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Student falls from balcony

Police arrest 6 at College Park St. Patrick's Day party

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A student attending a St. Patrick's Day party at the College Park apartment complex was seriously injured after he fell from a second story balcony at approximately 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, prompting police to bust the party and make six arrests.

St. Joseph County Police Spokesperson Jaimee Theirlin said the student, senior Michael Seiler who lives in College Park, was transported by ambulance to St. Joseph Regional Medical Center. The hospital declined to release Seiler's condition and multiple calls to his apartment were not answered.

Sgt. John Pavlekovich, shift supervisor for the St. Joseph County Police, said he was already at College Park responding to a noise complaint when the student fell. He said students approached him to report that a person had fallen.

"So I ran over there, and the kid was lying on the ground. He had numerous abrasions to the mouth, missing teeth; he was hurting," Pavlekovich said.

Pavlekovich said that the student was playing catch with fruit on the upper balcony and fell off while trying to catch a piece of fruit.

Pavlekovich said that when



Above, Michael Seiler is wheeled to an ambulance after falling from a balcony. At right, a fire truck arrives at College Park.

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Baron selected as chief of staff

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

Fresh from a semester in Angers, sophomore and former freshman class president David Baron wasted no time in immersing himself back into the waters of Notre Dame student government. After being the campaign manager for the Charlie Ebersol-James Leito ticket, he will take on the new role of chief of staff for student body president-elect Adam Istvan and vice president-elect Karla Bell.

Picking Baron was an easy decision Istvan said — so much so that he was the only candidate seriously considered for the job.

"I kind of had Dave in mind," Istvan said. "He lived across the hall from me last year, so I've known him for awhile. He knows student government better than anyone I know, and I trust him to help us. He's my first choice for the position, and the best choice."

Though Baron's previous affiliation with Ebersol-Leito might be seen a conflict of interest elsewhere, Baron insisted that it was not.

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Groups continue to support homosexual students

Students show solidarity with 'Gay? Fine by me.' shirts

By KEVIN ALLEN
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On Saturdays in the fall, the campus is bombarded by a "Sea of Green" in which Notre Dame fans don identical T-shirts to demonstrate their unity and support for the Irish. Today, a "Sea of Orange" will flood campus to show solidarity and support for gay and lesbian members of the Notre Dame community. The shirts bear the inscription, "Gay? Fine by me," and are being worn in reaction to Notre Dame's recent distinction in the Princeton Review as the most homophobic campus in the United States.

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Kaitlyn Redfield, left, delivers an orange shirt to Lynsay Bensman. Students are wearing the shirts today in support of homosexual students and organizations.

A dialogue deferred: the path of gay organizations at ND

By CLAIRE HEININGER
News Editor

"Gay? Fine by me." reads the slogan of solidarity proclaimed on the more than 1,600 orange T-shirts saturating campus today.

But for the past 15 years, the relationship between gay and lesbian organizations and the University administration has been anything but smooth.

Ten years after the first gathering of students who formed Gay and Lesbian Students of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's (GLND/SMC) in 1985, a nationally publicized recognition dispute surfaced that led to the formation of the Ad Hoc and

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INSIDE COLUMN

Orange, not clockwork

Look around you. You are in the dining hall getting ready to dig into your food, when something catches your attention. You see a few people around you — or maybe more than a few. “They’re orange,” you say to yourself. Bright orange. And whoever said that orange was the new pink was seriously disturbed.

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Production Editor

Look around you. Maybe you’re in class, surrounded by fifteen, or fifty, or five hundred fellow students, and again you can’t miss the orange glare emanating from a brave few — or perhaps, not-so-few. You look closer, and find a message you did not see before: “Gay? Fine By Me.” It shocks you for a moment. It shocks you, in fact, for more than a moment.

You’ve heard about these shirts: heard a whisper that something like this was coming. More than a thousand sold, someone said. You didn’t think they sounded too happy about it, but they were just walking by on the quad, so you weren’t sure. No one you know is wearing one, so you haven’t had to think about where you stand.

There were indeed more than a thousand sold.

But you do not see that many. In fact, right now, you only see one: the one on the girl who you usually sit next to. She’s smart, pretty, a good conversationalist; you even ate lunch with her at the dining hall once and were impressed by how many things she’s interested in. “But she’s gay?” you ask silently. Then you catch yourself. She’s just showing solidarity. She thinks she’s speaking out against injustice. But the thought keeps nagging at you as you steal glances all through class from across the room.

And now your classes are done for the day, and it’s home to your dorm. You know you have work to do, but there’s a good movie on cable and you have all night to get down to business.

And so you’re sitting there — relaxing, minding your own business — when your roommate walks in. A second later, it registers to you that his (or her) shirt is vividly orange.

With feigned ignorance you remark that she (or he) is looking bright today. Then the look on his (or her) face stops you.

“Is something wrong?” “I’m gay,” your roommate says. “I’ve been meaning to tell you for a while.”

And flash through your mind disjointed thoughts, which pass before you can even attach words to them.

There’s no way ... what about her boyf ... that’s impossible ... so that guy who ...

But all you can stammer out is “That’s ... that’s ... fine by me.” Is it?

Really?

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CORRECTIONS

Due to a production error in the Wednesday’s edition of The Observer, the last two words of a quote from Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams were truncated. The article should read, “I think ... what happened here was to actually turn that caricature back,” Adams said, adding that the University is “now universally known as a top-level academic institution.”

QUESTION OF THE DAY: DID THE COLD WEATHER DAMPEN YOUR ST. PATRICK’S DAY?



Mike Merrit

Freshman Siegfried

“It pisses me off that it’s snowing.”



Scott Howard

Sophomore St. Edward’s

“You can’t be dampened when you’re lit.”



Aaron Lavlana

Senior Off-Campus

“No, but losing my lucky charms did.”



Julia Jenkins

Freshman Pasquerilla East

“No, nothing could ruin St. Patrick’s Day.”



Steve Howenstein

Sophomore Stanford

“It dampened it in a GOOD way.”



Joe Nohner

Sophomore Stanford

“Look at this smile. What do you think?”



Photo courtesy of Pat Quill

Several students formed an impromptu St. Patrick’s Day parade Wednesday, which included band members who played the Notre Dame Fight Song. The group eventually paraded through DeBartolo.

OFFBEAT

Rooster limited to one S.C. baseball game

COLUMBIA, S.C. — At least one Gamecock is no longer welcome at all South Carolina baseball games.

Cocky-Doodle-Lou, a 6-year-old gamecock that has become a regular at Sarge Frye Field, can only attend one game a week after a flap between school officials and the bird’s owner, Mary Snelling.

After receiving some complaints about the bird sitting atop the dugout, athletics officials asked Snelling to bring “Lou” to only one game a week for

the rest of the season.

“We received some complaints regarding the rooster at the games, from not only a health but a safety concern — smell, feces, animal in a public facility,” said senior associate athletics director Sean Eichorst.

China’s Gansu pays elderly to stay alive

BEIJING — Need extra cash? Keep living. The thinly populated northwestern Chinese province of Gansu has started paying elderly people who have the courtesy to stay alive.

“It’s a pleasant surprise,” Ren Xiuhua, a 102-year-old woman from Lanzhou, the provincial capital, was quoted as saying by the official Xinhua News Agency. “My family and I are all grateful to government’s love and care.”

Except for partial loss of hearing, Ren is in good health — and more than happy with her \$120 annual subsidy from the provincial government. The amount, doled out to each of Gansu’s 243 centenarians, is about the same as the monthly pension paid by central government to the average retiree.

IN BRIEF

The Kroc Institute for Peace Studies, the Department of History and the McAnaney Chair are sponsoring a lecture entitled “Religious War and the Cultural Politics of Peace,” which takes place today at 12:30 p.m. in 119 O’Shaughnessy.

Valeria Tohver Milam of the University of Pennsylvania will hold a seminar entitled “Colloidal Constructs in the Absence and Presence of DNA” at 3:30 p.m. today in 138 DeBartolo. The seminar is sponsored by the Department of Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering.

The women’s tennis team takes on Iowa today at 4 p.m. in the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

Hear the Glee Club perform in a concert tonight at 8 p.m. in Washington Hall.

The Saint Mary’s Women’s Choir will give a Homecoming Concert tonight in the Little Theatre of the Moreau Center at 8 p.m.

Ruiping Fan of the Department of Public and Social Administration at the University of Hong Kong will host a lecture at 4 p.m. today in the auditorium of McKenna Hall entitled “Beyond Liberty and Equality: Some Confucian Reflections on the Place of the Family in Health Care.” The lecture is sponsored by the Notre Dame Center for Ethics and Culture and the Alumni Association Continuing Education Program’s Clarke Family Lecture in Medical Ethics.

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

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Notre Dame students to design for Electrolux

By ANNA GELHAUS
News Writer

The University's Department of Art, Art History and Design has been selected by appliance giant Electrolux to represent the United States in the company's Global Design Laboratory 2004.

Electrolux is the world's largest producer of household appliances. They chose eight schools from around the world to create appliance designs that will save consumers time and reflect their lifestyles.

As announced in Wednesday's ceremony at the Snite Museum, industrial design students are collaborating with MBA students from Mendoza College of Business to design and market household products to be showcased at an international conference in New York this October. The products will be part of a worldwide media campaign.

Xuan Yu, a graduate student in industrial design, is one of the team leaders for the project. She admitted that while the project is a lot of work, she believes that it will all be worthwhile.

"We learn from class, but we need practical experience," Yu said. "By cooperating with the MBA students, we experience the whole process of actual design."

The project takes the students through marketing, focus groups, survey work, sketching and development and a final presentation.

"It is very complete," Yu said.

They will be asked to design for a consumer faction that Electrolux will announce next week. The three possible focus groups are urban youth, the environmentally conscientious and elite consumers.

Doug Ritterling, senior industrial designer for Electrolux, attended the reception and said that Notre Dame was chosen as the first representative from the United States because "there is something unusual, something special about this place." He also cited Notre Dame's well-respected name, tradition and quality of students.

Ritterling said Electrolux will benefit from student design because "having fresh minds is a great way to innovate. It injects energy."

Ritterling also told student designers to "win one for the Gipper in the world of design."

Paul Down, Notre Dame's industrial design group director, spoke at the ceremony on the opportunity and honor that the selection will bring to the University.

"This is an opportunity I hope we can begin to grasp, because it will offer us international recognition," Down said. "It is not just about a class, a department or University. It is about in international competition."

"It is an opportunity to understand what it is like to be on a genuine design team."

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Legends to host registration drive

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Free food, a live band, giveaways and the opportunity to register to vote will kick off Notre Dame's very own Rock the Vote Thursday at Legends from 9 p.m. to midnight. Co-organizers Jazmin Garcia, senior class president, and Peter Quaranto helped create the Notre Dame program affiliated with the non-profit organization Rock the Vote.

The campaign came about when the Center for Social Concerns, the Senior Class Council and the College Democrats and College Republicans joined together in hopes of "increasing political participation in civic engagement" said Quaranto. Garcia, along with Colin Taylor of the College Democrats and Brandi Gill of the College Republicans, helped put together the campaign. Its goals are to

increase votes through the submission of absentee ballots and make students more politically aware.

Typically, 18- to 24-year olds are under-represented at the polls, and there is a general lack of political participation, said Quaranto. He added that the individuals, especially college-aged students are voting less and less.

"Notre Dame has typically been a very politically unaware, unengaged campus overall," Quaranto said. "Notre Dame's Rock the Vote is trying to counter that by bringing people of different backgrounds together to create a more politically and socially aware culture."

With the current situation in Iraq, the war on terror and other issues, including the economy, Quaranto said this is a pivotal time to get youth interested in voting.

The goal of tonight's event is to have over 1,000 people

attend and to register 250 of them. In addition to the opportunity to register or complete an absentee ballot registration, representatives from both the College Democratic and Republican will give students the opportunity to learn about the issues of the upcoming election.

While Notre Dame's Rock the Vote involves a collaboration of groups, the CSC will host two talks as a part of the "fringe" of the campaign. On March 25, at 5 p.m. in 101 Debartolo, Rabbi Michael Lerner will speak on "Spiritual Politics and Social Healing," and Jim Wallace, founding editor of "Sojourners," will give a talk entitled "Politics and Values in 2004" at 12:30 p.m. March 31 in the Coleman-Morse Lounge. A debate is also scheduled for April.

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MBA students win venture capital contest

Special to The Observer

A team of five MBA students from the won the Central Region championship of the Venture Capital Investment Competition (VCIC) last weekend at the University of Michigan.

Competing under the auspices of the Gigot Center for

Entrepreneurial Studies in the Mendoza College of Business, the Notre Dame team earned a \$5,000 prize and qualified for the national finals April 15 to 17 at the University of North Carolina.

Other business schools participating in the regional event,

from second through eighth place, represented the University of Chicago, Northwestern University, Indiana University, the University of Wisconsin, Washington University in St. Louis, Carnegie Mellon University and Georgia Tech.

ROCK the VOTE

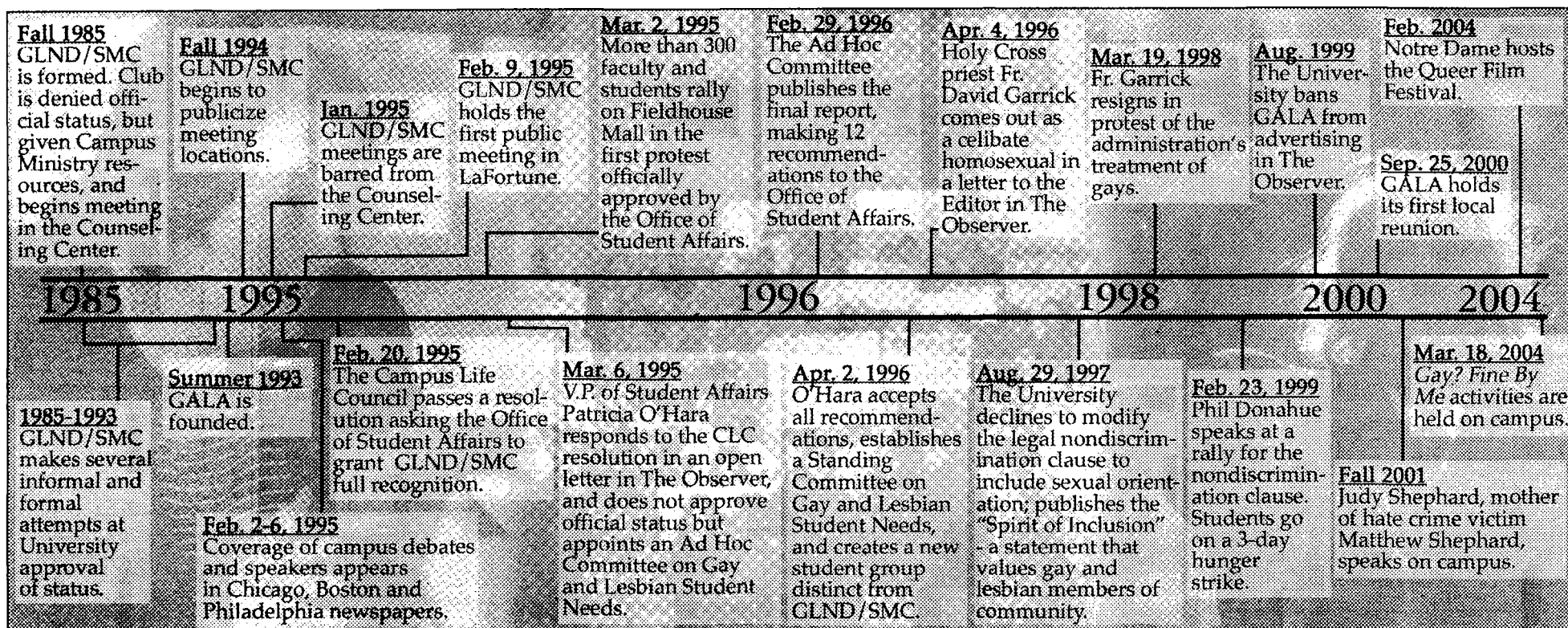
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THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2004

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then the Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs in 1995 and 1996. The University's Spirit of Inclusion statement, published in 1997, and the 1999 advertising ban that did not allow The Observer to publish ads from the Gay and Lesbian Alumni of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's (GALA) also caused clashes between the officials who defend Notre Dame's Catholic identity and the homosexual students and alumni who have often felt pushed to the community's sidelines because of this Catholic identity.

As the nation's leading Catholic institution, Notre Dame's stance on homosexual students and alumni faces a level of scrutiny that is uniquely acute. To examine the nuanced development of this stance over the last 20 years is not merely to understand the orange seen today — it is to realize the role the University plays in the Church of tomorrow.

Voices Emerge

In 1985, then-Notre Dame theology professor Bill Storey was invited to attend a meeting at an off-campus apartment — but unlike most first gatherings, the 20 graduate students and two professors who joined him there didn't jump at the chance to make introductions. Instead, each shared only his or her first name — a clue, Storey said, that spoke plenty about both the national consciousness and Notre Dame perception of homosexuality at the time.

"I thought it was very revealing that people were just scared enough not to use their family name, that they were uneasy at Notre Dame, afraid of the repercussions," he said.

While Storey was living openly with his partner at the time, he said that he was "not on a soapbox" for gay rights — "I was kind of out and in," he explained.

Storey and the other attendees soon decided that the anxiety they felt could be turned into a positive, and GLND/SMC was formed.

"The tone of that first meeting was indicative of two things," Storey said. "At first it was fear and trepidation, we didn't know if we could do anything at [Notre Dame] ... but then it became 'well, let's try.'"

GLND/SMC did not try, however, to immediately achieve officially recognized club sta-

tus.

"We didn't know what recognition we wanted," Storey recalled. "We just wanted polite acceptance."

A meeting was arranged with officials from the Office of Student Affairs to discuss the organization's future, which Storey said was full of spirited and open conversation. However, GLND/SMC received a letter a week later that declined to grant them official status, but offered the group Campus Ministry resources.

Despite the decision that the club would remain unofficial, Storey said that it began to hold weekly meetings in the Counseling Center and was fairly successful over the next decade in its attempts to bring outside speakers to campus.

"We did the normal things that student societies do," he said. "We wanted to see what we could get without causing too big of a ruckus. And we got a very good response from campus. We were not squashed. ... The squash came when the administration realized we were well-organized on campus."

Boiling Over

Through the fall of 1994, GLND/SMC continued to meet in the Counseling Center, and regularly placed advertisements in The Observer. However, the publicity had a caveat — neither the name of the organization nor the meeting place could be listed. John Blandford, co-chair of GLND/SMC, said he remembers publishing the letters in Greek script to evade punishment. He described the process as "a big game to pretend the group didn't exist."

When an ad ran with the meeting place clearly announced, the game was over. Blandford said he and co-chair Kelley Smith were called to a meeting in January 1995 with Father Peter Rocca, who spoke on behalf of the Office of Student Affairs. They were informed that GLND/SMC had been banned from meeting on campus.

The outcry was immediate. In first week of February alone, the rising conflict at Notre Dame appeared on the front page of the Chicago Tribune. The student protests of the decision coincided with Andrew Sullivan, gay and Catholic editor of The New Republic, coming to speak at the University.

"We mustered all of our forces," Blandford said, adding that the decision upset many students' "basic sense of justice."

"They just felt that the

University wasn't playing fair," he said.

The University responded to the turmoil on March 6, 1995 in the form of an open letter by Patricia O'Hara, then the vice president of Student Affairs. In the letter, O'Hara addressed a resolution put forth by the Campus Life Council on Feb. 20, 1995 that called for GLND/SMC's official recognition. Citing the University's policy that "a group's purpose must be consistent with the mission of the University and the moral teachings of the Catholic Church," O'Hara did not approve the resolution. Instead, she established the Ad Hoc Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs to advise the administration. She wrote that she hoped the committee would help "move beyond the painful polemics that have characterized the discussion in recent weeks."

For both sides, all that was left to do was wait.

Answers and Compromise

On Feb. 29, 1996, the Ad Hoc Committee published its final report, and by April 2, O'Hara had delivered another answer. Set within the framework of the "dual goals" of meeting gay and lesbian student needs and remaining faithful to the Church, O'Hara's letter accepted all 12 of the committee's recommendations, including granting it permanent standing committee status.

Two of these acceptances, however, stood out — the creation of a new University-sponsored group for gay and lesbian students facilitated by faculty and administrator advisors with a special relationship to the Office of Student Affairs and O'Hara's promise to raise to University officers the issue of modifying the legal non-discrimination clause to include sexual orientation.

The former, a group named Notre Dame Gay and Lesbian Students — which Blandford described as a "paper tiger" to pacify, not replace GLND/SMC — was short-lived, folding after only a year of existence. The latter, the non-discrimination clause, became the next sustained source of friction.

In August of 1997, University President Father Edward Malloy wrote an open letter to the campus community that explained a new document and an intricate distinction.

Although the University decided against the inclusion of sexual orientation in the legal clause, officials published "The Spirit of Inclusion of Notre Dame."

"Institutional non-discrimination clauses are highly stylized statements which are legally binding," Malloy wrote. "We choose not to change our legal non-discrimination clause, but we call ourselves to act in accordance with what we regard as a higher standard — Christ's call to inclusiveness, coupled with the gospels' call to live chaste lives."

While the step was hailed as definite progress, Blandford and others questioned the decision.

"[The Spirit of Inclusion statement] was pretty words to mask an ugly policy," Blandford said. "In short, it was smoke and mirrors — to run from the responsibility of a true compassion."

Father David Garrick agreed. The Holy Cross priest and communication and theatre professor came out as a celibate homosexual to the University community in 1996 through a letter to the editor published in The Observer. Garrick resigned from the faculty on March 19, 1998, writing that "it is my intention that this resignation shall serve as a heart-felt protest against the refusal of the officers of the University to make a legal provision for the equal rights for gay persons at Notre Dame."

"It is my hope," the letter continued, "that this protest will stimulate informed and productive public exchanges here at Notre Dame on homosexual issues in general, and on social justice for gay persons in particular."

Garrick got his wish. Over the next few years, the exchange would continue — this time with alumni on the front lines.

The Alumni Role

Like GLND/SMC years before, Gay and Lesbian Alumni of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's (GALA-ND/SMC) were banned in August of 1999 from advertising in The Observer. Chandra Johnson, assistant to the President, wrote a letter saying that GALA ads implied opposition to Catholic moral teachings and issued "a blanket statement against GALA."

