maybe some teachers joked around and made their students laugh, perhaps a late sleeper tardily jogged into the room and quietly took his seat, maybe someone was texting their boyfriend or girlfriend about getting together that night to do homework.

Maybe Cho Seung-Hui paused outside the door to the engineering classroom and asked himself if he was really about to go through with what he planned.

I know beyond the shadow of a doubt that God was there as the Holocaust survivor blocked the way into his classroom with his body and was thus killed as his terrified students leaped out the windows, and also when a student had the presence of mind to prevent twelve more deaths by shoving a table against the classroom door.

But then Cho lined up and executed the students and teachers. He entered classroom after classroom. He knew exactly what he was doing and must have considered his mission accomplished as he turned the gun around on himself. And then I start to wonder about God.

There's plenty to be said about Virginia Tech's lack of response after the first attack, and I'd like to think that Notre Dame would act faster and more efficiently. I would want NDSP swarming the campus, classes cancelled, dorms locked down — more, certainly, than an e-mail.

I want to think that campus and South Bend police would be combing DeBartolo all day long, that my rector would come to my room to make sure I was safe and that I could call home to reassure my mother that I wouldn't be coming home early this year in a long wooden box.

I don't want to picture prayer services in the Basilica and at the Grotto, packed with students whose tears run down their faces as they shine in the candlelight. I never want to see the Dome on Fox News with the headline "MASSACRE" running beneath in ugly red and black text, or have to numbly wander downstairs to the chapel to pray with other mourning students, or, worst of all, wait through rampant rumors and unfounded reports to read a list of people whose funerals I'd be attending next week. I can't imagine my life screaming to a halt like that. But I also can't imagine that God wouldn't be there too.

I want to think that I'd have the strength to keep going after my classmates were gunned down, albeit with a terribly sudden knowledge of real pain. But just like the thoughts in Cho's head, the last emotions of the victims and the dread bubbling up in the hearts of the parents who received calls from Virginia Tech administrators yesterday, I have no idea what it would be like.

But, damn — I can't ask for anything more than to be left in that kind of oblivion.

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

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SUMMER OLYMPICS SPORT?



Matt Casanova
junior Keenan

"Pole vaulting. They go high."



Kelly Donley
sophomore Breen-Phillips

"Equestrian. I'm from Kentucky."



Kelly Kanavy
freshman Lyons

"Gymnastics, because I did gymnastics for a long time."



Louise Eich
freshman Lyons

"Swimming. Michael Phelps is the man!"



Morgan Schulz
sophomore Howard

"Gymnastics. It's just fascinating to watch them, and I did it for seven years."



Andrew Masak
sophomore Dillon

"Ultimate Frisbee. I love those flying discs and torn ACLs."



CLEMENT SUHENDRA/The Observer

Students gather outside LaFortune Tuesday afternoon while firefighters investigate a fire alarm that went off inside the building at approximately 3 p.m.

OFFBEAT

Law hinders police in lewd library case

NEENAH, Wis. — A law protecting library records' confidentiality has hamstrung officials pursuing a man who reportedly masturbated among the books at the Neenah Public Library earlier this month. City Attorney James Godlewski said the library can't turn a surveillance video of the man over to police without a court order.

"That is state law," Godlewski said Monday. "The library is merely following what state law says."

The Wisconsin attorney general's office said in a Nov. 27 opinion that library sur-

veillance videos fall under the state's public library records confidentiality law. The law prevents libraries from releasing records that indicate a library user's identity unless someone's life or safety is at risk.

NYC couple complete 2,500-mile cab ride

PHOENIX — A retired New York couple who hailed a taxi for their 2,500-mile move to northern Arizona arrived with their two cats at their destination on Monday.

Neither Betty nor Bob Matas drive and they wanted to spare their cats, Pretty Face and Cleopatra, a trip on an airplane to their retire-

ment home about 90 miles north of Phoenix.

They left the couple's Queens neighborhood April 10 in Douglas Guldeniz's canary-colored Ford SUV cab and traveled about 10 hours a day for a \$3,000 flat rate plus gas, meals and lodging. The SUV is a hybrid-electric vehicle, which helped lessen the cost of fuel.

"It was pretty tiring, for my wife especially," said Bob Matas, 72, a former audio and video engineer for advertising agencies. "We're happy where we are. We're happy and that's it."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

As part of the Rev. Theodore M. Hesburgh, CSC Lectures on Ethics and Public Policy, former under-secretary-general of the United Nations Shashi Tharoor will speak about "The Future of the United Nations" today at 12:30 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium.

Notre Dame women's softball will play Ball State today at 5 p.m. at Ivy Field. Admission is free.

The ROTC Parade and Ceremony: Presidential Pass in Review will take place today at 5:30 p.m. in the Joyce Center fieldhouse. Cadets and midshipmen of Notre Dame's ROTC programs will participate in a formal ceremony of precision drilling, awards to top cadets and midshipmen and a parade in honor of University officials and Commanding Officers. University President Father John Jenkins will award this year's winning branch the Notre Dame Commander's Cup.

The Ballroom Dance Club will host "Merengue with Ramzi Bualuan" today from 8 to 10:30 p.m. at 205 Rockne. Dancers of all skill levels are invited. Beginners are asked to come from 8 to 9, social dance from 9 to 9:30 and advanced from 9:30 to 10:30. The cost is \$4 for the night or \$35 for the semester. The club is open to all Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students, faculty and staff.

"The Shirt" will be unveiled at 6 p.m. Friday at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.

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Author faces 'life without ED'

Lecture focuses on the road to recovering from an eating disorder

By MANDI STIRONE
News Writer

Singer, songwriter and author of "Life Without ED" Jenni Schaefer spoke to Saint Mary's students about her experience with an eating disorder Tuesday night in the Stapleton Lounge of LeMans Hall.

"After going through years and years and years of an eating disorder, I actually love my body today," she said.

She explained that an "ideal body weight" is not a specific number, but the weight at which a person is strong, energetic and able to live a healthy life.

Schaefer told how her therapist had her view her eating disorder as an abusive relationship with a person named Ed, standing for "Eating Disorder." She said this method helped her isolate the self-destructive thoughts of her eating disorder from the other underlying issues.

Schaefer said that her eating disorder started very early, showing the audience her dance costume from when she was four, and telling them that at the time, she thought she was fat. She also pointed to Barbie dolls and the media in general as contributors to her problem,

but was careful to say that she doesn't hate the media. Schaefer also explained how her disorder progressed over the years.

She hit a whole new level of her eating disorder in high school because she became a perfectionist. By doing so, she didn't have any fun or friends, she said.

She became clinically anorexic when she got to Texas A & M because "Ed" convinced her to lose 15 pounds before she gained the "freshman 15," she said.

Schaefer did not hit rock bottom until after college when she moved to Nashville, Tenn., she said. While there she finally realized that she had a problem and was able to tell her boyfriend at the time.

When she finally got help, it was an uphill battle, she explained. She learned intuitive eating, where food is neither good nor bad.

"Being bad is not cheesecake," she said. "Stealing from a grocery store is

bad." She said the average recovery for an eating disorder takes five to seven years, and it isn't uncommon at all for people to relapse.

"That's why I'm here, because it gets better, completely better, full recovery," Schaefer said.

She then handed out some pamphlets and indicated a table in the entrance-way that had information on support groups, contact infor-

mation for help and general information on eating disorders.

"I believe if you never, never give up you will make it," she said.

Schaefer ended with a song she wrote entitled, "Life without Ed" and took questions from the audience before beginning a small group discussion.

The presentation was sponsored by the Residence Hall Association (RHA), the Counseling Center, the Inn at Saint Mary's and the Freedom Revolution.

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**Jenni Schaefer
author and singer**

BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Group awards \$500 to SMC Dance Marathon

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) members voted for a \$500 co-sponsorship for the College's upcoming Dance Marathon at their meeting Monday night, before new student body president Kim Hodges discussed what she expects of BOG in the upcoming year.

Dance Marathon entertainment co-chairs Anne Cusak and Catherine Wagner asked for the donation from BOG to help finance the "blow-up" activities available for dancers.

"We think it's important, it's going to get everybody pumped up to have a good night," Wagner said.

"We're almost doubling the number of dancers," Cusak said. "[The co-sponsorship] will affect probably about 300 Saint Mary's students."

After approving the co-sponsorship, executive secretary Annie Davis motioned to give a \$500 donation from BOG that will go straight to Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis, Ind., which the board passed.

Hodges began her first executive report by announcing the election of Cate Cetta to be the student trustee for the 2007-08 school year.

Cetta, a junior political science and history double major, was the

off-campus commissioner for BOG — a position junior Val Pekofske will take over while Hodges and student body vice president will appoint someone to fill the campus club commissioner position.

Hodges also announced that she wants all of BOG to actively participate in the meetings throughout the coming year.

"I've heard rumors that people don't attend because they don't have to report," Hodges said. "We're here for the policy making of the college. We can't pass policies, and we can't communicate about what's pertinent to the college if everyone is not here."

In other BOG news:

◆ Technology commissioner Erin Scott said Regina Hall and McCandless Hall will have wireless by the beginning of the next school year, according to Chief Information Officer Keith Fowlkes. Due to complications installing wireless, LeMans Hall and Holy Cross Hall will not have wireless installed until after the other two dorms.

◆ The 2007 Madeleva Lecture will take place Thursday. This year's topic will be "The Subversive Power of Love: The Vision of Henriette Delille M." presented by Boston College theology professor Shawn Copeland.

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The Observer is now accepting applications for Controller, Web Designer and Systems Manager for 2007-08.

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Author calls Enron a 'human tragedy'

By KAITLYNN RIELY
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Although the collapse of the Enron Corporation seems like just a story about numbers, it is more about the people who manipulated the numbers, said Bethany McLean, a Fortune Magazine writer and the author of "The Smartest Guys in the Room: The Amazing Rise and Scandalous Fall of Enron."

"Enron, to me, is really like a human tragedy," she said.

McLean spoke Tuesday in the Jordan Auditorium of Mendoza College. Her March 2001 Fortune story "Is Enron Overpriced?" was the first to question how Enron made its money.

Her article was the "tipping point," she said, that led to further investigations into the company.

"It put in print what people were beginning to think but nobody wanted to say," she said.

Enron's fall cannot be blamed on one person, she said, but rather it was the fault of a cast of characters that didn't ask tough questions. Enron's accounting firm Arthur Andersen, the Wall Street banks that provided the cash to Enron and the employees in the company all failed to provide a system of checks and balances to protect against a culture of greed, she said.

During interviews for the article and later for her book, McLean said one of the most troubling things she encountered were the responses to her question of who was to blame for the Enron collapse.

"They all — to a person — said it was someone else's fault," she said.

For the business students in the audience, McLean said the lesson of Enron was that junior officers and employees can risk imprisonment if they are involved in unethical deals, even if a senior person told them to do it.

Enron showed that — in some cases — the senior people escaped punishment and the junior people were made the scapegoats.

"If something does end up going wrong, and your life is on the line, the fact that someone

told you do to it isn't going to be any help whatsoever," she said.

McLean told the story of her investigative reporting into Enron, a company that fell from selling stock at \$85 a share in early 2001 to bankruptcy by the end of the year after further investigation revealed mass corporate fraud.

When she started looking into the company, McLean said, it was an "it stock" — nearly every stock analyst was telling investors to invest in Enron.

On the surface, Enron was a great story, she said. It was transforming the way business was done. Fortune magazine — the magazine she worked for — had even proclaimed it "America's Most Innovative Company" for six consecutive years.

But something wasn't right about the company, she said. It was hard to tell how it made money.

"Under the adoration of Enron, there was something very different," McLean said. "There was a sense that there was something dangerous about the company."

An investment banking analyst at Goldman Sachs before she became a reporter, McLean said she wasn't afraid of numbers — or doing heavy accounting stories. And Enron's accounting raised a lot of "obvious red flags."

So McLean called Jeff Skilling — then Enron's CEO — to ask him why the numbers didn't add up. Skilling became "extremely angry" during the call, she said, and called her unethical.

He said she had not done her homework, and if she had, she would know the answers to her own questions.

The next day, McLean met with three Enron executives, including Enron's Chief Financial Officer Andy Fastow, to ask them more questions about Enron's finances. They dodged her questions, so her editors advised her to push

ahead with the story.

Knowing how to interpret the numbers helped her to uncover the story and find the holes in the accounting, she said. But in retrospect, she said she wishes she had been tougher on Enron in her first article.

"I'm not sure I was perhaps as brave," she said. "Perhaps if I had been braver I would have seen more."

In the course of co-authoring a book about the Enron scandal, McLean said she was surprised that people in the company hadn't seen more.

Many people in the company knew the numbers didn't make sense, but no one said anything about it.

"The great majority of people at Enron had their heads down," McLean said.

The leaders of Enron, like Skilling, Fastow and former chairman Ken Lay, were self-made men, but they had fatal flaws, McLean said. And these flaws led to Enron's downfall.

They turned Enron into a company with a culture of self-delusion where free, excessive spending was allowed, she said.

McLean repeated a story told to her by a former Enron executive. He told her he needed to use a corporate jet to go to a meeting, but when he tried to get one, he found that all three of them were in use by the Lay family.

Skilling also contributed to that culture by using mark-to-market accounting to estimate future prices, and in doing so inflated the image of Enron's actual wealth.

But, McLean said, this was a culture of "reported profits, not a culture of reality."

"They basically stole from the future until there was nothing left," she said.

The lecture was sponsored by the O'Brien-Smith Leadership Program.

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Bethany McLean
author and journalist

Panel

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there are financial institutions looking to make money from microfinance," Belatti said.

At Notre Dame, students in Belatti's micro-venturing class, like senior Melissa Fisher, are learning about the principles of microfinance firsthand by creating development projects they hope will last beyond just one semester.

"We're looking to help bring ND into the microfinance field," Fisher said. "In the class, there are teams working with local entrepreneurs in South Bend as well as teams working in Guatemala and Africa."

Fisher's team is focusing on Uganda, and has also met with Notre Dame's Millennium Development Goals director Father Robert Dowd to inform him about the benefits of microfinance.

"We discovered that there's a women's bank in a village in Uganda that has 1,000 borrowers and \$30,000 in capital," Fisher said. "We'd like to connect the ND community to the Ugandan borrowers through the women's bank. Our idea is to buy shares in or loan capital to the bank."

Other Notre Dame students like junior Joshua Kempf and senior Jack Calcutt became involved with microfinance on their own.

Kempf is an officer of the Student International Business Council and has co-founded and led social development programs in Ghana.

Kempf credits his inspiration to the visit to Notre Dame by economist Jeff Sachs, who said "markets have no place in the initial development of rural Africa."

However, Kempf said markets can be Africa's "saving grace" if people are approached in the context of what he called a "trust economy."

The concept of trust is important in microfinance. Kempf said one organization that threatened borrowers with harm if they didn't pay experienced an 80 percent

default, or non-payment, rate.

Kempf's organization, which trusted borrowers to pay their loans on time, experienced a default rate of only 1.5 percent — lower than the world average default rate of 5 percent, he said.

Kempf decided to start an organization that worked with a microfinance institution in Ghana to help residents of a village better export their fruit products.

"We're working with fruit drying [because] after drying fruit it lasts up to a year, so we can then sell the product for premium prices in places like Europe where [mangos, papayas, pineapples and bananas] are uncommon," Kempf said.

Loans provided to potential business owners in Africa may seem to have harsh terms, as Kempf explained that the microfinance institute he worked with had a 72 percent annual interest rate.

However, Africans who need small amounts of money, such as \$100, will "pay anything for it later on" and "aren't bothered by high interest rates," Belatti said. But, he said, "Interest rates are coming down."

Not all students have been able to practice microfinance as easily. Calcutt encountered a manager engaged in what he called "illegal" practices in the microfinance institute he worked for in Uganda last summer.

"The manager said he was having trouble paying for his education ... so he took another job illegally and was not a leader at [the institution]," he said.

Calcutt also experienced difficulties working in rural areas, such as a "lack of a justice system" and a lack of "infrastructure to handle transactions and communications" between customers.

While Calcutt said this showed him microfinance isn't always "universally successful," he has an optimistic view of the practice.

"There's hope as long as we stay away from being attracted to microfinance as merely a buzzword," he said.

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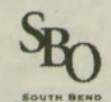
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Japanese mayor killed by gang chief

TOKYO — Ichio Ito was born in Nagasaki just two weeks after a U.S. atomic bomb devastated the coastal city in the closing days of World War II.

In the wake of such monumental destruction, he grew up to become a three-term mayor of Nagasaki. He was also an active figure in the movement against nuclear proliferation, heading a coalition of Japanese cities calling for the elimination of nuclear weapons.

Ito, 61, was shot and killed outside a train station Tuesday evening. Police identified the attacker as Tetsuya Shiroo, an organized crime chief apparently enraged that the city refused to compensate him after his car was damaged at a public works construction site.

The shooting was rare in a country where handguns are strictly banned and only five politicians are known to have been killed since World War II.

It was the second attack in the last 20 years against a mayor of Nagasaki, whose leaders have actively campaigned against militarism.

Sudan to let peacekeepers in Darfur

NYAI, Sudan — Sudan's surprise decision to allow 3,000 U.N. peacekeepers into Darfur was due to pressure from the U.S. and Khartoum's top ally, China. But questions remain whether Sudan will honor the deal and whether major countries will step forward with enough troops.

The Sudanese government agreed Monday after five months of stalling to accept the deployment of the peacekeepers, along with six U.N. attack helicopters, to help 7,000 African troops try to halt the violence in the desert region.

It's a major step toward coping with a humanitarian crisis that has claimed more than 200,000 lives and forced 2.5 million people from their homes since 2003.

NATIONAL NEWS

New Jersey gov. injured in car crash

TRENTON — The sport utility vehicle carrying Gov. Jon S. Corzine was traveling about 91 mph moments before it crashed, the superintendent of state police said Tuesday.

The governor was critically injured when the vehicle crashed into a guardrail on the Garden State Parkway just north of Atlantic City last week. He apparently was not wearing his seat belt as he rode in the front passenger's seat.

