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NCA reevaluates University accreditation

Committee visits campus, conducts 10-year evaluation

By JOE TROMBELLO
Assistant News Editor

Sixteen representatives from the North Central Association have descended on-campus this week to re-accredit the University — a process that occurs once every 10 years — and members have been meeting with numerous on-campus constituencies at McKenna Hall to gather information and pro-

vide feedback.

Any university that wishes to receive federal funding for student financial aid or faculty grants must be formally accredited. The NCA, an organization which accredits over 800 institutions in the North-Central United States, conducts the accreditation process on five criteria, including such stipulations that the university must have a

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SOFIA BALLON/The Observer
A member of the North Central Association, right, and student Saleem Ismail attend the open student meeting.

COUNCIL OF REPS

Constitution deadline approaching

By MATT BRAMANTI
Senior Staff Writer

With the March 31 deadline for student government's new constitution rapidly approaching, student union leaders said they are optimistic that the changes will be finalized in time.

"We'll get it done," student body president Jeremy Lao said. "We've been working day and night."

Lao commended the progress of members of the Council of Representatives, the body that is charged with revamping the 10-year-old constitution.

"The committee has come a long way," Lao said. "We know what we want to create and we're just coming to an agreement about it."

He said that agreement has been assembled more rapidly as of late, due to frequent COR working sessions.

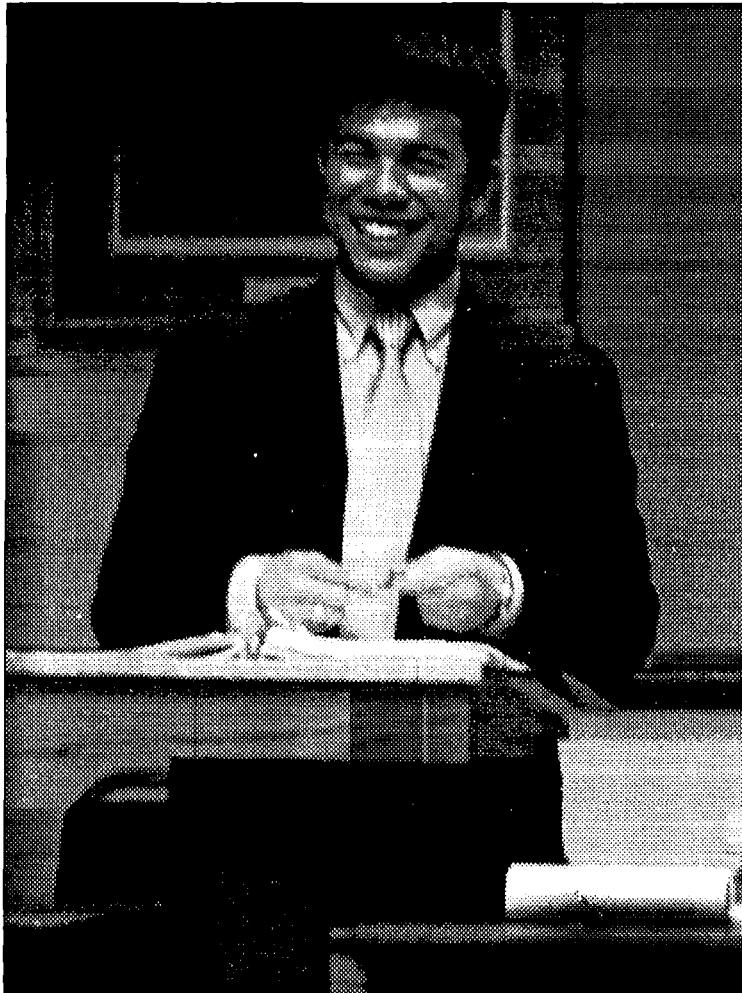
Vice president Emily Chin likewise praised the council's work.

"Even though COR has been a

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STUDENT SENATE

Members discuss GSA resolution



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer
Student body president Jeremy Lao enjoys a light moment during Wednesday's Student Senate meeting.

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Writer

The student government term may be winding down towards the April 1st transition, but the Student Senate is showing no indication of it, as was witnessed by Wednesday's one hour and fifteen-minute meeting that dealt with, among other issues, a resolution concerning Senate support of the Gay/Straight Alliance.

Senior Joe Dickmann took the open podium representing the Gay/Straight Alliance (GSA), an organization representing students of all sexual orientations that was denied club status under the name of United in Diversity by the Office of Student Activities on March 4th. Dickmann presented an open letter addressed to the administration and members of the Office of Student Activities and endorsed by the Senate Committees on Diversity Affairs and Gender Issues that detailed concerns about the status denial and its implications.

Dickmann said the only

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RIAA continues file-sharing lawsuits

Notre Dame OIT officials say they are receiving more take-down notices

By SCOTT BRODFUEHRER
Senior Staff Writer

The Recording Industry Association of America announced it is filing a new wave of lawsuits against computer users illegally sharing copyrighted music, including 89 individuals at 21 universities. While none of the individuals sued attend Notre Dame, officials here are concerned the RIAA could sue a student in the future.

RIAA president Cary Sherman said in an online press conference that college campuses are an attractive place for illegal file sharing because of free and unlimited bandwidth.

"Obviously, college students are a big part of the problem, and therefore it was only a question of time before university users would be named as defendants," Sherman said. "And we hope that it will send a message to students across the country that this activity is illegal and that engaging [in] it can have consequences."

Sherman said the RIAA filed lawsuits against 532 illegal file sharers and the average number of files shared by each was 837. Universities with users being sued include Georgetown, Indiana, Michigan, Stanford, USC and Villanova, among others. The RIAA has sued a

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ND professors note unique nature of Iraq War

Editor's Note: This is the fourth in a five-part series examining issues in the Iraq War.

By KATE GALES
News Writer

Smart missiles have replaced muskets and atomic bombs and a "coalition of the willing" has taken the place of a truly global battle. Conflict in Iraq has been full of firsts and, according to experts, sev-

eral lasts. The crossroads reached in military technology marks the Iraq War as different not only from wars before 2003, but also proves that it will be unique from future conflicts.

Notre Dame political science professors offered a variety of analyses on the Iraq War but agreed on one thing — the battle that began one year ago in the Middle East was truly

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Agence France Presse
A U.S. Army tank secures a street in Baghdad's Shilte neighborhood of Kazemlya. Notre Dame professors said that a variety of factors have made the Iraq War different from others.

INSIDE COLUMN

Coming home

I'm home — but don't tell my mom I said that. A couple of weeks ago, I let it slip; I explained to my mom that I had to make a quick run back to my house because I forgot my coat. It took me a second to realize why she sounded so disappointed after I had recounted such a minor detail of my day.

Ann Loughery

Sports Production

All mothers like to believe they provide their children with the one and only home they'll ever know. But when I arrived on campus this fall and moved into my dorm, I really felt as if I was returning to my second home.

Call me the classic Legacy. Yes, I was a Notre Dame cheerleader for Halloween. Our family visited campus at least once a year if not more. The only kind of football in our house was Irish football. My dad featured great Notre Dame legends in my bedtime stories. I was raised Notre Dame.

Over break, I explained to my friends that I couldn't understand why anyone would choose to apply anywhere else. They, of course, smiled and agreed, knowing that I had always dreamt of attending Notre Dame.

The last week in March marks the time that Notre Dame-hopefuls receive news of their acceptance. Each of them brings dreams for the future and a genuine love for the school.