Blandford, who had by then become the chairman of GALA, loudly contested the claim that

the alumni organization contradicted the teachings of the Church. Looking back, he said that the fact that many GALA members held powerful media positions was critical in reversing the decision.

"The one thing they would not put up with was censorship," he said.

Another more emotional barrier for alumni to cross was the group's first local reunion since its inception in the summer of 1993. Held in September of 2000 to coincide with the presentation of GALA's annual Fr. Tom Dooley award to talk show host Phil Donahue — a 1957 alumnus and longtime GALA supporter — the reunion elicited mixed emotions.

"There were some people certainly at the 2000 reunion ... who had not been back to campus since they graduated in the 1970s," said Kevin Heffernan, a former GALA chairman and current GALA secretary. "There was some indifference, some resentment and anger."

Blandford, who also attended the reunion, remembered similar reactions.

"[Some alumni] had such hard feelings they were on the verge of tears," he said. "They loved it, but there was lots of pain associated with whether they could step back on campus again."

Since then, GALA has continued to make its presence felt at Notre Dame. Gus Hinojosa, current chairman, said that the tailgate the group hosted last fall was particularly significant.

"It helped normalize the whole concept of being a gay alum," he said. "You're no less of an alumnus if you're a gay or a lesbian."

"It's our obligation to be more visible on campus, so students know there's life beyond campus."

GALA also provides funding for current unofficial student groups such as OUTReachND and the Gay/Straight Alliance, and helped sponsor the Queer Film Festival this February.

Hinojosa said that while on campus for the festival, several alumni met with University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh, and felt heartened by his words.

"He was very soulful, he gave us a blessing," Hinojosa said. "He said we're all God's children, we all operate within the parameters we were born with."

"He was very encouraging that we proceed on the path we're going."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Militants call truce with Spain

CAIRO, Egypt — The Islamic militant group that claimed responsibility for last week's Madrid train bombings has called a truce with Spain to give the new government time to withdraw troops from Iraq, a London-based Arabic-language newspaper said Wednesday.

The Al Hayat daily newspaper said it received a statement from the Brigade of Abu Hafs al-Masri, which earlier said it orchestrated the bombings to punish Spain for supporting the U.S.-led war in Iraq. The blasts killed 201 people.

But the United States believes the group, which takes its name in memory of al-Qaida's fallen No. 3, lacks credibility and its ties to al-Qaida are tenuous. In the past, the group has made claims about various events to which it was not connected — such as blackouts last year in the United States, Canada and London.

Khatami admits defeat in reforms

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran's beleaguered president conceded defeat Wednesday in his long struggle to reform a system stacked in favor of hard-line Islamic clerics, saying he was abandoning efforts to salvage two key bills that sought to expand presidential powers and limit the authority of an unelected conservative body.

Mohammad Khatami, once hailed as the leader of a hugely popular reform movement, warned Iranians not to expect too much from the presidency, accusing his rivals of relegating the office to a position of little influence.

Acknowledging the failure of the pillars of his presidency, Khatami conceded that two key reform proposals designed to check the powers of hard-liners were dead.

NATIONAL NEWS

Kerry blasts Bush on Iraq war

WASHINGTON — Democrat John Kerry assailed President Bush on Wednesday for clinging to a failed policy that leaves Americans mired in Iraq "with the target squarely on their backs" while Vice President Dick Cheney argued that his boss' rival lacks the judgment to be commander in chief.

Marking the first anniversary of the invasion of the Persian Gulf nation, Kerry delivered a broadside to the incumbent's strategy toward Iraq, focusing on the unending hostilities, alienated allies and the loss of lives.

U.S. to withhold Halliburton cash

WASHINGTON — The Pentagon plans to withhold about \$300 million in payments to Halliburton Co. because of possible overcharging for meals served to troops in Iraq and Kuwait, defense officials said Wednesday.

Starting next month, the Defense Department will begin withholding 15 percent of the money paid to Vice President Dick Cheney's former company on a multibillion-dollar contract to provide services such as food, housing, laundry and mail to American forces in Iraq.

LOCAL NEWS

Kids shaken in school bus wreck

DUNLAP — A school bus carrying 38 students to a junior high school collided with a car and ended up on a guardrail Wednesday.

Ten students were taken to a nearby hospital for observation as a precaution after complaining of soreness, Concord Community Schools Superintendent George Dyer said.

All of the students were treated and released by Wednesday afternoon, he said.

"Some of them were banged around pretty good, but we don't believe anyone was seriously hurt," Dyer said.

The bus was nearing Concord Junior High School, about 20 miles east of South Bend, when a Ford Mustang convertible pulled into its path, Dyer said.

IRAQ

Blast destroys Baghdad hotel

Massive car bomb rips through five-story downtown building, killing 27 civilians

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A thunderous car bomb tore apart a five-story hotel catering to foreigners in the heart of Baghdad on Wednesday night, killing 27 people and showing the continued vulnerability of civilians to terror attacks just days before the anniversary of the start of the Iraq war.

Flames and heavy smoke burst skyward from the Mount Lebanon Hotel, torching nearby homes, offices and shops. Rescuers pulled bodies from the rubble and searched for other victims of the attack, which wounded 41 people.

There was no official word on who carried out the attack but a U.S. counterterrorism official, speaking on the condition of anonymity, said Jordanian Islamic militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi is among those suspected of playing a key role.

Dazed and wounded people stumbled from the wreckage, marked by a jagged, 20-foot-wide crater. A father cradled his young daughter, who was limp in his arms. Coated in dust, some rescuers dug through the debris with bare hands as uniformed firefighters fought the blaze and ambulance workers stood by with orange stretchers.

"It was a huge boom followed by complete darkness and then the red glow of a fire," said 16-year-old Walid Mohammed Abdel-Maguid, who lives near the hotel. A U.S. soldier a mile away said the blast — which took place about 8 p.m. — felt as though it were next door.

Army Col. Ralph Baker of the 1st Armored Division estimated that the bomb contained 1,000 pounds of explosives. He said the bomb was a mix of plastic



Emergency crews search for bodies Wednesday in the rubble of the Mount Lebanon Hotel in central Baghdad, which was destroyed by a car bomb. At least 27 people were killed in the explosion, and dozens more were wounded.

explosives and artillery shells. That was the same mixture of explosives used in the Aug. 19 suicide attack on the U.N. headquarters in Baghdad, which killed 22 people.

Americans, Britons, Egyptians as well as other foreigners were staying at the Mount Lebanon Hotel, said Baghdad resident Faleh Kalhan. But some residents in the area said they believed guests left the hotel a week ago after its management received threats. If true, many casualties were likely in adjacent buildings. The British Broadcasting Corp. reported that two Britons were among the wounded.

The blast ignited at least eight cars, one of which was hurled into a store. Some vehicles were little more than mangled piles of metal. The explosion blew bricks, air conditioners, furniture, wires and other

debris hundreds of yards from the hotel.

The Mount Lebanon was a so-called soft target because it did not have concrete blast barriers and other security measures that protect offices of the U.S.-led coalition and buildings where Westerners live and work.

The Bush administration offered prayers for the victims but said such attacks would not change U.S. policy.

"Democracy is taking root in Iraq and there is no turning back," said Scott McClellan, White House spokesman. "This is a time of testing, but the terrorists will not prevail."

The attack came just three days before the first anniversary of the start of the U.S.-led war to topple Saddam Hussein. It took place behind Firdaus Square, where Iraqis toppled a bronze statue of

Saddam on April 9 with the help of U.S. Marines who had just entered the center of the capital.

After the blast, American forces and Iraqi ambulances hurried to the scene. Dozens of U.S. soldiers in Humvees and Bradley fighting vehicles cleared crowds. Earlier, two U.S. soldiers tried to help pull bodies from the wreckage of the hotel, but angry Iraqis pushed them back.

The explosion left a crater 20 feet wide and 10 feet deep, and American forensic experts studied the scene. The area of the blast, Karrada, is a mix of residential and commercial buildings.

The blast shook the nearby Palestine Hotel, where many foreign contractors and journalists are based. It also damaged the nearby Swan Lake Hotel, home to many foreigners, including several journalists.

Census: Minorities to surge by 2050

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — For as long as there has been an America, whites have made up a clear majority. But that will change by 2050 when minority groups will be 49.9 percent of the population, the Census Bureau says.

Asians and Hispanics will see the most dramatic increases between now and midcentury, when the U.S. population will have grown by almost 50 percent to reach 420 million, according to bureau projections being released Thursday.

America will get older, too. Nearly 21 percent of its residents will be age 65 or older, compared with 12 percent now.

The data highlight trends long predicted. But racial and ethnic changes are taking shape faster than expect-

ed, due in large part to higher-than-forecast immigration rates for Asians and Hispanics, said Greg Spencer, a bureau demographer.

Whites now represent 69 percent of the population, but their growth is slowing because of low rates of birth and immigration. Their total will grow 7 percent to 210 million, or 50.1 percent of the population, in 2050.

Those figures do not include Hispanics. The Census Bureau counts "Hispanic" or "Latino" as an ethnicity rather than a race, so they can be of any race, including white.

Between 2040 and 2050, the Census Bureau expects the non-Hispanic white population actually will decline slightly because of a large number of expected deaths of baby boomers, who by 2040 will be at least 76.

Meantime, the Hispanic and Asian populations are expected to continue their explosive growth.

The Asian population is expected to more than triple to 33 million by 2050. Hispanics will increase their ranks by 188 percent to 102.6 million, or roughly one-quarter of the population.

"Historically, we've been a black-and-white country. That's not true any longer, and even less true in the future," said Roderick Harrison, a demographer with the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies in Washington, which studies issues of concern to minorities.

"A good deal of social history in the next several decades will be reflected in how we sort that out, whether we achieve greater degrees of equality in these populations," he said.

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he arrived at College Park to respond to the original noise complaint, the area was disorderly and there were also between 20 to 30 cars illegally parked on Bulla Road.

"I came out here and there were probably 5 to 600 people in the parking lot on the balcony, screaming, yelling and loud music. You could hear it down to the corner of Ironwood and Bulla," Pavlekovich said.

After the fall, Pavlekovich said he called additional units, and officers responded from the St. Joseph County, South Bend and Roseland police departments and the Indiana State Excise Police.

LouAnn Susan, property manager from Paramount Management, who owns the complex, also arrived at College Park after being called at approximately 5 p.m. by a student who reported that there had been an injury.

Susan said she made a combined decision with the police to ask anyone who did not live in the apartments to leave the complex, partially because balconies, which are limited to eight people, were being overloaded.

A group of officers moved from apartment to apartment

from approximately 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., forcing students to leave the apartments. Police asked students for identification and breathalyzed them if they tried to drive away from the complex.

During this time, Theiriln said six individuals were arrested by police and transported to the St. Joseph County Jail. Two were arrested for public intoxication and four were arrested for minor in consumption. One person who was arrested for minor in consumption was also arrested for providing false identification. She said that another student was very uncooperative and police will send a report on him to the prosecutor's office.

She said it was not unusual that students were taken to jail instead of just being issued citations, given the repeated warnings that students were given by police to leave.

"When we got out there, they asked everyone to leave. It's not like they didn't have time," Theiriln said. "It probably would have been wise [for them to leave earlier]."

A sergeant from the Notre Dame Security/Police, who declined to be named, also arrived at College Park and temporarily helped direct traffic. She said that NDSP did not receive a request for assistance from county police, but said that NDSP routinely responds to situations involving students

when they hear about them on the police scanner.

"County didn't ask for any backup or anything ... I haven't talked to any of the students, I'm not involved with any of the things," she said.

Last year, police busted a

larger party at College Park on St. Patrick's Day, where a student also fell off a balcony.

Pavlekovich said the goal of the police was to restore order, not make arrests.

"Our main objective out here is not to place anybody under

arrest if we don't have to," he said. "We understand about the intoxication, but we also have the public to worry about around this neighborhood."

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IN BRIEF

Bank megamerger gets approval

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The \$47 billion merger of Bank of America Corp. and FleetBoston Financial Corp. gained approval from the shareholders of both companies Wednesday, a combination that will create the nation's third-largest bank with nearly \$1 trillion in assets.

Bank of America executives refused to comment on a report that the merger will result in up to 13,000 job cuts, though chief executive Ken Lewis did acknowledge that eliminating jobs was a key part to any profitable acquisition.

EU nears end of Microsoft case

BRUSSELS, Belgium — The European Union insisted it was "on track" Wednesday to conclude its antitrust case against Microsoft Corp. next week, even as the world's biggest software company scrambled to reach a deal to avert sanctions for allegedly abusing its Windows monopoly.

Microsoft chief executive Steve Ballmer and general counsel Brad Smith were in Brussels negotiating with the EU antitrust office, sources familiar with the case said, after arriving Tuesday for a surprise face-to-face session with EU Competition Commissioner Mario Monti.

No progress toward a settlement was announced but both sides indicated talks were intensifying.

FedEx delivers higher Q3 earnings

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — FedEx Corp. reported a 41 percent increase in third-quarter profits, due mostly to growth in international priority shipments and savings from job cuts. The results topped Wall Street's estimates and FedEx shares rose more than 5 percent.

The shipping giant reported earnings Wednesday of \$207 million, or 68 cents per share, up from \$147 million, or 49 cents per share, in the same period last year.

Those results included costs from an early retirement and severance program that cut the payroll of FedEx Express, the company's cargo airline, by 3,600 employees.

Without those charges, FedEx earned \$216 million, or 71 cents a share, in the three months ending Feb. 29.

COBA prof mixes finance, fun

Ackermann's introductory course keeps business students educated, entertained

Editor's note: This is the second in a Thursday series focusing on interesting classes in the Mendoza College of Business.

By MATT BRAMANTI
Senior Staff Writer

Notre Dame finance professor Carl Ackermann has a lot of fans. A teacher evaluation on NDToday.com stated it bluntly: "Carl is the man."

Ackermann — Carl, to his students — is in his sixth year of teaching business finance, an introductory course required for all business majors.

The professor, impeccably clad in a business suit, teaches three sections of students — about 75 in each section — about the Federal Reserve system, corporate cash flow analysis and personal finance.

Students are required to complete three tests, as well as a case study, which Ackermann said helps students prepare for upper-level business courses that rely heavily on case studies.

But the coursework isn't what makes the course unique. Students who have taken the class, like junior Dave Moisan, said Ackermann makes learning an enjoyable experience.

"He's the best professor I've ever had," Moisan said. "Anyone who can make finance interesting is doing pretty well."

Senior Jessica Shedlock said she was apprehensive about taking a finance course, but Ackermann's approach made the course exciting.

"I'm a science-business major, so the business world was kind of foreign to me," Shedlock said. "[Ackermann] would find a way to help you learn the

material by association with something fun."

For example, during the first exam of the semester, Ackermann donned a gorilla costume and ran through the classroom amid his students' surprised laughter.

"I try to do something fun once or twice a day that will grab [students'] attention," Ackermann said. "Overall, people are more attentive and it makes the class more efficient."

Ackermann also encourages students to submit photos of themselves on vacation, holding their finance textbooks. He said he has pictures of students at a discus ring in Athens, the Great Wall of China and even on a float at Mardi Gras in New Orleans.

"I have a great set of pictures that people have contributed over the years," Ackermann laughed. "I've got some crazy pictures, some of which I can show in class, and some I can't."

The idea began when Ackermann gave a talk to a Notre Dame alumni club. During the speech, he realized his remarks could be jazzed up with a little humor. In later addresses, Ackermann gave a slideshow of the photos.

"In mock seriousness, I told the alumni how serious my students were," Ackermann said. "They even bring their textbooks on vacation so they could study their finance."

The photos were an instant hit, and Ackermann has used the gag in speeches ever since.

In addition to caring about his students' education, Ackermann is also concerned with their nutrition. During an exam, he brought sodas and juice for his students, and he buys pizza for the class twice a



Photo courtesy of the Mendoza College of Business

Through a combination of skillful and entertaining teaching methods, finance professor Carl Ackermann has gained the admiration of his students.

semester, said senior Brandi Gill.

"I liked pizza days, because I didn't have to eat in the dining hall," Gill said.

Despite the fun, photos and food, Ackermann said he has an important responsibility to his students.

"It's their first exposure to finance, and that's something I take very seriously," Ackermann said. "I have a chance to really engage them in the subject matter."

That chance has consistently paid off. In 2001, the graduating class of the Mendoza College of Business selected Ackermann to receive the college's Undergraduate Teaching Award, a distinction Ackermann called "a tremendous honor."

"I was thrilled, absolutely overjoyed," Ackermann said. "It was something I put a great deal of time into."

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CORPORATE SCANDAL

Prosecutors finish Tyco arguments

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Offering a twist on a defense lawyer's quip, prosecutors in the Tyco International trial asked jurors Wednesday to convict two former company executives of looting \$600 million because there is "not a thimbleful of doubt" about their guilt.

In his appeal to the jury, Assistant District Attorney Marc Scholl referred to a remark last week by the lawyer for Tyco's former chief financial officer Mark Swartz that "there is not a thimbleful of evidence" that the defendants committed a crime.

"Not a thimbleful of evidence?" Scholl said. "Not a thimbleful of doubt."

Scholl spent hours attacking testimony in which Swartz tried to explain money he and co-defendant L. Dennis Kozlowski, Tyco's former chief executive officer, received while

they were running the company.

About most things, Scholl said Swartz was simply a liar. The prosecutor called an arithmetic demonstration "hocus pocus" when the former CFO tried to show the jury the formula for calculating his bonus. Scholl said Swartz made up some of the numbers.

The prosecutor also said the defendants never produced minutes of meetings at which they said the board of directors had approved tens of millions of dollars worth of bonuses and loan forgivenesses for them. That, Scholl said, was because there were no such minutes or approvals.

Taking money that was not authorized in the company director's records was wrong, "plainly and simply," Scholl told the jury.

Prosecutors say Kozlowski, 57, and Swartz, 43, wrongfully took \$600 million. They say the two stole \$170

million by taking unauthorized bonuses and by abusing company loan programs and netted another \$430 million by pumping up Tyco stock prices and selling their shares at market rates from 1995 through 2002.

The defendants are charged with a total of 32 counts of grand larceny, falsifying business records and violating state business laws. The grand larceny charge — a mega-larceny under state law since it alleges theft of more than \$1 million — is punishable by up to 25 years in prison.

State Supreme Court Justice Michael Obus said he would instruct the jury on Thursday.

Swartz, on the witness stand nine days as the only defense witness, testified that he and Kozlowski were voted bonuses and loan forgivenesses at many informal meetings at which no minutes were kept.

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GSA

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Joe Dickmann, leader of the Gay-Straight Alliance, the unofficial campus club that organized the event, estimated that about 1,600 students will be wearing the blaze orange T-shirts Thursday.

"We just want to promote a more tolerant and accepting atmosphere," said Dickmann.

He also said he does not think Notre Dame actually has the least accepting atmosphere of the 351 schools surveyed by the Princeton Review. Rather, Dickmann said he believes support for alternative lifestyles is present at Notre Dame and he hopes today's event will make that support public.

"I think Notre Dame is accepting in terms of the student body," said Dickmann, who added that he has never heard of violence against gays on campus or gays being shunned by friends for coming out.

However, Dickmann said he feels the administration is not so accepting.

Exactly two weeks ago, on March 4, the Gay-Straight Alliance application for official club status was rejected by the Student Activities

Office.

"I think it's obvious that [the administration] is just dragging their feet," Dickmann said. "We have a large number of students that are out and over 1,000 others who support them, and [the University] wants to pretend we're not here."

"Gay and lesbian clubs are better off being independent because they have the freedom to do what they want to do."

**Sister Mary Louise Gude
committee chairperson**

In the rejection letter, director of Student Activities Brian Coughlin wrote that several University departments, including the Office of Student Affairs, Campus Ministry and the Student Activities Office, have

created and sustained "structures which serve to both support gay and lesbian students and educate and sensitize heterosexual students about issues relating to homosexuality." Coughlin also wrote in the letter that considerable progress has been made through these efforts, especially through programs sponsored by the Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs and Campus Ministry.

"Campus Ministry and the standing committee had vehicles in place to help students that are dealing with these issues," Coughlin said, explaining why he believes official recognition for a gay and lesbian student group is not the best avenue for sup-

port of homosexual students at this time.

"This is such a significantly complex issue. We need more than just students involved in the conversation," said Coughlin. "Administrators should be walking with our students as they try to figure these things out."

Recommendations from the standing committee would play a major role in any possible formation of a student-run club for gay and lesbian students, Coughlin said.

The standing committee is a group of students, faculty and administrators that organizes meetings, speakers and other programming to address issues pertaining to gay and lesbian students. It also seeks to make the campus as a whole aware of gay and lesbian needs, said Sister Mary Louise Gude, chair of the standing committee.

Gude echoed Coughlin's sentiments about the complexity of the issues related to gay and lesbian students at Notre Dame, especially in connection with the Catholic tradition upon which the University is founded.

"Catholic institutions have missions that are founded on Catholic teaching," said Gude. "[Gay and lesbian clubs] are better off being independent because they then have the freedom to do what they want

to do."

Gude added that gay and lesbian students already have a great deal of freedom to organize events through the standing committee, and that by acting through it, they also have University funding.

"Gay and lesbian students do not have to be alone on this campus, and I don't think they are," Gude said.

However, many gay and lesbian students posited that the University services provided to them are geared more towards addressing individual needs, and not towards the

needs of the gay and lesbian community as a whole.

"GSA tells me that I am one of many," said Lindsey Horvath, a member of the alliance. "I want to feel part of a community and address those issues as part of a community."

Although Gude agreed that Notre Dame — and the rest of the world — has a lot of room for progress in regards to gay and lesbian issues, she said she admired the advancements that have been made on campus over the years.

"Life has gotten a lot better for gay and lesbian students on this campus," said Gude, who has been employed by the University for 20 years. "I know it, I've seen it. I've had gay and lesbian students tell me this."

However, Dickmann and Horvath contested this progress, referring again to The Princeton Review's distinction of Notre Dame as the most homophobic campus in

America.