The speed limit along that stretch of the parkway is 65 mph.

Rice broadens Palestinian contacts

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice met Tuesday with Palestinian Finance Minister Salam Fayyad, broadening her contacts with members of the new Palestinian unity government in which moderates have joined forces with Hamas militants.

The predominant topic of the session at the State Department was economic distress in Palestinian-occupied areas.

A senior U.S. official said Rice participated for about 30 minutes in a session Fayyad was holding with the State Department's top Mideast official, Assistant Secretary David Welch.

LOCAL NEWS

Army invests \$100 million in site

INDIANAPOLIS — The 68 buildings that made up the former Muscatatuck State Development Center were once home to more than 2,000 people with mental disabilities — some autistic, some profoundly mentally retarded.

The center closed in 2005, but its Jennings County campus has since enjoyed a bustling second life as an Indiana National Guard training site. The site will soon be even busier thanks to a \$100 million investment by the Army.

The Muscatatuck Urban Training Center includes buildings, roads and nearly 1,000 acres the military wants to use as an environment for soldiers preparing for urban warfare and disasters.

Bush offers condolences at Va Tech

President attends memorial service, says nation is praying for students, teachers

Associated Press

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Representing America's anguish, President Bush told Virginia Tech students and teachers at a somber convocation Tuesday that the nation was praying for them and 'there's a power in these prayers.'

"It's impossible to make sense of such violence and suffering," Bush said at a memorial service on the campus where 33 people, including the suspected gunman, died in shootings the day before.

"Those whose lives were taken did nothing to deserve their fate," the president said. "They were simply in the wrong place at the wrong time. Now they're gone — and they leave behind grieving families, and grieving classmates, and a grieving nation."

Before flying to the tragedy-stricken university in southwestern Virginia, Bush ordered flags flown at half staff and issued a written proclamation in honor of those killed and wounded.

Speaking to a solemn crowd at a basketball arena, packed with students and others, many wearing orange short-sleeved Virginia Tech T-shirts, the president quoted a recent graduate blogging about the killings to encourage those who grieve to reach out for help.

"To all of you who are OK, I'm happy for that," Bush said, quoting the Internet posting. "For those of you who are in pain or who have lost someone close to you, I'm sure you can call on any one of us and have help anytime you need it."

The memorial service was subdued, but ended with a spontaneous school chant of "Let's Go Hokies!" the university mascot. The president met with a wounded student and 50 relatives of the victims, hugging them and telling them to take comfort from one another.

Bush and his wife, Laura,



President Bush, with Virginia Gov. Timothy Kaine, First Lady Laura Bush, and Kaine's wife Anne Holton, signs a memorial on campus Tuesday for victims of the Virginia Tech massacre.

also stopped briefly in the middle of campus where students have set up a memorial of candles and flowers. The president and first lady added their signatures to a display of the letters VT — a symbol of Virginia Tech.

In times of tragedy, Americans often turn to the president to be the nation's consoler. One of the most memorable images of Bush is of him standing atop a pile of rubble in New York, bullhorn in hand, as he rallied the nation after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

In 1995, President Clinton went to Oklahoma City after the bombing of the federal building there, and his on-the-scene empathy was later viewed as the key factor in reviving his presidency and helping him win re-

election.

Bush urged those angered by the killings not to be overcome by evil.

"People who have never met you are praying for you," Bush said. "They're praying for your friends who have fallen and who are injured. There's a power in these prayers, a real power. In times like this, we can find comfort in the grace and guidance of a loving God."

Before the service, Bush received a briefing on the shootings and their investigation from Virginia Tech President Charles Steger.

On a day of raw emotion, Bush spoke to students who he said had just lived through the worst day of their lives.

"On this terrible day of mourning, it's hard to imagine a time will come when

life at Virginia Tech will return to normal, but such a day will come," Bush said. "And when it does, you will always remember the friends and teachers who were lost yesterday."

The tragedy fueled debate over gun control. White House spokeswoman Dana Perino deflected any questions about Bush's view of needed changes to gun control policy, saying the time for that discussion is not now.

"We understand that there's going to be and there has been an ongoing national discussion, conversation and debate about gun control policy. Of course we are going to be participants in that conversation," she said. "Today, however, is a day that is time to focus on the families, the school, the community."

UNITED KINGDOM

Nations criticize U.S. 'gun culture'

Associated Press

LONDON — The Virginia Tech shootings sparked criticism of U.S. gun control laws around the world Tuesday. Editorials lashed out at the availability of weapons, and the leader of Australia — one of America's closest allies — declared that America's gun culture was costing lives.

South Korea's Foreign Ministry said the government hoped Monday's shootings, allegedly carried out by a 23-year-old South Korean native, would not "stir up racial prejudice or confrontation."

While some focused blame only on

the gunman, world opinion over U.S. gun laws was almost unanimous: Access to weapons increases the probability of shootings. There was no sympathy for the view that more guns would have saved lives by enabling students to shoot the assailant.

"We took action to limit the availability of guns and we showed a national resolve that the gun culture that is such a negative in the United States would never become a negative in our country," said Australian Prime Minister John Howard, who staked his political career on promoting tough gun laws after a gunman went on one of the world's deadliest killing sprees 11 years ago.

The tragedy in a Tasmanian tourist resort left 35 people dead. Afterward, Australia's gun laws were changed to prohibit automatic weapons and handguns and toughen licensing and storage restrictions.

Handguns are also banned in Britain — a prohibition that forces even the country's Olympic pistol shooting team from practicing on its own soil. In Sweden, civilians can acquire firearm permits only if they have a hunting license or are members of a shooting club and have no criminal record. In Italy, people must have a valid reason for wanting one. Firearms are forbidden for private Chinese citizens.

Africa

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gives people without a direct experience of Africa an overly negative image of the continent."

Adebola Giwa, a member of the African Student Association, said he believes "not only the campus but the entire country has a misconception of Africa. They picture war, famine, genocide ... we want to show the good, positive side of Africa with a wonderful culture, a different side as opposed to what is seen on the news."

Changing the misconception

Like Giwa, Dowd said it is important to realize there is more to Africa than its problems.

"While taking the problems that Africa faces seriously, because they are our problems also, Africa Week provides the Notre Dame community with a chance to appreciate the good news out of Africa and African achievements," he said.

In order to stimulate appreciation, the groups who put together Africa Week — including the African Student Association, the Africa Working Group and the Africa Faith and Justice Network — must first promote awareness.

Africa Week is meant to highlight different issues pertinent to the current social, political and faith situations in Africa, and ASA president senior Tunde Disu said the different groups each tried to emphasize different aspects of Africa. The ASA wanted to celebrate cultural heritage, and the AFJN wanted to draw attention to the genocide in Darfur and its effects on the African people, he said.

"[ASA's goal] is to bring to light and celebrate the culture, the history of Africa," Disu said.

An international student originally from Nigeria, Disu became involved with the ASA because it allowed him to gain "a second family" while away from home.

"It's a comfort to be surrounded by people with the same cultural background," he said.

He said he hopes students participate in the week's events because they are a chance for people to get to know more about Africa.

"Africa is a big continent, but its cultures are completely different ... when people think of Africa, they think of forests and animals, but the whole continent is not like that. I hope that we can get rid of that misconception," he said.

The week can "give [students] a better world view and get them thinking with a more international perspective," Disu said. "By becoming aware of what's going on can make them appreciate what they have."

Notre Dame, the CSC and Africa: A brief history

Father Basil Moreau, the founder of the Congregation of Holy Cross, first sent priests and brothers to Algeria in 1840, a year before sending them to America and Canada. Since then, the University has maintained close ties to the continent.

Father Paul Kollman said University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh helped to set up a university

system in East Africa with money from the Ford Foundation. The Congregation of the Holy Cross has been present in Uganda and Ghana since the 1950s, and later in Kenya and Tanzania.

In 2003-04, the University co-hosted a conference called "A Call to Solidarity With Africa: Americans and Africans in Dialogue About Africa's Promise, Needs, and Image." The conference was established after the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops issued a pastoral letter entitled "A Call to Solidarity with Africa," written in hope that Americans realize the African reality.

Nigerian-born Father Paulinus Odozor, a Notre Dame priest and professor, played an integral part in coordinating the conference, which included American and African speakers in its two parts. The first segment was held at the University in September 2003, and the second in Nigeria in January 2004.

The University sent 32 members of its community to Nigeria for the conference, Odozor said. These students and faculty members, including Odozor and Kollman, joined 19 others from across the nation to participate in the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for dialogue.

The September portion of the conference featured His Excellency Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, president of Nigeria, as the keynote speaker.

Last semester's Notre Dame Forum, entitled "The Global Health Crisis: Forging Solutions, Effecting Change," once again directed campus focus to the problems in Africa. At the end of the forum, University President Father John Jenkins, who traveled to Uganda earlier this year, announced the University's involvement in the Millennium Villages Project through the creation of the Notre Dame Millennium Development Initiative, in hopes to combat poverty in sub-Saharan Africa.

Graduate student Andrew Namanja, one of the ASA vice presidents and a native of Malawi, said, "With [Jenkins'] trip to Uganda, a spirit of Africa awareness has been [created] this academic year."

Africa Week events

The week's events so far have been very successful, according to ASA members.

Giwa said the African Mass Sunday in Pangborn Hall was very full and that chairs had to be brought in from the hallway to give everyone seats. Monday's fireside talk featured storytelling, which Giwa said imparted "a deeper understanding of African culture."

Organizers and faculty members are placing the most emphasis on two events: Thursday's talk, "Ghana before and 50 years after independence," by Irene Addo, Deputy Ambassador of Ghana to the U.S., as well as Saturday's Africa Night.

Namanja said Ghana "pioneered the movement for

independence in Africa."

"The talk will discuss before and after the independence of Ghana and analyze where Ghana and Africa as a continent stand 50 years later," he said.

Odozor also highlighted the presence of the Deputy Ambassador of Ghana, emphasizing the pan-Africanist vision put forward by the first president of Ghana, Kwame Nkrumah.

"He wanted to have a united Africa, an idea that was before his time ... an Africa where everyone of African descent would have a home," Odozor said.

Giwa said Africa Night is an opportunity to see the "other Africa" and how it affects U.S. culture. The night will feature drummers, storytellers, the First Class Steppers and Project Fresh, a breakdancing group that will perform to Nigerian hip-hop.

"Most people don't realize that Africa has a developed, popular culture," Giwa said.

Kollman and Odozor will present Theology on Tap: The Church in Africa tonight at 9.

Graduate student Francis Isaidoo, an ASA vice president, said the proceeds from the week's T-shirt sales, which are available in LaFortune and the dining halls, will benefit a relief service program for HIV/AIDS.

Africa and Notre Dame today

Though events like Africa Week raise awareness and offer new views of the continent, those involved with the

project say the challenge faced by the University today is how to offer students more avenues for academic and service projects in Africa.

Kollman said he hopes the week will help in "inspiring students to want to know more about Africa and go there."

Professor Naunihal Singh has taught an African politics class for the past few years. When he first offered the class, there were 20 students enrolled, but the numbers have climbed in recent years, he said.

"There is a demand among students for courses and service opportunities," Singh said.

Singh, who has traveled to Africa many times, said he tries to incorporate his own personal experiences into his classes to make things as concrete as possible for his students.

"It is important when learning about a place that is very far away and very different to try to ground that information as much as possible," he said.

His classes are not about "Africa as an abstraction, but about how [the continent] really is," he said.

Singh said he believes part of the increasing awareness among students comes from Africa's place in American pop culture, with movies like "Blood Diamond" and "The Last King of Scotland," and Madonna and Angelina Jolie's much publicized African adoptions.

"[The DeBartolo Performing Art Center] also makes a dif-

ference, showing African and Africa-related films and presenting African performers," he said.

Singh also attributes a Catholic angle to this awareness, citing the 2003-04 "A Call to Solidarity With Africa" conference as a turning point in students' involvement and interest in Africa and the problems faced by the continent.

Nicole Steele, a senior who spent last summer in Uganda and a member of the AFJN, was involved in some of the planning of Tuesday's panel on microfinance in Africa. She has also helped coordinate the Gulu Walk to raise awareness about conflict in northern Uganda and a discussion panel on the genocide in Darfur.

A member of the Student Advisory Council for the Notre Dame Millennium Development Initiative, Steele said she has "definitely noticed a greater interest in Africa."

"Notre Dame students can do a lot of good in Africa, but there's also so much that we can learn," she said. "I really believe that the more we are exposed to and interact with African culture, the fuller our own lives will be."

"It's wonderful that so many organizations have come together to make this week happen," she said. "It's a great example of how different groups of people can unite in celebration of a beautiful continent."

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IN BRIEF

Consumer costs lower, deflect inflation

WASHINGTON — Energy prices surged in March at the fastest pace since Hurricane Katrina, but other consumer costs eased, providing relief from worries that inflation was getting out of hand.

The Consumer Price Index was up 0.6 percent last month, the biggest jump in 11 months, the Labor Department reported Tuesday. Prices had risen 0.4 percent in February.

The March increase was driven by a 5.9 percent spike in energy costs, the largest gain in this area since September 2005, when Katrina shut down Gulf Coast refineries.

Gasoline prices shot up 10.6 percent with another big increase expected in April given that pump prices have continued to rise. The nationwide average for regular hit \$2.88, the Energy Department reported this week, up 71 cents over the past 11 weeks.

Lenders asked to help borrowers

WASHINGTON — Federal bank regulators called on lenders Tuesday to work with distressed borrowers unable to meet payments on high-risk mortgages to help them keep their homes.

The heads of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac said the mortgage finance giants are developing new types of loans to aid homeowners in avoiding default.

Home-mortgage delinquencies and foreclosures have been surging in recent months, especially for people who took out subprime mortgages — higher-priced loans for people with tarnished credit or low incomes who are considered greater risks. The distress has roiled financial markets and stoked anxiety that it could spill over into the broader economy.

The Federal Reserve and the five other federal agencies that regulate banks, thrifts and credit unions, in a joint statement, encouraged the financial institutions to extend flexible terms to struggling homeowners.

"Prudent workout arrangements that are consistent with safe and sound lending practices are generally in the long-term best interest of both the financial institution and the borrower," the statement said. "Institutions will not face regulatory penalties if they pursue reasonable workout arrangements with borrowers."

AOL vies for advertising dollars

Internet service provider announces broad campaign to capture online revenue

Associated Press

NEW YORK — AOL stepped up its bid to capture advertising dollars normally spent on television by showcasing five new interactive programs a month before the broadcast networks announce their fall lineups.

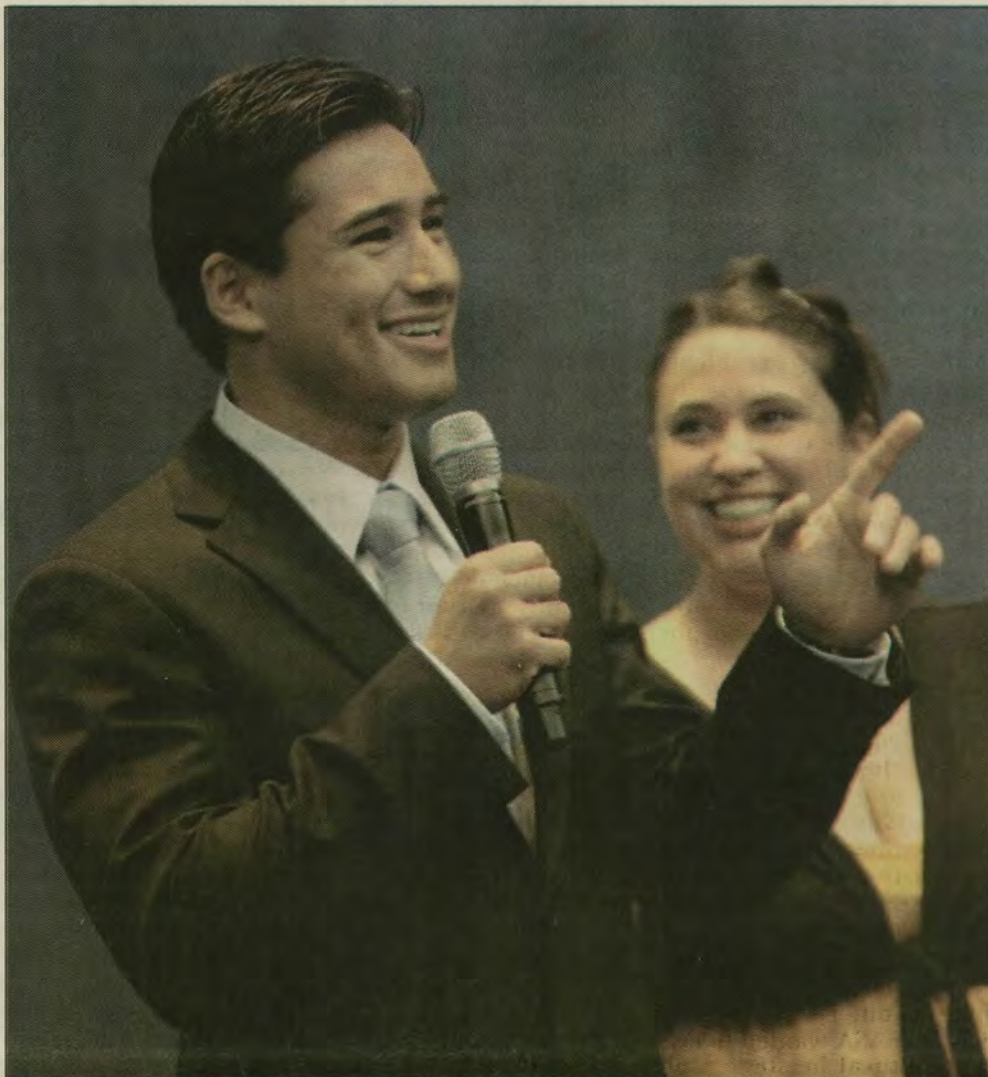
The online company hosted more than 500 advertising executives and media planners at a "First Look" showcase Tuesday — what Chief Executive Randy Falco described as a "coming out party for AOL" as a major online advertising platform.