Little time has passed since we were in the same position. About this time, we each found our daydreams centering around Notre Dame and acceptance. We had heard of the overwhelming masses of prospective students who had applied and also of those who had been waitlisted or rejected. At that time, many would have given anything for a spot in the freshmen class.

Too often this year, I've found myself stuck in a rut. I forget that I'm not just going to school — I'm going to Notre Dame. But all it takes is a walk past the Dome or a quick Grotto run to remind me how lucky I really am. Each time I look up at the Dome, I still get the chills.

Remember how fortunate we are to call Notre Dame home, as much as our parents might be surprised with that description.

There's no place like it.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer. Contact Ann Loughery at alougher@nd.edu.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT HAS BEEN YOUR LEAST FAVORITE CLASS AT ND AND WHY?



Bonnie Gonzalez

Sophomore Pangborn

"Physics. All I remember is penguins."



Chris Henschen

Junior Off-Campus

"Penmanship, because I hate pens, men and ships."



Matt Dvorsky

Sophomore Stanford

"Freshmen chemistry. Bring another laser pointer for a good time."



Meredith Sweeney

Junior Lewis

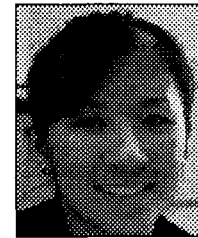
"Physics. It is just torture."



Tim Chlon

Freshman Siegfried

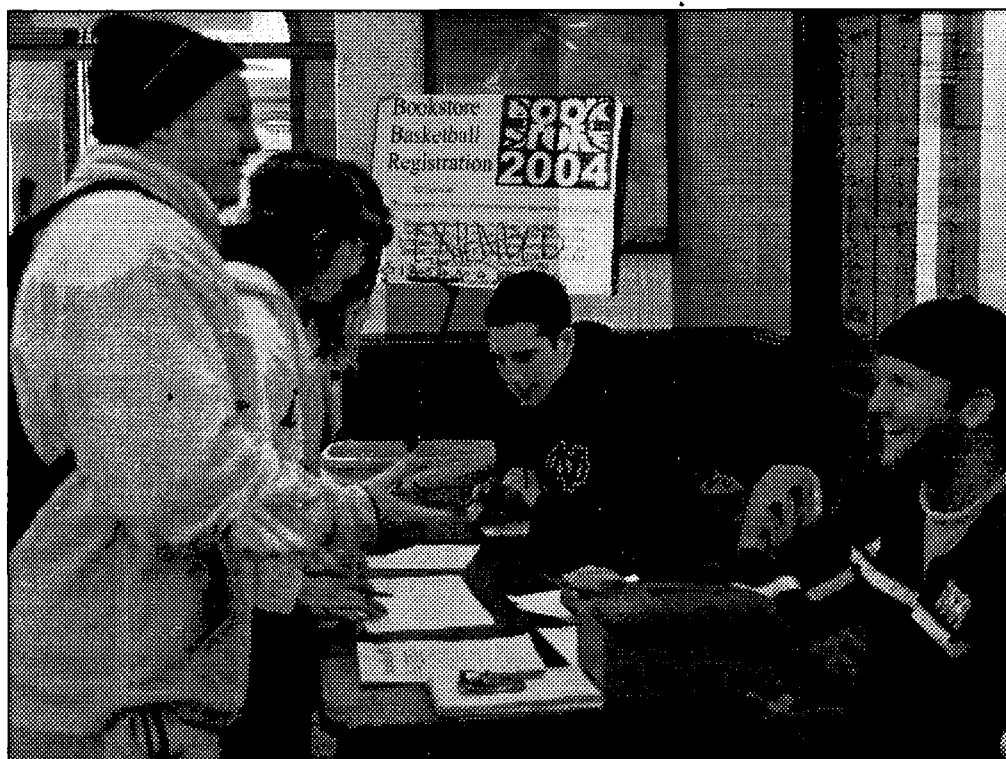
"Spanish. Que ridiculo!"



Ting Ni

Freshman Farley

"Calculus. It's math, need I say more?"



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Students register at the last minute for the Bookstore Basketball tournament at LaFortune Wednesday. Registration for the women's tournament is still continuing, and registration for the men's tournament ended Wednesday.

IN BRIEF

Join the Knights of Columbus in commemorating the Day of the Unborn Child on the feast of the Annunciation with a rosary following today's 5 p.m. mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

The Irish Inquisition is sponsoring an informational meeting tonight in the Foster Room on the third floor of LaFortune. The meeting will take place from 5 to 6 p.m.

The film 21 Grams will be shown in the Carey Auditorium of the Hesburgh Library tonight from 7 to 9 p.m. The event is free.

Author Patricia Stacey will present a lecture on Autism entitled "Opening the Heart and Mind of a Child Threatened with Autism." The event will take place tonight from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in DeBartolo Hall 101.

Theology professor Bill Mathison will present a lecture tonight entitled "Sexuality and Your Faith" from 8 to 9 p.m. in DeBartolo Hall room 102.

Visionary Carolyn Kwiecinski will visit Notre Dame Sunday. On Oct. 1, 1997, the Blessed Mother and St. Therese appeared in a vision to her while a freshman college student. She will speak on-campus this Sunday from 7 to 8:15 p.m. in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium room 107.

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

OFFBEAT

Restaurant employee spits in cop's burger

RIO RANCHO, N.M. — A Rio Rancho fast food restaurant worker is accused of spitting into a police officer's hamburger.

Marcus Calderon, 19, of Rio Rancho, was arrested and charged Saturday with assaulting a police officer and altering food, both misdemeanors.

He remained jailed Monday on a \$2,000 bond.

The officer noticed there was something wrong Saturday after he took two or three bites of his hamburger, said Rio Rancho Department of Public

Safety spokesman John Francis. After inspecting his food, the officer found someone had spit in his burger.

Francis said Calderon told police he was sick and may have accidentally coughed or spit on the burger.

Women offers wedding ring for hit on husband

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A suburban Kansas City woman was so eager to have her husband killed that she offered her wedding ring in payment, authorities said.

Amanda Booker, 23, of

Blue Springs, was being held on \$100,000 bond Tuesday after being charged with attempted first-degree murder.

Kansas City police said Booker began contacting people earlier this year to find someone to kill Zachary Booker.

The Bookers have a 5-week-old baby, but they have been separated since December, police said.

Zachary Booker said he had kept in touch with his wife and daughter after moving out.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

CORRECTIONS

A Scene article in the March 24 edition of The Observer incorrectly said the Clayton Miller Blues Band would be performing on Saturday. The Band will play Friday, March 26 at Legends at 10 p.m.

Due to a production error, the byline of a fencing column in the March 24 edition of The Observer was omitted. The writer was Matt Mooney.

A headline in the March 24 edition of The Observer incorrectly said that a report was delivered on the Kashmir trip. No such report was delivered. The Observer regrets the error.

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33 organizations show up at Non-Profit Career Fair

By K. AARON VANOOSTERHOUT
News Writer

At the last minute, six additional non-profit organizations signed up for the first annual Non-Profit Career Fair, bringing representatives from 33 organizations to campus Wednesday speak with students and drum up interest for their programs.

Around 150 students attended the fair, according to Alexandria Lewis, Law School Career Center administrator, which took place from 5 to 8 p.m.

Anita Rees, associate director of the Career Center, said she was expecting a higher attendance.

"It was a little slower than I had thought it would be," she said.

Despite the low turnout, however, Rees said she does not expect representatives to ignore future non-profit fairs.

"Employers ... liked this opportunity to talk to students who were specifically interested in them," she said.