The "Fine by me" campaign began at Duke University, which was designated number one on The Princeton Review's "Alternative Lifestyles Not an Alternative" list in 2003. Leila Nesson, a graduate student at Duke, organized the T-shirt campaign as a way for gay and straight students alike to demonstrate that homophobia is not something they believe in. The campaign has since spread to several other colleges and universities. When GSA began discussing the possibility of bringing the "Fine by me" campaign to Notre Dame, the initial goal was to sell 300 shirts. Dickmann said that GSA has been overwhelmed by the response from students, and has had to make several new orders to fill the demand.

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STUDENT SENATE

Members receive feedback from constituents

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

Constituent feedback and announcements tying up loose ends were the foci of Wednesday's brief meeting of the Student Senate.

Chief of staff Patrick Corker reported that Alcohol Awareness Week was successful thus far. The 750 Saint Patrick's Day T-shirts bearing the Sergeant McCarthy saying

"You will get the best mileage if you don't drive half tanked" were all given out in under five minutes. Tuesday night's presentation on college drinking by David Hellstrom was well-attended.

"Monday's drunk driving simulator was a huge success — there was even a blurb on it on the Fox 28 News. That was just the beginning of what's turning out to be a really great week," said Corker.

Student government will distribute free Coca-Cola products outside of DeBartolo Thursday, and will give away 1,000 cups at the Fieldhouse Mall Friday.

Student body vice president Emily Chin requested feedback from the senators as to which bands and speakers their constituents would like a concert endowment to bring to campus. Suggestions included all genres of music, from Bruce Springsteen,

Journey and the Dave Matthews Band, to O.A.R., Better Than Ezra and the Dropkick Murphys.

Howard senator Brin Anderson said that the girls in her dorms would be interested in bringing a strong female figure in to speak on campus as well as a band, and Cavanaugh senator Jordan Bongiovanni reported that her constituents were focused on the feasibility of getting a group like U2 or the Counting

Crows.

In other announcements, senators were reminded to submit nominations for the Michael J. Palumbo Award, the Frank O'Malley Undergraduate Teaching Award and the Irish Clover Award. Chin also emphasized that senators for the 2004-05 term must be elected by Friday.

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"Student government isn't a two-party system," Baron said. "It isn't like there are sides standing in opposition to each other, and I want to help student government no matter who I'm working with. Adam recognized that I have experience, and that he needs to know the system ... I did talk with Charlie and James about it, and they thought I'd do more for the school not sitting out the year."

Istvan agreed, adding that Baron was too good of an asset to an administration to pass up.

Baron's intimate knowledge of student government, his work ethic and agreeable nature were the qualities that made him attractive as a chief of staff explained Istvan.

"He's a pretty cool guy, and someone I know I could work well with," said Bell.

Baron also sees his knowledge of Ebersol-Leito's platform as an advantage, and plans on bringing some of the ideas from that campaign into the new presidency. This includes the college readership effort to make three national newspapers available to students daily.

"Ideas that go to help student government are good no matter who proposes them," Baron said.

He also plans on fulfilling goals independent of either campaign, like the creation of a polling committee that would determine student opinion — an effort he believes will help fight campus apathy.

The main duties of the chief of staff include coordinating the efforts of all members in the Office of the Student Body President, responding to constituency complaints and working with the committee heads of the Senate, who will be

appointed by the Office of the President under the proposed constitution.

Baron will also be heavily involved in choosing the new staff — a task restricted by the fact that the new student government constitution will not be passed until March 28 at the earliest. Because of major restructuring, the Office of the President will have a smaller staff with different responsibilities, and will tentatively lack positions key under the current constitution. However, without knowing exactly what those positions will be, staff appointments cannot proceed.

"I'd consider us behind in picking our stuff, and there's a chance many of the positions we need to fill will be created three days before we take office," Istvan said. "But if everything works out, we should have a full staff by April 1."

Applications for positions within the Office of the President will be made available in the next two days, and Istvan plans to conduct interviews with potential staffers at the end of March.

Though Baron admitted he was shocked by the job offer, he also said he was ready for the chance to make a difference.

"It's make it or break it time for student government," Baron said. "It's not an easy situation for Adam and Karla to jump into with no experience, but I don't think it's an impossible task at all. We need a way to rally the students. If we want to make any progress with the Board of Trustees or [the Office of] Student Affairs or the Notre Dame administration, we need the total support of the students, and that's what the job of student government should be."

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SERBIA

Six killed in ethnic clashes

Associated Press

KOSOVSKA MITROVICA — Serbs and ethnic Albanians traded heavy gunfire Wednesday across the Ibar River, killing at least six people and wounding almost 300 in the worst outbreak of violence in this ethnically divided city since a bus bombing three years ago.

The killings, a setback to the international struggle to ease tension in Kosovo, were provoked by reports that two ethnic Albanian boys drowned after they jumped in an icy river to escape angry Serbs. A third was missing.

Initial reports by U.N. police spokeswoman Angela Joseph that a French peacekeeper had died of gunshot wounds were later denied by NATO and the French military.

Lt. Col. Jim Moran, a NATO spokesman, said a French and a Danish soldier were "seriously wounded," but reports that a peacekeeper had died were "completely not true."

NATO spokesman Capt. Athanasios Zormbas said 11 peacekeeping soldiers were wounded by stones and shrapnel from a hand grenade.

Wednesday's fighting was the worst of its kind since February 2001, when ethnic Albanian terrorists blew up a bus carrying Serbs, killing 11 and injuring 40. Clashes between Serbs and ethnic Albanians were also reported in several other towns in the region.

The violence was concentrated at the main bridge over the Ibar, which divides Kosovska Mitrovica and has been the site of past violence.

Hospital personnel on the Serb and ethnic Albanian sides

of the town said four ethnic Albanians had died, apparently of gunshot wounds. Initial reports had said three Serbs were shot to death, but hospital officials later lowered that to two.

NATO-led peacekeepers in the tense city fired tear gas, rubber bullets and stun grenades to separate the angry residents.

Kosovo has been administered by the United Nations and NATO-led peacekeepers since June 1999, after a NATO air campaign drove Serb-dominated troops loyal to former Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic out of the province and stopped a crackdown on the independence-minded Kosovo Albanian majority. An estimated 10,000 people died in that war, most of them ethnic Albanians.

The United Nations, assisted by NATO-led peacekeepers, has sought to foster ethnic tolerance since then. Still, with predominantly Orthodox Christian Serbs regarding Kosovo as their ancient homeland and ethnic Albanians, who are primarily Muslims, seeking independence, hatred between the two sides continues to provoke violence.

A man in the crowd of ethnic Albanians gathered on the southern side of Kosovska Mitrovica was seen firing with a submachine gun toward the crowd of Serbs on the other side of the bridge.

Xhelal Ibrahim, an ethnic Albanian witness covered by the blood of a victim he helped, said gunfire came from the Serb-dominated part of the town, and he saw several people falling in front of him. Hospital workers on the southern side, dominated by ethnic Albanians, counted 200 hurt, including several who were shot.

Doctors at the hospital urged people to give blood, but their voices were drowned out occasionally by the cries of relatives looking for loved ones.

"I just felt pain and went down on the ground," said Ridvan Lahu, 41, who was shot in the stomach.

On the Serb side, Milan Ivanovic, a hospital physician, said 80 Serbs were wounded,

including some in critical condition. One was shot in the head and another in the lungs, while others were hit by stones, rubber bullets fired by peacekeepers or shrapnel from their stun grenades.

Ambulances carrying wounded lined up near the hospital in the southern part of town. Those with more serious injuries were taken to the hospital in the provincial capital of Pristina. Dozens of armored vehicles streamed toward town, as NATO-led peacekeepers increased security.

Earlier, the peacekeepers blocked off the bridge after crowds started gathering on both sides. At least one U.N. vehicle was destroyed by a mob with rocks and chunks of concrete.

Police and NATO troops continued firing tear gas at concentrations of people to keep them from reforming and storming the bridge. The span itself was draped with concertina wire and blocked by armored vehicles manned by peacekeepers under French command. Acrid smoke from exploding tear gas canisters rose in the air.

Clashes similar to Wednesday's violence left nine people dead in 1999 at the same bridge, shortly after the end of all-out warfare between ethnic Albanians and Serbs.

Less than half of the 40,000 NATO troops originally in Kosovo now remain, including about 2,000 Americans. Washington and its allies had hoped that troops in Kosovo and elsewhere in the Balkans could soon be drawn down further and redeployed to Iraq, Afghanistan and other new areas of conflict.

In another hotspot near Pristina, hundreds of ethnic Albanians broke through barricades erected by U.N. police and NATO-led peacekeepers to march on the Serb village of Caglavica. U.N. spokeswoman Angela Joseph said there were reports that hand grenades had been thrown and that two Serb houses were on fire. "We assume there's a conflict going on" in Caglavica, Joseph said, but she could offer no details.

NAFTA and the Economics of Migration

Juan Rivera, Mendoza College of Business
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Professor Rivera will speak about the effects of NAFTA and related trade matters on agriculture in Mexico. Professor Cardenas will discuss the effects of economics on the flow of migrants into the United States.

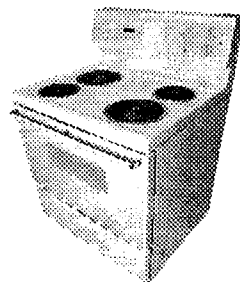
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CSU official accused of plagiarism

Associated Press

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — The president of Central Connecticut State University plagiarized from three sources in an opinion piece published in The Hartford Courant, according to an investigative report obtained by The Associated Press.

"This is a clear, unacceptable case of plagiarism," Connecticut State University Chancellor William Cibes said in his report on Richard Judd's Feb. 26 commentary. "About half of Dr. Judd's commentary

is taken substantially from the original sources."

The report, obtained by the AP through the Freedom of Information Act and dated Monday, went to the chairman of the university's board of trustees.

The board's executive committee will meet Friday; it could recommend actions from a reprimand to dismissal. The trustees may meet as soon as next Wednesday.

Judd has already apologized to the Faculty Senate in New Britain; the group voted Monday to recommend he

keep his job.

Cibes' investigation found Judd's op-ed article about the prospects for peace in Cyprus lifted unattributed, verbatim phrases from a New York Times editorial, from a Web site of the Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus and from an article published in a London newspaper, The Independent on Sunday.

Using the material without attribution violates the university's policy on plagiarism, as well as policies from other universities and professional groups, he said.

TSA to test 'registered traveler program'

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration wants to begin testing in June a program that would allow certain airline travelers not considered terrorist threats to avoid extra security inspections at airports, a federal official said Wednesday.

Under the "registered traveler program" passengers would pay a fee and submit to government background checks. If they are not found to be potential threats, they would avoid being randomly selected for the follow-up screening that some travelers face at checkpoints where carry-on bags pass through metal detectors.

David Stone, acting chief of the Transportation Security Administration, said the goal is to move law-abiding travelers more quickly to their planes and permit screeners to focus more on people about whom the government has less information.

"TSA believes in this," Stone told the House Transportation and Infrastructure subcommittee on aviation. "It's a high priority."

The program is expected to be appealing mostly to frequent travelers who would think the cost would be offset by the time saved at airports.

Stone said testing would last 90 days. Among the airports being considered are Boston's Logan International Airport; Washington's Reagan National Airport; Dallas Love Field; McGhee Tyson Airport in Knoxville, Tenn.; and West Palm Beach Airport in Florida.

The TSA is speaking to more than a dozen major airlines about the possibility of participating in the program, agency spokesman Mark Hatfield said.

Kevin Mitchell, chairman of the Business Travel Coalition, said he's not sure people will

embrace the registered traveler program because of privacy concerns.

"We are, as an organization, very much in favor of it," Mitchell said. "But I'm not sure there are a lot of business travelers willing to pay to turn over all that information."

James May, president of the Air Transport Association, said he was "surprised but pleased" by Stone's announcement.

"We've been pushing and pushing and pushing," said May, whose organization represents major U.S. airlines.

Stone said biometrics would be an essential element of the registered traveler program but declined to elaborate.

The General Accounting Office, Congress's investigative arm, has said many unanswered questions about the program remain, including: Who will be eligible? What level of background check will be needed? How much will it cost? What technology will be used?

May testified that the government should develop the registered traveler program before implementing computerized passenger screening that would use personal information to rank all air travelers based on their threat level.

But Stone said the TSA is forging ahead with the Computer-Assisted Passenger Prescreening System, or CAPPS II, which has been in development for two years. He said the agency will order airlines to turn over passenger records in the next couple of months so the TSA can conduct tests.

May said airlines might resist such an order because of concerns about the legality and liability of complying. The ATA set out seven privacy principles on Wednesday and said the airlines won't participate in the CAPPS II program unless they're followed.

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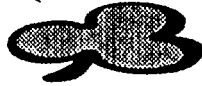
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NPR, Christian radio battle for signals

Associated Press

FREDERICK, Md. — One morning last month, WJTM-FM began the day with its usual fare of Christian preaching and prayer. But that afternoon, the programming changed to something that some longtime listeners find offensive — National Public Radio.

WJTM, a station reaching 1.2 million listeners on the northwestern outskirts of Baltimore and Washington, had been taken over by WYPR-FM, a Baltimore-based NPR-affiliate. The change, which has been challenged by two congressmen and dozens of listeners, reflects a battle being waged nationwide for ears at the lower end of the radio dial.

NPR and religious broadcasters, some of whom believe the public radio promotes a liberal agenda, are competitors for the relatively small number of noncommercial FM frequencies between 88.1 and 91.9 megahertz. College radio stations, the other sizable group of not-for-profit broadcasters, typically lack funds to fight aggressively for licenses.

Religious broadcasters have won some battles. In Lake Charles, La., the Christian broadcasting company American Family Radio knocked two NPR affiliates off the local airwaves in 2001 by obtaining a full-power license that overpowered the low-budget NPR translator stations — a tactic permitted by federal law.

"As the media markets have grown, the competition for those frequencies has increased and those licenses represented by space on the broadcast dial are becoming more and more valuable," said the Rev. Frank Wright, president of the National Religious Broadcasters, a 1,700-member association in Manassas, Va.

NPR spokeswoman Jenny Lawhorn said the competition has prompted initiatives by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting and its supporters to help public broadcasters acquire frequencies and expand their offerings. She denied the liberal-bias charge.

Religious broadcasters have led in station numbers since a

1990s growth spurt, with more than 1,800 AM and FM outlets compared with 772 mostly FM National Public Radio stations, according to Arbitron and NPR.

But NPR has become a more aggressive bidder for licenses since 2001, when the federally funded Corporation for Public Broadcasting helped establish an organization to broker and finance station acquisitions.

That organization, Denver-based Public Radio Capital, helped negotiate the \$5-million deal that created WYPR two years ago. It also was the intermediary in WYPR's agreement to buy WJTM from Joy Public Broadcasting Corp., a Wisconsin-based owner of stations devoted to Christian programming, for \$1.2 million.

Joy sold WJTM "to solidify some of the financial condition of the rest of the corporation," said Thomas Bush, a Joy board member. The deal is awaiting Federal Communication Commission approval, but the purchase agreement has allowed WYPR to assume operations before the sale is completed.

The transaction has stirred protests because it replaces Frederick County's only locally based Christian station with programming that duplicates some material already heard in the area on three other NPR stations originating in Washington and West Virginia. Popular programs including "Morning Edition," "All Things Considered" and "Car Talk," can now be heard on four stations in Frederick, a city of 53,000 about 45 miles from both Baltimore and the nation's capital.

"I don't think we need another NPR station because people can get it," said Rep. Roscoe G. Bartlett, R-Md. He and Rep. Frank Wolf, R-Va., whose district is within WJTM's 40-mile range, have asked the FCC to meet with local listeners to discuss the ownership change.

Anthony Brandon, president and general manager of Your Public Radio Corp., WYPR's owner, noted that several Christian radio stations originating elsewhere also can be heard in Frederick.

"This is not about us trying to displace Christian broadcasting," he said.

Parade collision injures eight

Associated Press

SAVANNAH — A convertible sped through an intersection during the city's St. Patrick's Day parade Wednesday, slamming into three members of a marching band and spectators who lined the parade route. Eight people were injured.

Most of the injured were treated for broken bones, cuts and bruises, but none suffered life-threatening injuries. Initial police reports said up to 12 people had been hospitalized, but authorities later revised the number to eight.

The car apparently failed to brake and sped through the marching band and into a

crowd of parade watchers near the center of downtown Savannah, said Bucky Burned, police spokesman.

"We were sitting here ... smiling and having a good time, then all of a sudden, bam, this guy comes tearing through the parade and smashes into the band," said Bobby Johnson of New York.

Beyond Liberty and Equality: Some Confucian Reflections on the Place of the Family in Health Care

Friday, March 19, 2004

This presentation defends a strong role for family autonomy in medical decision-making. It draws on a Confucian appreciation of the interplay among social bonds, rituals, virtues, and responsibilities. The goal is to bring you to appreciate a moral vision in which families have the authority to determine the health care of their members.

This vision is in dramatic tension with the individualist view of liberty in force in the 20th century. By making liberty itself a value, not liberty as a means to achieving the good and human flourishing, this individualist view offered each person the opportunity to define her own version of self-satisfaction and self-realization and has been core to American bioethics and its understanding of informed consent. The state has been assigned the moral authority to ensure every individual equal opportunity for self-realization through state-imposed strategies, including welfare programs. However, a robust understanding of the integrity and autonomy of families threatens equality of health care. Families tend to develop hierarchies and embrace illiberal values; most of all, families want their own member to flourish and behave as the family sees fit, not the individual. Accordingly, this individualist view of liberty and equality and its practice downplays the role of the family in health care.

This presentation invites you to reconsider key elements in this standard American individualist account of bioethics. First, you are encouraged to undertake an evaluation of the individualist commitment to liberty and free choice. Second, you are invited to critically reconsider your commitment to fair equality of opportunity. This will be done by rehearsing the incompatibility of a sincere commitment to the integrity and autonomy of families and a commitment to regnant Western understandings of liberal social-democratic justice. Finally, these critical considerations regarding liberty and equality will be tied to an account of family-informed decision-making, drawing heavily on Confucian moral and social insights.

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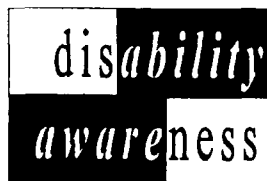
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Police arrest suspected sniper

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — The man wanted in a deadly string of sniper shootings that terrorized Ohio drivers was captured at a motel Wednesday after a tipster spotted him at a Las Vegas casino reading a newspaper story about himself.

An unshaven and disheveled Charles A. McCoy Jr., 28, was arrested without incident less than 36 hours after Ohio authorities released his name as a suspect in the attacks.

The arrest brought relief to Ohio residents who have been living in fear since the 24 shootings began in the Columbus area last year. The gunfire pierced homes and a school, dented school buses, flattened tires and shattered windshields, killing one person.

"Once he started hitting random other places, we felt like there was nowhere safe to go," said Aimee Wagner, 31, a chemistry professor who often travels Interstate 270 to teaching jobs in the Columbus area. "I'm just happy he didn't get the chance to take another person's life."

McCoy was taken to the Las Vegas FBI office, where detectives from Ohio were expected to arrive Wednesday to question him.

Authorities have not offered a motive for the shootings and have not said how they came to suspect McCoy. But The Columbus Dispatch, citing unidentified sources, said a relative of McCoy's contacted police to say he could be a suspect, and McCoy's father gave authorities a 9 mm pistol that was matched to some of the bullet fragments recovered in the shootings.

Authorities said McCoy had been in Las Vegas for about a day, gambling at the Stardust hotel-casino and staying at the nearby Budget Suites motel, just across from a strip club.

Police credited an unemployed car and timeshare salesman with helping them capture McCoy. Conrad Malsom, 60, of Las Vegas, said he recognized McCoy from news reports linking him to the Ohio attacks, and did his own detective work to locate McCoy's car parked at the motel.

"In my heart and mind, I knew

this was the man the police in Ohio were looking for," Malsom told The Associated Press.

Malsom said he met McCoy on Tuesday at the Stardust sports book on the Las Vegas Strip. He said he offered McCoy a slice of pepperoni pizza and recognized him from a newspaper photograph. McCoy was reading a copy of USA Today, which featured the fugitive's picture, Malsom said.

When McCoy left the casino, Malsom found what he characterized as "written babble" on an 8 1/2-by-14-inch sports betting sheet the man left behind.

Malsom said he went to a nearby Kinko's store and faxed a copy to Ohio authorities and later gave the original to FBI officials. He also collected a water glass, matchbook and lunch wrappers that McCoy left behind and supplied the materials to authorities, Malsom said.

He said he later drove around the parking lot at the motel on a hunch, and called police when he recognized McCoy's car. Malsom said he matched the Ohio license plate to information on an Ohio State Highway Patrol Web site.

Antique dealer to assist in gubernatorial probe

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — An antique dealer who bought a condominium from Gov. John G. Rowland at well above market rates has struck a plea bargain and is cooperating in the federal corruption investigation into Rowland's administration, a source told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

Wayne Pratt, one of the top antiques dealers in the country and a regular contributor to the PBS program "Antiques Roadshow," is expected to plead guilty to a misdemeanor count of tax evasion in federal court in Hartford on Thursday, according to the source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Pratt is the first person with a direct financial link to Rowland known to be cooperating with investigators. The source said Pratt has been cooperating since early

January.

Pratt bought the Washington, D.C., condominium from Rowland in 1997 for \$68,500, about 19 percent more than Rowland paid for it in 1989, when he was in Congress. Similar condos in the building sold around the same time for \$20,000 to \$30,000.

The sale was arranged through a mutual friend, businessman and state contractor Robert Matthews. He had been renting the Capitol Hill efficiency from Rowland for his niece for \$1,750 per month. At the time, similar apartments in the area were renting for between \$400 and \$600.

The source suggested that Pratt bought the condominium as a favor to Matthews. The tax-evasion charge is connected to "the manner in which Matthews reimbursed Pratt in connection with the condo, with the purchase and sale," the source said.

Federal prosecutors have been working to determine whether there was a quid pro quo agreement between Rowland and state contractors. Rowland has acknowledged receiving gifts from employees and contractors, but said he did not provide anything in return.

"My client has not engaged in any illegal activity and Pratt will not be able to offer any truthful information to the contrary," said William F. Dow III, the governor's attorney.

Matthews has received millions of dollars in state-backed loans for manufacturing companies he owns in Connecticut. A building he owns in New Haven is filled with state offices.

Investigators are looking closely at the relationship between Matthews and the governor. A legislative committee has also subpoenaed Matthews and his businesses as it considers whether to recommend that Rowland be impeached.