"What we're interested in is making sure when advertisers and agencies are deciding what their budgets are for the coming year, they understand there's an enormous shift going on," the former NBC executive told The Associated Press.

The First Look event, at the corporate headquarters of AOL LLC parent Time Warner Inc., comes as AOL seeks to increase its advertising revenue to make up for rapid declines in its legacy Internet access business.

AOL announced ad-supported initiatives scheduled to launch this fall or early next year: a site where users can submit photos, video and stories for use on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" and three games, including a second season of reality TV master Mark Burnett's "Gold Rush." A fifth program, a game based on the upcoming "Shrek the Third" movie, is to launch April 26.

The major networks typically announce their fall schedules in May as part of events called "upfronts," so named because networks use them to pre-sell the bulk of their advertising for hit shows. Falco said he wasn't expecting similar advanced sales resulting



Actor Mario Lopez and a contestant play a live round of the interactive game show "Gold Rush." AOL's "First Look" showcase held Tuesday was its online advertising "coming out party."

from Tuesday's event, but the timing wasn't coincidental.

"There's no hiding that," Falco told the AP. "We're trying to get out there in front of the traditional broadcast upfronts so we can remind people who control budgets just how important online is becoming to their marketplace."

Yahoo Inc. held similar events in February in New York and Los Angeles. Television networks, meanwhile, have been pushing their digital platforms along with their traditional broadcasts.

Wenda Harris Millard, Yahoo's chief sales officer, said the online showcases help traditional advertis-

ers navigate the digital market, which is "very, very different from television."

"It's not only the digital advertising agencies who are now buying digital," Millard said.

She said many traditional advertisers contacted Yahoo following the presentations to set up sales meetings, though she said she could not specify how many or what resulted.

David Hallerman, a senior analyst at the research group eMarketer, said events such as AOL's might help persuade advertisers to spend more online, but they alone won't be deal breakers. "It's a lot of chipping away still," he said.

According to research by TNS Media Intelligence, spending on online advertising excluding keyword search ads grew 17 percent to \$9.8 billion last year. But that's only 6.5 percent of all advertising, and television gets nearly seven times more spending than the Internet.

While AOL was showcasing new programs at the event, Falco also saw it as a chance to sell advertisers on the AOL platform as a whole, including a new Web e-mail interface in the works and new video-distribution deals with Fox parent News Corp., General Electric Co.'s NBC Universal and CBS Corp.

Seattle paper to transition into tabloid

Associated Press

SEATTLE — An agreement settling a four-year legal dispute between The Seattle Times and Hearst Corp. includes a provision that would allow Hearst's Seattle Post-Intelligencer to become a tabloid, according to terms made public Tuesday.

Both newspapers posted copies of their amended joint operating agreement on their Web sites. The agreement was signed Sunday to avoid binding, closed-door arbitration over a legal dispute that threatened to close the P-I.

Under the agreement, The Times, which handles business functions including printing, circulation and

advertising at both papers in exchange for 60 percent of their joint profits, could not switch the P-I from its broadsheet format without Hearst's consent.

But it also says: "Hearst may, however, at its discretion choose to move the P-I to a tabloid format. In such event, Times and Hearst shall agree upon such production, marketing, circulation and advertising accommodations and adjustments as shall be reasonably necessary or appropriate to effectuate the P-I's change in format."

The P-I has been interested in switching to a tab format for the last several years, given evidence that such changes can stave off circulation losses and that readers like handling the more

compact design. But the P-I has been hindered by the feasibility of refitting the Times-owned presses and the concerns of prominent advertisers who prefer the larger, broadsheet style. Language requiring The Times' reasonable cooperation could help overcome those hurdles.

"It's something we talked about, but there's not been a firm decision to make a conversion," said P-I Associate Publisher Ken Bunting. "There are some production issues and some sales issues on which we would have to work with our customers and our partners. It puts the decision in our court and ensures there could not be a veto by our partner in the JOA."

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Mass

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anniversary Mass.

The congregation was made up largely of students, although many members of the outside community were also present. Some students came straight from the library, carrying their backpacks, while many dressed nicely for the service. Following the Mass, many students visited the Grotto to pray and reflect on the massacre.

In his homily, McCormick emphasized the powerful emotions many Americans have felt in the past few days in response to the tragedy at Virginia Tech.

"We have been overwhelmed with thoughts and emotions. [...] We are shocked, we are fearful, and we are angered," he said.

McCormick also underlined the similarities between the

Notre Dame and Virginia Tech communities.

"We've heard the stories of students, staff and professors who died, and we realized that their goals and ambitions are not that different from our own," he said.

Because of these similarities, McCormick said he believes the Notre Dame and Virginia Tech communities are "of one thought and mind." Like those at Virginia Tech's candlelight vigil Tuesday night, the members of the Notre Dame community worshipping at the Basilica and praying at the Grotto "gathered to pray for the lost souls and for peace in their hearts, and in our own," he said.

The Mass was meant to represent the concern for the spiritual unity of all humankind.

"When one part of the human community suffers, we all suffer," McCormick said.

McCormick said he believes members of the Notre Dame

community can take strength in the Holy Spirit after Monday's tragedy, which was the largest mass shooting in U.S. history.

"The Holy Spirit allows us to move from a state of fear to faith," McCormick said. "We may be fearful, but it is faith, not fear, that transforms and heals our wounds."

While Monday's events were undoubtedly tragic, McCormick stressed the ability to overcome disaster and increase spiritual strength.

"It is only for us now to find how even the Cross can be borne as a gift," he said to close his homily.

The message of the Mass was not one of depression, but a more hopeful state of solidarity with fellow humans.

"We must be a community with hope to bring. There is no failure that the Lord cannot reverse," McCormick said.

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Olympics

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Convention and Visitors Bureau, South Bend is wasting no time in forwarding ideas to Chicago's bid committee.

"Right now, we're identifying the right people to help Chicago compete internationally to host the Olympics," he said. "So, over the next few days, our task will be to discuss appropriate roles we could play in helping Chicago's bid."

Ayers said the two resources South Bend could provide to the Olympic Games would be training facilities for the athletes and tourist sites for the spectators.

"Suppose that a team needs to find a last-minute venue to practice for the competition," he said. "Our thoughts are that some of our venues can be utilized to help these athletes. By pointing these things out, we can show the city of Chicago that we can serve as responsible partners for them."

Ayers said one site that would be potentially useful is for the canoe and kayak events in the East Race waterway just off downtown. East Race was the first artificial whitewater-rafting course built in North America. And since it is owned by the city

of South Bend and managed by the Parks and Recreations Department, the U.S. Olympic Committee would be familiar with the site as a reliable venue.

Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White also has a connection to the Chicago bid as a member of the Chicago 2016 steering committee. But whether Notre Dame facilities could be used to help the bid is uncertain at this point.

"The extent of [White's] involvement has been a couple of Chicago fundraising events," senior associate athletic director John Heisler said in an e-mail Tuesday to The Observer. "There have not been any specific conversations relative to the use of any Notre Dame facilities in conjunction with the games."

Still, Ayers said he thinks the attractiveness of Notre Dame's renowned campus will help the Chicago bid, as far as tourism is concerned. This, in addition to the College Football Hall of Fame and the Studebaker National Museum, would draw spectators from Chicago who have extra time in between events.

"It would certainly generate the local economy," he said, "and rally our community to serve people from around the globe."

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advertisement in The Observer, sending an e-mail out or whatever," she said.

In addition to these ideas, members suggested that the student body observe a moment of silence sometime next week, either at a designated location or just during first minute of class at a certain time.

In other COR news:

◆ Brown asked COR members for input on the faculty-student contemporary debate series that is in the works for next year.

"It's tentatively looking like

we're going to do about five or six of these debates," she said. "It's going to be a faculty and student team debating another faculty-student team about contemporary issues."

As of now, there are no concrete plans for selecting which students and faculty members will participate, but Brown said she has already received e-mails from interested students and will likely field applications.

The group debated the choice of topics for the debates, and Braun said the goal would be to "steer away from polarizing, highly-charged political issues."

"The idea of immigration is a good one because there's not a right or wrong answer," she said.

Members suggested other topics that would diversify the debate content beyond political science, including evolution and movie critiques.

◆ Junior Danny Smith was approved to be next year's vice president of elections.

"I am confident in his ideas and direction for the upcoming election season," Judicial Council president Ashley Weiss said. "I think he is the most qualified candidate for the position."

Smith said one of his goals for next year's elections is to increase voter turnout. He suggested that voting booths be placed in high-traffic areas for greater exposure.

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PHILIPPINES

Peace Corps volunteer found dead in Manila

Associated Press

MANILA — Philippine authorities on Wednesday found a body they believe to be that of a missing American Peace Corps volunteer in a northern mountain town where she disappeared during a hike more than a week ago, an army general said.

Maj. Gen. Rodrigo Maclang told The Associated Press that a body matching the description of Julia Campbell, 40, from Fairfax, Va., was found buried with one foot protruding from the ground near the village of Batad. It was not clear whether she had been buried by someone or if she was covered by debris during a fall.

Maclang said it was too early to

determine if foul play was involved.

Regional police chief Raul Gonzales said U.S. Embassy officials were on their way to the remote area to identify the body. He said the body was fair-skinned and clad in clothes similar to those that Campbell was last seen wearing.

Campbell went missing April 8 in the area about 160 miles north of Manila. Police said earlier she may have fallen off a cliff.

Provincial police chief Senior Superintendent Pedro Ganir said by telephone on Tuesday that Campbell, wearing blue denim jeans, black shirt and a shawl, was last seen buying soda from a local store.

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Experts analyze antidepressants

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Authors of a new comprehensive analysis of antidepressants for children and teenagers say the benefits of treatment trump the small risk of increasing some patients' chances of having suicidal thoughts and behaviors.

The risk they found is lower than the one the Food and Drug Administration identified in 2004, the year the agency warned the public about the drugs' risks in children. After the warning, U.S. youth suicides increased and some mental health experts said reluctance to try antidepressants might be to blame.

The new analysis includes data from seven studies that were not part of the previous FDA analysis, including two large pediatric depression trials that were unavailable three years ago.

Researchers analyzed data on 5,310 children and teenagers from 27 studies. They found that for every 100 kids treated with antidepressants, about one additional child experienced worsening suicidal feelings above what would have happened without drug treatment. In contrast, the FDA analysis found an added risk affecting about two in 100 patients.

There were no suicides in any of the studies. The antidepressants included Prozac, Paxil, Zoloft, Celexa, Lexapro, Effexor, Serzone and Remeron.

"The medications are safe

and effective and should be considered as an important part of treatment," said study co-author Dr. David Brent of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. "The benefits seem favorable compared to the small risk of suicidal thoughts and behavior."

Antidepressants worked best when used to treat anxiety, the analysis found. They worked moderately well treating obsessive-compulsive disorders. They worked less well, but were still effective in treating depression.

Adolescents responded better than children to treatment for depression and anxiety, the researchers found. They also found that only Prozac worked better than dummy pills in depressed children younger than 12.

In the studies involving depression, 61 percent of patients improved while on antidepressants. But 50 percent of depressed patients taking dummy pills also improved.

Among young patients with obsessive-compulsive disorders, 52 percent improved on antidepressants, compared to 32 percent who improved on dummy pills.

And in the studies of anxiety disorders, 69 percent improved on antidepressants and 39 per-

cent improved on dummy pills. Effectiveness of the drugs was measured in the studies using widely accepted rating scales. The analysis appears in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

Dr. John March, chief of child and adolescent psychiatry at Duke University Medical Center, welcomed the study as "the most comprehensive analysis of the data yet put together." He said the suicidal behavior risk, although lower than found by the FDA, demands that doctors and families watch for warning signs.

"You can't treat kids with these drugs without taking this information into account," said March, who was not involved in the study, but does similar research. "You can't say, 'Take these and call me in six weeks.' You have to monitor carefully the benefits and adverse events."

The study didn't measure the effects of talk therapy, March pointed out. He said cognitive behavioral therapy used with antidepressants can lower suicide risk and speed up recovery for depressed youth.

The study was supported by grants from the National Institute of Mental Health and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

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David Brent
study co-author

Attorney general's aide may receive immunity

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Monica Goodling, once Attorney General Alberto Gonzales' White House liaison, would be granted immunity from prosecution and forced to testify under a plan being considered by a House panel probing the firings of federal prosecutors.

House Judiciary Committee Chairman John Conyers said Tuesday that Goodling, who has refused to testify, has much to contribute to the investigation.

"I am hopeful we can approve immunity so that we can schedule her to testify as soon as possible and begin to clear up the many inconsistencies and gaps surrounding this matter," said Conyers, D-Mich.

"She's at the nexus of the relationship between the White House and the Justice Department," added Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y.

The committee vote, scheduled for Wednesday, is part of an effort by Democrats to find out why the Bush administration dismissed eight of the nation's 93 federal prosecutors.

Democrats question whether the administration singled out some of those fired in an effort to interfere with corruption cases in ways that might help Republicans.

No evidence has surfaced to support allegations of wrongdoing, but Gonzales' shifting explanations have led to calls

for his resignation and thrown his department into turmoil. His long-awaited testimony on the matter was postponed from Tuesday to Thursday this week because of the Virginia Tech murders.

In the interim, Democrats have kept up the pressure. Conyers' committee announced this week that they want to talk to Mary Beth Buchanan, the U.S. attorney in Pittsburgh.

Her name came up during a private interview by House and Senate investigators with Kyle Sampson, Gonzales' one-time chief of staff. Sampson told the investigators over the weekend that Buchanan was one of the senior Justice Department officials he consulted on which U.S. attorneys should be asked to resign, according to a senior Democratic aide who has seen a transcript of the interview. The aide requested anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue. At the time, Buchanan was also serving as director of the office that oversees U.S. attorneys.

Buchanan refused to comment.

House Democrats focused Tuesday on Goodling's testimony. Gonzales' former counsel and White House liaison quit over the furor and has invoked her Fifth Amendment right against self incrimination. She and her lawyer have said any testimony could amount to a perjury trap.

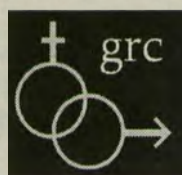
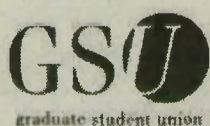
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School threats follow VT massacre

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Campus threats forced lock-downs and evacuations at universities and grade schools in seven states on Tuesday, a day after a Virginia Tech student's shooting rampage killed 33 people.

One threat in Louisiana directly mentioned the massacre in Virginia, while others were reports of suspicious activity in Texas, Oklahoma, Tennessee, North Dakota, South Dakota and Michigan.

In Louisiana, parents picked up hundreds of students from Bogalusa's high school and middle school amid reports that a man had been arrested Tuesday morning for threatening a mass killing in a note that alluded to the murders at Virginia Tech.

Schools Superintendent Jerry Payne said both schools were locked down and police arrested a 53-year-old man who allegedly made the threat in a note he gave to a student headed to the private Bowling Green School in Franklinton. Both towns are in southeastern Louisiana.

"The note referred to what happened at Virginia Tech," Payne said. "It said something like, 'If you think that was bad, then you haven't seen anything yet.'"

In Rapid City, S.D., schools were locked down after receiving

reports of a man with a gun in a parking lot at Central High. No shots were fired and no injuries were reported, police said. The high school students were taken to the nearby Rushmore Plaza Civic Center, where parents were allowed to pick up their children.

In Austin, authorities evacuated buildings at St. Edward's University after a threatening note was found, a school official said.

Police secured the campus perimeter and were searching the buildings, St. Edward's University spokeswoman Michelle Amador said. She declined to say where the note was found and said its contents were "nonspecific."

Amador said the university's reaction was not influenced by Monday's attack at Virginia Tech.

"No matter what day or when this would have happened, we will always take the necessary precautions to protect our students, our faculty, our staff, the entire university community," she said.

Seven North Dakota State University buildings were evacuated after a duffel bag was found outside a bus shelter in the main part of the campus. NDSU spokesman Dave Wahlberg said the shootings in Virginia reinforced the need to "err on the side of safety."

In Bloomfield Hills, Mich., police attributed a 30-minute lock-down at the exclusive Cranbrook Schools

complex in response to jittery nerves following the Virginia slayings.

School officials called police after parents and students reported spotting a 6-foot-tall man in a skirt, high heels, lipstick and a blond wig near a school drop-off area outside Cranbrook's Kingswood Upper School, Lt. Paul Myszenski said. Police were unable to find anyone meeting the man's description.

At the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, officials ordered three campus administration buildings evacuated for almost two hours Tuesday morning in response to a telephone bomb threat. The city's bomb squad searched the buildings but found nothing, campus spokesman Chuck Cantrell said.

Cantrell said there was no reason to believe the bogus threat was related to the shootings at Virginia Tech, but "we just chose to err on the side of caution today."

The other, at the University of Oklahoma, had started with a report of a man spotted on campus carrying a suspicious object, officials said.

The man was carrying an umbrella, not a weapon, and he later identified himself to authorities, University of Oklahoma President David Boren said in a statement. Boren initially had said the person was believed to carry a yoga mat.

EU condemns CIA anti-terrorism tactics

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Members of the European Parliament told U.S. lawmakers Tuesday that CIA tactics for spurring away terrorism suspects are illegal.

The parliamentarians' briefing for House members concerned CIA renditions, the practice of grabbing terror suspects in one country and delivering them to another country for questioning.

The briefing came the same day it was disclosed that CIA Director Michael Hayden had privately complained to European diplomats last month that a European Parliament report written by a member of the delegation had exaggerated the extent of the renditions.

Hayden made a case that the renditions were an essential tool that had helped the United States and European countries fight international terror, according to a Western official familiar with his remarks.

The European delegation, which includes members of a European Parliament civil liberties panel, briefed members of two House Foreign Affairs subcommittees Tuesday. The hear-

ing on renditions was set up by Democrats, who have sought to exert greater oversight over intelligence activities since taking control of Congress this year.

Carlo Fava, the author of a panel report accusing Britain, Poland, Italy and other nations of colluding with the CIA to transport terror suspects to clandestine prisons in third countries, told the members of Congress that the Parliament considers rendition "an illegal instrument used by the United States in the fight against terrorism," according to testimony prepared for the hearing.