Those employers included the Alliance for Catholic Education, Teach for America, Lawndale Christian Health Center and the Crotona Center.

Representatives from New York-based Crotona, an institution "working to improve the lives of boys in the Bronx," according to their brochure, spoke with 15 to 20 students last night.

They also accepted résumés for two new directorial positions. Representative John Sengenberger, a Notre Dame senior said the company was "looking to expand," from their current six employees to eight.

Karen Poulsen, human resources coordinator at Lawndale, explained she did not expect to find any potential employees at the fair. Instead, she was "looking for

exposure."

Poulsen said the majority of the 250 employees at the Chicago-based health center found their job by word of mouth, and that is what she hopes will happen as a result of her presence at the fair.

"It's not easy working there, it's way more than a job," she said. "It's a calling, kind of."

Victor Heard, another representative for Lawndale, seemed more optimistic.

"[Students] need to venture out, [and] we figure that Chicago would be a good place for people to venture out to," he said. "There are a lot of job openings, because we're busy growing."

Approximately 60 of the 85 jobs and internships offered at the fair were full-time, paid positions, catering to those graduating seniors and post-graduate students looking for an alternative to the for-profit sector.

"I need a job, and I'm not the 9 to 5 type," Saint Mary's senior and philosophy major Natalie Hock said.

With her particular field of study, Hock worried that jobs might be scarce. Last night's fair brought hope, however, she said.

"I think that these organizations are interested in someone that's a little bit of everything, instead of so focused on one aspect of study," Hock said.

On the other hand, Dan Lavrisha, an undeclared sophomore at Notre Dame, did not attend the fair to find a future career, but rather said he was only looking for an internship.

He said he "wanted to make a difference" during his four years at school, "to have that rah-rah spirit out of college."

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Miscamble speaks at first 'Breaking Bread' event

By MATT BRAMANTI
Senior Staff Writer

Fear isn't a topic people generally like to talk about, but a talk by Father Bill Miscamble, a history professor and superior at Moreau Seminar, entitled "Fear and the Christian Life" drew more than 100 attendees Tuesday.

The event, held in the press box at Notre Dame Stadium, brought students and faculty together for the address, followed by candid discussion over a catered meal.

Senior Jennie Bradley, who organized the event, said it was the first in a "Breaking Bread" series, to be held once per semester.

The title of the series was inspired by a passage from Luke's gospel: "They recognized [Jesus] in the breaking of the bread."

Bradley said the dinner was an opportunity to engage students and professors in a setting outside the classroom.

"We wanted to create a forum for informal student-faculty interaction, particularly on faith issues," she said. "Talking over a meal is a very natural setting, and it makes people very comfortable."

Each attendee was given a copy of "Following Jesus: Biblical Reflections on Discipleship" and a collection of short vignettes by theologian N.T. Wright, the Anglican bishop of Durham, in northeast England.

Bradley said a particular reflection in the book inspired her choice of the evening's topic.

"I just happened to read the reflection on fear, and I thought it was so powerful," she said. "'Do not be afraid' is the most repeated commandment in the Scriptures."

During his speech, Miscamble said fear

pervades most aspects of human life. He cited "the big ones"—fears about relationships, careers and growing old and dying, but he said fear is also present in smaller matters.

"There are fears at every stage along the journey of life," Miscamble said. "I suspect that each of you have your own special fears."

"It seems a part of the human condition," Miscamble said the antidote to fear is a life of Christian faith.

"As our trust and hope in the Lord increases, our fears will decrease," he said. "When we have resolved to follow the Lord, we have fewer things to worry about."

However, he said a certain amount of fear is healthy — but often absent — in modern society.

"In the age of Enron and WorldCom, we should be afraid to lie, to cheat, to slander and so on, because of the damage it does to others, to ourselves and to our community," he said. "We may fear things but we have lost the fear of Satan, the fear of hell."

Bradley praised Miscamble as a personable, caring professor who enjoys interacting with Notre Dame students.

"He really connects with students well because he's so on point but he's not overbearing," she said. "His manner is just perfect."

Following the 30-minute talk, 14 faculty members from the philosophy, theology and history departments, as well as from the Law School and the College of Engineering, dined with students and discussed the topic of fear.

The event was sponsored by the Center for Ethics and Culture.

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Mezzo Methods to hold social work fair

By TERESA NOWAKAWSKI
News Writer

In order to better educate students about the major and field of social work, Saint Mary's Mezzo Methods social work class will hold a social work fair today to both inform underclassmen about the major and to integrate the information that current students have learned in the course.

Students said that many peers remain uninformed about what the field entails, and they said they hope to change this attitude.

"A lot of people don't know what [social work] is about," said Erin Heidkamp, a junior social work major.

Students said that the fair, which will be held in the LeMans Lobby from 7 to 9 p.m. today, has also helped to educate them.

"It's a learning experience for us too," junior social work major Theresa Ulrich said.

In the field of social work, the "mezzo" level works with small groups and families, and is an intermediate level between the fields of micro social work, which works one-on-one, and macro social work, which deals with larger groups and organizations. In demonstrating that they have understood the material that has been learned, students planned the social work fair by dividing the planning responsibilities amongst different small groups in accordance with the field of mezzo social work.

The social work fair will be comprised of six different

tables in which all of the areas of social work will be represented. These areas include both more well-known areas such as public welfare and school social work, as well as research, international social work and policy and planning. The tables will also allow students to see which organizations deal with the areas of social work they prefer, and information on local agencies that deal with these different areas will be available.

"We can say that these places deal with this issue," said Michelle Powell, a junior social work major. Powell said that this information will provide students interested in social work with the chance to network and see where they may gain experience in the field.

Social work majors will be available, along with course professor JoAnn Burke, to answer any questions students may have. Students who attend the fair will have the opportunity to fill out a questionnaire to inform the social work majors if the fair was a good idea, if it helped them to acquaint themselves better with the social work major and to suggest what can be done in the future to improve the event.

As an extra initiative, students will participate in a raffle of \$100 worth of different gift certificates. Breadsticks and soda will be available for refreshment, and all Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross interested students are invited and encouraged to attend.

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dynamic group of people, the passion behind everyone's motives will get it done," she said.

Chin said the once the new structure of student government is implemented, students will see benefits.

"We'll have more efficiency and more communication," she said.

The new system will split student government into two major divisions — the Campus Programming Council and the Campus Affairs Council. The CPC will coordinate events at the campus and dorm levels and will have representatives from each residence hall. Members will effectively take over SUB duties.

The CAC, which will likewise be comprised of representatives from each dorm, will constitute the other side of student government.

Members of the CAC, which is analogous to the current Student Senate, will tackle policy issues.

Lao said he expects the new constitution will fulfill the needs of the student union in the years to come.

"My plan is to have it stick around for a while," he said. "We foresee this to be a constitution for the future."

President-elect Adam Istvan, whose term begins April 1, will likely have challenges in adapting to the new structure, but Lao said his successor will handle them well.

"Judging from the commitment he's shown, and the individuals he has around him, I have confidence in the whole team," Lao said. "Transition is all part of the process."

Chief of staff Pat Corker agreed, saying Istvan has been actively working to prepare for the new constitution.

"He's been at all the meetings, trying to familiarize himself with the new system."

Istvan said he and vice president-elect Karla Bell are enthusiastic about the prospects for the revamped system.

"Karla and I are really excited to get going on our new projects," Istvan said. "Now we can move on to getting some things for the students."

He said his administration will focus on diversity projects, particularly those dealing with ethnicity and sexual orientation.