Thomas Dwyer Jr., an attorney for Pratt, said of the condo transaction: "Pratt was helping his friend and his friend was a traitor. He took advantage of a friendship."

Federal investigators declined to comment.

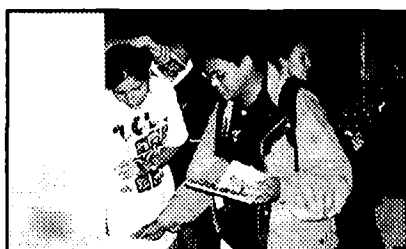
Pratt's plea agreement comes a year after the only other conviction in the case. Rowland's former deputy chief of staff, Lawrence Alibozek, pleaded guilty to taking payoffs in return for state contracts.

Matthews and Pratt also were at the center of a controversy over a 1789 copy of the Bill of Rights that the two had owned.

It had been missing from Raleigh, N.C., since the end of the Civil War, when the city was occupied by federal troops. It resurfaced in 2000, when Matthews brokered a sale in which Pratt bought it from two Connecticut women for \$200,000.

A federal agent posing as a museum buyer last year pretended to purchase the document from Pratt and Matthews for \$5 million. Then he presented a seizure warrant from a North Carolina federal judge.

Pratt agreed to donate the document to North Carolina; in return, federal authorities agreed not to prosecute Pratt on any criminal charges.



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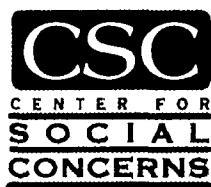
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Loving until it hurts

Our community is a paradox in being a culture of both financial affluence and faith. How can graduates from here resolve this seeming self-contradiction? Mother Teresa offers a quality answer: "Love until it hurts." Simply put, if a person doesn't love until it hurts, it doesn't count.

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Her wisdom challenges us to keep our lifestyles from being extravagant. I argue here that excessive lifestyle choices are those that put one's own wants over another's need. This standard counters the idea of having a comfortable living so that we can bear our daily cross.

There are uncomfortable implications of this mentality that affect all financial aspects of our lives. By this view, shopping at malls, taking a cruise or purchasing a new sports car becomes more difficult. When Notre Dame's tuition hits above the \$35,000 mark, even coming here is questionable if some of us can get the same degree and job after attending a much cheaper state school.

Smaller actions like frequent restaurant dinners and alcohol purchases may also be too much. Many activities of upper-class and also middle-class society may be extravagant. When those same funds can ease another's hunger in another country or even in our own city, the small luxuries become clear pitfalls. But is this mentality too harsh?

There are worthy objections to address. First, don't we deserve luxuries if we've worked hard to afford them and if God has blessed us with them? Second, won't vacations and material possessions improve our quality of life and our happiness? Third, can't charity foster laziness and dependency?

In response, first, God does bless people with riches, especially those who've worked for them. But much is expected from those who've received much. There is an inherent responsibility linked with being blessed, especially since our work and its rewards ultimately come from God. Blessings require us to share.

Second, material possessions and expensive vacations may bring some happiness, but are they necessary? What price tag do we put on happiness? Maybe I really don't need the CD's I was planning on buying. Maybe I should give up the idea of having a vacation on a Greek island with friends. Can't I find cost-free ways to relax and enjoy life that are just as fulfilling?

Third, charity should be directed with a strategic focus so that it encourages people to sustain themselves. Some charities really need to work at this. But in other cases, handouts should be freely given with no questions asked. During an Urban Plunge in Columbus, Ohio, a director of a homeless shelter argued this point when he criticized other city shelters that kicked people out, such as the mentally handicapped, who couldn't sustain themselves according to specific rules. In all cases, charitable commitments are vital to many types of lifesaving work, even if that work needs improving.

I am not arguing that making money is inherently wrong. In fact, making a lot of money can be very good. The key is one's motive and how one makes and spends profits. The world needs people who can write big checks. Notre Dame and much of its service work is sustained by rich donors. Philanthropy.com recently published a list of 2003's top 60 donors. At the top was Joan Kroc, whose funding has made our peace studies program possible.

Notre Dame graduates in particu-

lar can become philanthropic greats like Joan Kroc. The average starting salary of the Notre Dame graduate is over \$42,000. At the age of 22, many of us will have a salary greater than that of almost half the workers in this country. Even if we are not called to pursue professions of direct service to the poor, our financial leverage can empower good work in ways no one else can.

At the same time, rich donors are not free to have an easy lifestyle simply because they give a lot of money. All are called to suffer; all are called to give until it hurts. Returning to a nice house after giving time and some of our money to the poor is not enough, especially when knowing how our wealth can be used for others' basic welfare.

I hope my personal focus in the future will be centered on living simply so that others can simply live. Ideally, I would live in a poor area while having a professional career I'm passionate about. The job would pay well enough that I could give my time and financial support to those in need.

Idealism is hard, but we can be encouraged by Bono, another philanthropic great, who yells, "Dream up the kind of world you want to live in. Dream out loud ... at high volume!"

Living charitably is about more than just heavy moral obligations; it's also about joy. Paradoxically, in loving until it hurts, we will be able to discover tremendous joy.

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Praising terrorism is detestable

During the last couple of weeks, and especially Tuesday, I could not help but notice the Notre Dame community's (and South Bend's) laudatory portrayal of leading Sinn Feiner Gerry Adams. I find this representation of such a character reprehensible.

Sinn Fein is the diplomatic arm of the IRA, a terrorist organization that has plagued the northern six counties of Ireland for decades. We students are too young to remember the deluge of blood that flowed through the streets of Belfast in the '60s, due largely to the activities of the IRA.

Despite what Adams has often claimed, the people of Northern Ireland do not overwhelmingly support him, Sinn Fein, or even the nationalist cause; on the contrary, Ulster is evenly divided on the issue of nationalism and only gave Sinn Fein some 21 percent of the vote last election — the Ulster Unionist Party got 23 percent.

However, most of the Northern Irish, as well the citizens of Britain and the Republic of Ireland, do agree that they want the terrorism in Ulster to permanently stop. Bringing Gerry Adams to Notre Dame to talk about the Irish peace process is akin to bringing Yasser Arafat or politicians associated with Hamas to talk about the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

Gerry Adams may not have planted the bombs himself, but he supports and represents those who do. He is a terrorist, and we at Notre Dame owe it to all the innocents who have died in Ulster because of him and those of his ilk not to support him or his party.

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OBSERVER POLL

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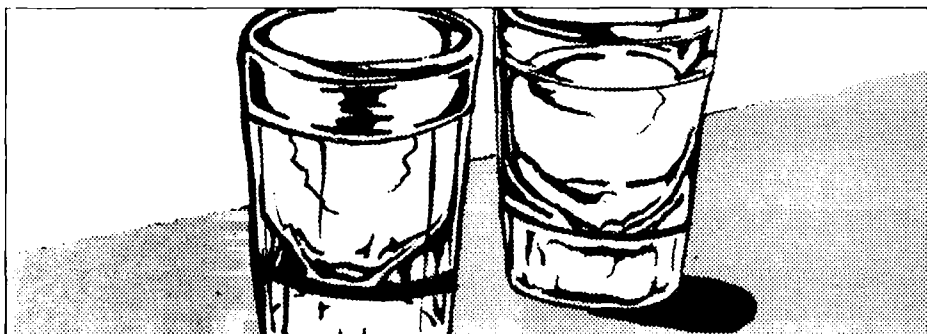
QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community."

Anthony J. D'Angelo
author

U-WIRE

Pouring drinks not a simple standard



Duke University's freshly-tanned spring breakers are back on campus, loaded with wild tales of drunken Cancun nights and beer-for-breakfast cruises. But storytellers beware: those six tequila shots you said you had before venturing on that karaoke stage probably had closer to the equivalent of eight standard-sized shots. A study on undergraduate drinking habits found that Duke students' perception of what constitutes a single beer, mixed drink or shot is significantly larger than a standard-sized alcoholic beverage used in typical alcohol consumption surveys.

Liana Wyler

The Chronicle

Researchers found that when students were asked to pour what they thought was a 12-ounce beer and 1.25-ounce shot, they over-poured beer by 25 percent and shots by 26 percent. Most significantly, students poured 80 percent too much alcohol into what they believed was a single mixed drink.

"Students don't know what a drink is — or even just the definition of a drink," said Aaron White, primary investigator of the study and assistant research professor in the department of psychiatry. "Duke students, who are some of the brightest kids on the planet, don't know how many ounces are in a glass of wine or a shot [of liquor]."

White also noted that the serving-size misperceptions of alcoholic beverages the study found are not just a Duke-specific problem; if the study had been done at any other college, he suspected students similarly would be unable to accurately pour a standard-sized beer or shot. Students' heavy-handed alcohol pouring habits scratch at the surface of dangers involved in college drinking. The National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism reported in 2002 that alcohol-related activities were linked to at least 1,400 college student deaths and 500,000 injuries each year.

"We're a society obsessed with serving sizes, but yet, alcohol is our number drug problem," White said. "It kills more young people than all other drugs combined and we haven't had a dialogue about what a serving size [of alcohol] actually is — that's the problem!"

The results of the study also suggest that current data on college drinking habits — largely based on self-reported consumption surveys — is fundamentally flawed. Literature on student alcohol consumption defines binge drinking as four or five drinks in one night — a threshold that may actually be closer to six or seven drinks if students are underestimating how much alcohol they consume, White said.

"I think the implications are truly drastic in terms of any research that has been done on college drinking and college trends," said junior Courtney Kraus, who played a large role in the collection of the pour study data. "What it means to be a binge drinker or not — all of these things need to be re-evaluated."

Additionally, the study found that women were particularly susceptible to inaccurately reporting how much alcohol they consumed because they tended to drink more mixed drinks, which are poured in unmarked containers like Solo cups.

"Students don't talk about drinks in terms of ounces," said senior Lori Kestenbaum, who was also involved in the research. "Students think of a mixed drink in terms of one mixed drink, not [1.25] ounces of alcohol ... [and] the actual perception of what a student thought a mixed drink was, was really the alarming part."

Jeff Kulley, staff psychologist at Counseling and Psychological Services and an advisor to PARTY, the alcohol awareness peer education group on campus, said he has also found that students pouring drinks free-handedly tend to overestimate the size of a standard drink. During an educational activity called the "bartender exercise," Kulley said it was not uncommon for students to pour a quantity that would equal four to six drinks rather than one standard drink.

"We hope that we're educating people [who] don't really know what a standard drink is, and the hope is that they'll adjust downward," he said.

A follow-up study by White's research group, however, suggests that education efforts are not targeting enough students. When asked to define what constitutes a standard alcohol serving, with the exception of beer, students tended to answer incorrectly.

"This is not a failure of the students, but a failure on the part of educators and prevention specialists and the beverage industry," White said. "This tells us that we have done a poor job as educators and universities as a society on teaching students what a drink is."

But people are going to drink — no matter what, said senior Julie Flom, who worked on the study. The key, she said, is to try to push for awareness and get more students to realize how much they are actually drinking.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A working democracy

In response to Dan Ornelals' Mar. 16 letter to the editor — "Socialist victory not a step in the right direction" — I must wholeheartedly disagree with his viewpoint that the motives of those who voted for the PSOE are "warped beyond comprehension." As a Spanish citizen and a Socialist voter, I can tell you that the elections in Spain last week were only the end of the road to over a year of tension between government and the citizens.

Prime Minister Aznar sided with President Bush on the ousting of Saddam Hussein, while the vast majority of the population in Spain had been adamantly against any intervention in Iraq. Many polls showed over 90 percent of the country being against Spanish participation in that endeavor and the consequent occupation of Iraq. Furthermore, Al Qaeda had named Spain several times as allies of what Al Qaeda calls the U.S.' "fight against Islam," not terrorism and had threatened repercussion. In spite of all this, Aznar went ahead and sent troops to Iraq.

The events of March 11 in Madrid were the tipping point. Al Qaeda's threats were materialized, and of course, Aznar's Popular Party was quick to blame ETA for it, as they knew that Al Qaeda involvement in the bombings would produce the results we saw in the elections last Sunday. When evidence pointed away from Basque Separatist involvement, the electorate reacted appropriately.

That's what democracy is about,

allowing citizens to select or reject leaders who make decisions against the popular will that elected them to government in the first place. Spain decided they had enough of a government that did not listen to them, and elected another.

Our new Prime Minister, Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, has declared that the troops will be pulled unless they are put under U.N. command. This sentiment is not only shared in Spain, but by other governments as well, for example in the Socialist ... uh, I mean Labour, British Government.

Lastly, I would like to point to the fact that the word "Socialism" in this country continues to be tainted by the Soviet Communist legacy. Conversely, Socialism in Europe does not mean Communism, or far-left for that matter. Yes, Spain has a far-left party. They're called Izquierda Unida, and they fared poorly in the elections dropping three of their eight delegates in congress. Let's not confuse apples with oranges.

Unlike what some seem to believe, Spain is not pulling out of the war on terrorism. The citizens have decided to pull out of a situation in which they did not want to be in, in the first place. Shouldn't this be natural in a democracy? Unfortunately, it took a massacre in my home town for it to happen.

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Mar. 17

Refuting wars, hatred and lies

As a Spaniard, alumnus of Notre Dame and a journalist since 1998, I am compelled to rebut the idea that Spain elected Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero because of fear of terrorism.

I want to remind the Notre Dame community that millions of Spaniards in unprecedented demonstrations told the government of Jose Maria Aznar to not join the war against Iraq in Feb. 2003. I was there, I was one of them. More than 10 million Spaniards said "No a la guerra," and 90 percent of the population did not support that war. The government did not listen to the will of the people.

It was this great nation, the United States of America, who promoted the notion of the government of the people, for the people and by the people, but Aznar chose to not listen to those who elected him to office. He chose to join an alliance to invade a country for reasons that are still unknown to Spaniards and to the citizens of this country.

The Spaniards, reportedly 11.5 million of them, went out to the street on Mar. 12 to reject terrorism while the government was hiding the truth behind who was behind the terrorist attacks in Madrid. They blamed ETA while they knew per-

fectly well Al Qaeda was behind the massacre.

The people voted Aznar and his party out of office because they lied to the people, they were no longer a government of the people, for the people and by the people — it was a sort of democratic dictatorship.

Spaniards took back their country. A well educated society said no to a government that lied to them. I just hope the truth prevails everywhere, including the United States, which was fast to jump into a war that only resulted in more hatred.

Seek the terrorists, capture them and judge them, but don't lie to your countrymen and don't confuse the enemy. There is no proof yet of Iraq having weapons of mass destruction, that it was an imminent threat or that that country had anything to do with Sept. 11. The question remains unanswered: why did we invade Iraq, and whose interests is this administration looking after?

God help humanity to find better solutions than wars, hatred and lies. Notre Dame should lead by example.

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INTERVIEW

15 minutes with Cam and Gabe from The Pale

Cousins Cam Nicklaus and Gabe Archer play guitar and keyboards respectively for The Pale whose debut album Gravity Gets Things Done has just received high marks from Rolling Stone Magazine.

By BRIAN FOY
Scene Music Critic

Have you two been in bands before The Pale?

This is it. We have been playing music since we were little kids. Do you think your music is shaped because of your relationship or because you have played together for so long?

Never thought about it. A little bit of both. It's a tough thing to stick to, everybody is in a band. For every band that makes it, there are twenty other bands that probably deserve it and don't. I think having someone else that shares that and has a family tie is cool.

How did you come up with the name The Pale?

We did a demo tape when we first started and at the time we didn't have a name yet, but we had all the song titles figured out. One of the song titles was "Beyond the Pale" so we just shortened it and didn't really think about what it meant or anything like that.

Do you ever write something, maybe even subconsciously, and think that sounds like somebody else?

Yeah. Every once in a while you're like, "I just wrote the coolest song," and you realize you just rewrote someone else's song. Sometimes you're like, "this song is great." That definitely happens every once in a while, although I think that happens almost all the time to the degree that you take an idea and make it your own is what gives you your own voice. Every band has their unique song writing process. What's yours like?

Gabe will usually have a melody and a good idea for a song and then we'll get together and flesh it out. Every once in a while he will come in with a more complete idea and here's what I heard on this or that and we do that sometimes. I suppose over the last 10 years I have contributed one and a

half songs or so.

But they are the best one and a half songs.

They are the hits. He'll pop out of my room once every five years and say I just wrote our next hit.

On a completely different note, what's the best place you've played?

Last May, we got a chance to play at a festival at The Gorge in Washington. We played at "The Right Next To Where You Park Your Car Stage" outside of the gates, but it was cool. The cool thing about it was that we bought tickets for the show. Coldplay headlined, Flaming Lips, My Morning Jacket, Pedro, Deathcab and J5 — just a bunch of amazing bands. It was the first time our little pass meant anything. Before is just got us in with the pizza. It was like "do I really need this thing?" So we got to meet the singer from the Flaming Lips and see the shows up close. I was totally star struck it was great.

Do you recall your first laminated pass, even if it didn't mean anything at all?

We've played a lot of kid's camps and stuff like that. The ones that we've saved are the ones where our names are spelled wrong. You're like "you spent a lot of money on these didn't you?" We've played a lot of cool places with a lot of cool bands. The thing I like is when the stage is high enough that you are a little bit above so that the people in the back can still see the band, but not so high. Just so that you can hang out with everybody and if you step away from the mic people could still yell at you ... we are hoping to be playing stadiums soon.

Do you notice any type of fraternity among up and coming bands such as yourself?

We've been able to be part of a really cool community in Seattle where it's genuine and we are looking out for each other and we have been able to play some cool shows where our friends in bands have helped us out.

Do you think there is something cool



Photo courtesy of thepalemusic.com

Indie rock band The Pale is beginning to achieve success with its debut album, Gravity Gets Things Done, one that has garnered critical acclaim. However, the band remains humble and admits that they are still a very young group.

about being in an "indie band?"

For me it's like we are so young, we're just kind of babies. We don't really know what we are doing thus far. But as far as it goes now, to a certain degree, we can do what we want, or at least what we want to do the most, is lining up with what everyone that is supporting us wants. Whereas maybe if you are on a major [label] and they have hundreds and thou-

sands of dollars invested in you, as opposed to say 20 thousand, there is a lot more pressure to get exposure. Hopefully we can build something up so that as it progresses we can still be in charge of how we get presented. But getting signed and being distributed and having a promotional company is weird. It is new to us.

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The Pale gains a sense of freedom from being signed to an independent label, but the band is still getting used to having a promotional company. The Pale enjoys touring and hopes to play stadiums one day, but it remains star-struck when on tour with big-name headliners such as Coldplay and The Flaming Lips.

ALBUM REVIEW

Hancock group explores new directions

By CHRISTOPHER KEPNER
Scene Music Critic

Herbie Hancock, Michael Brecker and Roy Hargrove set out on a tour in 2001 to celebrate the 75th anniversaries of two of the greatest jazz musicians that have ever lived — Miles Davis and John Coltrane. With the addition of John Patitucci and Brian Blade to the rhythm section, this group is comprised of five of the top players in jazz today. On Oct. 25, 2001 their performance at Toronto's Massey Hall was recorded for CBC Radio's Jazz Beat program, and the result, *Directions in Music: Live at Massey Hall*, is now available on CD as documentation of this monumental tour.

Hancock acts as the leader, being the

oldest and the only one to have collaborated directly with Davis or Coltrane. He was a part of Miles' great quintet of the 1960s with Wayne Shorter, Ron Carter and Tony Williams. It is obvious that Brecker and Hargrove share almost as much respect for Hancock as they do for Miles and Coltrane.

While there are periods in both musicians' careers that can be classified as classical or traditional, Davis and Coltrane refused to remain in one musical place for very long. They always strove to find new forms of expression, new musical outlets and new directions in their music.

Hancock emphasizes that *Directions ...* is not about playing through Davis and Coltrane tunes and making the audience reminiscent of the past.

"We decided that the best way to truly honor their work was to create our own new way of looking at the compositions, to allow new freedoms within the structures and provoke spontaneity within the group," Hancock said on his Web

site. "We're not just playing the original chords of these pieces, but really moving beyond that."

"The Sorcerer" is a Hancock composition from his days in the Davis quintet. "The Poet" is a tune that Hargrove wrote in tribute to that very quintet, and it features a nice echo effect in the melody with trumpet leading and Brecker following right behind on sax. "So What" and "Impressions" are Davis and Coltrane tunes, respectively, that share the same harmonic structure. The *Directions ...* group combines them into one track, changing the articulation of the melody to "Impressions" and taking it at an unconventionally slow tempo.

Hancock, Brecker and Hargrove all contributed to the writing of "Mystery." Brecker performs a seven and a half minute interpretation of Coltrane's "Naima" completely unaccompanied. "Transition," a Coltrane tune, and "My Ship," a Kurt Weill and Ira Gershwin tune that Davis was known to perform, are also visited. The disc concludes with "D Trane," a Brecker composition that is dedicated to Coltrane and reflects on Coltrane's compositions that were influenced by African music.

The playing on *Directions ...* is brilliant all around. With the exception of Brecker, whose tone can be somewhat annoying at times, the entire disc is a treat to listen to. It seems that an obvious choice for this group would have been Wayne Shorter on sax as opposed to Brecker. Perhaps Hancock felt that with

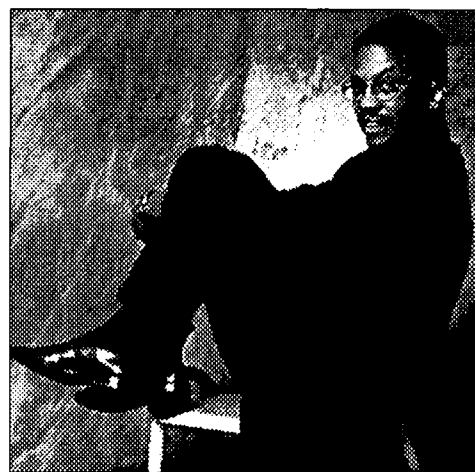


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Herbie Hancock honors Miles Davis and John Coltrane on his live album.

the inclusion of both Shorter and himself the group would be too similar to the old Davis quintet. Perhaps he felt that Brecker's style exhibited more of a Coltrane influence than Shorter's. Either way, this discrepancy shouldn't be significant enough to deter you from picking up this record.