As for Hayden's remarks last month, first described in The Washington Post on Tuesday, the CIA director said renditions carried out by the United States before and after the Sept. 11 attacks have all been conducted lawfully.

Hayden said that the renditions had taken place with the knowledge and many times assistance of the countries where the suspects were seized, according to the Western official, who requested anonymity because the remarks were made to a private audience.

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More than just a game

This weekend marks the 78th annual Blue-Gold Game weekend. An outstanding tradition that has grown from an alumni versus varsity team game into a highly publicized spring scrimmage, the 2007 Blue-Gold Game will surely not disappoint. But for many, this weekend entails so much more than a mere football scrimmage. So when you prepare to cheer on the Irish be sure to take note of other happenings on the field as well as throughout campus. I've supplied you with a list of my top 10 favorites to help you out.

10. The Return of Tailgating. For most of us, it's been almost five months since our last tailgating experience. I don't know about you, but I can hardly wait to break out the grill and bags set this weekend. The Joyce Center lot will once again be overwhelmed with Irish fans eating hotdogs and shotgunning beers. Similar to the Blue-Gold Game itself, this Saturday's tailgating gives us non-football players a chance to practice for next fall's tailgating season.

9. The Shirt Unveiling. The dress code for the 2007 football season will be introduced this Friday. With the success of the "Tradition" shirt last year, will navy once again be next fall's

t-shirt color, or will The Shirt Committee opt for a different color to add to our ever-increasing Irish wardrobe?

8. The Fans. What other college football team can brag about tens of thousands of fans coming to watch a spring practice? Alumni, parents, family and friends will come from all corners of the country to watch their favorite team and take part in one of Notre Dame's greatest traditions.

7. The Team. The Blue-Gold game allows for a unique opportunity for the entire football team to display their talents. Everyone from the SportsCenter-gracing all stars to the hardworking walk-ons will have a chance to strut their stuff in The Stadium.

6. PigTostal. The biggest party of the year ... and the closest thing to Greek Life a Notre Dame student will ever see. Complete with 80 kegs, two pigs and one naked freshman swimmer, PigTostal is a spring tailgating tradition that is sure to please.

5. The Four-Man Quarterback Race. With rumors rumbling about who will replace Brady Quinn, be the first to see who will take the field dressed in red.

4. Bookstore Basketball. With the championship game only a week away, the largest outdoor five-on-five basketball tournament will be in full effect this weekend with teams fighting for the top spot. Will it be "I Can't Believe We're So Butter" and "Four Gentiles and a Jew" in the championship game? The answer is only a few games away.

3. The New Leprechaun. After highly anticipated, public try-outs, The Leprechaun for the upcoming athletic year will be out on the field cheering on the Irish. Complete with red hair and a green suit, Matt Phipps will undoubtedly carry on the esteemed Leprechaun tradition with great success.

2. Ara and Lou. College football coaching legends Ara Parseghian and Lou Holtz will be on the sidelines this Saturday alongside Charlie Weis coaching the Blue and Gold — a dream come true for diehard Irish fans.

1. The Game. While many students will choose to chow down on pork rather than watch a scrimmage, the Blue-Gold game should not be missed. As a dress rehearsal for the upcoming football season, the Blue-Gold game gives spectators a chance to watch their favorite players as they give us a sneak peak of what's in store for next fall. And if you are anything like me, you are suffering from football withdrawal and cannot wait to get back in the stadium. So put on your new Shirt, tailgate with family and friends and be sure to support your two favorite teams as they battle it out in the Stadium this Saturday.

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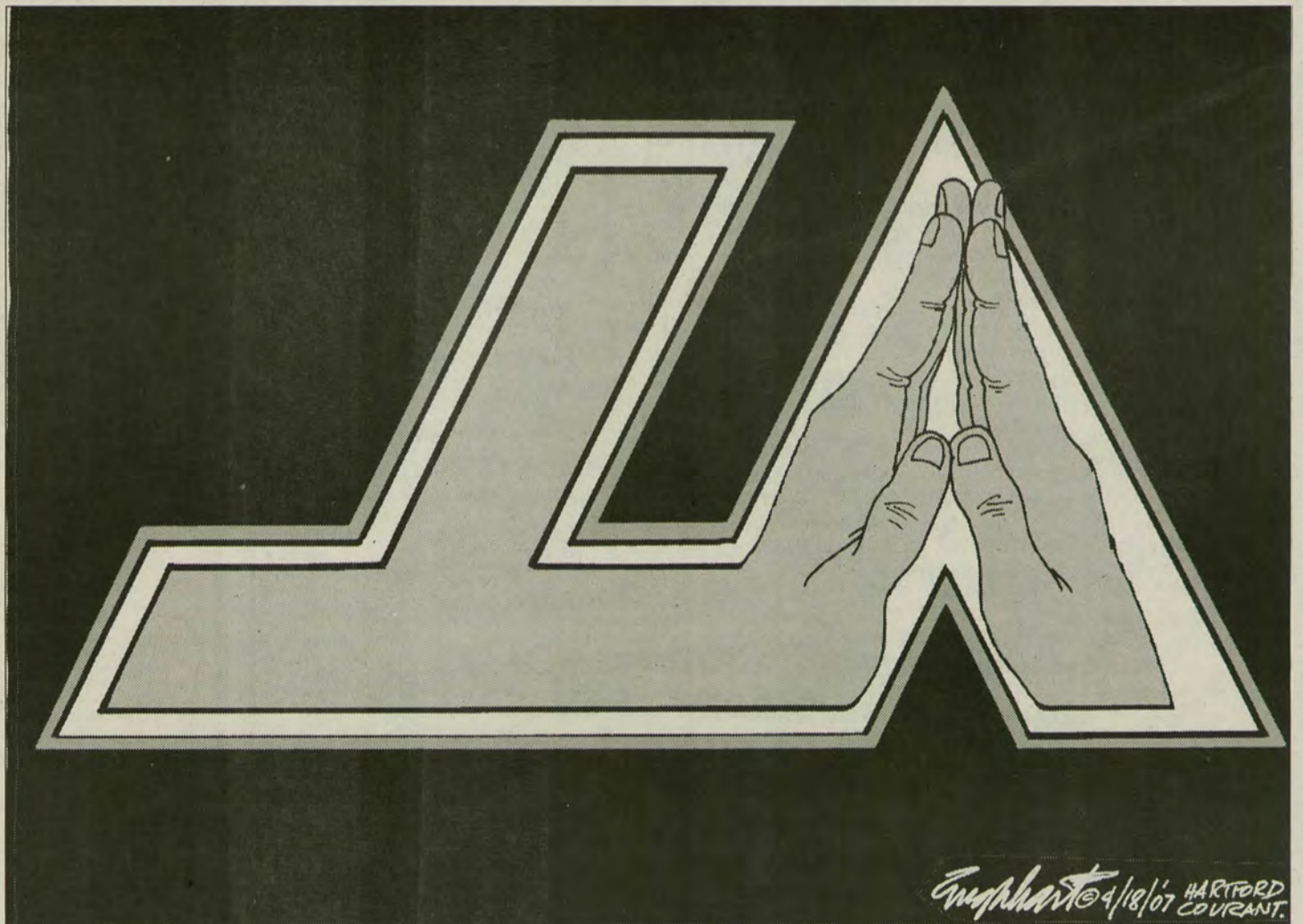
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"A little government and a little luck are necessary in life, but only a fool trusts either of them."

P.J. O'Rourke
U.S. humorist

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Harsh criticism of Law School unmerited

Displaying the rhetorical skills that will make him a very successful litigator and betraying his claim that his legal education is a "joke," my classmate Jim Paulino crafted a very powerful, and very misleading, image of what attending Notre Dame Law School is like ("Law students show discontent," April 17). In his zeal to denigrate the institution which has so aptly prepared him for the future, he misunderstands the purpose of the curriculum at a national law school, mischaracterizes the particular emphasis and mission of Notre Dame, and misrepresents the teaching abilities of the stellar faculty at our school.

Paulino complains of the lack of "practicality" at the law school. Setting aside his self-contradiction on this point (he notes the practicality of our trial advocacy program, which is duplicated annually in countless law firms across the country to train other new lawyers), he seems to have missed the elementary fact that at nationally-respected law schools like Notre Dame, students come from and return to nearly every state in the Union to practice. It is impossible for a law school with such reach to present practical knowledge of black-letter law that will be of immediate use to the young attorney. Rather, Notre Dame, like all national or "elite" law schools, offers a general curriculum focused on broad rules of law, highlighting theoretical underpinnings and policy tensions running throughout. Armed with a solid theoretical understanding of various areas of the law, students then go on

after graduation to learn the state-specific law they need to pass the bar exam in their chosen state of practice.

If Paulino wanted his three years of law school to be an extended exercise in practical education preparing him to apply written legal rules with only a minimum of actual engagement in thinking about or understanding them, he could have chosen any one of the nation's fine regional or local law schools, which traditionally teach the black-letter law of the state in which they sit, eschewing larger theoretical and policy discussions. I am sorry to hear Paulino regrets his choice; I am certain he is in the minority in doing so.

Second, Paulino suggests the law school emphasizes its Catholic image at the expense of offering a quality legal education. As a non-Catholic, I find his suggestion laughable to the point of absurdity. He seems to regard the existence of a course on canon law as an affront to his learning, even though he was entirely free to avoid this elective class. He also refers to Jurisprudence and Ethics II as "joke" classes that are a "waste" of his time and money. While these classes are required, they are neither a waste nor a joke, except to the extent that students fail to take them seriously. Jurisprudence offers the opportunity to place our newly acquired legal knowledge in context as it relates to the outside world, and helps us to understand the nature of the profession we are about to enter and the intellectual foundation of the tools we have just been given. Ethics II provides a moment

each week for reflections on real-world dilemmas that we will soon have to face in our careers — in fact, Ethics II may be the most "practical" course in the curriculum.

While I do not disagree with calls for greater transparency and communication from the law school administration, not one of us can claim ignorance as to the unapologetic manner in which Notre Dame Law School examines these ethical, moral and philosophical questions even as it delivers a first rate legal education. To the extent Paulino considers such examination to be a "joke," I submit that Paulino made a poor choice three years ago in choosing where to go to law school.

Third, and most egregiously, Paulino extends his smearing of his soon-to-be alma mater by suggesting that "a lot" of the professors here "can't teach," and further suggesting that many professors are retained because they help the school's "Catholic image" despite having nothing to offer students. After having taken classes from some 23 faculty members, I have yet to meet the professor that meets Paulino's fanciful depiction. Many of the best professors are Catholic; many are not. Some of the less adept professors are Catholic; some are not. There is simply no correlation between Catholicism and teaching ability, as Paulino would have it.

More to the point, the faculty is on balance one of the finest assemblages of teachers from which I have had the privilege to learn. Of all the areas to mention where the law school could use

some improvement — and there many — faculty quality is not one of them. As the article noted elsewhere, Notre Dame has several professors who are rising stars in legal academia — former Supreme Court clerks who are widely popular among students and recognized as outstanding teachers. More senior faculty are nationally known as established leaders in their field. And if some of our most brilliant and eccentric faculty have difficulty making themselves understood to today's students, I think that reflects more on the unwillingness of today's students to put in the work to take advantage of resources at their disposal than it does on anyone's ability to teach.

In sum, I wish it to be known that the school that Paulino describes is not the school I have attended the past three years. Notre Dame offered me, and I readily accepted, exactly the nationally-based, theoretical and foundational legal education I expected to receive; additional focus and reflection on the questions of ethics, morals and justice that I was unlikely to get at most other law schools; and an array of brilliant, accomplished professors as eager to teach me their craft as I was to learn it from them. I agree with Paulino that there are certain problems of responsiveness and communication within the law school that need to be addressed. There my agreement ends.

Brian E. Foster
 third-year law student
 April 17

Lives lost to wasted cause in Iraq

Mary Daly asks "Where has the respect for human life gone?" ("Lives lost in Iraq anything but wasted," April 17) in response to Will McAuliffe's assertion that the lives of all who have died in Iraq were wasted. The entire war is a waste — and not because we aren't honoring those who died, but because they are no longer alive. Every life taken in this war has been wasted, because without the war, they would still be alive. So Mary, if you're wondering where our respect for human life is, it lies in the fact that we wish these soldiers were still alive, and that we want no more of them to die. Declaring their lives as wasted is not an insult — it is a measure of how much we wish they hadn't been sent to die for a worthless war.

We realize that striking a balance between honoring the lives of these soldiers and criticizing those who sent them to die is difficult. The real tragedy and waste lies in that these soldiers, willing to die for the noblest of ideals, were sent to war that has such ignoble effects, including

the death of countless Iraqis, and the diversion of needed funds away from our own Gulf Coast. Beyond the waste of resources and countless deaths, the term "waste" also applies to the fact that our brave soldiers, who serve their country for certain ideals and values, are sent by their government to risk their lives in a war that undermines the very values which they uphold, and for which they decided to serve their country.

We believe in liberty, equality and democracy. We also believe that none of these realities can be based on a foundation of violence and occupation. The war is succeeding only in supplanting our ideals with a reality that is destroying those who fight for them — and this is the greatest waste.

Alli deJong
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 Liz Loo
 seniors
 off campus
 April 17

T-shirts raise awareness, limit funds

I am writing in response to an IRISHLINK listserve e-mail that I received from the "Millennium Development Goals (MDG) Task Force" of the Center for Social Concerns and Student Government soliciting the purchase of a T-shirt in honor of Malaria Awareness Day, Wednesday April 25th. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Center for Disease Control informs us that 41 percent of the world's population live in areas where malaria is transmitted (e.g., parts of Africa, Asia, the Middle East, Central and South America, Hispaniola and Oceania). Each year 350-500 million cases of malaria occur worldwide, and over one million people die, most of them young children in sub-Saharan Africa. The imperative of reducing the catastrophic impact of this disease, which has been eradicated in this country since the 1950s, is unassailable.

However, I would like to reflect on a campus culture that attempts with the best of intentions to advance a socially-conscious agenda by reinforcing the unconscious behaviour of consumption. Insecticide-treated bed nets decreased the mortality of children aged 1-11 months in a trial in western Kenya in 1997-1999. How many more of these bed nets could be purchased for the \$10 investment if part of those funds were not being used to defray the cost of the purportedly "free T-shirt".

Although I do not know directly where and under what labor conditions the Malaria Awareness Day T-shirts were produced, I do know that cotton accounts for 25 percent

of the world's insecticides and eleven percent of global pesticide sales, making it the most toxic crop grown on the planet, a toxicity hazardous to more than just mosquitoes. Certainly, I appreciate the implicit intent of the T-shirts to raise the campus awareness, but I question whether this is the best application.

There have been many T-shirt campaigns on campus since my time here, many of which have been inspired by the orange "Gay? Fine by me!" success. The issue of campus acceptance of all sexual orientations is one relating directly to the campus community, and as such one that lends itself well to a T-shirt campaign. Issues such as malaria, which are about garnering resources for a charitable effort on another continent rather than publicly lauding the self for donating to an anti-malaria cause, are perhaps better served by alternative forms of advertising, an admirable example of which were the alternative energy pinwheels on South Quad, or stickers such as "Be nice to me, I gave blood today".

As a person who tries to not measure his social consciousness by the 75 T-shirts crowding a shelf in his closet, I invite a Catholic campus to meditate on the virtue of simplicity as well as the charitable spirit in this upcoming "Millennium Development Goals Awareness Week."

Thomas Klepach
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THE FABULOUS LIFE OF
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5-STAR

REVIEW BY RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA

One of the defining moments in the charmed life of Vincent Chase, budding Hollywood superstar and the fictional centerpiece of HBO's "Entourage," takes place, appropriately, in a darkened movie theatre.

Seated incognito in the back row of a packed auditorium, Chase (Adrian Grenier) nervously fidgets and wonders how his fans are taking in "Aquaman,"

the movie playing on screen. This is his first crack at a summer blockbuster and with "Terminator" and "Titanic" mastermind James Cameron directing him, how could anything go wrong? Still, Chase's ever-loyal quartet of amigos — half-brother Johnny "Drama" Chase (Kevin Dillon) and best friends Eric "E" Murphy (Kevin Connolly) and Turtle (Jerry Ferrara) — are quick to reassure him that the fans are eating it up.

"Wait'll they get a load of this next part," Turtle says excitedly.

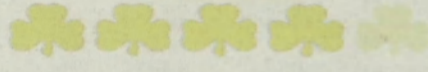
And for the briefest of moments, we get a tantalizing glimpse of Vince's Aquaman in action. Jostling past the frantic and unruly summer beach crowd on an ocean pier, he unbuttons his suit while racing to stop an incoming tidal wave. But at the last second, as he does a death-defying leap off the edge of the pier, the theatre projector breaks.

An usher tries to quiet the grumbles from the audience, blaming the malfunction on rolling blackouts caused by a sudden heat wave. It's a clever and painfully frustrating way to begin the third season of "Entourage," but an effective one nonetheless.

Recently released on DVD, "Entourage: Season 3, Part 1" collects the first 12 episodes of the show's third season, which follows the rise of Vince from indie darling to A-list star after the success of

"Aquaman." While the second season of "Entourage" remains the show's best, Season Three thrives by stringing together the misadventures of Vince's crew in smaller, two to three-episode arcs. What it lacks in plot, this season makes up for in superb comedic situations that never let Vince and the boys

ENTOURAGE



get too comfortable with their comfortable lot in life.

Early on, Vince falls prey to the Hollywood studio system. Unsatiated with the record-breaking \$116 million debut of "Aquaman," Warner Bros. tightens the ropes on their golden goose and tries to force Vince into a three-picture deal, not unlike Tobey Maguire's real-life deal with Sony Pictures for the "Spider-Man" films.

As show creator Doug Ellin reveals in one of the DVD commentaries, much of the "Aquaman" storyline draws its inspiration from Sony's lucrative "Spider-Man" trilogy, but with a lot more discord. All this makes for good drama, because one minute Vince's crew is jubilant at surpassing Spidey's opening weekend gross, and the next it's stuck with the ugly reality of the Hollywood machine.