"The new system sets itself up for educational initiatives like Martin Luther King awareness week and GLBT [gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender] issues," he said.

Istvan said the overhauled constitution will encourage communication among leaders from across student government and lead to a more effective student union.

"You get all the best people working together," he said.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.N.: Malnutrition hurts world IQ

UNITED NATIONS — The brainpower of entire nations has diminished because of a shortage of the right vitamins, and slipping nutrients into people's food seems to be the only solution, a new U.N. survey says.

To fight the problem, the United Nations is prescribing a whole pantry of artificially fortified foods: soy sauce laced with zinc, "super salt" spiked with iron, cooking oil fortified with vitamin A.

Deficiencies in these vitamins are having alarming effects in developing countries, even ones where people generally have enough to eat, said the study, released Wednesday.

A lack of iron lowers children's IQs by an average five to seven points, the report said.

EU levies \$613M fine on Microsoft

BRUSSELS, Belgium — The European Union slapped Microsoft Corp. with a \$613 million fine Wednesday for abusively wielding its Windows software monopoly and ordered sanctions that go well beyond the U.S. antitrust settlement — setting up what could be another lengthy court battle.

Microsoft called the EU's decision "unwarranted and ill-considered," and said it would ask a judge to suspend the order pending appeal.

The EU antitrust office said it sought to alter Microsoft's behavior because its five-year investigation found that the software giant tried to squeeze competitors out of Windows-related markets and "the illegal behavior is still ongoing."

NATIONAL NEWS

Scientists find evolution gene

Touching off a scientific furor, researchers say they may have discovered the mutation that caused the earliest humans to branch off from their apelike ancestors — a gene that led to smaller, weaker jaws and, ultimately, bigger brains.

Smaller jaws would have fundamentally changed the structure of the skull, they contend, by eliminating thick muscles that worked like bungee cords to anchor a huge jaw to the crown of the head. The change would have allowed the cranium to grow larger and led to the development of a bigger brain capable of tool-making and language.

The mutation is reported in the latest issue of the journal *Nature*, not by anthropologists, but by a team of biologists and plastic surgeons at the University of Pennsylvania and the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Deadly riptides threaten bathers

PALM BEACH, Fla. — Treacherous rip currents along the Florida coast in the past week have killed at least four beachgoers, led to dozens of rescues and forced lifeguards to issue an unpopular warning in the middle of spring break: Stay out of the water.

This week's deaths were all blamed on rip currents, which are rushing channels of water that can carry away even the best swimmers. Although the currents do not drag swimmers under water, many people panic, become tired and drown as they try to swim back to shore.

STATE NEWS

O'Bannon will not cut gas tax

INDIANAPOLIS — When gas prices were this high in Indiana four years ago, the late Gov. Frank O'Bannon made big news by suspending the state sales tax on gasoline.

Do not look for a repeat by O'Bannon's friend, political partner and successor — Gov. Joe Kernan — any time soon.

"Governor Kernan shares the nationwide concern about rising gas prices, and suspending the sales tax will always be on the list of options in terms of what the state can do to assist Hoosiers with this added financial burden," Kernan press secretary Tina Noel said Tuesday.

"However, the governor is not considering a suspension at this time."

Ex-adviser: Bush weak on terror

Former terrorism aide testifies Clinton had 'no higher priority' than al-Qaida

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush White House scaled back the struggle against al-Qaida after taking office in 2001 and spurned suggestions that it retaliate for the bombing of a U.S. warship because "it happened on the Clinton administration's watch," a former top terrorism adviser testified Wednesday.

The Clinton administration had "no higher priority" than combatting terrorists while the Bush administration made it "an important issue but not an urgent issue" in the months before Sept. 11, 2001, said Richard Clarke, who advised both presidents. He testified before the commission investigating the worst terrorist attacks in U.S. history.

Clarke's turn in the witness chair transformed what has been a painstaking, bipartisan probe of pre-Sept. 11 intelligence failures and bureaucratic missteps into a nationally televised criticism of President Bush on the terrorism issue at the core of his campaign for re-election.

The White House redoubled efforts to undermine Clarke, the author of a recent book critical of the president.

Officials also took the unusual step of identifying him as the senior official who had praised the president's anti-terrorism efforts in an anonymous briefing for reporters the year following the attacks.

"He needs to get his story straight," said Condoleezza Rice, Bush's national security adviser and Clarke's boss while he served in the administration.

Former Illinois Gov. Jim Thompson, a Republican, took up the president's cause inside the commission hearing. "We have your book and we have your press briefing of August 2002. Which is true?" he challenged the witness.

Despite the flare-up, commission members worked later to distance themselves from the sort of partisanship that could undermine the credibility of the final report they are expected to release this summer.

"Nobody has clean hands in this one," said former New Jersey Gov. Thomas Kean, a Republican and the commission chairman, referring to the Bush and Clinton administrations. "It was a failure of individuals. The question now is whether or not we learned from our mistakes."

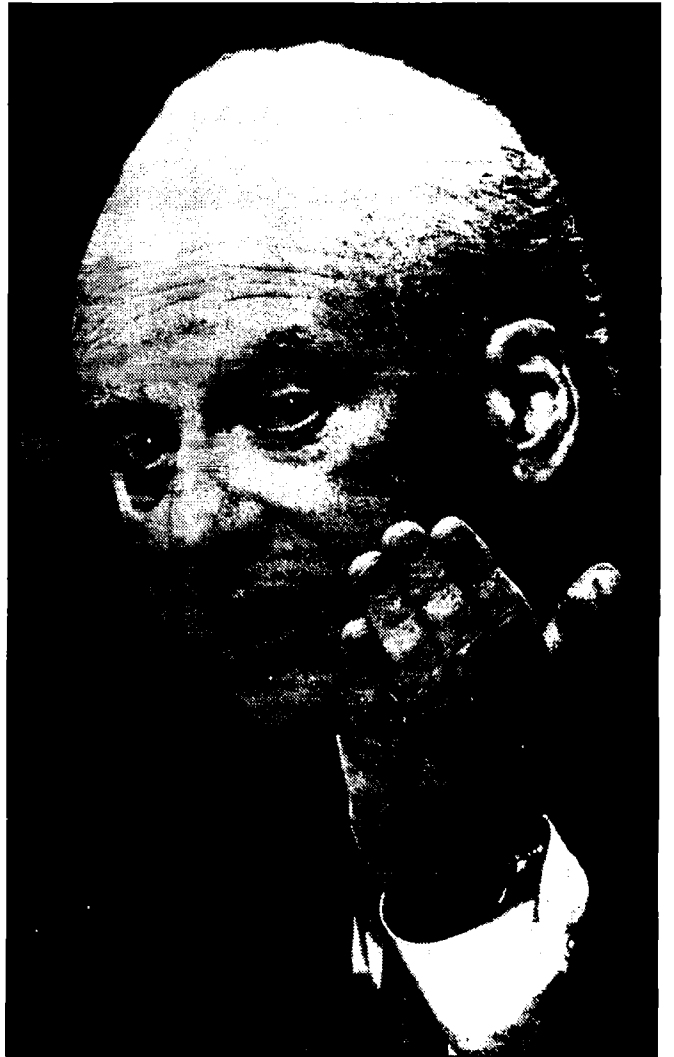
Clarke began his appearance with an apology to "the loved ones of the victims of 9-11. ... Your government failed you. Those entrusted with protecting you failed you and I failed you," he added, as some relatives of those killed in the attacks dabbed at their eyes with handkerchieves.