Directions ... won the 2003 Grammy Award for Best Jazz Instrumental Album and Herbie Hancock won the 2003 Grammy Award for Best Jazz Instrumental Solo for his solo on "My Ship."

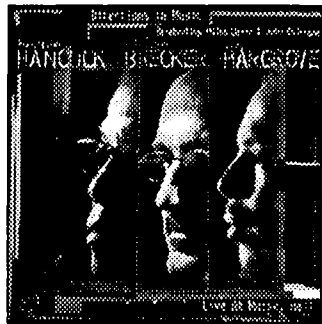
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Roy Hargrove

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ALBUM REVIEW

Cee-lo is in a world of his own

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Scene Music Critic

Cee-lo's solo debut, *Cee-lo Green and His Perfect Imperfections*, was unlike anything Cee-lo had ever done as a member of popular Southern rap group, Goodie Mob. A free spirit of sorts, he attempted to branch out and create his own definitive form of neo-soul and hip-hop. But despite his creativity and the success of the single, "Closet Freak," the album was regarded as too weird and eccentric, and failed to garner much commercial success.

This time around in *Cee-lo Green is*

the Soul Machine, Cee-lo makes several noticeable changes. By garnering the support of big name producers and including catchy pop hooks, he makes his sophomore album much more radio-friendly and accessible. But this is not to say that Cee-lo has sold out. He maintains his free-spirited style of neo-soul and hip-hop, and does not let these changes curb his creative and charismatic sound. After all, trying to stick *Cee-lo Green is the Soul Machine* in one specific genre is next to impossible. He dabbles in soul, R&B and hip-hop, and even throws some spoken word, funk and jazz into the melting pot.

One of the biggest strengths of the album is its excellent production, and despite having a number of different guest producers on board, the songs flow together well. Cee-lo has an all-star cast of producers, most notably The Neptunes, Timbaland, Organized Noise and DJ Premier. But perhaps the most impressive aspect of the production is that Cee-lo himself produced about half the album, and managed to match the caliber of his veteran guests.

Virtually every song is worth listening to on the album, as there is thankfully no filler or skits (aside from the intro and outro) that disrupt its flow. Cee-lo likes to play the role of the lover man, like on the highlights "All Day Love Affair" and "My Kind of People." On other tracks, like "The Art of Noise"

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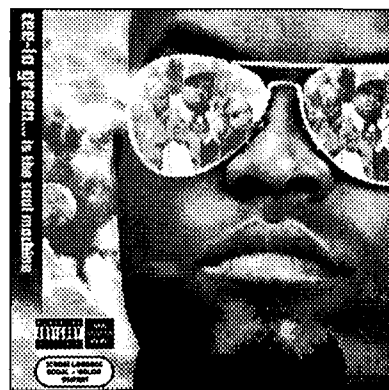


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Cee-lo's sophomore album is much more radio-friendly and accessible than his debut.

and the singles "I'll Be Around," featuring Timbaland, and "The One," featuring Jazze Pha and T.I., Cee-lo has a general feel-good sound and gives a good taste of his charismatic personality. These tracks are particularly radio-friendly, but without being too mundane and pop-sounding. Other highlights include "Childz Play," a fun rap with Ludacris backed by a circus-esque beat by Organized Noise, and "Evening News," which uses a mellow beat by DJ Premier.

The only real missteps on the album are Cee-lo's spoken word tracks ("Sometimes" and "I Am Selling Soul") and his diss track "Glockapella." Cee-lo's spoken word cuts are introspective, but simply lack replay value despite the backing of quality beats. They sound more like long interludes than full-fledged songs. "Glockapella" consists of a flurry of insults that are probably directed at Cee-lo's ex-Goodie Mob

partners (the break up did not go well), but it simply falls flat with Cee-lo's carefree, easy-going style and exposes some of the weaknesses of his flow.

There are better rappers out there than Cee-lo, but his musical vision and soulful singing are what make him unique. *Cee-lo Green is the Soul Machine* is as original an album as they come. In many ways, Cee-lo is like fellow southern rappers Outkast, in that each of them have taken the Dirty South and twisted and warped it into whatever musical montages their creative minds can think of. The year is still young, but even so, *Cee-lo Green is the Soul Machine* is the best hip-hop album to come out this year next to Kanye West's *The College Dropout*. Get it and hear what the soul machine can do.

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NHL

Luongo blocks 50 shots, Panthers rally to win 6-4

Associated Press

SUNSHINE, Fla. — Roberto Luongo gave the Florida Panthers a chance to overcome a terrible first period.

Luongo stopped 50 shots, including 26 in the first period, and the Panthers overcame a two-goal deficit to beat the New York Islanders 6-4 on Wednesday night.

"Nobody was satisfied with the first period," said Luongo, who came into the game leading the NHL with a 93.4 save percentage. "I was just trying to keep it close."

Nathan Horton, Olli Jokinen, Matt Cullen, Stephen Weiss, Mikael Samuelsson and Donald Audette scored for Florida, which was outshot 28-7 in the first period and 54-24 overall.

"They came out hard on us there," Panthers coach John Torchetti said. "They smelled blood and they went for it. Louie was unbelievable. It could have been 5-0 after the first period."

The victory snapped the Panthers' eight-game winless streak (0-5-3) against the Islanders. Florida is seven points behind the eighth-place Islanders, with both teams having nine games remaining. The top eight teams in the Eastern Conference will advance.

"This gives us a chance," Cullen said. "If we don't win this one, it probably closes the door on us."

Adrian Aucoin, Trent Hunter, Michael Peca and Mark Parrish scored for the Islanders, who tied a franchise record with their 28 first-period shots. The mark was set against Pittsburgh on Dec. 5, 1978.

"You get 28 shots, that's a pretty good stat, but it doesn't mean much if there's no one there for the rebound," Islanders center Jason Blake said.

The 28 shots set a Florida record for shots allowed in a period, breaking the mark of 26 set against Anaheim on Jan. 1, 1994, and tied at Los Angeles on Jan. 6, 2000.

Islanders goalie Rick DiPietro allowed four goals on 12 shots and was pulled in favor of Garth Snow after the second period.

Luongo kept the Islanders from building more than a 2-0 lead in the first period while Florida was being outshot 28-7. **Sabres 4, Thrashers 3 OT**

The Buffalo Sabres stopped fighting long enough to pull off a comeback.

Derek Roy scored a fluky goal 15 seconds into overtime after the Sabres rallied from a two-

goal deficit in the final 7:37 of the third period, beating the Atlanta Thrashers Wednesday night.

The game was marred by numerous fights, the last coming when Atlanta enforcer Francis Lessard jumped on Buffalo strongman Andrew Peters with 14:22 left in regulation.

Lessard was ejected from the game and the Sabres, trailing 3-1, wound up with a seven-minute power play. They capitalized with just 15 seconds left in the advantage, getting a goal from Andrew Mair.

Jochen Hecht tied it for the Sabres 56 seconds later. Milan Bartovic skated behind the net and flipped a pass out front to his teammate, who put it through Pasi Nurminen's legs with 6:13 left.

Nurminen had several spectacular saves among his 29 stops, but he looked foolish in overtime. Roy fired a shot from the top of the circle that caught the goalie in the chest, fell at his skates and slid into the net.

From Roy's perspective, that merely evened things out.

"The last game against Toronto, we had three fluke goals scored on us — off skates, off sticks, off the goalie's pads," he said. "We just got some good luck today because we worked really hard all game. I think we deserved it."

The Sabres played their fourth straight overtime game, finally winning one after losing three straight in the extra period. They moved within four points of the New York Islanders for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Andy Sutton tied a career high with two goals for the Thrashers, but it wasn't enough.

Showing that little has changed since Todd Bertuzzi's blindsided attack on Steve Moore, the teams carried over the bad blood from their previous meeting — Buffalo's 7-2 victory last month that included 118 minutes in penalties.

This one was even worse. Atlanta was penalized 19 times for 72 minutes, Buffalo 15 times for 53 minutes — a total of 125 minutes.

Devils 6, Penguins 1

Viktor Kozlov is fitting in quite nicely with the Stanley Cup champion New Jersey Devils.

The Russian forward, playing his second game with the Devils, had a goal and three assists in New Jersey's victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins.

"My conditioning was a little bit better and I got my confi-



Florida Panthers goalie Roberto Loungo lunges for a save against the New York Islanders' Mark Parrish during the first period. Luongo contributed 50 saves in the Panthers' 6-4 win.

dence back tonight," Kozlov said. "For me, every game is important. The faster I get into game shape, the easier it will be for me and the more I can bring to the team."

New Jersey acquired Kozlov from Florida on March 1 for Christian Berglund and Victor Uchevator, but he did not make his debut until Monday after recovering from a concussion.

Kozlov quickly found his stride against the Penguins, combining with linemates Jeff Friesen and Sergei Brylin for three goals and 11 points.

"Viktor, with his size and his shot, adds a dimension that most players can't bring," said Friesen, who had two goals and two assists. "It's pretty simple playing with him. It seems like he's a magnet on the puck. When he shoots, you get goals going to the net for rebounds."

Penguins coach Eddie Olczyk

wasn't surprised to see Kozlov have such an immediate impact.

"Kozlov is a dominant player when he's been healthy," Olczyk said. "Friesen is a guy who can create plays with his speed. Those guys are solid players."

Hurricanes 3, Blackhawks 2

Eric Cole and the Carolina Hurricanes got the lucky bounce they needed to beat the Chicago Blackhawks.

Cole scored with 4:22 left in the third period to give the Hurricanes a victory Wednesday night.

The Carolina forward beat goalie Michael Leighton high to the stick side with a shot from the top of the right circle off a pass from Rod Brind'Amour.

"The pass came across, it flipped up on [Cole's] stick and he one-timed it," Leighton said. "It's tough to read when it flips up like that."

Cole, who also had an assist,

scored the game-winner on his third shot of the period, and the Hurricanes finished with a season-high 49 shots.

"Roddy made a great play to cause the turnover and I just opened right up," Cole said. "I probably shot that shot 100,000 times in practice from Roddy, to it's nice to see one go in."

"You start wondering if you picked the wrong stick at the start of the game or something, because something's not going right out there. I got pretty good wood on a feed Craig Adams gave me the shift before. I thought that one maybe had a better chance of going in."

Brind'Amour had a goal and two assists, and Adams also scored for Carolina. The Hurricanes improved to 4-1-0-1 in their last six games, and extended their unbeaten streak against Chicago to six games (5-0-1).

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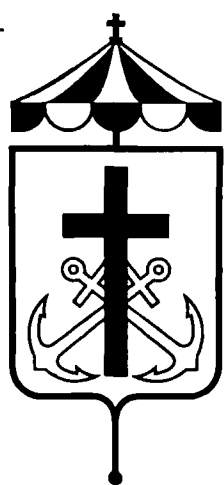
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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Duhon will likely miss first round with rib injury

Associated Press

RALEIGH, N.C. — Chris Duhon took a jump shot and winced as he came back down to the floor. Such is life for a guard with a rib injury, one that could keep Duke's leader out of the lineup when the Blue Devils open the NCAA tournament.

While Duhon insisted he would play, Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said the senior's availability would be determined at game time. The top-seeded Blue Devils (27-5) play 16th-seeded Alabama State (16-14) on Thursday night in the opening round of the Atlanta Regional.

"What you saw him do out there today, that's all he's done," Krzyzewski said of Duhon's minimal work during an hourlong shootaround Wednesday. "He needs to do more than that if he's going to play."

The injury probably could have been avoided. Duhon hurt himself last Sunday diving for a ball in the final of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament, a 95-87 overtime loss to Maryland that snapped Duke's five-year reign as tourney champions.

Duhon rammed into the bottom of a stanchion put in place to hold a stationary TV camera. Krzyzewski was livid that the stanchion wasn't padded, but he knows the damage has already been done: The emotional center of his team, a senior who averages 10 points a game and plays great defense, won't be the same again this season, "whether we're here for one

game or we go all the way," Krzyzewski said.

Even though the Blue Devils are favored by 34 points against the Hornets, the coach said Duhon will play if he's healthy, and won't be held out because of the perceived weakness of the opponent.

"I have respect for Alabama State," Krzyzewski said. "You don't want to enter the tournament half-stepping it."

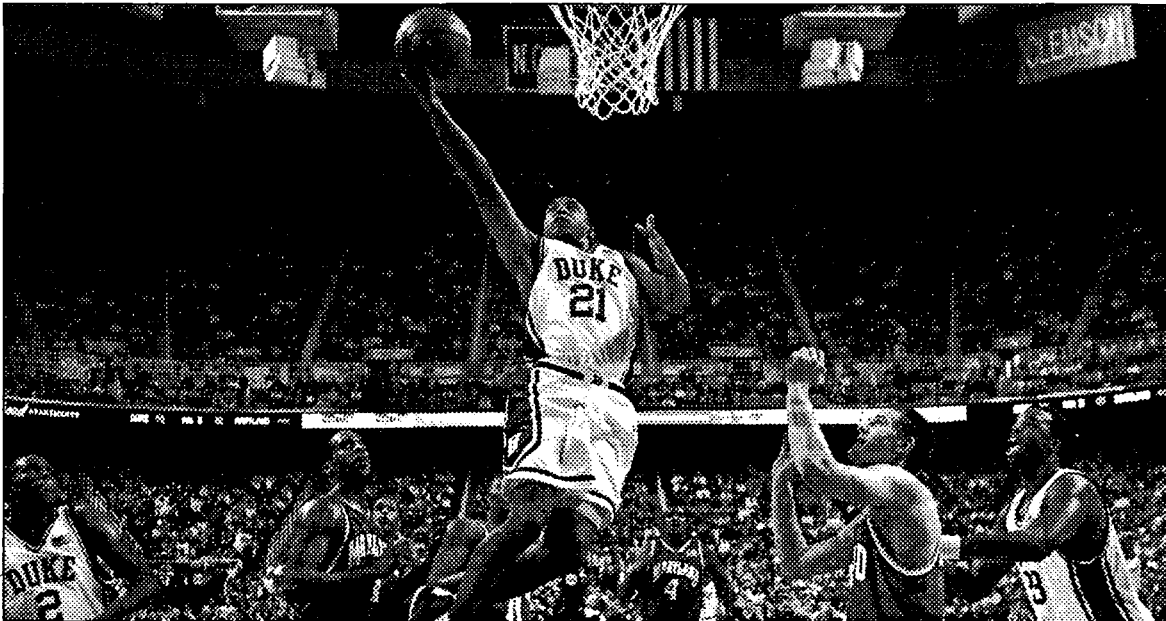
If Duke wins, it will play the winner of a game between eighth-seeded Seton Hall (19-9) and ninth-seeded Arizona (19-9). A Duke-Arizona game would be a rematch of the 2001 final.

Duhon, meanwhile, said he'll just have to get used to the heavy wrap he wore underneath his uniform during practice. He plans on playing.

"I have to learn to play through it," he said. "This is something that's going to be with me for a while and I just have to handle it the right way. I'll be ready to go, as much as possible. It's hopefully my last six games, and I don't want to spend them on the bench."

Other games in Raleigh involve the East Rutherford Regional. Fourth-seeded Wake Forest (19-9) plays 13th-seeded Virginia Commonwealth (23-7) and its 29-year-old coach, Jeff Capel. No. 5 seed Florida (20-10) goes against No. 12 Manhattan (24-5) in a game many have slated as a prime spot for an upset.

"The perception right now is if we win, it's almost an upset," Gators forward David Lee said.



Chris Duhon drives to the basket against Maryland during the championship game of the ACC Tournament. Duhon suffered a rib injury and is likely to miss the first round of the NCAA tournament.

While upsets in the 5-12 matchup are common, no 16th seed has ever beaten a No. 1. Duke rarely bows out that early anyway. The Blue Devils — seeded first for the sixth time in the last seven years — have made it out of the first weekend for six straight years. The Blue Devils have won three national titles, all since 1991, and are clearly considered among the favorites for a fourth.

Still, there is an inkling that this year's team might be missing an ingredient or two, especially after the most recent events.

The loss to Maryland came just 11 days after Georgia Tech beat Duke 76-68 to snap its 41-game home winning streak.

The two losses exposed Duke as a foul-prone team — center Sheldon Williams fouled out of his fifth game against Maryland — that can be pushed around.

The Blue Devils also showed they may be too dependent on guard J.J. Redick's shooting touch. Redick, the team's leading scorer this season, struggled to a 6-for-17 shooting night against Maryland, and he is 21-for-68 over his last six games.

"People put their best athlete, their best defender on him," Krzyzewski said. "It can wear you down. It's a cumulative effect, and I think some of that has happened to him over the last week-and-a-half or so."

Then, of course, there were

the injuries.

Also hurt against Maryland were Daniel Ewing (hand) and Luol Deng (ankle).

Their injuries shouldn't keep them out Thursday, but Krzyzewski is concerned nonetheless.

"The main thing for me is not that we lost, but that we came out all banged up," he said.

Alabama State would like to capitalize on a team at less than 100 percent.

Like so many other prohibitive underdogs, the Southwest Athletic Conference champs insist they're not just happy to be here.

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BOXING

Convicted murderer Torres claims fight was fixed

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — A convicted murderer who forged close ties to baseball stars and other athletes while in prison says he had hepatitis and could barely see when he fought a fixed comeback fight at the Anaheim Pond.

Joey Torres, out on bail at the time of the 2002 fight, said a matchmaker had someone take his medical tests for him, then brought his opponent to his

hotel room the morning of the fight so they could rehearse how he would knock him out.

Torres said he had highly contagious hepatitis C, 20/400 vision and trained on cognac and colas to get ready for the fight after being assured he would win.

Baseball Hall of Famer Paul Molitor posted bond for Torres, and he and former baseball star Eric Davis were in the corner for the fight that ended with Torres knocking out Perry

Williams in the second round.

California authorities were suspicious after the bout, but said they could find no evidence it was fixed.

The allegations were made in a letter Torres sent to his sister, Marcy Bautista, from a California prison, where he was sent after losing an appeal to remain free on a 1979 murder conviction.

Bautista confirmed the handwritten letter, obtained by The Associated Press, was sent by

her brother, who she said has not had access to a telephone since being sent to a Delano, Calif., facility last month.

Torres identified the matchmaker as Sean Gibbons, who is at the center of an FBI investigation into boxing irregularities.

The claims were mocked by the attorney for Gibbons, who said Torres has a history of lying.

Gibbons, an assistant matchmaker for promoter Bob Arum,

was fired earlier this year after the FBI raided Arum's Top Rank offices as part of its probe.

"If Mr. Torres ever makes an accusation like this in a court of law, I'll look forward to cross-examining him," lawyer David Chesnoff said.

In the four-page letter, Torres also said he was the one who sparked the boxing investigation by calling the FBI while out of prison and offering his services to infiltrate Arum's offices.

A call to the U.S. Attorney's office in Las Vegas was not immediately returned.

An undercover New York City police detective called "Big Frankie" was sent to pose as a cousin of Torres so he could gain access to Top Rank, which promoted the Torres fight.

In his letter, Torres said "Big Frankie" was in his hotel room the morning of the fight when Gibbons pushed the furniture to the side and told the boxers how to make the fight look real.

"Unbeknownst to Mr. Gibbons my 'cousin' was in fact an agent," Torres wrote.

Torres said he told Gibbons he had bad vision and hepatitis C, which is easily transmitted by blood and can lead to chronic liver disease.

The matchmaker, Torres said, told him "not to worry, I'll take the tests for you."

At the time, Torres had been out of prison for several months after winning a chance to appeal, and his feel-good story was being shopped as a possible movie.

Torres, an amateur star before he was imprisoned for killing a gas station attendant, was 5-foot-6, 199 pounds for the fight.

Head Top Rank matchmaker Bruce Trampler told California officials afterward that he picked the worst opponent he could find for the 41-year-old fighter making his pro debut.

Williams may have been bad, but the flabby, heavily tattooed Torres looked even worse.

The first right hand Williams threw sent Torres down face first, much to the surprise of both boxers.

Torres barely beat the count, but instead of going after a hurt fighter, Williams put his gloves in front of his face.

Williams barely threw another punch the rest of the round before going down himself from a suspect left from Torres.

The enraged crowd chanted "WWF! WWF!" believing the fight was fixed when Torres won by second round knockout.

Dean Lohuis, chief inspector for the California State Athletic Commission, said records show that blood tests were submitted under Torres' name on April 23.

There was also a physical and neurological exam submitted under his name on the day of the fight.

"It's not the first time I've heard of a promoter taking the test," Lohuis said.

"We paid Joey Torres, but we didn't pay the other guy. That should tell you something."

Torres built a following in prison with his story that he had been unjustly convicted and sent to prison far longer than a judge originally intended.

He worked the phones constantly to cultivate relationships with ballplayers like Molitor, Davis, Darryl Strawberry and Emmitt Smith.



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NFL

Raiders' coach Turner aspires to revive franchise

Associated Press

ALAMEDA, Calif. — Norv Turner raised his voice slightly and quieted the room so he could introduce his top assistants.

The new Raiders coach then began listing their impressive credentials and explaining why this experienced bunch is the right fit to fix a franchise that went from the Super Bowl to the bottom in one year.

Al Davis has hired the man he believes can bring the Raiders back from embarrassment — and Turner has brought in quite a cast to help him do it.

There's Jimmy Raye, a 27-year NFL coaching veteran, as assistant head coach and offensive coordinator; Rob Ryan, who has coached in two of the past three Super Bowls, as defensive coordinator; and Joe Avezzano, the emotional three-time winner of NFL special teams coach of the year award.

"I don't think there's anyone who's going to look at our system and say it doesn't work," said Turner, hired Jan. 26 to replace Bill Callahan, who was fired after a 4-12 season.

"I don't think there's any player who's going to come in here and say 'Why are we doing this?' They're going to say, 'If we buy in and we do it right and we're committed to it

and we learn how to work and compete in this system, we'll be successful."

The 51-year-old Turner, the former Redskins coach, was raised in nearby Martinez, Calif., as an avid Raiders fan.

He already had plenty of black in his wardrobe, so he's fitting in just fine after six weeks on the job.

And the pieces are starting to fall into place.

The coaching staff is set, Turner has added two key free agents for the offensive and defensive lines as well as shored up some holes at linebacker, and his team will begin a 14-week offseason program Monday.

There's a lot to fix.

Oakland ranked last in the league in rushing defense last season, allowing 156.9 yards per game on the ground.