Never lost in the shuffle is Vince's alpha-shark of an agent, Ari Gold. Played to passive-aggressive perfection by Jeremy Piven, Ari seems to always find a way to steal the show from his celebrity client. It's a role that won Piven the 2006 Emmy for Best Supporting Actor, and Season Three bottles up and shakes Piven's manic charisma for some of the show's most explosive comedy. More often than not, these scenes involve Ari slandering Lloyd (Rex Lee), his wise, cheerful and gay assistant, the Yang to Ari's Yin. Together, they share some of the best chemistry on "Entourage," a

show that continues to thrive on the strength of its performers.

HBO's choice to release the third season on DVD in two parts reeks of a money-grubbing ploy. It's a tactic they used to split up the sixth and final season of "The Sopranos." And while it's nice to be able to catch up with the Chase crew before HBO airs the second half of the season, it shamefully doubles the cost of each episode.

Fortunately, HBO is a little more generous with the special features here than in the paltry excuse for "bonus material" from the second season set. Aside from a breezy promotional piece for the Vegas episode, Ellin, Ferrara and Dillon sat down to record lively commentary tracks for easily the three strongest episodes of the season: "One Day in the Valley," "Vegas, Baby, Vegas!" and "Sorry, Ari."

All three tracks are informative and continually engaging and you get a sense of how laid back the atmosphere on set must be. This DVD set also marks the first time that the show is available in widescreen, which suits its cinematic locales.

Sadly, the "Aquaman" footage that "Entourage" teases us with to begin the third season isn't real. But the quartet's genuine desire for Vince's fans to love the movie is. Like the very best segments in HBO's ever-entertaining dramedy, it's one more example of the "Entourage" writers poking fun at the inanity of Hollywood while never straying too far from these four middle-aged boys from Queens. Together, they steer through the choppy waters of the business in search of every actor's fleeting dream: a glamorous fairy tale ending.

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Vincent Chase (Adrian Grenier, left) and Eric (Kevin Connolly) have been best friends since their childhood in Queens, NY.



Turtle (Jerry Ferrara, left) and Drama (Kevin Dillon) see eye to eye, but the pair remain

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CAST GOES HOLLYWOOD IN STYLE

JEFF ALBERT | Observer Graphic

SCENE & HEARD

What makes "Entourage" so awesome? Although its storylines are nowhere near as serious and detailed as the longstanding arcs of "The Sopranos" (HBO's flagship series), "Entourage" actually does have overarching plots and a sequential structure, unlike sitcoms and other single episode-focused comedies such as "The Office." However, the real fun of "Entourage" lies in watching Vince and Company roll around Hollywood in shiny expensive cars, work out multi-million dollar film deals and create comedy along the way.

"Entourage" is sort of the male equivalent to college girls reading magazines such as "People" and "Cosmopolitan." It's a total indulgence in the glitter and glamour of Hollywood celebrity pop culture. Except that unlike the tabloid trash of grocery store newsstands, the show is awesome. "Entourage" is art imitating life creating art — a comedy about a fictional movie star and his pals, set in real-world Hollywood.

And what makes it all work is the characters. The movie star of "Entourage" is Vincent Chase (played by Adrian Grenier), who never goes anywhere without his posse: Eric (Kevin Connolly), Drama (Kevin Dillon) and Turtle (Jerry Ferrara). As a tight-knit quad of boyhood friends from Queens, the main group dynamic is Vince and Eric's status as best friends, which gets complicated when they go into business together as E (his nickname) becomes Vince's manager.

Over time, E proves himself a capable businessman in his duties as Vince's manager. Vince himself is a paradox — everyone wants his life but no one really wants to be him. He makes up for his narcissistic and sometimes annoying tendencies, by paying his friends off periodically with new rides and sweet digs.

And he's definitely not everyone's favorite character: that title belongs to Ari Gold, played by Jeremy Piven, the paranoid, workaholic agent who spends his time alternating between cajoling Vince into new movie projects, living vicariously through the group and blasting Lloyd (Rex Lee), his oft-abused assistant.

Vince's older brother Johnny Drama is a has-been

hack, but he manages to get the odd job around Hollywood based solely off his proximity and shared family name with Vince. For his part, Turtle ... well, Turtle's just along for the ride on Vince's coattails. The latter pair is a bit of an odd couple; no one really takes them seriously but they're accepted as part of Vince by extension — as Shauna (Debi Mazar) would say, he "comes as a package deal."

And it's a pretty sweet one at that. In an episode of Season Two, Shauna, Vince's press manager, calls Vince's posse "The Lost Boys," which sums up the whole package: four best friends who refuse to grow up, have never put in an honest day's work in their lives and have no plans on doing so.

Whether it's house-shopping for Hollywood mansions, wining and dining at Southern California's finest restaurants or chasing skirts around town, the men of "Entourage" spend their nights holding glasses of champagne and their days sleeping, lazing around and trying to find ways to entertain themselves. Which, given their ridiculous amounts of free time and cash, is a recipe for both trouble and hilarious moments. In other words, the meaningless pursuits that young men spend their time on.

Part of "Entourage's" appeal to college guys is that everyone has a group of friends that more or less resembles the show's characters. Everyone has a friend like Vince, a pretty boy who spends quality time, leave-in conditioner and hair gel making sure his hair looks just right before going out.

Likewise, every guy wishes that E was his best friend — a loyal and protective bud who's got his back. Everyone knows someone like Johnny Drama with an over-inflated ego and delusions of grandeur. And everyone also has a friend like Turtle, who's short, irresistible to pick on and exists mainly for group comedic relief.

Basically, "Entourage" is a combination of any time you've sat around your dorm room with your buddies and thought, "If I had a million dollars..." or "Wouldn't it be awesome if..." rolled together and cut into half-hour segments. From Vince and his posse trucking around town in an H2 Hummer to hitting up Las Vegas en masse, "Entourage" is a show about living the life.

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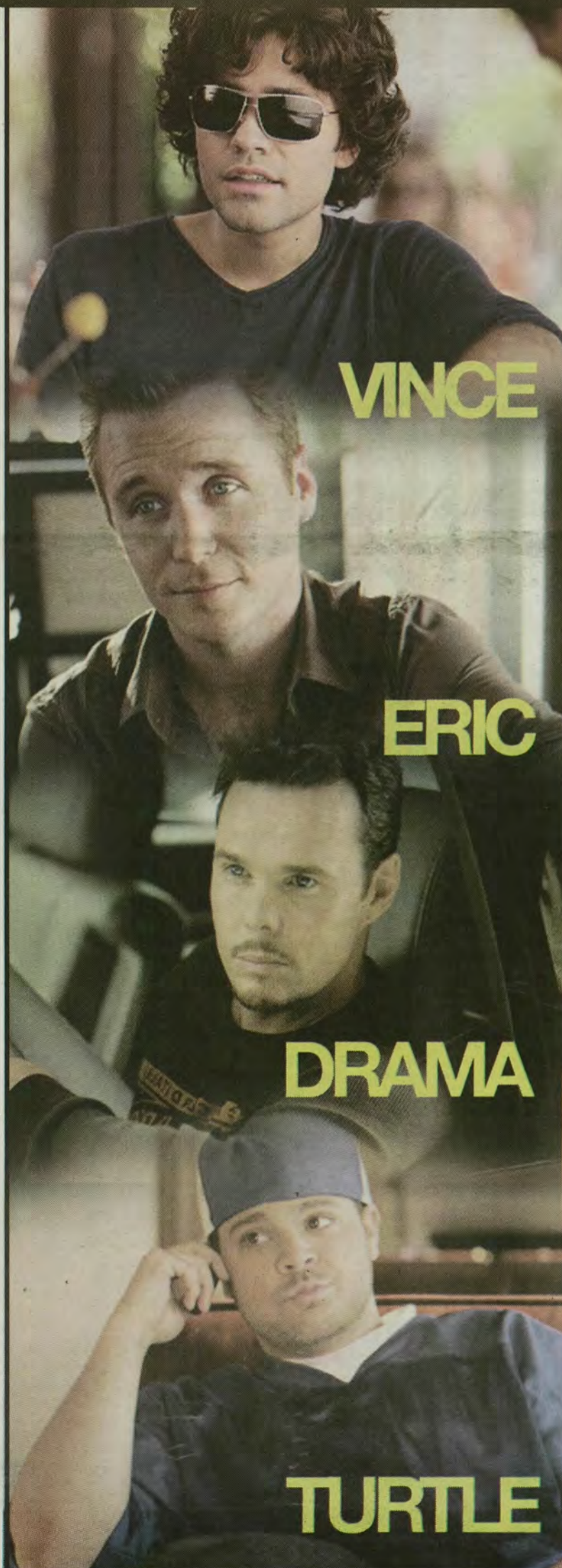


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Drama (Kevin Dillon) don't always wins hilarious on "Entourage."



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Ari (Jeremy Piven, right) spends his time brokering deals for movie stars and heaping abuse on assistant Lloyd (Rex Lee).

MOVIE REVIEW

Disney's 'Robinsons' soaring to screen success

By ERIN MCGINN
Assistant Scene Editor

"Meet the Robinsons," Walt Disney Animation's final pre-Pixar purchase and computer-generated cartoon closes with a nod to the past, attributing the central motto of the film — "keep moving forward" — to Walt Disney himself. It's a nice, nostalgic touch marking the studio's new era under John Lasseter, the former head of Pixar, and an apt description of the plot. Despite a relatively simple storyline about an orphan in search of a family, the rather complex machinations keep pushing the narrative ahead so as to not allow too much time to dwell on the how or why.

The film is loosely based on the picture book "A Day with Wilbur Robinson" by William Joyce and directed by first-timer Stephen J. Anderson. While "Meet the

Robinsons" doesn't quite reach the high-standard of excellence established by such Pixar classics as "Toy Story" or "The Incredibles," it still offers a great deal of heart and is an overall enjoyable film.

The protagonist of the film is a young boy named Lewis (Jordan Fry), a brainiac orphan and an attempted inventor. Abandoned by his mother as a baby, Lewis was raised under the care of Mildred (Angela Bassett) at an orphanage. His disastrously malfunctioning inventions, like the Peanut Better and Jelly Making Machine, hinder his attempts to be adopted by a loving family. As a result he invents the Memory Scanner, which he hopes will help him discover the whereabouts of his birth mother. When Lewis reveals his invention, however, it is stolen by a villain from the future, known only as the "Bowler Hat Guy" (voiced by director Anderson).

Enter Wilbur Robinson (Wesley Singerman) who whisks Lewis into his time travel machine to retrieve the Memory Scanner from Bowler Hat Guy before he uses it to change to future according to his evil plans. Catapulted from his room at the orphanage into the bright retro-futuristic design marvel of "Todayland" (playing off of Disney World's Tomorrowland) Lewis is ecstatic; the world of tomorrow has everything that he has ever dreamed of, including a potential family in the eccentric Robinson clan. But unless he can stop the Bowler Hat Guy, everything that Lewis loves about the future may disappear — including the Robinsons and their free-wheeling household of singing frogs, worrywart robot Carl (Harland Williams) and a giant octopus butler.

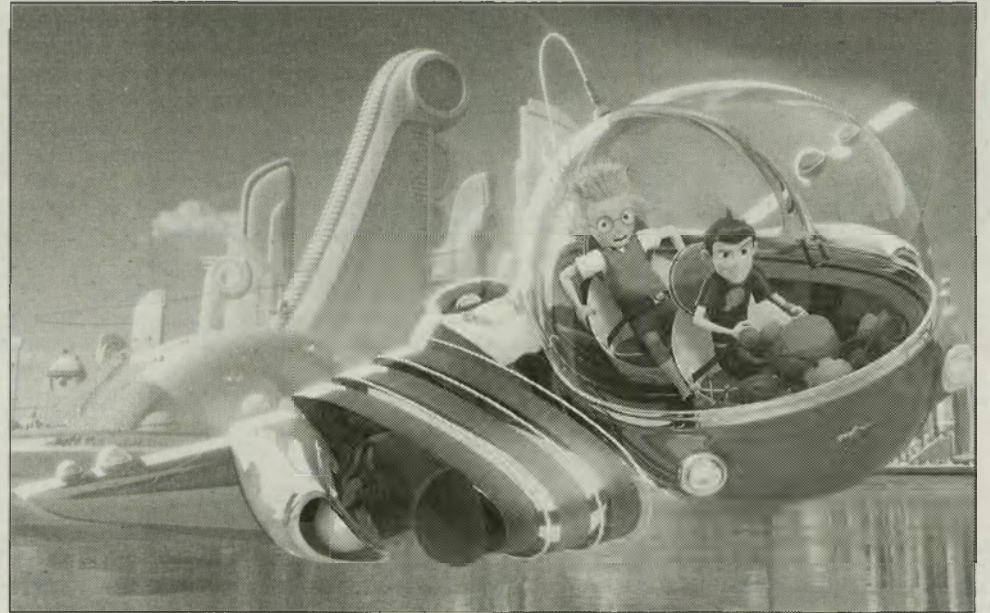
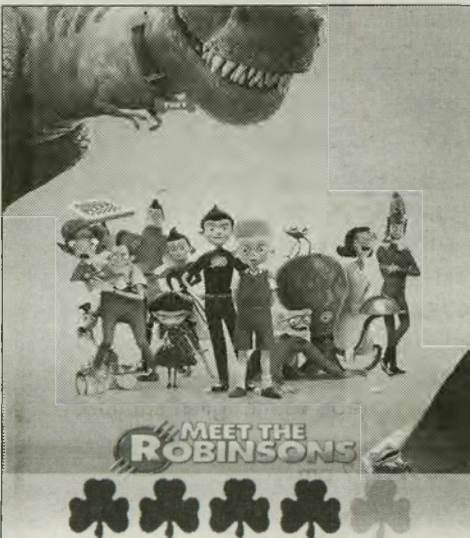


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Lewis, left, and his friend Wilbur Robinson jet through "Todayland" in "Meet the Robinsons," the latest Disney computer animated film to arrive in theaters.



The mania only increases in the third act, when the filmmakers must somehow wrap the story up while addressing the consequences of the characters' time-traveling antics. It's difficult to elaborate without giving too much away, but the developments stretch the bounds of believability, even for a cartoon. Particularly upsetting is the fate of Lewis' baseball-loving roommate Goob, among the most endearing of animated characters, whose dark under-eye circles are presumably caused by sleep deprivation — but also suggest such other potential orphanhood troubles.

Co-starring the voices of Tom Selleck, Laurie Metcalf and Mad TV alum Nicole

Sullivan, "Meet the Robinsons" zips merrily along, never overstaying its welcome. Per the family film narrative template, Lewis must learn some important life lessons over the course of his fantastic adventure, but the filmmakers thankfully hold the sappy homilies in check. It's engaging rather than cloying, with more than enough plot twists, gags and one-liners to entertain all audience members.

In the end, only the most jaded viewers won't enjoy leaping into the dazzling and ingeniously rendered future of "Meet the Robinsons."

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CD REVIEW

Malin's album takes him from 'Gutter' to 'Glitter'

By JAMES COSTA
Staff Writer

Even after the demise of famed New York City rock club CBGB last October, the spirit of that independent New York sound that emanated from the Village and beyond in the heady days of the late 80s and early 90s lives on in the music of seminal singer-songwriter Jesse Malin. Malin, who recently released "Glitter in the Gutter" on Green Day front man Billie Joe Armstrong's Adeline Records, has constructed an album that has garnered significant notice for its roll call of big name appearances, as well as its strong and refreshingly new rock and roll sound.

Malin, closing in on 40, still manages to capture the irreverency of his insouciant youth in Queens, where his childhood was not unlike the characters in Dito Mortiel's recent film "A Guide to Recognizing Your Saints." The album picks up momentum right from the first moment with the song

"Don't Let Them Take You Down." A chugging track, it speaks to the near-middle aged hipsters of Malin's rock circle and the creation of a new lost generation of musicians converging in lower Manhattan to find some inspiration and direction as their lives and music change with the times.

One of the most surprising appearances on the record is Bruce Springsteen on the ballad "Broken Radio." A touching tribute to Malin's mother, the song breaks away from most of the record's hard rocking tracks and delivers a soft piano remembrance of a world now gone though still alive in Malin's memories. Providing perfect balance to Malin's youthful voice, Springsteen supplies a gorgeously rugged and aged perspective to the song.

Malin brings Ryan Adams, his close friend and often collaborator, to provide guitars and backing vocals on four tracks. The two famously — in the underground New York scene — formed and produced two punk EPs under the name The Finger and released a CD compilation titled "We Are F**K You." This collaboration is evident in "Glitter" in the Gutter on such tracks as "Little Star."

Embodying the main theme of the album, Malin and Adams paint a world of misunderstood ideals and hopes for deliverance and happiness in the years to come. While lyrics such as "Misunderstood / like Robin Hood / and Peter Pan / redemption" can be trite, it



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Jesse Malin performs live at a concert in Irving Plaza in New York City during September of 2005. The singer-songwriter has just released a new album.

is undeniable that Malin and Adams share a common vision. Especially since music fans are so used to hearing Adams in his own prolific releases, it is refreshing to hear him provide often brilliant moments in a backup role to Malin. The two hit their best with the track "Aftermath," a tune that Malin wrote after seeing Yoko Ono on a street in New York City. Malin and Adams sing of a changing world, "And the radio went silent / And all our heroes had died / Now you can buy revolution / In any color or size."

With the additions of Adams and Springsteen, as well as Jakob Dylan, it would be easy for Malin to lose sight of his own vision for the record. However, he

maintains a firm control over the direction of the disc. The influences of his earlier bands and projects such as D Generation are obvious. Malin assaults the listener with a dazzling attack of serrated guitars mixed with massive choruses reminiscent of classic acts like New Jersey band Bon Jovi.

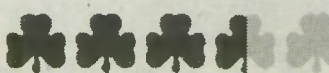
While some songs are weaker than others, his brilliantly crafted adrenaline shots, such as "Prisoners of Paradise," offer the listener plenty to think about. It is a solid rock and roll album in a time when those are increasingly hard to come by, and certainly worth a listen.