The appearance of the white-haired former official overshadowed the release of a commission staff report that said bureaucratic disagreements about the extent of the CIA's authority to kill Osama bin Laden

hampere d efforts to eliminate al-Qaida's leader during the Clinton era. The result was a continued reliance on local forces in Afghanistan

that all sides recognized reduced the chance of success, both before and after Bush took office, the report added.

"If officers at all levels



Former Bush administration terrorism adviser Richard Clarke testifies Wednesday before the federal commission investigating the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

questioned the effectiveness of the most active strategy the policy-makers were employing to defeat the terrorist enemy, the commission needs to ask why that strategy remained largely unchanged throughout the period leading up to 9-11," it concluded.

Officials from Clinton's National Security Council told investigators the CIA had sufficient authority to assassinate al-Qaida, the report said, but Director George Tenet and other spy agency officials "believed the only acceptable context for killing bin Laden was a credible capture operation."

Sandy Berger, Clinton's

national security adviser, testified that the former president gave the CIA "every inch of authorization that it asked for" to kill bin Laden.

"There could have not been any doubt about what President Clinton's intent was after he fired 60 Tomahawk cruise missiles at bin Laden in August 1998," Berger said, referring to strikes at a camp in Afghanistan where the al-Qaida leader was believed present. Bin Laden escaped.

Tenet, who presided over Berger in the witness chair, also was asked about the issue of authorization to kill bin Laden.

GAZA STRIP

Hamas vows to assassinate Sharon

Associated Press

GAZA CITY — The militant group Hamas backed off its initial threats against the United States, saying Wednesday that it would focus on attacking Israel — and try to kill Prime Minister Ariel Sharon — in retaliation for the assassination of its founder in an Israeli missile strike.

The Syrian-based leader of Hamas, Khaled Mashaal, addressed mourners in a Gaza City soccer stadium by telephone hook-up Wednesday, promising victory over Israel and appealing for Palestinian unity. "Who is America and who is this ugly world and who is Sharon and who is Mofaz?" Mashaal said in a show of contempt. Shaul Mofaz is Israel's

defense minister.

Despite Hamas' threats, militants appear to have trouble carrying out immediate revenge attacks. Israel has been on the highest possible alert since the killing of Hamas founder Ahmed Yassin on Monday. Hamas has killed hundreds of Israelis in suicide bombings and other attacks in recent years. Altogether, since violence erupted in 2000, more than 2,700 people have been killed on the Palestinian side and more than 950 on the Israeli side.

Late Wednesday, several Israeli tanks moved back into an area of the Khan Younis refugee camp in southern Gaza where some structures were razed a day earlier, residents

said. A policeman was wounded by Israeli fire, they said. Palestinians said 15 buildings were wholly or partly demolished.

Early Thursday, Palestinian security sources said Israeli forces had withdrawn from the area. The Israeli army said it was checking the report.

In the West Bank, a 16-year-old Palestinian was caught at an Israeli roadblock with a bomb vest strapped to his body. Soldiers jumped behind barricades, and a dramatic standoff ensued. After persuading the youth to take off the vest, troops sent a yellow robot to deliver scissors and he cut off the vest. The teen's brother said the boy is gullible and easily manipulated.

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Main Office (CoMo 319) & Retreats Office (CoMo 114), Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
CM Welcome Center (room 114) Sunday through Thursday 4 p.m. to Midnight.

today 03.25

RCIA Community and Study Hour

Mass @ Basilica 5:15 followed by dinner;
Back to CoMo 330 until 7:00 p.m.

Hindu Prayer

Prayers From Around the World Series
7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
330 Coleman-Morse

friday 03.26

Mass for Peace

5:15 p.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Executive MBA Retreat

Mendoza College of Business

saturday 03.27

No Greater Love

A Notre Dame day of prayer, music and renewal
1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Coleman-Morse Lounge

sunday 03.28

RCIA Session

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Coleman-Morse Lounge

RCIA Rite of Reception into Full Communion

11:45 a.m.
Basilica of the Sacred Heart

tuesday 03.30

Campus Bible Study

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
114 Coleman-Morse

Confirmation Session #13

7:00-8:45 p.m.
Siegfried Hall Chapel

wednesday 03.31

Interfaith Christian Night Prayer

Too Busy for God
10:00 p.m.
Coleman-Morse Lounge

Theology on Tap

Discussing The Passion of the Christ
10:00 p.m. - 11:30 p.m.
Legends

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prayer for peace in Iraq

Campus Ministry, in collaboration with the Center for Social Concerns has been offering the Friday 5:15 p.m. mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart for peace in Iraq.

On the 1st Friday of each month, the mass will be followed by a reception at the CSC which will include a discussion of a topic relating to seeking peace in the conflict in Iraq.

Also on those Fridays (next Friday April 2), Campus Ministry will publish in the Observer the names of friends and family of the Notre Dame community serving in Iraq for whom we are praying. If you would like to have someone included on that list, email fsantoni@nd.edu. (subject: "peace").

mass schedule

Fifth Sunday of Lent

basilica of the sacred heart

Saturday Vigil Mass	Sunday
5:00 p.m.	10:00 a.m.
Rev. Tom Eckert, c.s.c.	Rev. Tom Eckert, c.s.c.
	11:45 p.m.
	Rev. Peter Rocca, c.s.c.

around campus (every Sunday)

1:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.	10:00 p.m.
Spanish Mass	MBA Mass	Rejoice! Mass
St. Edward's Hall Chapel	Mendoza COB	Mendoza COB
5:00 p.m.	Faculty Lounge	Faculty Lounge
Law School Mass		
Law School Commons		

Sunday's Scripture Readings

1st: Isaiah 43:16-21 2nd: Philippians 3:8-14 Gospel: John 8:1-11

considerations...

No Greater Love

Hey God: Long Time, No Pray

by Keara Coughlin
Intern, Campus Ministry

So it happened again last week: I found myself completely *drained* - trying to figure out what was bothering me and how I could fix it immediately. It was the kind of day when my own feeling of emptiness is like a black-hole: draining all of the smiles, all of the laughter, and all of the energy from the people around me. You will have to excuse my exaggeration here, but in some respect, I think that these kinds of feelings may be more common among people our age than we may first think. Without the sense of a driving force, then, we are left feeling 'dry' inside, wondering what the point of it all is.

It is for this very reason that I believe God gives me days like I experienced last Monday. Just coming off a busy and productive Spring Break, I had a full schedule with lots of things to get accomplished in the days ahead of me. Yet what I didn't realize right away was that I was missing the very source of the energy and passion from which I am able to do what I need to do and *be* who I need to be. I am slowly learning that the emptiness that we can feel in our hearts, no matter how minor or how deep it runs, is something that can be remedied with the help of the patient kindness of friends and the compassion and support of loved ones. But most of all, we are made whole by the *peace* that we receive when we finally turn ourselves to God in prayer.

Now we all know that relationships take work, and when we don't put enough time and effort into building and deepening them, they tend to fall apart or slowly fade away. It is always a wonder to me, then, why even when we know this, so many of us still tend neglect the one relationship that can be the most life-giving of all. Our faith tells us that a relationship with God is a *gift* - but like all things that are worthy of our love, they are ones that take some effort: ones in which we are called and challenged to take *active* roles.

What does an 'active' prayer life look like though, and is it even possible for people like us? "I am not that good of a person. Prayer is for the 'holy' people like Mother Teresa - she could pray because she was like a living saint." Does this sound familiar to anyone? This is the kind of response that far too many of us give when our own prayer lives (or lack thereof) are challenged. Our defense mechanism is to deny the ability to converse with God because we fear that we don't live up to what God asks of us.