The Raiders' special teams was, for the most part, awful. And they struggled to score only a year after Rich Gannon led them as the top-rated offense in the NFL.

Turner quickly made it clear the Raiders will no longer be defined by their old-guy image — even if Gannon, Jerry Rice and Tim Brown are all back and playing in their early 40s or late 30s. Oakland released controversial linebacker Bill Romanowski and defensive end Trace Armstrong earlier this

month when they failed physicals.

"It's really interesting to me, when you look at this team from the surface because of the names, you say, 'Well gosh, that's an old team,'" Turner said. "You look at the roster and there's like 23 guys who are 26 years or younger who were on this team last year. They're not guys who were role guys, they're guys who are going to be really good players. There's no question there's a blend. I think it's a good blend."

But there's still a long way to go.

"We're only on the first step," said player personnel director Mike Lombardi. "It's early in the process. We're going to move along and try to improve the team."

Lombardi has had ongoing discussions with the agent for four-time Pro Bowl cornerback Charles Woodson, who last month was designated the Raiders' exclusive franchise player.

"We've demonstrated we want him to be part of the organization for a long time," Lombardi said.

Woodson was the most outspoken critic of Callahan.

Oakland posted its worst record since also going 4-12 in 1997 and the Raiders tied with three other teams for fewest wins in the league in the



Raiders' coach Norv Turner speaks at a press conference. The newly hired coach praised his coaching staff, saying that the team has the potential to return to the Super Bowl.

biggest collapse by a team that reached the Super Bowl the previous year.

The Raiders earned the No. 2 pick in next month's NFL draft.

With the 38-year-old Gannon's health still a question as he recovers from shoulder surgery, the Raiders may draft Mississippi quarterback Eli Manning — though they haven't

ruled out trading the pick.

Turner still would like to add a running back to the mix.

Whatever happens, he knows Davis will be closely involved.

"I've had some of the best football conversations, football sessions over the last period of time," Turner said. "When I sit and talk with him, I feel like I'm talking with a coach."

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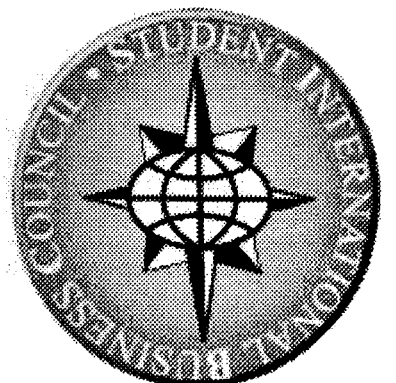
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Fourth Sunday of Lent

considerations...

Countdown to Easter

Is it still Lent?

by Lauren Willoughby '03
Intern, Campus Ministry

We all know that feeling. It's the middle of March and we've just come back from warm climates, exotic trips, or relaxing time at home. Not only has spring break come and gone, but now we're in South Bend for another eight weeks. As a California girl, it's hard for me to come back to more winter in Indiana after spending a week on the beach. It seems like there isn't much to look forward to right now. I spent weeks planning my break and anticipating the vacation but now it's back to the routine at ND. We're hit with the papers, projects, tests, and inevitable questions about what we're doing during the summer or next year.

Part of our routine right now is Lent. We're at that point now where we're used to not seeing meat in the dining halls on Fridays and we've heard all about Lenten sacrifices during homilies for the past three weeks. Personally, this is about the time where I start to feel a bit complacent about Lent and sometimes forget about my resolutions to give things up or do something extra. We're about halfway through the season and I have a tendency to pop a few peanut M&Ms in my mouth before I realize that I gave up candy. Every time I do, I get that pang of guilt. Why don't I remember that it's Lent? Why isn't Lent something that I think about all day, every day?

In reality, I know that I'll never be able to spend every waking second contemplating the meaning of the Lenten season. I wouldn't be able to do anything else. But there might be a problem when I don't even remember that it is Lent. Part of the reason I ignore Lent is that it's just so long! Six weeks. A month and a half. I can't always remember things for 40 minutes, let alone 40 days. But our Church has a reason for this and it knows what it's doing. Lent leads to Easter. It is our preparation for Jesus' ultimate sacrifice on the Cross and His Resurrection. This isn't a small thing, it is central to our faith. We need 40 days to prepare ourselves for this. For 40 days we have the chance to examine our lives and refocus on Christ. The Church asks us to spend this season in prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. These can be smaller, manageable changes in our lives. It could be as simple as going to the Grotto every day, giving up soda, or donating a few dollars a week to the Center for the Homeless. Maybe we made all these resolutions on Ash Wednesday but with midterms and spring break we might have slipped a bit.

This is our chance to renew our focus and recommit to Lent. No matter what we have been doing so far, or how successful or unsuccessful we may have been, we still have three more weeks of Lent. We can make that extra effort every day to remember what the season means—whether that be through attending Mass more often, going to Reconciliation, or changing some of our daily habits. Lent isn't over yet! We can still remember the season and prepare for Christ's sacrifice on Good Friday and His Resurrection on Easter morning.

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TENNIS

Williams set to return to court

Associated Press

MIAMI — Serena Williams is ready to get back on the tennis court after an eight-month layoff.

"When I first got off and took a break, it was really like a relief," she said. "I could wake up when I wanted to, and not have to go to the court. But after a while that gets old."

Williams underwent surgery on her left knee Aug. 1, and said Tuesday that she had been advised by four doctors to delay her return until now for fear of more serious injury.

She said she expects to play her first match since winning Wimbledon at the Nasdaq-100 Open next week.

"That's been my battle, fighting with the doctors," she said.

Williams had a 38-3 record in 2003, winning the Australian Open and Wimbledon, and reaching the French Open semifinals.

She said she spent her time off focusing on other pursuits, but was back to practicing by November.

"I enjoy doing a lot of stuff like acting and fashion, but my true love has always been tennis," she said. "So I've just been desperate to get back to the court."

Williams said she has been having trouble staying patient with her return to the Key Biscayne tournament just

around the corner.

She won the event the past two years.

"The only thing I can say is I'm so excited," she said. "I wish I could play today. All day long I think about it, so I have to calm myself down to make sure I'm really ready to play."

Top-ranked Justine Henin-Hardenne, who beat Barbora Strykova 6-3, 6-4 in a fourth-round match at Indian Wells, Calif., on Tuesday, said she was happy Williams is returning.

"I think that's really good news," she said. "That's great for the people that are coming to watch tennis, for the WTA, for the players, for everyone."

Williams' time off the court, coupled with the family tragedy when her half-sister Yetunde Price was fatally shot Sept. 14 while riding in a sport utility vehicle in Compton, Calif., led her to re-evaluate her priorities.

"Tennis was just so much of my life, and then you begin to realize there are just so many things in life that are more important than hitting the ball over the net," Williams said.

Williams appears to be taking on a full schedule, saying she expects to play at Amelia Island and Hilton Head after Key Biscayne.

She also wants to play for the U.S. Federation Cup team in Slovenia in April, and at the Olympics in August.

"I would love to have the opportunity to win a gold medal in singles," she said.

In the meantime, she will be focusing her attention on a return to No. 1 in the rankings. During her layoff she slipped to No. 6.

"I'll work harder so I can be back to No. 1," she said. "I do like being there, and I don't like seeing a different number next to my name. So I think that's really going to make me work a little harder."

Despite her lack of playing time, Williams said she remained confident in her abilities on the court.

"If I didn't feel confident, I'd have no business coming back, no business trying to compete," she said. "I'm a competitor. I may not win every match, but I'm sure going to try to win every match."

But despite her confidence, she said it will be an odd feeling to return to competition.

"I never said I'm not nervous," she said. "I'm not quite sure how I feel right now. It's kind of like playing your first match all over again."

Henin-Hardenne isn't playing next week in Miami, but does plan to play at Amelia Island — on clay — the following week.

"It's going to be a lot of motivation for all the players to see her coming back," Henin-Hardenne said. "I'll look forward to playing her on clay."

Davenport advances in Pacific Life Open

Associated Press

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. — Lindsay Davenport extended her impressive run in the Pacific Life Open on Wednesday, defeating Argentine qualifier Gisela Dulko in straight sets.

A two-time champion and four-time finalist at Indian Wells, Davenport advanced to the semifinals with a 6-3, 6-2 victory.

Irakli Labadze bounced back from a first-set loss to beat Agustin Calleri 1-6, 6-3, 6-4 and gain the men's quarterfinals.

Labadze, a 22-year-old from Tbilisi, Georgia, is playing just his second ATP Masters Series tournament. He has yet to win on the tour.

Davenport, rejuvenated after surgery in October to correct a painful toe problem, hasn't had a real test so far at Indian Wells.

She has lost a total of only 12 games in four matches.

"I'm really happy with where I am. I've played well the whole tournament through," Davenport said. "I've done so far what's been expected of me."

She's also benefiting from a good draw. Ranked No. 4, Davenport had a first-round bye, then played Mara Santangelo, Samantha Stosur and Meghann Shaughnessy before facing Dulko.

"I feel like today I was pushed

a little bit more. This girl (Dulko) played a lot better than the other girls I've played so far this tournament," Davenport said. "If a match gets to 5-all in the third, who is to say I would do any better if I didn't already have a close match."

"Hopefully I won't get to that point at all in these 10 days."

Davenport, a former No. 1, was asked how long she thought it might take Serena Williams to regain her form after an eight-month layoff. Williams, who had knee surgery in August, intends to play in Key Biscayne, Fla., next week.

"It would be hard to say she's going to come back at her best," Davenport said. "It will probably take her three to four tournaments to three to four months to really get back in the groove."

"But she's such a great athlete, phenomenal player. I think she'll find her timing a little bit off the first few matches, but I'm sure she'll get it back rather quickly."

Labadze's victory over Calleri, from Argentina, marked the first time the Georgian has won three matches in a tournament. He was 0-4 on the year coming into the event.

"I've been losing everywhere first round," Labadze said. "I lost maybe six, seven first rounds before this."



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LPGA

Superstition course brings out the best in golfers

Associated Press

SUPERSTITION MOUNTAIN, Ariz. — The Phoenix stop on the LPGA Tour has a new home, and it's a haven for long hitters.

"It's a bomber's course, and it's just beautiful," said 14-year-old Michelle Wie, who had seven drives 285 yards or longer in her pro-am round Tuesday.

The Safeway International was known as the Safeway PING when it was played on the cozier Moon Valley Country Club course in north Phoenix a year ago.

It has it moved 50 miles to the east, to the Jack Nicklaus-designed Prospector Course at the Superstition Mountain Golf

Club, site of the 2001 Tradition on the Champions Tour.

One big reason for the move is money.

There are 36 holes available for pro-am play, and that doubles the amount of earnings from amateurs who pay \$5,000 apiece to participate.

The four-day, \$1.2 million event begins Thursday on a par-72, 6,620-yard course lined with luxury homes some still under construction in the shadow of the Superstition Mountains, where legend has it the lost Dutchman gold mine lies waiting to be rediscovered.

The course is longer than any of last year's LPGA layouts, including the U.S. Women's Open.

It's nearly 500 yards longer

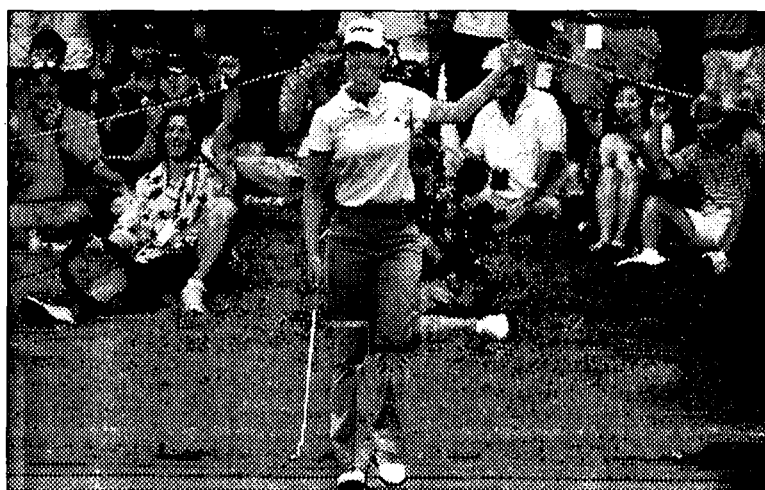
than the site of last week's season-opening Welch's/Fry's Championship in Tucson, where Karen Stupples shot 22-under par for a tour-record raw score of 258.

The Prospector Course is about 100 yards longer than the Mission Hills layout for next week's Kraft Nabisco Championship, the season's first major.

"This golf course is in such good shape that it prepares us really well for next week," said Annika Sorenstam, who makes her season debut this week. "It's a bit longer than we used to play at Moon Valley."

I think the greens are firmer, the rough a little thicker, so I think it's good preparation."

A long course is fine with



Michelle Wie sinks a birdie at the Sony Open earlier this year. Wie has had seven drives longer than 285 yards at the PING Invitational.

Sorenstam, who won the LPGA driving title last year with a 269.7-yard average. Besides, she has some good memories of Phoenix. She won at Moon Valley in 2001, when she shot an LPGA record 59 in the second round. She tied for third a year ago, four shots behind winner Se Ri Pak.

This year, Sorenstam is aiming for a grand slam sweep of the four majors, something never accomplished in women's golf.

"I played in Australia three weeks ago, played really well," she said, "and enjoyed two weeks off, one week doing nothing and another week of just practicing, so I feel like I'm playing as good as I can."

Not everything is to Wie's lik-

ing in the first of six LPGA events she plans to enter this year.

"It's kind of hot," she said.

That's true, even by Arizona standards for mid-March.

Temperatures are expected to top 90 degrees through the weekend.

The course has four par-5s,

all longer than 500 yards. Pak won at 23-under 265 a year ago at Moon Valley.

This year she thinks 13-under might be enough, considering the combination of long holes and extremely firm greens.

"I haven't really planned for this golf course yet," Pak said after her practice round on Wednesday.

"This golf course I don't think is easy at all."

"This golf course is in such good shape that it prepares us really well for next week."

Annika Sorenstam
golfer

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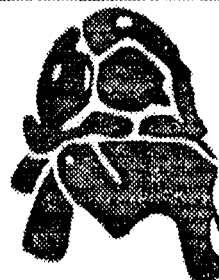
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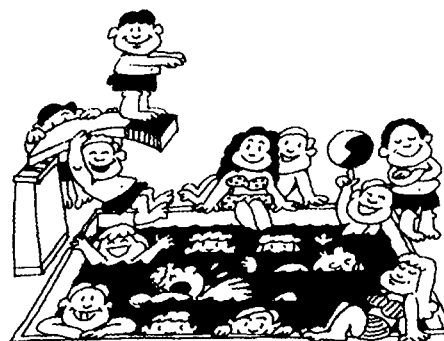
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3	NOTRE DAME	5-0	253
4	Duke	5-1	245
4	Virginia	4-2	231
6	Loyola	5-1	225
7	Maryland	4-2	219
8	James Madison	3-1	216
9	Syracuse	1-2	183
10	Vanderbilt	3-1	157
11	Dartmouth	1-1	148
12	UNC	4-2	144
13	Boston University	2-0	100
14	Northwestern	3-1	102
15	Johns Hopkins	5-0	96
16	Yale	2-2	91
17	William & Mary	3-1	39
18	Penn State	1-4	36
18	Richmond	2-2	36
20	Old Dominion	2-0	24

NHL

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
x-Philadelphia	37-17-14-6	94	4-2-3-1
New Jersey	37-22-11-2	87	4-5-0-1
NY Islanders	32-26-10-4	78	3-4-1-2
NY Rangers	25-35-7-6	63	2-6-0-2
Pittsburgh	18-44-7-4	47	6-2-2-0

Eastern Conference, Northeast Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
x-Boston	36-16-14-7	93	5-1-2-1
Toronto	39-23-9-3	90	5-5-0-0
Ottawa	38-23-9-3	90	4-5-1-0
Montreal	39-26-6-3	87	0-1-0-1
Buffalo	31-31-6-4	72	3-4-0-4

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
y-Tampa Bay	41-19-8-5	95	7-2-1-0
Florida	26-29-14-3	69	5-4-1-0
Atlanta	29-34-7-3	68	5-3-1-1
Carolina	24-30-13-5	66	4-3-1-2
Washington	21-42-8-2	52	2-8-0-0

Western Conference, Central Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Detroit	42-18-10-2	96	7-2-1-0
St. Louis	34-27-10-2	80	5-3-2-0
Nashville	33-25-11-3	80	2-3-4-1
Chicago	19-37-9-6	53	2-5-2-1
Columbus	20-41-8-4	52	3-7-0-0

Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
Colorado	38-18-12-6	93	5-3-1-1
Vancouver	37-22-10-4	88	4-3-3-0
Calgary	37-26-7-3	84	6-2-2-0
Edmonton	30-27-12-4	76	5-0-2-3
Minnesota	24-28-20-2	70	3-3-4-0

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	pts.	last 10
San Jose	35-19-12-6	88	5-3-1-1
Dallas	36-24-13-0	86	6-2-2-0
Los Angeles	28-21-16-7	79	4-4-2-0
Anaheim	26-30-9-0	69	5-6-0-0
Phoenix	20-31-16-6	62	0-7-1-2

x= clinched playoff spot, y= clinched division

NBA



Jayson Williams, left, sits with attorney Billy Martin during opening statements in February. The ex-New Jersey Net and NBA All-Star is on trial for manslaughter, and if convicted he could face up to 55 years in prison.

Prosecution rests in manslaughter trial

State calls last witness, defense seeks to dismiss charges

Associated Press

SOMERVILLE, N.J. — A weapons expert at the trial of former NBA star Jayson Williams said Wednesday that the shotgun that killed Williams' limousine driver was working just fine, contrary to defense claims that it malfunctioned.

The prosecution rested after state police Detective Sgt. James Ryan testified that the double-barreled shotgun that killed Costas "Gus"

Christofi worked properly in eight types of tests, some of which were done up to 10 times.

On cross-examination, defense attorney Michael T. Kelly questioned what scientific protocol Ryan used during the tests, and Ryan said there was none.

Williams, 36, is charged with firing the shotgun blast that killed Christofi at Williams' mansion in 2002. His attorneys claim that the shooting was purely accidental and that the gun was prone to mal-

function.

Williams is also charged with trying to make the shooting look like a suicide. The charges carry up to 55 years in prison all together.

Prosecutors claim Williams was handling the shotgun recklessly after drinking with friends. Witnesses said he held it in one hand and snapped it shut, after which it fired.

Defense attorneys have said the weapon's mechanism was fouled with

debris and "gook."

Ryan said he believes wood chips found as the gun was disassembled were shaved off as the stock was being removed, and had not been in the weapon's mechanism before that.

The judge excused the jury until Wednesday and set arguments for Monday and Tuesday on a defense request to dismiss the charges.

Prosecutors presented 36 witnesses over 15 days of testimony.

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IN BRIEF

Officers search Ford's home for drugs

MILWAUKEE — Drug enforcement officers searched the home of Milwaukee Bucks point guard T.J. Ford, but the rookie was not the target of the investigation. Ford's lawyer, Stephen Glynn, said Wednesday that officers were searching for marijuana, but it is not clear what evidence was collected.

The search was conducted Tuesday by a unit comprised of drug officers from the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department, the Milwaukee Police Department and some suburban agencies.

No arrests were reported. The Bucks released a statement that said authorities informed them that Ford was not the subject of the investigation.

"From time to time there were cer-

tainly people staying with him that included family and friends," Glynn said.

But Glynn said he is concerned because personal medical records may have been taken. The medical records relate to Ford's spinal cord bruise, which has sidelined him since Feb. 24. Glynn said they would not want those records made public. Ford was injured when he took a hard fall in a home game against Minnesota.

Buccaneers release safety John Lynch

TAMPA, Fla. — Five-time Pro Bowl safety John Lynch was released by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Tuesday night.

The veteran of 11 seasons was told last week he did not fit into Tampa Bay's plans next season. He has drawn interest from several

teams, and the Bucs indicated they would explore a trade once Lynch decided where he wanted to continue his career.

Releasing Lynch freed more than \$4 million under the NFL salary cap. The 32-year-old safety was scheduled to earn \$4.1 million in 2004 and \$5 million in 2005.

Lynch, 32, visited Denver on Tuesday and is expected to talk with the Patriots, Jets and Colts.

Last week, new Bucs general manager Bruce Allen turned down Lynch's request to restructure a contract that would have paid him \$4.1 million in 2004 and \$5 million in 2005. Lynch said the Bucs never made him an offer and that Allen made it clear "it wasn't an option to be back in Tampa."

Allen paid tribute to Lynch at the time, while making it clear the strong safety wouldn't be back.

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WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish to confront solid Iowa team

Predominantly freshman team to challenge Irish

By ANN LOUGHERY
Sports Writer

No. 21 Notre Dame (7-4) will face a young but potent Iowa team Thursday.

Iowa, currently ranked No. 47, brings to the meet a team consisting of four freshmen and two veterans. Despite what may seem like an inexperienced lineup, the Hawkeyes have garnered a 9-2 record, which includes a key win against Georgia Tech.

"[The entire school] is very athletic overall and all of their teams do well. They are really able to rise to the occasion and play well," said coach Jay Louderback.

Notre Dame's foremost challenge will be confronting these four freshmen. Freshman Meg Racette is 16-4 overall this season, with a 7-3 record at No. 1 singles. Fellow classmate Hillary Mintz is 20-5 overall, collecting a 8-2 at No. 2. Together, they form a solid No. 1 doubles team with a 7-3 record.

"They're talented freshmen, looking at their record," Louderback said. "It will just be hard for the girls at first because they're playing the

unknown.

"They'll have to feel their way through the first match and see what the other girls' playing style is like."

Last year's matchup resulted in a 4-3 win for the Irish. Notre Dame has claimed the win in four of the last eight regular-season matches against the Hawkeyes.

"Our kids love to compete against a regional team," Louderback said. "We see them a lot in tournaments during the year, there's always a rivalry against regional teams. They're out to get us."

The Irish return to the courts, hoping to snap their three-match losing streak after facing disappointing losses to No. 17 Illinois 5-2, No. 6 Duke 6-1 and No. 36 Tennessee 6-1. Louderback said the team has focused on fundamentals and drills in preparation for Thursday's matches.

"It was great to get back indoors for practice," Louderback said. "I think we'll be a good outdoor team, but we just need a few more wins indoors to get match-tough."