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Jesse Malin

Glitter in the Gutter

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Recommended tracks: "Don't Let Them Take You Down," "Aftermath" and "Broken Radio"



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MLB

Blum's clutch hit leads Padres over Cubs in 14

Pirates defeat struggling Cardinals behind combined four-hitter; Red Sox fall to Blue Jays despite strong Dice-K start

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Geoff Blum stepped to the plate in the 14th inning and delivered another big hit.

This time, the stakes were a little lower. It was a regular-season game — not the World Series. And the winning shot stayed in the ballpark.

Blum doubled in the go-ahead run to lead the San Diego Padres over the Chicago Cubs 4-3 in 14 innings Tuesday.

"I knew I wasn't going to repeat the World Series thing, not with that wind like that," he said.

That "World Series thing" happened in 2005, when Blum hit the go-ahead solo homer in the 14th inning of Game 3 for the Chicago White Sox.

"Luckily, I just found a hole," he said. "Right place at the right time. You wait that long and good things happen."

Khalil Greene led off the 14th with a double to the right-field corner against Will Ohman (0-1), and with one out, Blum sent a shot to left that Jacque Jones let skip by him.

Ohman then retired Rob Bowen on a fly to center, and pinch-hitter Jake Peavy on a pop to second. But it was another rough outing for the left-han-

der.

He allowed a three-run homer to Marcus Giles in Monday's 12-4 win, and he walked in two runs in a 6-5 loss to Cincinnati last week.

"It's the law of averages," Ohman said. "Two, three bad ones in a row — it'll even out."

He said Blum hit a "great pitch" — a slider down and away. Not that it lessened Ohman's frustration.

"Would you get frustrated if you lost? It's frustrating," he said.

Blum's hit made a winner of Doug Brocail (1-0), who struck out four and allowed one hit in two scoreless innings. Trevor Hoffman pitched the 14th for his third save in as many chances.

Chicago's Daryle Ward hit a bloop double to center with one out in the bottom of the 14th, but Hoffman got Jones on a fly-out and struck out Ronny Cedeno.

"This team has shown a great deal of resiliency so far, early in the year, an ability to hang in there," Padres manager Bud Black said. "The pitching keeps us close and we get some hitting at the end of the game."

San Diego loaded the bases in the ninth but failed to score, and two big defensive plays

stopped them in the 10th and 12th.

With runners on first and second in the 10th, Brian Giles singled to center off Bob Howry. Felix Pie — making his major league debut for the Cubs — charged in and his threw a strike on the fly to catcher Michael Barrett, beating Russell Branyan by a couple feet. Mike Cameron ended the threat by grounding out.

And with a runner on second in the 12th, second baseman Mark DeRosa dove to his right to snag Marcus Giles' liner for the final out.

Greg Maddux allowed three runs and six hits in five innings in his first start against the Cubs since they traded him to the Los Angeles Dodgers at the deadline last July. He walked one, did not strike out a batter, but was unable to protect a 3-1 lead.

Pirates 6, Cardinals 1

The Cardinals look a lot more like September duds than World Series champions.

Tom Gorzelanny and Matt Capps combined on a four-hitter and Adam LaRoche hit a three-run homer in a victory over St. Louis on Tuesday that gave the Pittsburgh Pirates a two-game sweep.

"They're the big dogs in our division, and it's good to get out there and shut them down," Gorzelanny said. "If we can keep doing that, you're going to be seeing a lot of good things out of us."

The Cardinals' 6-7 start is the worst by a World Series winner since the 1998 Florida Marlins were 1-11. St. Louis completed a 1-3 homestand, scoring 10 runs in a victory over Milwaukee and totaling five runs in the losses. After going 49-31 last season, the NL's second-best home record, the Cardinals are 1-6 at Busch Stadium.

"I'm glad we're going away then, so we can play better," said Albert Pujols, who was 0-for-7 with two walks in the series and is batting .160. "I've seen what this team can do."

Gorzelanny (2-0) fell just short of his first complete game in 15 major league starts, allowing one run and four hits in 8 1/3 innings with two strikeouts and three walks. He faced



Red Sox pitcher Daisuke Matsuzaka leaves the field following the sixth inning of a 2-1 loss Tuesday to the Blue Jays.

the minimum through four innings, benefiting from a pair of double plays, and had a 12-inning scoreless streak before the Cardinals scored in the fifth on a pair of hits and Gary Bennett's sacrifice fly.

"Everyone expects to do well, and that's what I expect," said Gorzelanny, the Pirates' minor league pitcher of the year last season. "It's exciting that I have gotten off to this kind of start."

After So Taguchi doubled with one out in the ninth and Pujols walked, Capps came in and struck out Scott Rolen and Preston Wilson.

In his first game at Busch Stadium since striking out the Tigers' Brandon Inge for the last out of the World Series, Adam Wainwright (1-1) gave up five runs — four earned — and eight hits in six innings. He has allowed 11 earned runs in 17 2/3 innings against the Pirates, a 5.60 ERA.

"I threw a lot of pitches over the plate, just bad, bad pitches," Wainwright said. "I'm really getting tired of telling all the media folks that it wasn't good because I feel like I've been doing that a lot lately. So results-wise, it finally caught up to me."

Blue Jays 2, Red Sox 1

Daisuke Matsuzaka's lack of control in a key situation cost him against the Toronto Blue Jays.

Dice-K struck out 10 over six innings but forced in the go-ahead run with a bases-loaded walk to Gregg Zaun in the fourth, and Toronto beat the Boston Red Sox 2-1 Tuesday night despite getting just three hits.

Matsuzaka (1-2) retired his first eight batters and Wily Mo Pena's third-inning homer gave him a lead, but Lyle Overbay's single tied the score in the two-run fourth.

Jason Frasor, taking over as closer while B.J. Ryan is sidelined by a sprained elbow, got four outs for his first save since Sept. 20, 2005, against Seattle. He retired David Ortiz on a groundout to end the eighth with a runner on, then pitched a 1-2-3 ninth. Manny Ramirez lined out, and Kevin Youkilis and Mike Lowell grounded out.

Matsuzaka allowed just three hits and three walks in six innings as his ERA rose from 2.57 to 2.70. He struck out 10 for the second time in three starts — the previous pitcher to reach double-digit strikeouts twice in his first three major league starts was the Los Angeles Dodgers' Fernando Valenzuela in 1981.

Gustavo Chacin (2-0) allowed one run and six hits in 6 2/3 innings, and Casey Janssen got three outs before Frasor came in.

Matsuzaka's Toronto debut, combined with a \$2 Canadian ticket promotion, helped draw a crowd of 42,162, Toronto's biggest since opening day.



Padres outfielder Brian Giles doubles in a run Tuesday in the first inning of San Diego's 4-3 extra-inning win over the Cubs.

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Liz: Will you go to the yacht dance with Zach?

Circle yes :) or no :(Yes No

The ravens seemed to be calling his name, thought Caw.

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Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	conf.	last 10
x-Toronto	47-33	32-17	8-2
x-New Jersey	40-41	29-21	7-3
Philadelphia	34-46	22-27	6-4
New York	32-49	21-28	2-8
Boston	24-57	15-34	3-7

Eastern Conference, Central Division

team	record	conf.	last 10
x-Detroit	51-29	34-16	6-4
x-Chicago	49-32	36-15	8-2
x-Cleveland	48-32	29-21	6-4
Indiana	35-45	25-25	4-6
Milwaukee	28-53	15-36	3-7

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	conf.	last 10
x-Miami	44-37	27-24	6-4
x-Washington	40-40	26-24	2-8
x-Orlando	38-42	24-26	6-4
Charlotte	33-48	24-27	7-3
Atlanta	29-52	16-35	2-8

Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	conf.	last 10
x-Utah	50-31	31-20	3-7
x-Denver	44-37	26-25	9-1
Portland	32-49	19-32	3-7
Minnesota	32-49	18-33	2-8
Seattle	31-50	18-33	2-8

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	conf.	last 10
x-Phoenix	61-20	36-15	8-2
x-L.A. Lakers	41-40	27-24	3-7
Golden State	40-40	26-24	7-3
L.A. Clippers	39-41	22-28	5-5
Sacramento	33-48	18-33	3-7

Western Conference, Southwest Division

team	record	conf.	last 10
x-Dallas	66-14	39-11	7-3
x-San Antonio	58-23	38-13	7-3
x-Houston	52-29	28-23	7-3
New Orleans	38-43	22-29	6-4
Memphis	21-60	13-38	4-6

x-clinched playoff berth

NCAA Softball

USA Today/NFCA Div. I

team	points	record
1 Tennessee	650	39-2
2 Alabama	603	25-4
3 Texas A&M	575	29-5
4 Arizona	536	26-8
5 LSU	535	35-5
6 Arizona State	491	36-8
7 Northwestern	478	27-7
8 Michigan	426	26-6
9 Oklahoma	387	38-4
10 Texas	348	26-9
11 Oregon	347	36-4
12 UCLA	342	25-9
13 Washington	342	23-9
14 Stanford	320	26-7
15 Louisiana-Lafayette	297	34-7
16 Baylor	289	34-9
17 Oregon State	244	28-11
18 Hawaii	181	35-8

NBA



NBA referee Joey Crawford makes a call against Spurs guard Tony Parker during a game against the Mavs Sunday. Crawford was suspended indefinitely Tuesday for challenging Spurs Tim Duncan to a fight in a game.

Stern gives Crawford his own ejection

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Joey Crawford is done ejecting players and coaches this season. On Tuesday, he was the one getting tossed.

The veteran NBA referee was suspended indefinitely by commissioner David Stern for his conduct toward Tim Duncan, who contends the official challenged him to a fight during a game in Dallas.

Crawford has worked more postseason games than any active ref. His suspension will last at least through the NBA finals, and he apparently will have to meet with Stern after that to discuss reinstatement.

"Especially in light of similar prior acts by this official, a significant suspension is warranted," Stern said in a statement. "Although Joey is consistently rated as one of our top referees, he must be held accountable for his actions on the floor, and we will have further discussions with him following the season to be sure he understands his responsibilities."

Crawford ejected Duncan from San Antonio's loss after calling a second technical foul on the Spurs star while he was laughing on the bench.

"He looked at me and said, 'Do you want to fight?'"

Do you want to fight?" Duncan said. "If he wants to fight, we can fight. I don't have any problem with him, but we can do it if he wants to. I have no reason why in the middle of a game he would yell at me, 'Do you want to fight?'"

Crawford was cited for "improper conduct" and "inappropriate comments made to Duncan during the game." Stern said Crawford's actions "failed to meet the standards of professionalism and game management we expect of NBA referees."

The NBA also fined Duncan \$25,000 for verbal abuse of an official. Crawford said Duncan

referred to him with an expletive.

Crawford was the first referee suspended since Rodney Mott was banned three games on Jan. 12 for making an obscene gesture toward a fan and also using inappropriate language in Portland.

Crawford comes from an officiating family. His brother, Jerry, is a major league umpire, as was his father, Shag.

Joey Crawford is in his 29th season as an NBA referee. He has officiated more than 2,000 games during the regular season and 252 in the playoffs, including 36 in the NBA finals.

IN BRIEF

High school recruiting violation goes to Supreme Court

BRENTWOOD, Tenn. — The U.S. Supreme Court gets the case again Wednesday: Did a Tennessee high school football power violate recruiting rules or simply exercise free speech?

The 10-year-old dispute pits Brentwood Academy, a wealthy private school in suburban Nashville, against the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association, the state body governing high school sports.

Brentwood Academy sent a letter inviting 12 eighth-graders to attend spring football practice in 1997. The students' parents already had signed contracts and paid deposits to attend the high school.

But the athletic association said the letter violated rules against recruiting high school players, and it penalized the school with a \$3,000 fine and four years' probation. School officials unsuccessfully appealed twice before suing.

West to step down as Grizzlies' director in July

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Jerry West will leave as the Memphis Grizzlies' director of basketball operations July 1, ending a five-year stint with the former expansion franchise.

West, one of the NBA's great players and executives with the Los Angeles Lakers, disclosed his plans Tuesday during an end-of-season meeting with reporters. The 68-year-old West had been under contract only through this season.

The Grizzlies (21-60) have the worst record in the league and their troubles on the court have been compounded by the possible sale of the club. West fired Mike Fratello in December and hired Tony Barone as an interim coach.

West, whose silhouette from his playing days is featured on the NBA logo, won eight NBA titles as either a player, executive or consultant with the Lakers.

Veterans sue Michigan over stadium wheelchair access

DETROIT — A disabled veterans group sued the University of Michigan on Tuesday, saying there aren't enough spaces for wheelchair users at Michigan Stadium, one of the largest football stadiums in the country.

The federal lawsuit, filed by the Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America, claims university officials are intentionally sidestepping the rules of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

A \$226 million renovation is planned for the 107,000-seat stadium, which currently has 90 wheelchair-accessible seats. The school says the renovation work will increase that to 282 seats, but the suit argues that about 1,000 wheelchair-accessible seats are required.

"It's extremely disappointing that it had to come to this," said Richard Bernstein, attorney for the plaintiffs.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles swept by Thunder

Saint Mary's drops doubleheader on the road at Tri-State 9-1, 3-2

By BECKY SLINGER
Sports Writer

Tri-State pitchers limited the Belles — who are third in the MIAA for batting average (.358) — to 10 hits and three runs in Tuesday's doubleheader, leading the Thunder to trump Saint Mary's 9-1 and 3-2.

After disappointing conference play, freshman second baseman Maureen Healy said the team is still struggling to find its rhythm.

"We hit fine our first game today — it's just a matter of stringing those hits together. I think we're just missing that one little thing," Healy said. "Once we find [our rhythm] I think we'll be all right."

In the first game, sophomore pitcher Calli Davison struggled against the Thunder's powerful hitting, allowing 11 hits in five innings. Belles senior shortstop Sarah Miesle scored one run on designated hitter Laura Heline's single to center field.

The Thunder drove in four runs in the third inning and

three runs in the fourth. In the last inning of the game, Thunder senior shortstop Rainbow Bednarski scored to end the game 9-1 in five innings.

The Belles nearly made up for their lack of offense in the first game by narrowly losing to the Thunder 3-2 in the second contests and stretching the game to all seven innings.

"The second game we started off leading — we jumped on them," Healy said.

"It's just a matter of stringing those hits together. ... We're just missing that one little thing."

Maureen Healy
Belles second
baseman

The momentum was on our side versus the first game ... when we couldn't catch up. The second game we were in it more, and it was a lot more competitive."

Sophomore first baseman Katie Rashid went 2-for-3 and homered in the second. Rashid batted in Heline who had doubled to left field earlier in the inning.

Tri-State quickly answered the Belles by getting in two of

its own runs. The score stood at 2-2 until the fifth when Tri-State sophomore Sallie Richardson scored on a wild pitch to give the Thunder the lead for good.

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In the seventh, the Belles had a chance for a comeback. Rashid singled, and then sophomore Cathy Kurczak reached second on an error, advancing Rashid to third. In the next three at-bats, the Belles were unable to get another hit and left the runners stranded on second and third, ending the game 3-2.

Tri-State (21-5) is now 5-1 in the MIAA. The Belles (14-6, 1-5 MIAA) are still second from the bottom in MIAA standings, above Kalamazoo (0-8 MIAA).

The Belles will next face Goshen College (No. 8 in the Mid-Central Conference) in Goshen, Ind., Thursday at 3:30 p.m.

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NBA

Owner says Sonics to leave Seattle after '07

Associated Press

SEATTLE — SuperSonics majority owner Clay Bennett says the NBA team likely will not play in Seattle beyond the 2007-08 season.

Bennett said Tuesday that Gov. Chris Gregoire won't call lawmakers into special session so the team can continue to push for taxpayer money for a new \$500 million arena. And he said the Sonics will honor their KeyArena lease that runs through 2010 — but most likely only through "a legal exercise."

"That may or may not mean the team will play there," Bennett said during a conference call.

Seattle's NBA team for the last 40 years is obligated to stay in the city only for one more season.

"I'm not sure it makes sense to play there if relocation [is imminent]."

Bennett, whose investor group bought the team last year from a local group headed by Starbucks Chairman Howard Schultz, is a prominent Oklahoma City businessman, and the sale prompted widespread fear among Sonics fans the team would be moved to Oklahoma. Bennett promised to keep the team in the Seattle area if a deal could be

struck for a new arena.

On Monday, legislative leaders decided not to consider the plan for a new arena in suburban Renton during the regular session, which is due to end by Sunday, saying it lacks enough support to pass.

Bennett said he had no hope Gregoire would call lawmakers back.

"I have asked her opinion of that and she said the special session is not (going to) happen," Bennett said.

Asked by The Associated Press on Tuesday morning about a special session, Gregoire replied: "No discussion about that." Her spokeswoman later disputed Bennett's account of his conversation with Gregoire.

"The governor has no recollection of any mention of a special session during her phone call with Clay Bennett," said Holly Armstrong, Gregoire's spokeswoman.

Bennett also said he would not bring the arena plan before lawmakers when the next regular session begins in January because he will by then be exploring his contractual right to move the Sonics and the WNBA's Storm. That right, from his \$350 million purchase of the teams last summer, takes effect after Oct. 31.

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CLUB SPORTS

Men's volleyball finishes ninth at nationals

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame's sixth-ranked team ventured to Louisville, Ky. this past week for the club volleyball national championships, where the top-50 Division I teams in the country competed. With their highest final ranking — ninth — in the club's history, the Irish raised expectations to make a deep run in this year's tournament.

The Irish opened pool play against the Naval Academy. Despite Navy's top-notch

defense, the high-powered offense of Notre Dame proved to be too much as outside hitter Drew Williams got kills at will. The match was over soon after it began, when Notre Dame won in convincing fashion, 25-21, 25-20.

For their second match the Irish faced Dayton in a battle between brothers, Notre Dame's John Tibble and Dayton's Jim Tibble. Behind the inspired defensive play of John Tibble, Notre Dame was able to defeat Dayton in straight sets 25-23,

25-21.

Notre Dame locked up a first-place finish by defeating Northeastern in straight sets in the final match of the day. The Irish were in control from start to finish as setter Nolan Kane kept the opposing defense guessing.