Christ himself, though, gives us hope. In telling his apostles the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector, Jesus assured them and us that the most perfect prayer is the one from the heart - like the tax collector who comes before God acknowledging simply, "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner." *Humility* (not self-deprecation) is the foundation of true prayer. If we can just get ourselves to keep inviting God into our mistake-ridden, far-from-perfect lives, and ask for the Peace that will help fill that spot in our hearts that we can't seem to keep from drying up on our own... we will be pretty astonished by the transformation that can take place. Our tradition teaches us so many ways beautiful forms of prayer which can help us find different avenues by which we can converse with God. The "right" way to come to prayer, though, begins with a humble and open heart, asking God to fill us up with His spirit.

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NASDAQ	1,909.48	+7.68
NYSE	6,375.67	-42.65
S&P 500	1,091.32	-2.63
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	11,364.99	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	4,309.40	-9.10

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INTEL CORP (INTC)	+1.41	+0.37	26.53
CISCO SYSTEMS (CSCO)	+1.39	+0.31	22.67
JDS UNIPHASE (JDSU)	+0.25	+0.01	3.97
APPLIED MATL (AMAT)	+2.01	+0.41	20.77

Treasuries			
30-YEAR BOND	-0.06	-0.03	46.64
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.08	+0.03	37.14
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.34	-0.09	26.65
3-MONTH BILL	+0.54	-0.05	9.18

Commodities		
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PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+1.15	104.05

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COMPANY BRIEFS

Health worries sink Dasani launch

ATLANTA — The Coca-Cola Co.'s effort to sell Europe on its Dasani bottled water is in limbo, following its decision Wednesday to delay the launch of the drink in France and Germany — a move prompted in part by publicity over quality concerns about its product in Great Britain.

The world's largest beverage maker withdrew the beverage in Britain a week ago because it found samples contained higher than permitted levels of the chemical bromate.

Coke also said Wednesday it has decided not to reintroduce Dasani in Great Britain at this time.

Dial shareholders clean up in deal

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Dial Corp. shareholders on Wednesday approved the company's sale to the Henkel Group, a German detergents, cosmetics and adhesives maker.

Dial, which makes Purex detergents, Dial bath soap and Renuzit air fresheners, is being purchased for roughly \$2.9 billion cash by Henkel.

The deal gives Duesseldorf-based Henkel a stronger foothold in North America and allows Dial to become part of a larger, global operation that can better compete with consumer products giants like Procter & Gamble Co. and Unilever PLC.

Dial's corporate headquarters are expected to remain in Scottsdale, along with top management.

Execs to testify in Scruschy trial

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — At least 14 former HealthSouth executives could testify against fired CEO Richard Scruschy at his August fraud trial, prosecutors revealed in court documents made public Wednesday.

The list of likely witnesses includes all but three of the 17 former HealthSouth workers who have reached plea deals in a wide-ranging federal probe of the rehabilitation giant.

Among those the government expects to testify are all five of HealthSouth's chief financial officers and Emery Harris, who is already serving a five-month term in federal prison for his role in the scam.

Bill Kirk lays down the law

ND's discipline czar dodges 'bad reputation' in popular business law course

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

By MATT BRAMANTI
Senior Staff Writer

In some ways, Bill Kirk is a walking contradiction. He is at once loved and hated, feared and admired.

As associate vice president for residence life, Kirk plays the stern role of the University's chief disciplinarian. Kirk freely admits he has an unpleasant standing among many Notre Dame students, but says that it comes with his role in the administration.

"My bad reputation has been around for years," Kirk said.

But to his business law students, he's a thoughtful, caring professor who works to break the preconceived ideas his students often bring.

"I think my enjoyment of the material gets across to the students," he said. "They learn that there are real people behind the administration's decisions."

In the Mendoza College of Business, all students are required to take a business law course, entitled "Contracts and Agency." Kirk said the course's material — which covers contractual obligations, the principal-agent relationship and business-related litigation — is highly relevant for future business leaders.

"So much of life is litigious," Kirk said. "Most students come away happy to have taken [the course]."

After graduating from Notre Dame in 1984, Kirk worked for a major accounting firm in New York as a consultant and auditor. He then returned to Notre Dame to attend law

school, and was hired by the University soon after being admitted to the Indiana bar.

Kirk said his legal background frequently comes into play in dealing with duLac violators.

"The work that I do now is involved quite a bit with the understanding of legal principles," he said.

But his demeanor in the classroom stems from his experience in dorm life at Notre Dame. While a law student, Kirk served as an assistant rector in Sorin Hall, then as the rector of Stanford Hall.

"I've got a unique perspective on students' lives here," he said. "It allows me to connect with the students in a really pleasant way."

That connection helps engage students in the classroom. Kirk said he frequently fields "hypothetical" questions from students about disciplinary processes or police run-ins.

"I try to make the examples I use in class relevant to the students," he said. "I try to give them some good advice about staying out of trouble, and we have fun with it."

Kirk said he walks throughout the classroom, threading his way among students as he answers questions.

"Students have said they get dizzy following me around," Kirk laughed. "It makes it that much more fun to teach when students are really engaging themselves."

He said he uses instances of personal legal troubles to introduce legal principles relevant in the business world.

"We mix the concepts ... we talk about Enron and WorldCom," he said. "The nice thing is we're able to inject a whole lot of ethical decision-making.



Photo courtesy of the Mendoza College of Business
Business law professor Bill Kirk, who also serves as associate vice president for residence life, uses his dual roles to make his class interesting for students.

"The things that make someone a good businessman or [business]woman are the same things that help a person in life."

Junior Megan McGinty, who is in the class, said she was apprehensive about registering for the course.

"Before I took B-Law, I was under the assumption that Bill Kirk was a monster, purely based on the things I had heard about him," McGinty said.

However, her perception soon changed.

"He is a good person who truly cares about the well-being of his students," she said. "He is hands-down one of the best professors I've had at Notre Dame."

Despite uniformly positive reviews on NDToday.com,

Kirk was modest, praising the other professors who teach the course.

"Everyone that teaches it gets pretty good student reviews," he said. "It's a real meat-and-potatoes course."

But a stimulating discussion of business law might not be the only thing that draws students to the course. Kirk — who is engaged — blushed at suggestions that female students flock to the class to see the professor one student described as "really handsome."

"I'm happy to hear that," Kirk laughed. "But I'm spoken for."

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U.S. ECONOMY

Durable-goods orders surged in Feb.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Factories saw demand for big-ticket goods rebound in February, good news for the country's economic health and for manufacturers who have struggled to get their piece of the business recovery.

The Commerce Department reported Wednesday that orders for "durable" goods — costly manufactured products that are expected to last at least three years — rose by 2.5 percent last month. That was an improvement from the 2.7 percent drop registered in January and represented the largest increase since October.

February's performance was better

than economists were expecting. They were calling for a 1.2 percent rise in durable-goods orders.

In other economic news, sales of new homes also bounced back in February, rising by a strong 5.8 percent, the department said in a second report. The increase — the largest since June — came after home sales declined by 1.1 percent in January as bad weather kept house hunters indoors.

Powered by low mortgage rates, home sales reached record highs in 2003 and are expected to be brisk this year as well.

But on Wall Street, the Dow Jones industrials lost 15.41 points to close at 10,048.23. Terrorism fears and news

that Microsoft Corp. received a record antitrust fine from the European Union weighed on investors.