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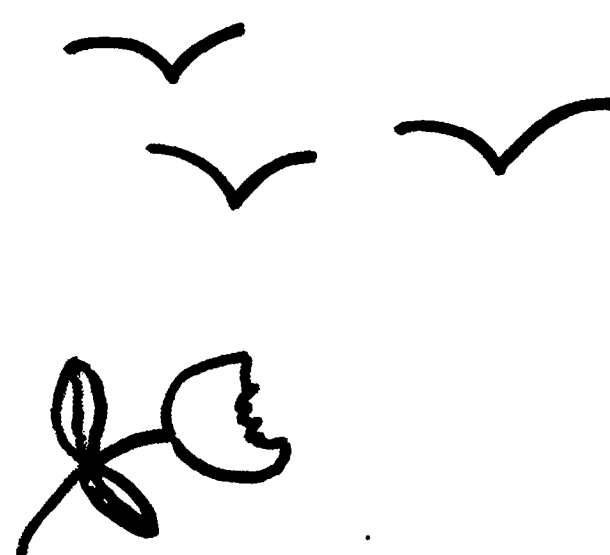
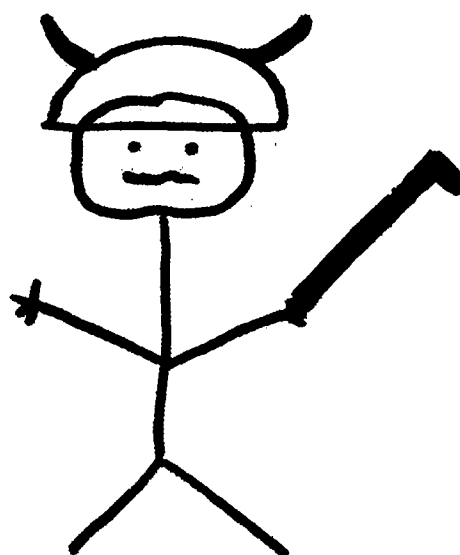
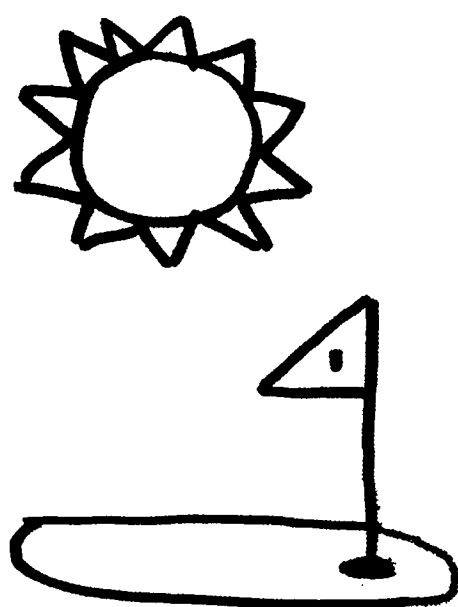
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NIT

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Torrian Jones flapped his towel on the bench after the Irish finished the first half shooting 7-for-10 from the field. Nor from the way Chris Thomas pumped his hands in the air when he hit 3-pointer after 3-pointer.

Or the way Tom Timmermans grinned after he hit a back-breaking trey late in the second half.

"Everybody right now," Thomas said, "has to play with a chip on your shoulder just to play another day."

Chips on shoulders? Survival? You usually don't hear that in post-NIT game interviews. No, those comments are reserved for NCAA Tournament talk.

But it's understandable that Timmermans and Jones, who could potentially be playing their last game, don't want their basketball careers to end.

But what about bench players like Rick Cornett, who were marginalized for much of the season in mere supporting roles?

Well, all Cornett did was turn in his second career-high scoring performance in as many days, with a 16-point performance.

So impressive has Cornett been for the Irish that Brey, who ordered his players to

become more perimeter-oriented when Torin Francis got hurt, now tells his charges to again rotate the ball through the low post.

"I don't want to put the balls away," Brey said. "I want him to keep blossoming."

OK, OK. So the Irish apparently don't want their season to end.

But the fans surely must. All that talk about renewing the Notre Dame-Purdue rivalry, and the game didn't even sell out.

And the student section only needed two sections of upper-level bleachers because the rest were watching Bengal Bouts or punishing their livers.

Apparently, NIT stands for Not In Tournament, and so the fans decided to be Not In Attendance.

So why were local fans in their seats unusually early?

So why, when the Irish pulled away in the first half, did the crowd roar at deafening levels?

Why was it fit-

ting to see Thomas' elementary-school-age brother trying to get the crowd to stand up when the Irish made another run in the second half?

And why did Brey call Wednesday's game the best home atmosphere the Irish played in this year?

"Everybody right now has to play with a chip on your shoulder just to play another day."

Chris Thomas
Irish guard

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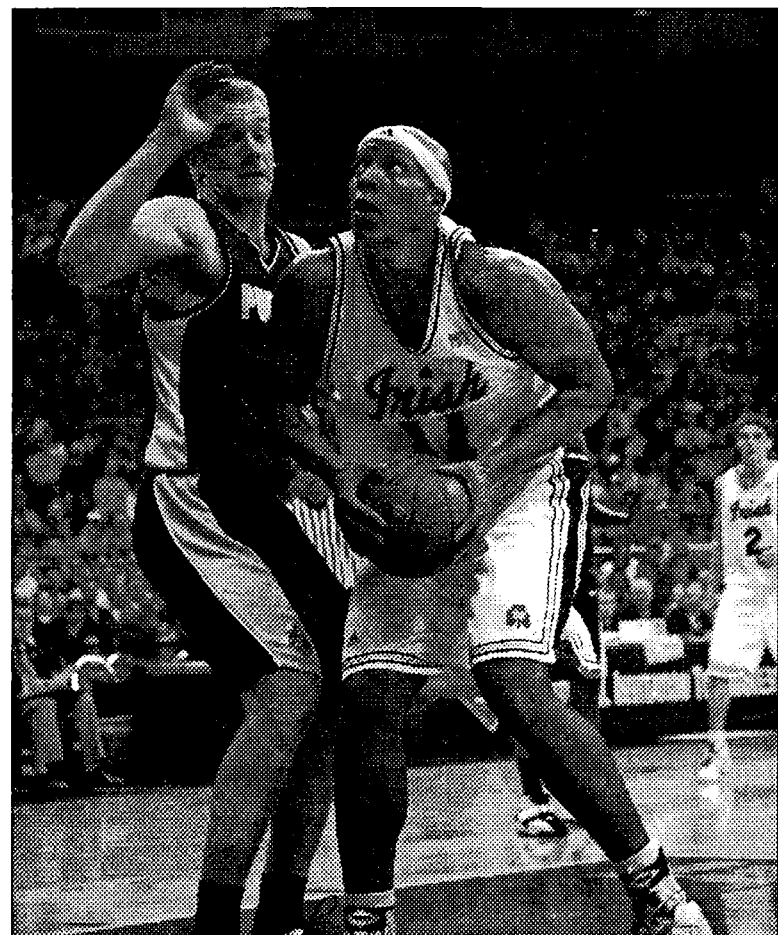
Make sure that next year's key players who continue to improve don't hear you.

Make sure the fans who aren't tired of cheering don't hear you.

"Wherever they tell us to go," Brey said, "we'll be there ready to go."

Yeah, that's right. Nobody cares about the NIT.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Andrew Soukup at asoukup@nd.edu



Rick Cornett is eying a shot during the first round of the NIT. Cornett finished with a career-high 16 points.

"Wherever they tell us to go, we'll be there ready to go."

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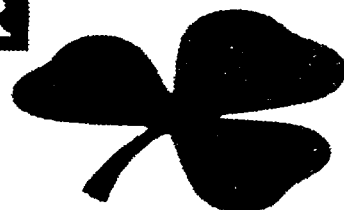
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Hockey

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of the hands of the selection committee by not only beating Ohio State, but advancing as far into the Super Six as they can.

"I've been in a situation before where we were almost in and we got left out of the bracket," Poulin said. "I never want to put it in the committee's hands again. I want it in our hands, to where we control it, and we don't have to wait for six gentlemen to decide for us."

"It's in our hands right now, and that's how we want it."

Despite making it to Joe

Louis Arena so many times in the past, the Irish have not actually won a game in the CCHA Super Six since an 8-5 victory over Bowling Green during the 1981-82 season — back during Poulin's playing days.

During Notre Dame's current three game Super Six streak, the Irish have fallen in the first round each time — in 2000 the team lost 4-0 to Michigan State, in 2001 the Irish lost 3-1 to Northern Michigan and in 2002 the team lost 3-2 to the Buckeyes.

"It's definitely about taking the next step," Poulin said.

"We have to do that as a program. Part of it was getting home ice, not having to travel

late Sunday night and we took care of that part. We'd love to have done it in two games but it was a really hard-fought series.

"Now we have to go take care of business and that's what it comes down to. Our goal is to go to Joe Louis, and win a game, and then win the next game, and then play in the championship game and win that one too."

The Irish face an opponent Thursday that they haven't seen since the beginning of the season, when Notre Dame traveled to Columbus to face Ohio State in a two game series Oct. 10-11.

The two teams split that series, with Notre Dame winning 5-2 Oct. 10 and Ohio

State getting revenge Oct. 11 with a 3-1 victory over the Irish.

Looking at the statistics, the two teams really couldn't be more even.

Notre Dame just finished one point behind Ohio State in the final CCHA standings this season, and each team has a remarkably similar style.

Both squads play solid defense (Notre Dame has a 2.33 goals against average, while Ohio State holds a 2.49 GAA) and neither gives up too many shots (Notre Dame allows 29.5 per game while the Buckeyes allow 30.8). Special teams are remarkably similar, which is one reason why Poulin believes that the key against the Buckeyes will be who wins the even-strength battle.

"I think both teams are really disciplined," Poulin said. "Both teams kill penalties really well, and I think that 5-on-5 is probably what it's going to come down to."

The Buckeyes have a good balance on offense, with five players who have scored 10 or more goals this season.

Thirteen players have hit double digits in points for the year.

Paul Caponigri is the team's leading scorer with 34 points (15 goals, 19 assists), while Dave Steckel leads the team with 16 goals.

Perhaps Ohio State's most solid position is in the net, where senior Mike Betz has been a consistent stopper all season for the Buckeyes, with a 2.40 GAA and a save percentage of .912 in CCHA play this season.

No. 6 Northern Michigan and No. 3 Michigan State face off in the other quarterfinal Thursday, just before Notre Dame faces Ohio State.

The semifinals of the CCHA Super Six will be played Friday, with Michigan facing the lowest remaining seed in a 4:05 p.m. game.

Miami will face the other seed later that night at 7:35 p.m.

The third place game will be at 3:35 p.m. Saturday, and the title game is scheduled for 7:05 p.m.

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WOMEN'S SWIMMING

Success continues for Carroll

By MATT PUGLISI
Sports Writer

To say that freshman swimmer Katie Carroll has turned in an impressive rookie campaign would be an understatement.

A month after becoming just the fourth freshman and third Notre Dame swimmer to win three individual races at the Big East Championship, Carroll will head to College Station, Texas Thursday through Saturday to compete in the prestigious NCAA Swimming and Diving Championships as the lone Irish swimmer and one of just two Notre Dame representatives at the competition.

Carroll began her Big East Championships domination by posting the top time in both the preliminaries and finals of the 200-yard individual medley on Feb. 19. Her finals time of 2 minutes, 0.65 seconds, set both University and meet records, edging the mark of 2:01.00 set by senior co-captain Lisa Garcia at last year's Big East Championship.

In addition to engraving her name in the record books, the effort was an NCAA "A" time, thereby automatically qualifying her for the NCAA Championships.

Following the victory in the 200-yard IM, Carroll won both the 100-yard butterfly (54.29) and the 100-yard freestyle (50.14) — both "B" times — to complete the trifecta and was awarded the Big East Championship's Most Outstanding Swimmer.

The freshman phenom will swim in the 100-meter freestyle and both the 200-meter and 400-meter individual medleys.

In addition to Carroll, senior diver Meghan Perry Eaton will also be competing in the national meet.

Last Friday, the two-time Big East Championship's Most Outstanding Diver became the first Irish diver to win an event at the NCAA Zone C Diving Championship by placing first in the one-meter board. Perry Eaton's final score of 564.30 easily eclipsed runner up Tealin Keleman of Michigan (535.35).

On Saturday, Perry Eaton finished sixth on the three-meter board with a score of 473.00.

Over the course of the season, the senior has been nearly unbeatable on both the lower and higher boards, going undefeated on the three-meter board prior to this past weekend and losing only once on the one-meter board to Keleman at the Michigan Invitational in mid-January.

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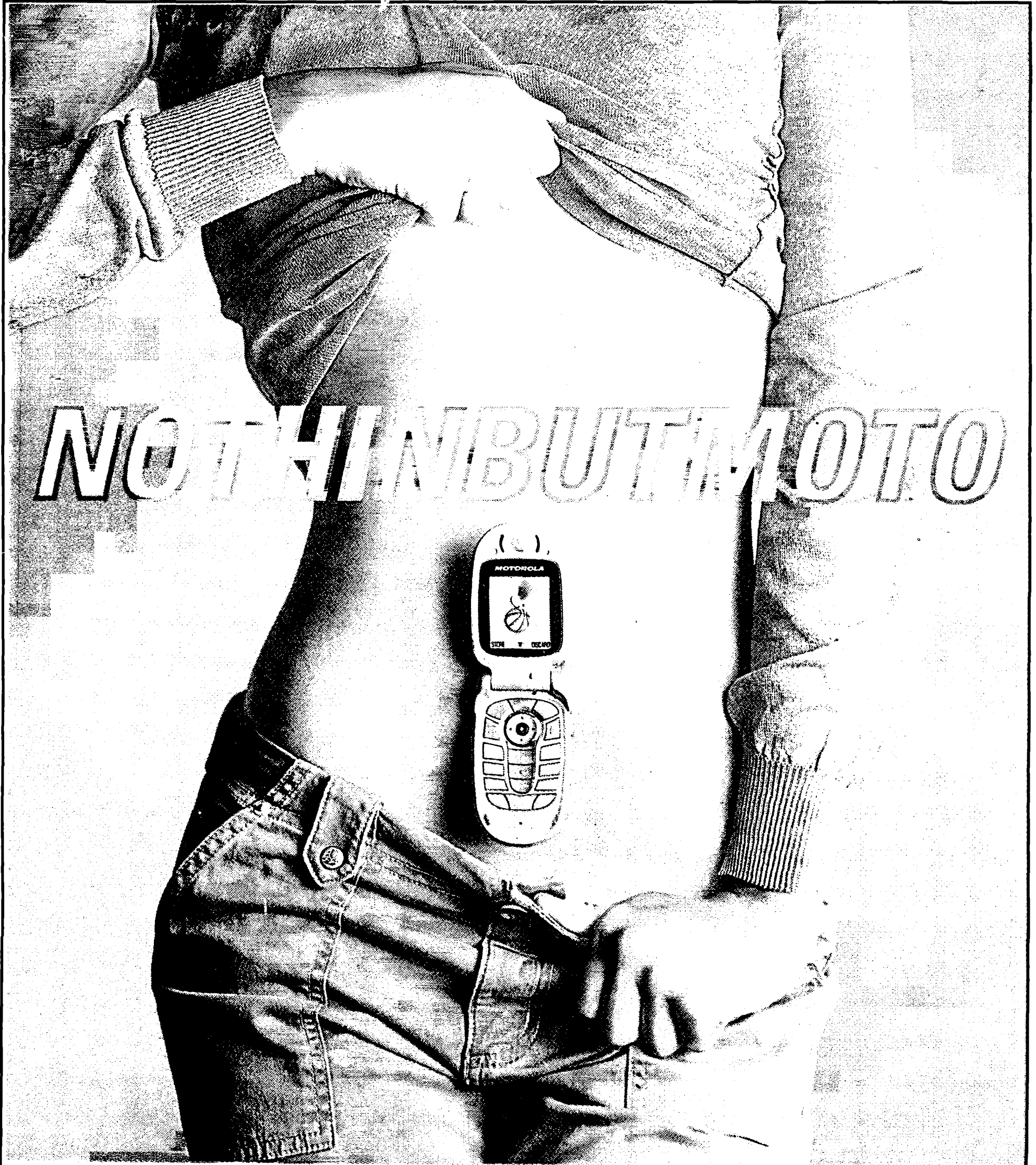
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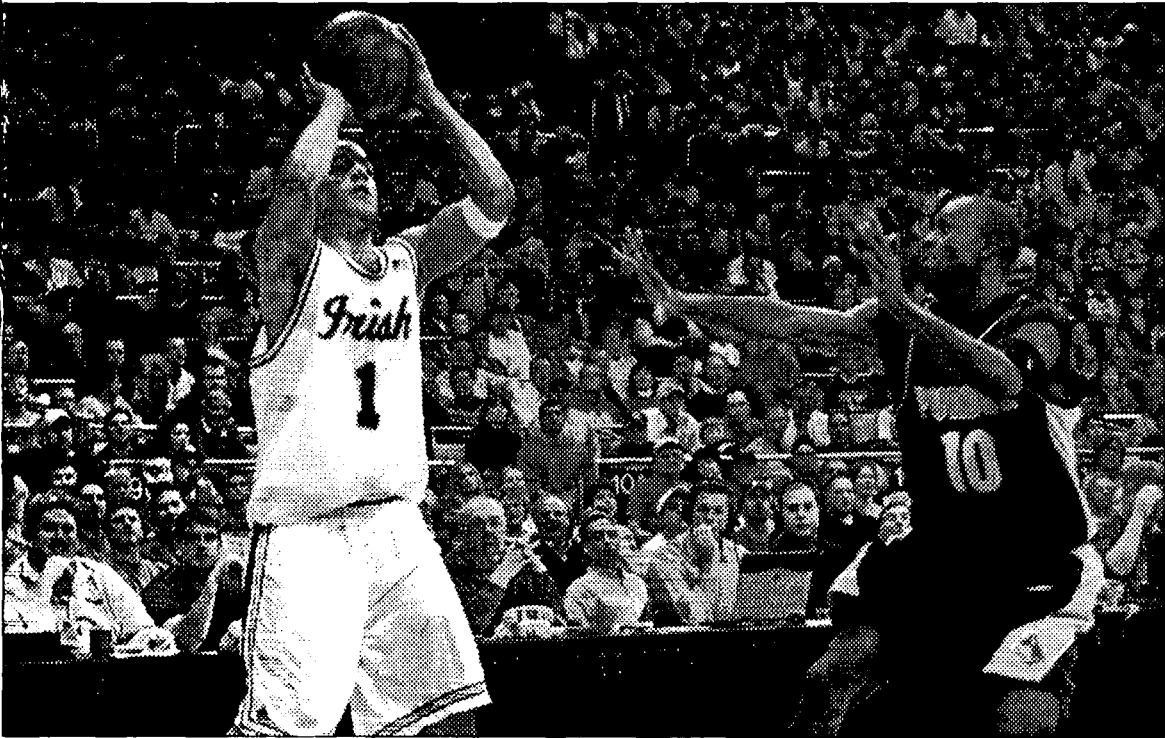
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Irish guard Chris Thomas positions himself for a shot during Wednesday night's 71-59 victory over Purdue during the first round of the NIT. TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Hoops

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my free throws."

Cornett's performance Wednesday was his second straight game with a career high in points. He has given the Irish a steady low post presence they have missed after losing Torin Francis to injury in the middle of February.

"Rick Cornett comes in and we make post feeds and we get fouled," Brey said. "Our team has kind of reinvented ourselves a couple of times."

Purdue presented the Irish with a tough, physical matchup that the Irish usually see in Big East contests. The Boilermakers didn't dominate the glass, but did pull down 12 offensive rebounds compared to only six for the Irish.

"They are a tough team. That's Big East basketball and Big Ten basketball at its finest right there," Irish forward Jordan Cornette said. "We were really clashing and battling hard. I tip my hat off to them. They are a tough bunch of competitors and we are lucky to pull through today."

The Irish struggled from the start, except for Chris Quinn, who scored the team's first 11 points of the game and kept Purdue from taking a big early lead.

Later in the first half, the Irish finally started making their shots, ending the half by connecting on eight of their last 12 shots and held a 39-30 lead at the break.

In the second half, the Irish lost their offensive rhythm and made only six field goals in the entire 20 minutes. But their free throw shooting kept them in the game, making 16-of-18.

"It's a weapon for us," Notre Dame guard Torrian Jones said. "You don't get the truth of the game by just looking at how many baskets you score."

"If you put the defense in a compromising position, they are going to foul you and you can get the two points. How good we shoot the ball from the free throw line, that's a plus for us."

And the weirdest thing in the game may have happened in the closing seconds. Walk-on Greg Bosl swished a half-court shot for his first career made field goal.

But on a night many Notre Dame and Purdue fans have been waiting for since 1966, the Irish were able to do

enough down the stretch to get the win.

"We knew they were going to bring their Purdue fans to pack the place and we knew that our fans would be behind us supporting us like they did all year," Jones said. "We knew the atmosphere would be electric and I think the game kind of reflected how the atmosphere was."

Notes:

◆ In his last college basketball game, Purdue center Ivan Kartelo returned to the Joyce Center where he played for the Irish during his freshman and sophomore seasons.

◆ Kartelo, who was booed the entire night, scored Purdue's first four points and finished with five points.

◆ The Irish will play Saint Louis in the

second round of the NIT. The game will be in Saint Louis, but the date and time of the game were not known Wednesday night and should be announced Thursday Brey said.

NOTRE DAME 71, PURDUE 59 at the JOYCE CENTER

NOTRE DAME (18-12)

Cornette 3-6 1-2 9, Timmermans 1-4 2-2 5, Thomas 3-13 3-5 11, Quinn 6-14 8-9 21, Jones 0-3 0-0 0, Cornett 4-7 8-8 16, Falls 2-2 0-0 6, Bosl 1-1 0-0 3, Carlson 0-0 0-0 0, Carter 0-0 0-0 0

PURDUE (17-14)

Nwankwo 2-4 0-0 4, Kartelo 2-4 1-4 5, Teague 4-11 0-0 10, McKnight 2-11 0-0 6, Lowe 2-8 0-0 5, Buscher 5-8 2-3 12, Ford 0-0 0-0 0, Parkinson 2-4 4-4 8, Buckley 1-3 0-0 3, Carroll 0-0 0-0 0, Kiefer 3-6 0-1 6.