Moving into the second day with an unblemished record, Notre Dame needed to win one of its two matches to move into the final 16 of the tournament. First up for the Irish was Boston College. This was the first meet-

ing between the two traditional rivals. Through most of the first set, the teams traded sideouts and neither team had a clear advantage. Middle blocker James Foresman stepped up to sway the game in favor of the Irish, who took it 25-23.

The momentum of the win carried on into the second game, which the Irish controlled in its entirety. The victory gave the Irish a guaranteed spot in the gold bracket. In its next game, Notre Dame squeaked out a win over Michigan State in

the final match of the day, needing all three sets to down the Spartans.

Still boasting a perfect record going into the final day, the Irish were fighting for a spot in the quarterfinals against a strong Santa Clara team. Santa Clara jumped out to an insurmountable early lead behind impenetrable defense and strong blocking and held on to win 25-17.

Behind the outside hitting of Dan Zibton, who was later named honorable mention to the All-America team, the Irish were able to send the match to a third set by winning the second with a score of 25-21. The intensity carried over to the final set as the Irish built a quick 3-0 lead. Following some back and forth play, Santa Clara brought the game back into their reach by tying it at 10-10. Next, back-to-back blocks by the Santa Clara right side shifted the momentum and led to a disappointing Irish loss 11-15.

Two Irish league rivals, Wisconsin-Oshkosh and Lakeland, battled in the championship game, with Oshkosh claiming the title.

Gymnastics

This past weekend, the club competed at the NAIGC National Championships in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Despite having a small team, the women competed very well and scored a 106.00. For Maura Steed and Wendy Jo Svetanoff, this was the last meet of their undergraduate careers. Kelleen O'Leary was the top finisher for the Irish, qualifying to the event finals on the uneven bars. Sophia Troy and Jacquelyn Carney also turned in solid performances to help the Irish.

Texas won the men's team title, while Texas A & M captured the women's title.

Women's water polo

The club came away with two big victories at its home invitational this Saturday. In the day's first contest, the Irish came out strong with a 12-4 win over MSU. Bridget O'Neill and Kelly Horner led the scoring with three goals apiece, Cristina Romano added another two, and Kristen Harchut, MC Cimino, Paige Chang and Emily Harig all tallied another. Goaltending was split between Betsy O'Neill and Maggie Hyde.

The Irish needed double overtime to take down Michigan in their next game. Kat Kennifer netted the game-winning goal on her birthday to complete the 8-7 win. Other goals were scored by O'Neill (4), Kristin Schmitt (2) and MC Cimino.

Sailing

Notre Dame finished 13th in a field of 16 teams at the Buckeye Intersectional Regatta this weekend. The top five finishers in order were Vermont, Michigan State, Owens, Ohio State and Michigan.

Chris May, Alli Donahue and Bridgid Diaz raced the A Division for the Irish and finished 13th. Joe Peris, Donahue, Diaz and Huddle Williams competed in the Bs and placed 11th.

Notre Dame's top sailors raced in the University of Minnesota Regatta this weekend. The club finished third in a strong field. The results and standings have not yet been released and are not available for publication at this time.



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NHL

Rangers rout Thrashers, take 3-0 series lead

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The balloons had barely settled in festive Madison Square Garden when Michael Nylander and Jaromir Jagr wrecked the night for Kari Lehtonen and the visiting Atlanta Thrashers.

Nylander scored the first of his three goals 32 seconds after the opening faceoff and paved the way for the Rangers' 7-0 blowout Tuesday night that put New York within a win of the second round of the playoffs for the first time in a decade.

"Nobody on this team played 10 years ago," said Nylander's linemate Jaromir Jagr, who had four assists. "We just want to win the game and play the same way."

Lehtonen got the curious start over Johan Hedberg and then endured a thorough beating as the Rangers scored three times in the first period and cruised to a commanding 3-0 lead in the Eastern Conference playoff series.

Nylander had his first playoff hat trick, and Henrik Lundqvist stopped 21 shots in his first NHL playoff shutout for the Rangers, who can advance to the second round as early as Wednesday at home.

"It felt like everything was working for us," Lundqvist said. "It's not every night, especially not in the playoffs, when everything just seems to work for you."

Tell that to his young counterpart.

Lehtonen was touched for all seven goals on 35 shots. That was enough for the Rangers' victory theme "Sweet Caroline" to play with 5:16 remaining over chants of "Sweep! Sweep!"

"It's the time when you really want to make the difference and you want to make them mad when you're playing in a place like this," Lehtonen said. "But today they are happy."

Jagr assisted on all of Nylander's scores and they teamed to set up defenseman Marek Malik for another that made it 3-0 at 12:26.

But Nylander's first strike was the quickest.

"It's something that you don't want, but I was able to put it behind me right away and focus on the next shift," Lehtonen said. "It's what I always do but they kept coming hard and we didn't make it tough enough."

Rookie Ryan Callahan scored twice in the second period, defenseman Fedor Tyutin earned his fifth assist of the series, and Brendan Shanahan and Nylander added goals in the final frame.

Thrashers coach Bob Hartley, who went back to Lehtonen — the Game 1 loser — even though Hedberg played well in Game 2, called timeout after Malik's goal. Lehtonen skated to the bench to regroup while Hedberg took a calm squirt of water.

The break only brought temporary relief to Lehtonen and the Southeast Division-winning Thrashers, who are on the brink of a sweep in their first playoff appearance.

"How can we blame Kari?" said Hartley, who said his team froze after the early goal. "No. 1, we don't score, so at best we would still be playing. Kari Lehtonen is a young goalie. He played hard, he played very well for us but he was by himself on the ice."

A year ago, the Rangers were swept on their return to the post-season after missing seven straight times. Jagr and Lundqvist were hurt and New York was no match for New Jersey then, but this group earned the team's first home playoff win since 1997.

Red, white and blue balloons fell from the upper reaches of the Garden during the national anthem, and the loud din hadn't left the arena when Nylander scored.

Lehtonen stopped 34 of 38 shots in the series-opening 4-3 loss and was worse upon his return.

"There are no answers," forward Bobby Holik said. "The passion should be there but it isn't."

Hedberg made 37 saves in a much better performance Saturday, allowing a fluke goal on Sean Avery's bank shot from center ice and Shanahan's gimme off a perfect setup in front by Avery in the 2-1 defeat.

Senators 2, Penguins

Sidney Crosby warned that no one should be surprised if the least-likely players made the biggest plays in what was expected to be a high-scoring Ottawa-Pittsburgh playoff series.

Anton Volchenkov proved that in what may turn out to be a pivotal game.

Volchenkov scored on a slap shot from the slot midway through the third period and the Ottawa Senators moved within one victory of eliminating the Penguins by winning 2-1 on Tuesday night.

The Senators proved they could win a one-goal game when it counts — they lost 22 of 32 such games during the regular season, despite being second in goal scoring. They weathered a dominating second period by Pittsburgh, a reversal of the first three games, and remained patient and persistent until getting the winner.

Ottawa takes a 3-1 lead into Game 5 on Thursday night, where the teams split the first two games in the Eastern Conference first-round series.

"Going back home, we want to bury them," Ottawa's Jason Spezza said. "We don't want to come back here and give them life. When you get a team on the ropes, you want to try to knock them out."

The go-ahead goal by Volchenkov came amid an ever-shifting flow in which one team would press for a goal and the other would answer, creating an up-and-down and entertaining game despite the relative lack of scoring.

Mike Comrie took the puck out from behind the net toward the left corner and threw a hard pass to the slot, and Volchenkov one-timed a 30-foot shot over goalie Marc-Andre Fleury's left shoulder. Fleury had dropped to his knees early on the play in anticipation of the pass going toward the crease.

"I don't score much but I scored a very big goal," said Volchenkov, who said his only bigger goal was in the world juniors for Russia against Canada. "It was a great, great play, a pass for me ... and not too much traffic. I might be a little bit lucky."

Volchenkov, a defenseman, scored only once in 78 games during the season and had only one previous playoff goal, four years and a day before scoring



Thrashers goalie Kari Lehtonen and center Brad Larsen look exasperated after another goal in the third period of the Rangers' 7-0 win in New York Tuesday. New York leads Atlanta 3-0 in the first round playoff series.

his second. He has only nine goals in 229 career regular-season games.


"It was, basically, next goal wins and they got it," said Crosby, the NHL scoring champion who was held without a goal for the first time in the series. "But every guy in that room can look in the mirror and know he gave an honest effort. We showed ourselves, and them, we're a difficult team to play against. If we take that to Ottawa, we have a chance."

Pittsburgh, appearing in the playoffs for the first time since 2001, has dropped its last eight Game 4s in the postseason. This time, it was because the Senators quieted Crosby and rookie Evgeni Malkin, who has yet to score despite having 85 points during the season. The Penguins also were 0-for-5 on the power play to Ottawa's 1-for-3.

"We're playing the smartest hockey we've played in a long time," Spezza said of a Senators team known for its past playoff

failures — nine successive trips to the playoffs without reaching the finals. "We don't care if they're pretty or if they're ugly."

Ottawa won both games in Pittsburgh, where the Penguins have lost 10 of their last 13 playoff games — though none of these players were responsible for those other losses. Pittsburgh has come back from 3-1 deficits before, most recently in 1995 against Washington, but the Senators are 3-0 after they go up 3-1.



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CLUB SPORTS

Cyclers place well despite weather conditions

Women's ultimate places third at Central Plains Sectional; Men's ultimate takes third, advances to regional tourney

Special to The Observer

The club competed at both Marian and Purdue this weekend. The Irish were at Marian College in Indianapolis on Saturday for the Marian Cycling Classic Criterium. The one-mile loop around the college campus was challenging enough, but rain and 35 degree temperatures made conditions nearly unbearable. Paul Carlson was the first racer for the Irish, making his debut in the Men C category. Carlson dropped off the pace early, and finished behind the peleton. In the Women's B race, Jenn Perricone and Meghan Johnson rode strong throughout the entire race, while Elizabeth Israel finished in the middle of the pack. Perricone finished 11th in the sprint.

Only Tim Campbell and Matt Prygoski started the elite Men's A race for the Irish, as conditions deteriorated to below 30 degrees and snow began to fall, deterring

many racers from starting. Campbell finished 18th, while Prygoski wrecked on the last lap and finished 11th.

Two races took place Sunday near Purdue. The first race of the day was an early team time trial, a race against the clock with a team of up to four riders. The course was a flat three-mile out and back course. Johnson and Perricone upgraded to Women's A, qualifying for the National Cycling Championships. Their efforts earned them a 10th-place finish.

Prygoski, Lavery, Griggs and Campbell started their assault against the clock in the Men's A race. Lavery powered the team to a time of 13:38, putting it at sixth place and only 20 seconds off the winning pace. The following circuit race was a four-mile loop with a brutal half-mile climb.

Carlson raced hard again in the Men's C field, finishing just off the pace of the peleton. Israel put up nice results finishing sixth in the

Women's B field.

The elite Women's A and Men's A fields lined up next, with the women doing five circuits and the men eight. Perricone and Johnson finished with a chase group, taking 16th and 18th, respectively. Griggs, Campbell, Prygoski, Steves and Lavery lined up for the Irish in their 32-mile race. Lavery was forced to abandon after only 50 meters due to total bike failure. The four remaining Irish were unable to make the winning break and had a few failed breakaway attempts. They were forced to remain with the peleton and take their chances with the field sprint. Prygoski, Steves and Griggs took fourth, ninth and 13th in the field sprint, placing them 11th, 16th and 20th overall. Campbell blew up during the sprint and finished just outside of placing.

Ultimate

Hucking, bidding, sprinting and jumping, the Notre Dame women

worked hard this weekend to earn third place at the Central Plains Open Sectionals tournament. On Saturday, they faced Loyola, Illinois, Knox, Chicago and Purdue, defeating all but Illinois and shutting out Knox.

Strong defense on the part of freshman Erin Maxwell and junior Libby Whiting forced numerous turns to gain possession of the disc. Sophomore Hannah Duffey and senior Jeannie Joeckel both made great cuts for several scores.

Sophomore Katie Bilek and junior Shannon Morrison came through with solid throws, keeping the game alive and assisting several points for the Irish. The team finished Saturday second in its pool and moved into the championship bracket for the second day of the tournament.

The team played three more times Sunday afternoon, beating Wheaton but dropping two games to Northwestern. With great

throws by sophomore Jean Whitney and seniors Rachel Meeks and Jen Pruchnik, Notre Dame worked the disc up the field, completing many passes to freshman Katie Morin and junior Loretta Brown.

The club will next compete in the Great Plains Open Regionals in Champaign, Ill., April 28.

This weekend the men's ultimate team traveled to Naperville, Ill., to compete in the Central Plains Sectional Tournament. This was the first step in the UPA College series that would determine who qualified for the regional tournament in two weeks. The A team started Saturday with two convincing wins in pool play against Illinois B and DePaul.

In the Illinois B game, the team came out strong led by solid play from sophomore Thomas Rivas and cruised to a 15-1 victory. In the next game against DePaul, Notre Dame was able to dominate on offense with help from junior Mike Florack leading the way to a 15-3 win.

Notre Dame then played Northwestern, which also won its pool earlier that day. The Irish came out strong and took an early 3-1 lead. But despite hard team defense, the offense struggled and Northwestern took the game 12-9. The team played one more game Saturday versus Ball State. Behind the leadership of grad students Joe Ribaldo and Matthew Rissler, the Irish prevailed 15-9.

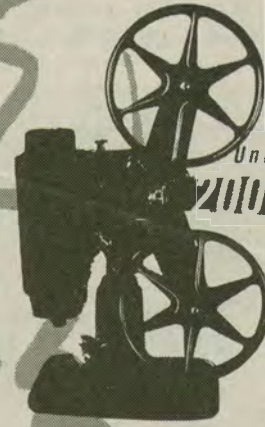
Notre Dame faced Loyola-Chicago in the quarterfinals Sunday. With stellar defense from junior Nick Chambers and efficient offense from grad student Chris O'Neill, the team avenged a loss two weeks ago with its 15-4 victory. The win gave the team some much needed momentum going into its semifinal game against Indiana. The momentum carried over as Notre Dame got out to an early lead. With great play from senior captains Steve Kurtz and Eric Morin, the team held on for a tough 11-10 win.

Notre Dame's run finally came to an end in the finals when Illinois beat the Irish 15-9. The Irish finished in third overall after falling 15-8 in a rematch with Indiana during the consolation game. However, the finish was good enough to qualify for the regional tournament April 28-29.

The B team had a harder road this weekend. They opened Saturday against Northwestern, and despite hard play from freshmen Chris Barron and Shea Bettwy, the team lost. They then fell to Purdue in a back and forth second game. Next, the team dropped a close game with DePaul, despite fine play from captain Dave Farley.

On Sunday, the B squad lost its first game to Northern Illinois before ending on a positive note with its first win of the weekend against Indiana State.

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lead to the Irish and trailing 7-5 in the top of the ninth, the Rockets got two runs to force the game to continue. With one out, Toledo centerfielder Drew Hoisington singled to bring left fielder Jake Swint to the plate. Swint hit a bouncer to second that should have been a double play ball, but Barnes muffed it.

Hoisington, who advanced to third on the error, then scored on a wild pitch, while Swint scored on a double by third baseman Scott Boley.

The Irish, who faced a deficit of as many as five, improved to 2-13 in games they trailed by three or more.

Behind 5-4 in the eighth, Notre Dame burst out for three runs to take the lead. With one out, pinch hitter Eddie Mendiola singled, and shortstop Brett Lilley — who played in his 14th straight game without committing an error — was hit by a pitch. Third baseman A.J. Pollock hit a grounder to second, but Rockets second baseman Ryan Laude threw it into left field, and a run scored to tie the game at 5-5.

Toledo changed pitchers, bringing in right-hander Matt Meinberg, but Meinberg walked left fielder Ross Brezovsky to force in a run and give the Irish the lead. Meinberg was replaced immediately by right-hander Joe Roberts.

After a walk, first baseman Mike Dury blasted one deep to right, but Rockets right fielder Joel Visser caught it on the warning track. Pollock scored anyway on the sacrifice.

Notre Dame looked ready to



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Irish first baseman Mike Dury smiles after picking off Toledo outfielder Jake Swint in Notre Dame's 8-7 win Tuesday.

blow the game wide open when centerfielder Danny Dressman roped the next pitch to left field, but Brezovsky got caught between third and home and was tagged out.

The Rockets built an early lead, striking first on a three-run home run by Hoisington in the top of the third. It was only the 11th home run the Irish have allowed this season and the first in the last nine games.

The Rockets added to their lead in the fifth. Visser slapped a double down the left field line, scoring Hoisington and Swint and putting Toledo up 5-0.

Irish starter Brett Graffy gave up five runs in his five innings pitched while striking out six batters.

Notre Dame finally got on the scoreboard in the sixth, beginning the comeback it would complete in the eighth. Designated hitter Matt Weglarz singled, took third on a throwing error and scored on a ground ball by

Barnes to bring the Irish within four. Center fielder Danny Dressman, who reached on the error, scored when the next batter, catcher Ryan Smith, drove him in with a single.

The Irish cut into the lead again in the seventh. The first four batters of the inning all singled, scoring a run and driving Rockets reliever Chris Fields from the game.

After a strikeout, Dressman faced new pitcher Jeff Cinadr and hit a grounder to second. Toledo got the first out, but the Irish center fielder was safe at first and a run scored.

Barnes came up next and blasted one to deep left-center but left fielder Swint made a diving catch to save multiple runs and end the inning.

"That was one of the greatest catches I've ever seen," Schrage said. "We were kind of stunned."

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SMC TENNIS

Belles fail to grab first place in MIAA

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's could not capture first place in the MIAA Tuesday.

The second place Belles fell 7-2 to first place and undefeated Kalamazoo College this afternoon.

Kalamazoo, ranked No. 12 in the region, used both strong singles and doubles play to dominate the Belles and add another win to its 11-7 overall record. Kalamazoo also boasts a 6-0 record in the MIAA, while the Belles remain tied for second place with an overall record of 8-11 and an MIAA record of 4-2.