The rebound in durable-goods orders in February was led by stronger demand for transportation equipment, including cars and airplanes. Orders for those goods jumped by 9.9 percent in February, compared with a 10.5 percent decline in January. Last month's rise was the largest since July 2002.

David Huether, chief economist at the National Association of Manufacturers, said the report shows that "the manufacturing sector is continuing to gain ground and emerge from its three-year-long slump."

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"clear, appropriate institutional statement of mission and purpose" and the University must be "accomplishing its educational and other purposes."

According to associate provost Maura Ryan, the re-accreditation process serves as an excellent opportunity for Notre Dame to gain feedback from committee members, many of whom are from institutions that Notre Dame considers its peers or aspirational peers. Members this year include the president of Saint Louis University, a professor in Duke University's Fuqua School of Business and the senior associate vice provost at Stanford, among others.

"We are not in danger of losing our accreditation," Ryan said. "This visit is ... really a chance for them [the committee] to help us look objectively at how we're doing ... and how we may do it [better]," she said.

As part of the preparation process, the University has written a thorough self-study that provides the committee with information on its departments and programs, among other information. Because the accreditation process has traditionally occurred around the University's own 10-year strategic plan, the plan plays a vital role in the creation of the self-study.

"The strategic planning process is a good base for the self-study," Ryan said. "The processes are distinct but not separate ... [we are] not doing this in isolation."

Barbara Walvoord, coordina-

tor of the NCA self-study and fellow of the institute for educational initiatives, said that the creation of the self-study, an over 400-page document, came about through the help of numerous people. Walvoord said 176 faculty, staff, administrators and students either directly sent text or responded with suggestions.

"A number of other people provided other information and answered queries," she said.

As part of their fact-finding process, over 50 meetings have been conducted this week with various groups on-campus. Some meetings have been open and have encouraged students or faculty members to provide feedback, while others have been more specifically targeted toward groups such as department chairs or administrators. Walvoord said that meetings

have gone smoothly from the point of view of both parties.

"The team has been very appreciative; they are gulping in information about Notre Dame as fast as possible," she said. "Our own people have been very cooperative in meeting ... and being candid."

Of particular concern to the committee during the 1994 report was the process of the assessment of learning and teaching.

"Assessment is really difficult to approach," said Ava Preacher, assistant dean of the College of Arts & Letters. "No institution has a really good handle on it."

In order to address the concerns of the 1994 committee, Walvoord said that the University has taken a number of measures to improve. Walvoord noted that an assessment advisory committee was appointed by Provost Nathan Hatch to focus on the process of the academic reviews of departments. She said that departments were asked to more clearly articulate their goals for student learning.

She also noted that the institution of programs such as the scholarship of teaching and learning program or the series of annual grants provided by the Provost have better enabled faculty to study how students learn in their classroom.

"Just this year, a new Core Curriculum Committee [was formed] whose charge is to review all core courses and state the kind of student learning that we expect."

A number of faculty and administrators who attended portions of the committee meetings said they found the process helpful.

Preacher said that she attended discussions on numerous topics ranging from women's issues to the structure of faculty governance and the University's sexual harassment policy.

"For the most part, everybody in the room knows where the discontents are, but I don't think there's a sense that the institution is on the wrong track," she said.

She said that she believes the

University has made great strides in women's issues, such as women faculty hiring, promotion and retention, but said she also believes more work needs to be done.

"We've gotten a whole lot better ... but we've still got a long way to go. The University has made a good faith effort to hire, promote and retain women, but we still have some things to do," she said.

Robert Norton, chair of the department of German and Russian languages and literatures, said he attended a discussion with selected chairs of humanity departments. He said that discussion focused primarily on issues that the University may face as it "continues its efforts to enhance its reputation as a research institution."


"I found them [the two members of the committee] to be eager to listen carefully to what [we] had to say ... engaged and very well-informed about the university and concerned to help us to improve," he said.

Norton said his department has taken steps to improve the quality of student education and assessment of knowledge learned. He said his department remains one among a "minority of departments" within the College of Arts & Letters to offer a senior capstone project option to its majors and is currently in the process of considering whether to administer an exit survey to graduating seniors to gauge their satisfaction with the major and their education, as well as assessing what students have learned.

"The process itself [accreditation] is also part of a larger question of accountability — the University needs to be held accountable, and the process of the NCA is an example of how that works," he said. "The very process of examining practices and asking questions ... in and of itself is salutary."

The committee's findings and recommendations will be published in the Notre Dame Review later this year.

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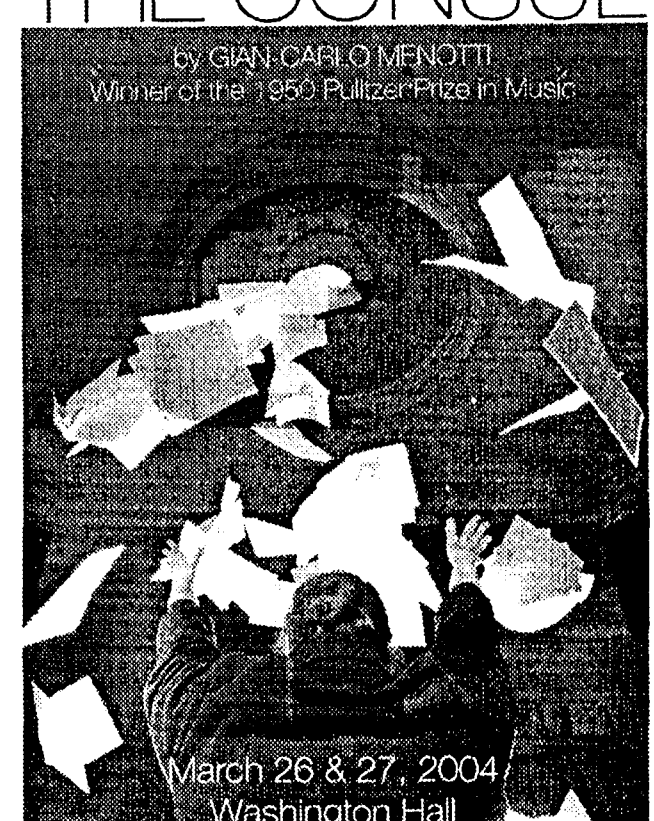
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total of 1,977 individuals and has settled with over 400 who paid fines averaging \$3,000. No suits have gone to trial and Sherman said that the RIAA was likely to continue issuing lawsuits in the future.

"This is an ongoing program. It won't end with the settlement of these cases," he said.

Notre Dame has seen an increase in the number of take down notices from the RIAA, which require the user to stop sharing copyrighted material but, unlike a lawsuit, do not seek financial damages. Chief Information Officer Gordon Wishon estimated that before January, OIT received four or five take down notices a month, but since the start of this year, they are seeing four or five notices each week.

"So far the RIAA has been, I think, pretty accommodating in allowing us to, rather than issuing a subpoena and taking the kid to court or suing the kid, allowing us to notify the student and to voluntarily take care of the issue," Wishon said.

When OIT receives a take down notice, it is forwarded to General Counsel and the student is notified that there has been an allegation made. The matter is also forwarded to the Office of Residence Life for possible disciplinary action.

"Typically the student takes the infringing material off and the student promises to [never] do it again and that's all that's ever said and done about it," Wishon said.

Sherman said that the take down process is separate from litigations and that the RIAA

sends take down notices when its crawler finds infringing activity, with more egregious infringers more likely to be targeted for litigation.