	1st	2nd	Total
NOTRE DAME	39	32	71
Purdue	30	29	59

3-point goals: Notre Dame 9-21 (Cornette 2-5, Thomas 2-5, Falls 2-2, Quinn 1-5, Timmermans 1-2, Bosl 1-1, Jones 0-1), Purdue 6-18 (Teague 2-6, McKnight 2-4, Buckley 1-3, Buscher 0-1, Parkinson 0-1). Fouled out: None. Rebounds: Notre Dame 34 (Cornette 9), Purdue 39 (Teague 9). Assists: Notre Dame 15 (Thomas 4), Purdue 14 (Parkinson 5). Total fouls: Notre Dame 14, Purdue 20.

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early action as Robinson circled him. Exchanges came fast and were high contact and powerful. The first round was spectacular overall with great defense from both boxers and excellent footwork. Round two began with a huge flurry in the second round that placed Dillon on the ropes. After the flurry Robinson's right found its target twice in succession.

Both boxers continued to move effortlessly and remained strong throughout the round. Robinson initiated contact a bit more, but Dillon was not hesitant to reply.

A speck of blood appeared under Robinson's nose with 30 seconds left in the third round and with 15 seconds left in the round, action was stopped for a quick clearing.

150-pound division

TJ D'Agostino def. Jon Pribaz

T.J. D'Agostino capped off his already impressive Bengal Bouts career by using his dominating lead left to earn a victory over a talented left-hander in Jon Pribaz.

D'Agostino came out fast, throwing his lead left hook and used it often to initiate contact. D'Agostino had a great flurry forcing Pribaz to his corner at 50 seconds into round one, which prompted a stop to clean the blood from Pribaz's nose at 1:06.

D'Agostino used his long left lead to keep Pribaz at a distance, making it difficult for his opponent to score.

Pribaz was never deterred, but D'Agostino had an excellent reply for nearly every advance throughout the round. An early flurry in the second round put Pribaz in a corner and a number of strong lefts found him on the mat 29 seconds into the second round. D'Agostino kept it coming after the break and his punches continually found their target. Pribaz struggled to come off the ropes and another stop was called at 1:01.

153-pound division

Corey Harkins def. Ryan Duffey

Senior Corey Harkins won an overall clean match with practically no brawling over fifth-year architecture student Ryan Duffey. Round one was dominated by quick exchanges as Ryan

Duffey held the ring and checked off Harkins using his jab.

Though Duffey held the ring, Harkins continued to circle and score effectively from the outside. In round two, Duffey continued to hold the ring but contact came more frequently, as both boxers grew more aggressive.

Flurries were low in punch counts, but high in quality with the second round proceeding much as the first. Harkins' left began to find its way through early on in the third round.

155-pound division

Nathan Lohmeyer def. Mike Panzica

Junior captain Nathan Lohmeyer earned his first Bengal Bouts title tonight, overcoming classmate Mike Panzica.

Lohmeyer was elusive as he advanced, keeping his head and shoulders moving as he threw. Lohmeyer forced Panzica to the ropes and landed a hard shot upstairs midway through the round. In round two Lohmeyer's jab found its way in again and he slipped well to avoid Panzica's advances.

Both boxers traded jabs and counterpunched well, but Lohmeyer's upstairs shots found their targets more often than did Panzica's.

When Lohmeyer initiated contact he found success and little reply came from Panzica. Panzica continued to throw but Lohmeyer dominated the last minute and scored often over Panzica's dropping hands.

160-pound division

Collin Kerrigan def. Bill Phillip

Returning champion Collin Kerrigan won his second Bengal Bouts title overcoming a great last minute effort by senior Bill Phillip.

When both contacted simultaneously little scores occurred, but as the first round continued Kerrigan began to slip inside and scored effectively under Phillip's straight jabs. As the round wound down, Kerrigan began to initiate more and Phillip was forced to fight backing up. In round two Kerrigan came on very strong, but Phillip was not to be dismayed and continued to throw numerous punches. Kerrigan, however scored clean virtually every time by going high and low.

165-pound division

Pat Dillon def. Ross Bartels

Senior captain Pat Dillon had a career fight as he overcame

an unrelenting machine in Ross Bartels. The crowd was on its feet as the split decision was announced in favor of Dillon after the best fight of the night.

Bartels charged hard forcing Dillon around the ring early in round one and Dillon often found himself covering and clinching on the ropes. Bartels kept his punches coming and though Dillon was on the ropes often, he patiently waited out the barrages. When Dillon found an opening he bounced off and came on hard landing unbelievably hard punches upstairs.

Late in the first round Dillon found success in coming off of Bartels lead left, but Bartels left little room for daylight with his skyrocketing punch counts. In the second, Dillon found success with a great flurry early in the round and moved well throughout to avoid the constantly advancing Bartels.

In the final round Bartels kept the punches coming and Dillon found himself on the ropes perhaps too much for his own comfort.

170-pound division

Tommy Demko def. Brian Nicholson

Senior captain Tommy Demko outslugged law student Brian Nicholson to win his first Bengal Bouts title. Nicholson came out hard in what began as a brawl and at 10 seconds into the bout a tie up and slip found Demko on the mat.

After the stop Nicholson advanced quickly and continued to throw even while Demko attempted to clinch. Both exchanged well as the round went on and contact from Demko began to increase as he settled down and dismissed the charges of the advancing Nicholson. Round two began as a bit of a brawl again as Nicholson changed aggressively.

Demko looked good when he stayed upstairs with one-two combos and his right hand was

powerful when it found its target.

At 1:17 action was stopped to clean a bit of blood from Nicholson's nose and after the break Nicholson was forced to fight on his heels as Demko came on fast with hard upstairs hooks. As the slugfest continued in the final round both boxers were bleeding a bit and a stop was called at 0:57 into the round to clean both.

180-pound division

Jim Christoforetti def. Eric Callahan

Junior captain Jim Christoforetti overcame a relentless opponent in Eric Callahan to earn his first Bengal Bouts title in a unanimous decision. Callahan came out as fast as he did in the semifinals, forcing an early nonscoring stumble by Christoforetti as he backpedaled.

Callahan continued to advance and Christoforetti used his excellent footwork to move away and clinched and covered when necessary. Christoforetti scored a standing 8-count at 1:35 and the round ended with relatively little contact after the short stoppage. In round two Callahan was again a raging bull and Christoforetti was forced to fight on his heels, though he did so quite effectively.

Callahan continued to rush Christoforetti, forcing him to ropes numerous times with a combination of punches and pushes. A combination of clinches, tangles and close fighting began the third round and Christoforetti continued to score on the ever-advancing Callahan.

Light Heavyweight

Jonny Griffin def. Billy Zizic

Jonny Griffin's unrelenting attacks and his mounting punch count overcame one of the most skilled fighters in the bouts this year in Billy Zizic.

At the start of the fight both came out with great footwork and amazing head movements.

Though Griffin advanced Zizic danced well to avoid his early attacks. Griffin took Zizic to two opposite corners midway through the round and scored effectively as Zizic attempted to cover. As the round ended both boxers were exchanging well and trading effective jabs. In round two Griffin continued to advance often initiating contact and throwing three to Zizic's every one punch.

Heavyweight

Stefan Borovina def. Nathan Schroeder

Stefan Borovina became the second returning champion to win another title as he overcame Nathan Schroeder in a called fight. Round one began with a trade of stiff jabs. Borovina was able to accurately pick off his opponent as Schroeder circled and attacked.

When Borovina went to the body he was successful in finding scores there as well. As the round came to a close, both were trading jabs often. In round two punches remained straight and clean from both boxers though Borovina scored a bit more. At 1:20 into the round a stop was called to clean the blood from Schroeder's nose. After the stop Borovina's one-two remained tough and several high caliber punches found their way through.

A standing 8-count was counted on Schroeder at 1:37 and he was again cleaned for blood. Borovina's right found home again and again late in the round and Schroeder finished the second on his heels. Round three was more Borovina and a stoppage was called at 50 seconds in to replace Schroeder's mouth guard. Borovina was constantly advancing and scoring often on the backpedaling Schroeder. At 1:31 into the final round the fight was called in favor of Borovina.

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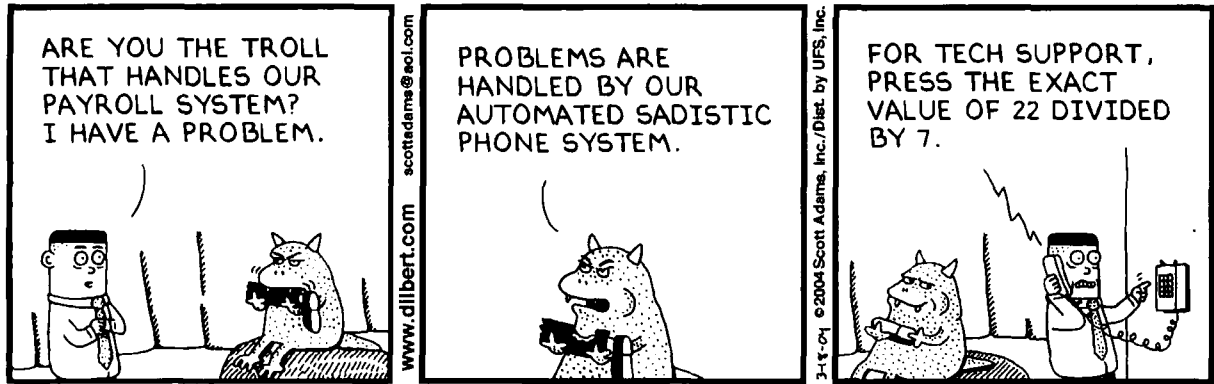
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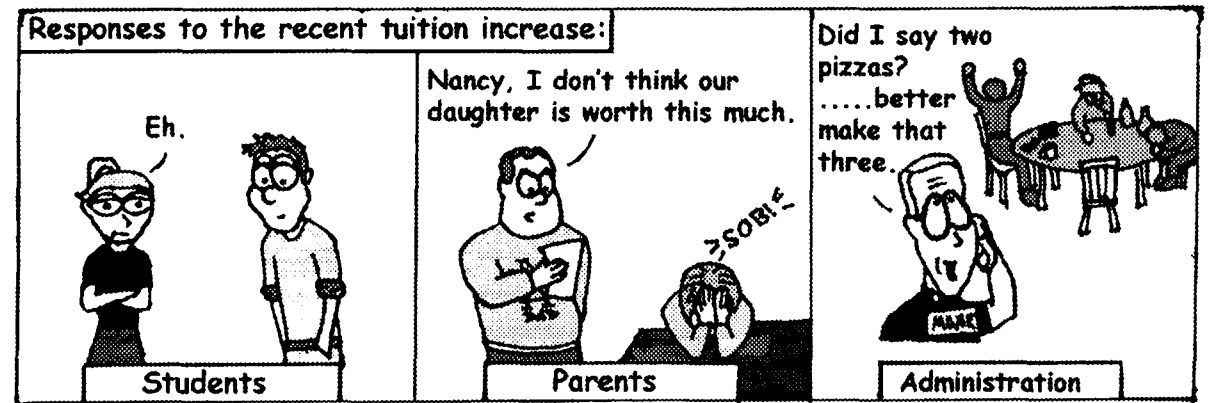
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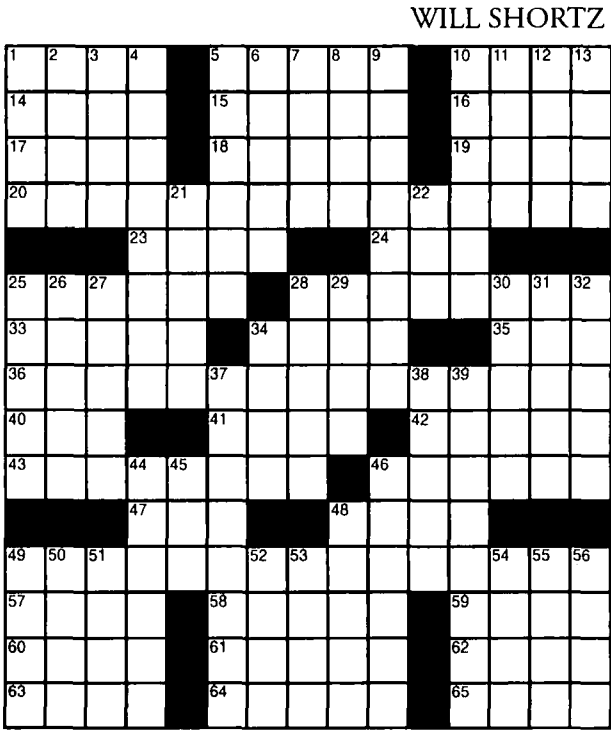
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 - 5 Score
 - 10 Move slowly
 - 14 Onetime newsman _____ Abel
 - 15 Flip over
 - 16 Air-cooled machine gun
 - 17 Cave explorer's need
 - 18 Where explorer John Cabot was born
 - 19 Take to mean
 - 20 Road repair tools
 - 23 Barbecue items
 - 24 Test for some srs.
 - 25 Program begun under Kennedy
 - 28 "Thou pleasing, dreadful thought," to Addison
 - 33 Western hoopster, for short
 - 34 Gillette product
 - 35 Norma Webster's middle name
 - 36 Shrink
 - 40 Ike's command in W.W. II
 - 41 "Armageddon" author
 - 42 Film producer credited with discovering Sophia Loren
 - 43 Woody Allen-like
 - 46 Snags
 - 47 Two-time U.S. Open winner
 - 48 "No problem!"
 - 49 Classic geocentric theory
 - 57 Certain sitar piece
 - 58 Cant
 - 59 "_____ Road" (1999 Oprah's Book Club selection)
 - 60 _____ house (down-home music site)
 - 61 TV exec Arledge
 - 62 Tennis score
 - 63 Silent parts of 20-, 36- and 49-Across
 - 64 Schlepper
 - 65 R-rated, maybe
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 - 8 Bigmouthed critter
 - 9 Helmets and such
 - 10 Rockne player
 - 11 Former Dodger Hershisier
 - 12 Enthusiasm
 - 13 Periods
 - 21 Nursery buy
 - 22 Elementary letters?
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Boiler down

Notre Dame defeats Purdue 71-59 in first round of the NIT

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

Rivalry games are known for weird occurrences — and 38 years in between games featuring Notre Dame and Purdue didn't stop that trend.

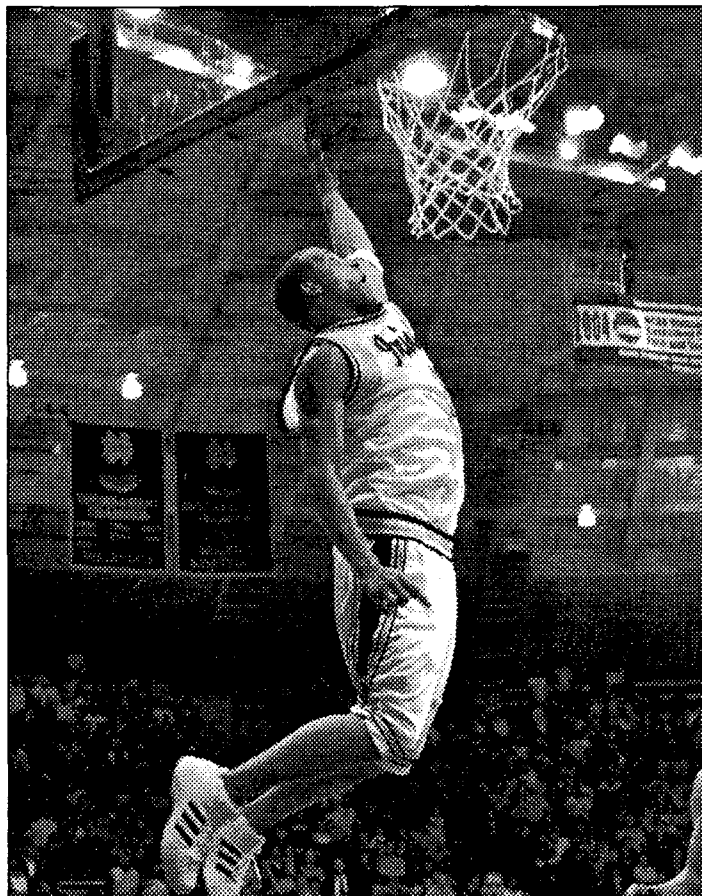
In front of a split Joyce Center crowd Wednesday night, the Irish overcame making only six second half field goals to defeat the Boilermakers 71-59 and advance to the second round of the NIT.

"I don't know if we had a better atmosphere in there all year and we've had some great games," Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said.

As the Irish struggled from the field in the second half — not scoring their first field goal until a Chris Thomas jumper with 10:35 left in the game — they unexpectedly rode the perfect free throw shooting of Rick Cornett.

Cornett, a 64 percent free throw shooter, made all eight of his attempts against the Boilermakers en route to scoring a career-high 16 points.

"Free throws are a big part of our game and they are something we really need to depend on because we get fouled a lot," Cornett said. "Obviously I was happy to go out there and make



Irish guard Chris Thomas goes up for the dunk Wednesday night. Thomas finished with 11 points.

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Despite missing an NCAA bid, Irish still seek NIT championship

Nobody cares about the NIT. Right?

No, certainly not Irish coach Mike Brey. He only had his staff tape sheets of paper above each player's locker with Notre Dame's previous trips to the NIT, all of which didn't include a championship trophy.

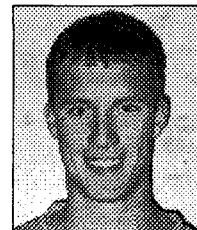
His message is clear — the Irish want to hang a banner that marks a championship, something Notre Dame hasn't done since Brey's rookie campaign.

"I like the NIT," Brey grinned while throwing out one-liners in the interview room after the Irish beat Purdue 71-59 in the tournament's first round.

So the Irish coach likes the tournament to determine who is No. 66 in the country — but there's no way the players can, right?

They're the ones who got snubbed, who don't even have the dream of being a Cinderella because they're not even dancing.

But you couldn't tell that from the way



Andrew Soukup

Senior Staff
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HOCKEY

Irish face Ohio State in quarters of CCHA

By JUSTIN SCHUVER
Associate Sports Editor

The teams are the same once again, but the Irish are hoping for a better result this time around.

Notre Dame advanced to the CCHA Super Six at Joe Louis Arena for the third year in a row, and the fourth time in five years. The No. 5 seed Irish (20-13-4) will open play Thursday at 7:35 p.m. against No. 4 seed Ohio State (23-15-0).

The Irish moved on to the Super Six this year by defeating Western Michigan two games to one in a series held last weekend at the Joyce Center. Notre Dame came away with a 5-4 overtime victory in the pivotal game three, with freshman Jason Paige picking up the game-winning goal.

"I think [Sunday night's game] gave us a great character experience," Irish coach Dave Poulin said.

"When you've won a game in overtime, you get a chance to live through something that can't be taught or coached.

"Yes, it was painful at times to watch, but the experience will help us."

For the second straight year, the Irish face Ohio State in the Super Six. Last year, the Buckeyes ended Notre Dame's season with a 3-2 victory.

"Quote about playing Ohio State yet again," Poulin said.

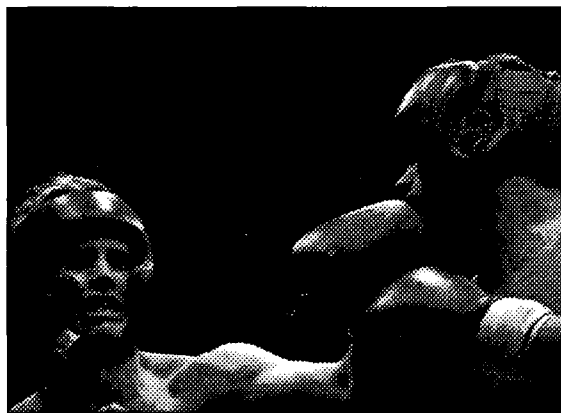
This year, the Super Six holds extra significance for both teams, as each is fighting for a chance at an NCAA Tournament at-large bid. In the Pairwise Rankings — one of the key components for determining the NCAA berths — Ohio State sits tied for 10th, and Notre Dame is in 13th place.

With only 16 teams eligible for the tournament, the Irish hope to take the decision out

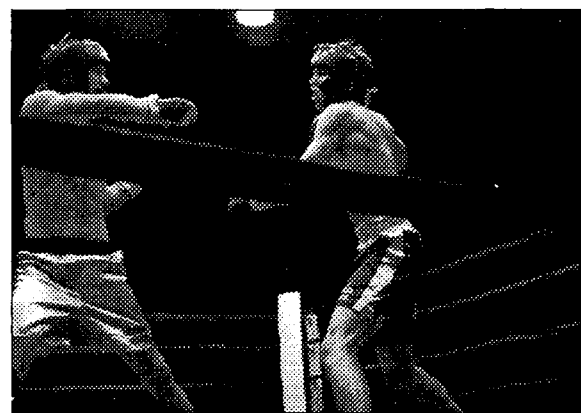
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BENGAL BOUTS

Schmitt wins title in rookie year



At left, Tommy Demko takes a swing at Brian Nicholson. Demko claimed his first Bouts title Wednesday night. Jim Christoforetti defeats Eric Callahan to take the 180-pound championship.



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Students who attended the finals of the Bengal Bouts Wednesday night were treated to several exciting matches.

135-pound division
Michael Schmitt def. Jon Valenzuela

Sophomore Michael Schmitt continued his rookie year tear through the tournament by overcoming the more experienced Jon Valenzuela to earn

the 135-pound division title in a unanimous decision. The first round began with a clean display of boxing as Valenzuela and Schmitt tested each other and traded jabs.

Valenzuela dominated a bit in the first, but overall the round was even, clean and consistent. Round two saw an increase in tempo from both boxers and early on Schmitt began to score a few high-caliber shots upstairs.

Valenzuela replied well, forcing Schmitt to the ropes, but

Schmitt found success shortly after with his one-two combos.

Clinches continued as the round wore down. Though both continued to throw with accuracy, they were visibly tired after an exhausting match.

145-pound division
Paul Robinson def. Luke Dillon

Paul Robinson overcame fellow senior Luke Dillon, winning his first Bengal Bouts title in a split decision victory.

Dillon held the ring well in

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