"The girls of Kalamazoo have improved a lot since we played them last," senior captain Kelly McDavitt said. "And although we all put our hearts into the match we weren't able to get a victory."

In the first singles match of the day, senior captain Kelly McDavitt fell to Hornets freshman Beau Wangtrakuldee 6-1 and 6-0.

Belles standout freshman Camille Gebert battled Hornets senior Megan Fink, pushing the match into three sets and eventually gaining the victory. She defeated Fink 6-4, lost in a tiebreaker 6-7 and finally defeated Fink in a heated final set 10-8.

In the No. 3 singles spot, Hornets senior captain Laura Spencer defeated freshman Lisa

Rubino 6-1, 6-2. Senior Tara O'Brien also fell in No. 4 singles, losing to freshman Ayano Nakamura 6-2 and 6-1.

At No. 5 singles, junior Cassie Quaglia fell 6-1, 6-0 to Hornets sophomore Lindsay Zuhlke. In the final singles match of the afternoon, Belles senior Grace Gordon fell to Hornets sophomore Smitha Gudipati 6-1 and 6-2.

In the day's doubles play, McDavitt and Gebert used teamwork to defeat Spencer and Hornets junior Mary Atallah 8-5 in the No. 1 doubles spot. In the No. 2 spot, Hornets players Zuhlke and Fink defeated the Belles duo of O'Brien and Gordon 8-2. In the final doubles match of the day, the freshman team of Kaplan and Rubino fell to Hornets freshman Sayako Nakawaga and Wangtrakuldee 8-2.

The Belles hope to better their record today when traveling to Tri-State. The match was originally scheduled for April 11, but due to poor weather conditions, the team will play this afternoon at 3.

The Thunder are currently 1-4 in the MIAA and have a seventh-place seed. In last year's competition, the Belles dominated, almost shutting out the Thunder with an 8-1 win.

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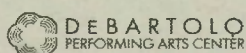


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Dooling said. Dooling was ejected along with Dwyer after the play.

Without Dwyer, 380's best offensive threat, 380 struggled to wrap up the half, only up 11-8.

In the second half, both teams adjusted to the 4-on-4 game and 380 switched to a 2-2 zone. While the start of the second half saw Team 380 dominate, One and Done soon took advantage of the gaps in the zone and went on a 5-0 run late, bringing the score to 18-15. Team 380 responded well, however, and after trading a few baskets with One and Done, Luken — injuries and all — threw up a mid-range rainbow in the net to win the game.

We Are All the Fathers of Anna Nicole's Baby 21, Team 197 11

We Are All the Fathers of Anna Nicole's Baby grabbed the lead early in the game and never let go. While both teams possessed athleticism, it was Anna Nicole that had the basketball skills and knowledge to pull out the win.

Both teams played a tight 2-3 zone in the first half, but differed on offensive strategy. Team 197 tried to shoot mid-to-long-range jump shots to score on the zone, while Team Anna Nicole took advantage of their size and fed the post while their perimeter players cut to open holes in the defense.

The result was an 11-3 half-time lead for Anna Nicole, prompting Team 197 to switch to an aggressive man-to-man defense for the second half. While this defense was better suited to defend the much bigger Anna Nicole, it was too little too late.

Anna Nicole's post play continued to dominate in the second half. They scored nearly all of their 21 points in the paint. Anna Nicole's center, Phil Lashutka, dominated down low — he grabbed seemingly every rebound, scored at will and showed his great court awareness by leading his team in assists.

While Team 197 gave a valiant effort, the size and basketball knowledge of Anna Nicole was just too much to overcome.

"Anna Nicole's baby would be proud," Anna Nicole point

guard Phil Drendall said. "Hopefully, he'll have a mad handle like I do."

Wu-Tang Clan 21, Shrieking Sirens 18

In a fast paced game that was completed in a brisk 45 minutes, the Wu-Tang Clan was able to hold off the Shrieking Sirens.

After taking the lead late in the first half, Wu-Tang Clan never looked back and was able to maintain its lead throughout the entire second half.

Team leader and Siegfried freshman Andrew Baroody was pleased with his team's first-half performance, but knew they would need to elevate their level of play in the second half to secure the win.

"We're going to have to get some more boards," Baroody said at halftime. "We're not boxing out down low right now, and we're not moving the ball around enough. We're faster and more athletic than they are, and if we can just keep up the tempo, we'll be able to pull it out in the end."

Baroody's words proved to be prophetic as the Wu-Tang Clan came out firing in the second half, building on its 11-9 half-time lead.

Tamba Samba, a Notre Dame soccer player, was able to run the point effectively and managed to keep the tempo at a sprinter's pace.

In addition, the jump-shooting ability of Matt Bartindale and Mike Camarda proved to be too much for the Shrieking Sirens to handle.

The lone bright spot for the Sirens was that they were able to spread around the scoring, which helped them to stay within several points throughout the game, even when some of their players went cold.

After the game, the members of the Wu-Tang Clan were relieved and satisfied with their performance.

"We just kept pushing the tempo with fast breaks and good ball movement," Baroody said. "We started getting boards in the second half."

In addition, Tamba provided his own insight on the win.

"Wu-Tang Clan ain't nothin' to mess with," Tamba said.

Wu-Tang will look to keep this confident attitude alive as it enters the fourth round.

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"Anna Nicole's baby would be proud."

Phil Drendall
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who led off both innings with a single.

Second baseman Katie Laing knocked her in both times with a pair of doubles for two of her four RBIs on the day. The junior also scored four times herself in the two games. Her biggest hit of the first game came in the bottom of the fourth when she crushed a high fastball over the left field wall to give the Irish a 9-0 advantage.

Senior pitcher Kenya Fuemmeler retired the side in order in the next half inning, and the game was called at that point due to the mercy rule.

Fuemmeler came in to relieve sophomore Brittney Bargar in the third inning, and the pair combined to shut out the Broncos, giving up one hit apiece.

Gumpf decided to go with the same pitching plan in game two, and it worked just as well. The Irish cruised to a 5-1 win. Bargar gave up a double to right center to the first batter of the game, but did not allow another ball out of the infield in her five innings of work.

"She just wanted the hitters to do what she wanted them to do. She was jamming them and she was getting them to hit off the end of the bat," Gumpf said.

Notre Dame used small ball to get itself on the scoreboard in the third. After walking to lead off the inning, Brown advanced to second on a perfect bunt from senior catcher



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer
Irish infielder Stephanie Brown went 3-for-5 in Notre Dame's two victories, 9-0 and 5-1, against Western Michigan Tuesday.

Gessica Hufnagle. Laing then picked up her final RBI on the day with a single to left field. She also came around to score when freshman third baseman Heather Johnson snuck one past the Western infield.

Johnson's next hit didn't need to sneak by anyone. She connected with a fastball and sent it towering over the left field wall for a three-run dinger. The moonshot gave Notre Dame a 5-0 advantage. Johnson also had a solid game on defense with six assists from the hot corner.

"Johnson did a really nice job. I think she had two balls hit at her every inning," Gumpf said.

The Broncos were able to scratch across one run in the sixth inning when Kristi Strange singled to left, but Fuemmeler was able to stifle the threat and finish off the win for Notre Dame.

The Irish will play again this afternoon against Ball State at 5 p.m. on Ivy Field.

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Vandy

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Thrift has 24 goals and 23 assists on the season.

"Both teams have a lot riding on this game," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "They're a great team and we expect a close game."

In Nashville, the Irish (11-3) will look to use their momentum from Saturday's 13-8 win over No. 9 Georgetown, a victory Coyne called "one of the biggest in the history of the program." The Hoyas were previously undefeated in seven years of Big East conference play before dropping the match to the Irish at home.

The Irish, who have scored 29 goals in the past two games, hope to continue their recent offensive success against Vanderbilt. "Hopefully our fast-break offense can take over," Coyne said. "We're trying to keep the game up-tempo with quick passes."

Notre Dame racked up the weekly lacrosse honors after the historic victory, with junior Caitlin McKinney and senior Meghan Fitzpatrick receiving individual awards.

Fitzpatrick, a defender, was named Big East defensive player of the week after a spectacu-

lar performance guarding Georgetown star Coco Stanwick. Facing the senior All-American, Fitzpatrick held Stanwick to just one goal and an assist while also collecting five ground balls and forcing two turnovers.

McKinney was named Womenslax.com player of the week for her offensive efforts in the Georgetown game. Against the Hoyas, McKinney tallied a goal and four assists. With the points, McKinney extended her scoring streak to 36 games, tying the Notre Dame

"Both teams have a lot riding on this game."

Tracy Coyne
Irish coach

record.

Coyne, in her 11th season coaching the Irish, was also named U.S. Lacrosse coach of the week after the victory.

"Hopefully our offense can take over."

Tracy Coyne
Irish coach

"It was nice recognition for us, not only the individual players getting honors they deserve, but as a team being recognized for our performance," Coyne said.

The Vanderbilt match begins the last week of the regular season for the Irish. Notre Dame, currently in a three-way tie for first in the Big East, will play its final home game Saturday in a crucial conference match against No. 18 Rutgers.

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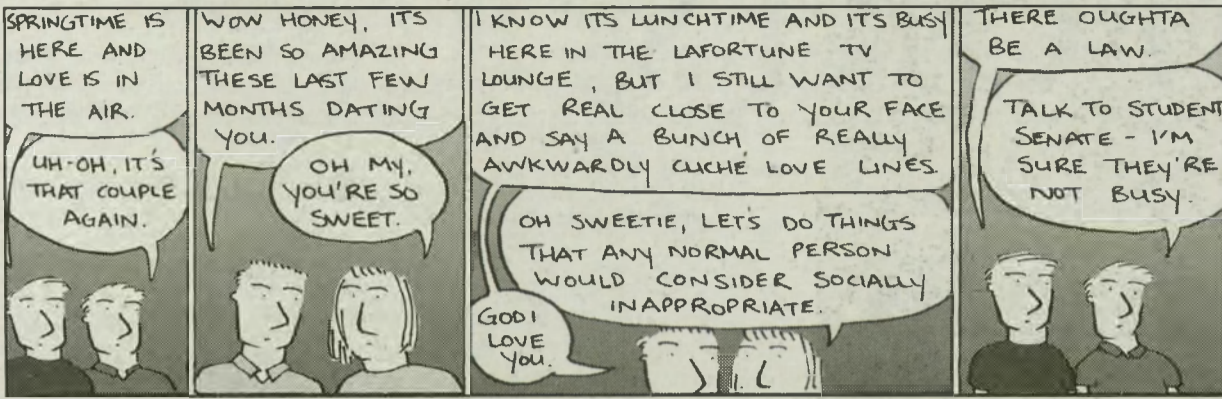
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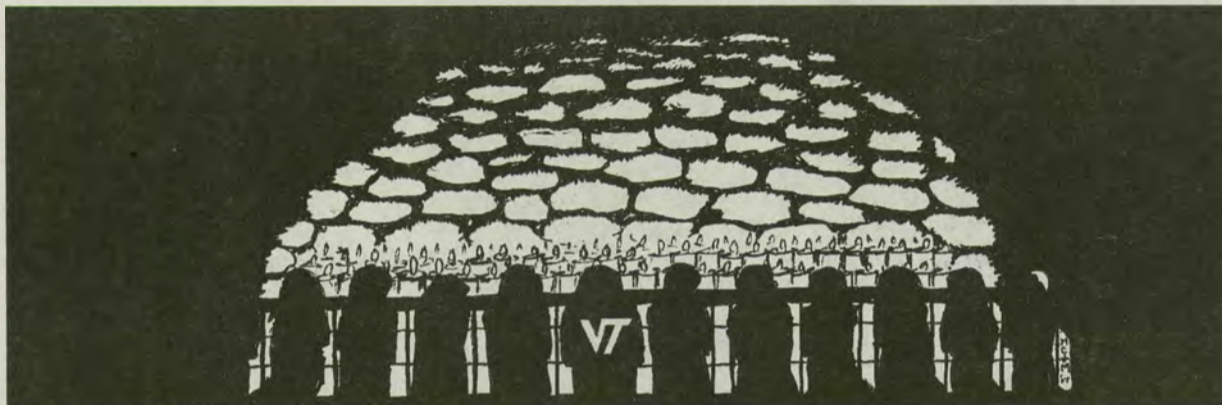
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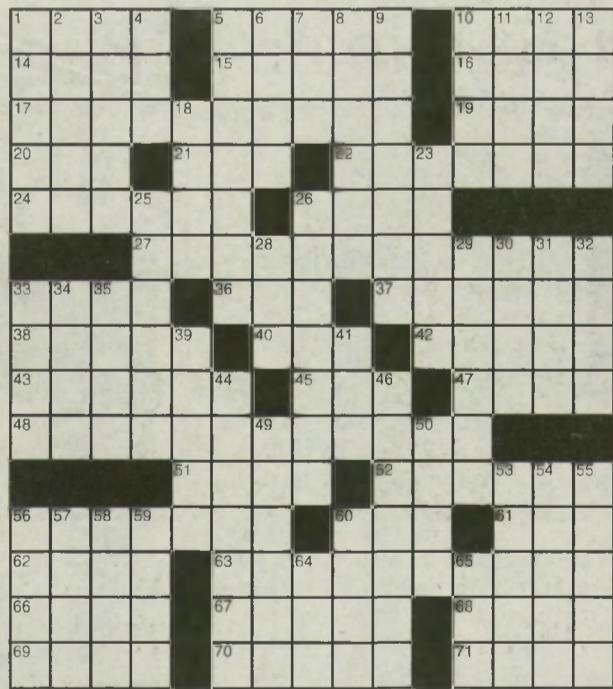
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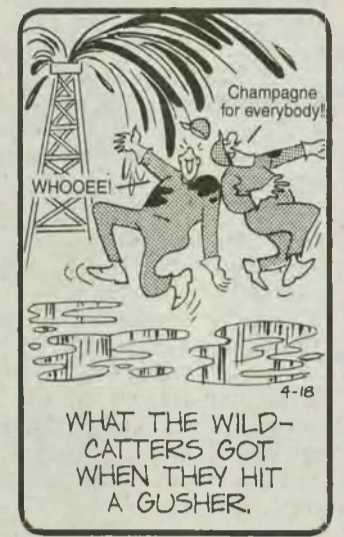
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BASEBALL

Wild night

Jeremy Barnes scores game-winning run to cap Irish comeback

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

Irish second baseman Jeremy Barnes saw the ball squirt past Toledo catcher Sean Boley and took off as fast as he could for home plate.

Barnes slid safely across to give Notre Dame an 8-7 come-from-behind win in a thriller against the Rockets Tuesday at Frank Eck Stadium.

"I was proud of our guys tonight," Irish coach Dave Schrage said.

Having watching a 7-5 lead slip away in the ninth due in part to his own error, Barnes led off the bottom of the inning with a double, took third on a sacrifice bunt and scored on the wild pitch to give Notre Dame the win.

The Irish (18-17, 4-7 Big East) have won five of their last six games.

"This is a momentum creating win," a happy Barnes said after the game.

But Barnes was almost the goat rather than the hero.

Having already blown a 5-0

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Irish shortstop Brett Lilley, center, celebrates with his teammates after scoring in Notre Dame's 8-7 comeback victory over Toledo Tuesday.

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

Ejections force 4-on-4 second half

By JAY WADE and DAN MALOOF
Sports Writers

Team 380 emerged victorious in an hour-and-a-half long game marked by aggressive play and intense heckling after One and Done could not get physical enough to pull out the win.

Both teams had trouble getting into a rhythm on offense because of the constant loose balls throughout the game. Early in the first half, 380's Chris Luken dove for a ball on the hardtop, hurting both his arm and his back on the play. While the game was stopped, 380's grit was personified through its coach, Bryan Hayes, who kept yelling, "Beauty is pain!" to his players.

The game continued with an elevated physical pace, resulting in a player from each team being ejected late in the first half after a scuffle over a loose rebound.

"[380's Austin Dwyer] got a rebound and I was going for the jumpball," Team Done's Patrick

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Vandy up next for red-hot laxers

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Record	3-1
Standing	1st (tied with Syracuse & Georgetown)
Goals per game	12.25 (3rd)
Assists per game	6.25 (1st)
Goals allowed per game	9 (2nd)
Turnovers per game	20 (6th)
Turnovers forced per game	11 (tied for 1st with Syracuse)

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By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

The No. 11 Notre Dame women's lacrosse team has defeated six ranked teams this season, and will look to add a seventh victim to its record today at No. 15 Vanderbilt. The Commodores will host the last away game of the year for the Irish in Nashville at 4 p.m.

The Commodores (9-4), currently in second place in the American Lacrosse Conference, have met their high preseason expectations this year. But they've had mixed results against top competition, dropping three of their four matches to high ranked teams. Vanderbilt suffered blowouts against No. 1 Northwestern and No. 4 Duke but upset No. 6 Penn State.

Vanderbilt will look to avenge last year's heart-breaking 12-11 defeat in South Bend. A Jillian Byers goal with just 18 seconds left in the game gave the Irish the victory.

Vanderbilt is led offensively by junior Margie Curran and senior Kendall Thrift. Curran leads the Commodores in points with 37 goals and 13 assists, and

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ND SOFTBALL

Big bats help Irish take twin billing



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Irish shortstop Katie Laing tags out IUPUI outfielder Mia Ettl in Notre Dame's 6-1 win over IUPUI March 22. Laing had four hits and four RBIs in Notre Dame's doubleheader sweep of Western Michigan Tuesday.

By DAN MURPHY
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Notre Dame tacked on two more wins in a doubleheader Tuesday afternoon against Western Michigan to boost its record to 22-14 on the season. The Broncos dropped to 13-16 following Tuesday's games.

The Irish wasted no time in the first game opening up a sizable lead as they put up five runs in the bottom of the first

inning. In the following inning, they pounded out three more to put the game out of reach for Western Michigan.

"[A good start] makes us or breaks us," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "It's interesting how the momentum can just carry over the whole way when you jump on them early."

The offensive onslaught was sparked both times by senior center fielder Stephanie Brown,

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