Wishon cautioned that while public statements from the RIAA indicate they are only targeting egregious violators, he has seen action taken against students sharing a small number of copyrighted files.

"I know I have seen notices issued, or subpoenas issued, where the student was responsible for files in the tens rather than in the hundreds or thousands," Wishon said.

Wishon urged students not to download or share illegal copyrighted material and to be aware that they could be sued if they continue.

"We are urging students to be aware of the risks that they incur when they engage in this activity and know that it is a violation not only of University policy but of law," he said. "There is no shelter here at the University for those who are subject of lawsuits or other actions."

Sherman said users also should not count on peer to peer file sharing services to mask their identity.

"People who rely on promises of anonymity from P2P providers are likely to get just what they paid for," he said. "These people are in business to make money, not to protect you."

Sherman said the goal of the lawsuits is not to generate revenue, but to deter users from illegally downloading copyrighted material. He said that the music industry lost one-third of its sales in three years to illegal downloads and was being "downloaded to death." He encouraged students to use

legal online music services instead, such as iTunes, Napster 2.0 and Rhapsody.

At Notre Dame, Wishon said that OIT is not taking any additional action to seek out users who are illegally downloading music. Currently, an application

called a Packeteer is used to limit the amount of bandwidth that peer to peer software can use, but Wishon said it is not the right solution to stop illegal downloads in the long term.

"The OIT is not the police. We've got enough work to do

without trying to police the activities of students on the network, except where it is obviously in violation of policy or law," Wishon said.

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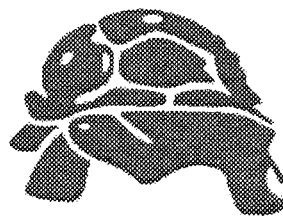
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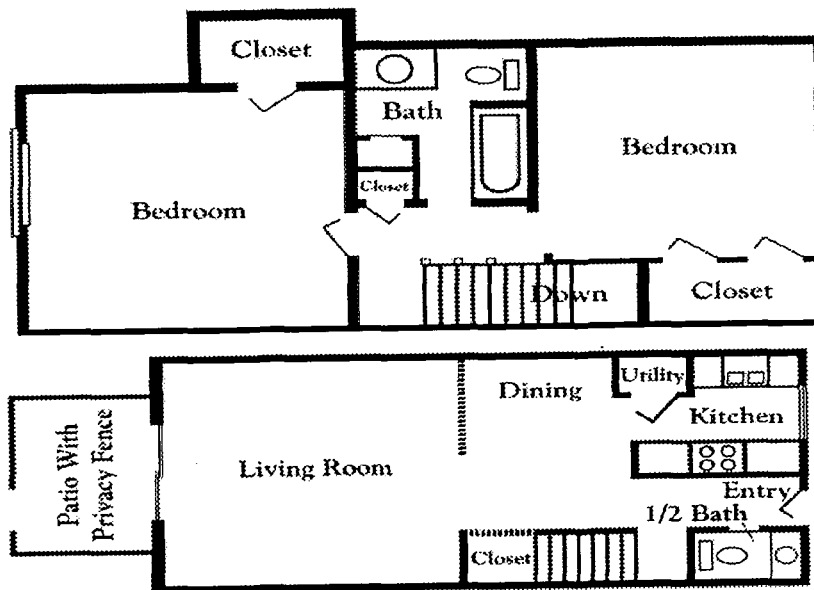
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distinctive.

"The revolution in military affairs has advanced a lot,"

said Dan Lindley, a political science professor. "Communications integrated with targets are more effective than ever before. However, the classic problem remains ... the classic problem of battlefield intentions."

Keir Lieber, another political science professor, agreed that while it is only natural to see war evolve as military education improves and technology advances, the differences in intentions and goals of the two Iraqi conflicts were especially

significant.

"There was a major difference in objectives," said Lieber of the distinction between the first and second Gulf Wars. "The first was simply to move the Iraqis out of Kuwait — the second was regime change. ... The result was the same, a quick and decisive victory in conventional war."

Lieber said that despite the speed of the United States' victory in Iraq, he didn't anticipate the use of similar tactics in the future.

"In some ways, this was the last war of the 20th century," he said. "No one else is going to fight [a conventional war]."

Lieber explained a conventional war as "total conflict," such as World Wars I and II, with "two sides fighting in traditional combat ways, with a military victory through defeat of military forces."

Indeed, war has changed in the last half-century — both in its technology and its intensity.

Since 70 to 80 percent of the missiles used in the Iraq War were "smart munitions," Lieber said, the death toll in the conflict was far lower than in the past.

"Many predicted a huge number of U.S. military and Iraqi civilian casualties," he said. "Neither of these things came to pass."

However, George Lopez, a professor with the Kroc Institute for Peace Studies, pointed out that although many war supporters called today's weapons technology more humane, the collateral damage number could be misleading.

"You go from high-intensity war to low-intensity war," he said, noting that the already weak Iraqi infrastructure suffered — a trial that has taken a toll on civilians. The toll on civilians remains

an open threat in the area, and the postwar rebuilding period in the aftermath of the Iraq War is another aspect in which this war has been completely unique. Many have argued that the rebuilding process in Iraq has been perhaps more exhausting than the war itself.

"The idea of an old war was that you'd go in, you'd win, [and] the people are standing on the sidewalks waving flags or hiding under their beds," Lopez said. "There was no resistance."

He added that over \$87 billion in aid had gone to 22 million Iraqis — and the end is not

in sight.

But the end is in sight on the home front. Twenty-four hour access to press coverage about the war has changed the public perspective on fighting.

"The pliability and availability of the media gives military and political people a [public relations] potential they haven't had before," Lopez said. "Since Gulf War I, we live in a media-frenzied environment about war. ... This is 24 hours a day."

That is strikingly different from the newspapers of World War I and the newsreels of World War II, progress that has made the public more informed but less sensitive, Lopez said.

"It has dulled the sense of most populations to the nature of war," he said. "More Americans know more things, but feel them less intensely."

In a time of change in public knowledge, military weaponry and tactics, history has been made in the Iraq War — a war unlike any fought before, and that is sure to be unique from future conflicts.

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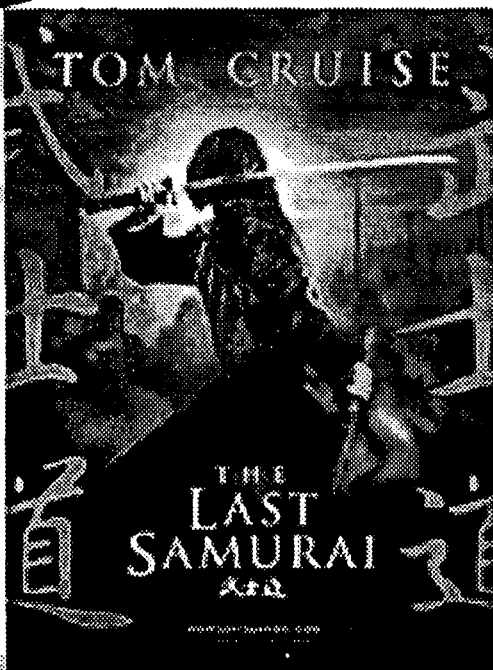
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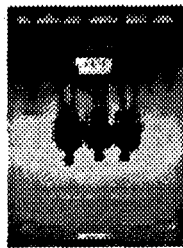
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support structures the University provides for homosexual students are the Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs, Campus Ministry and the counseling center, and he said that these were not able to suit the needs of the student population.

"There is no point at which [the three support structures] can say 'your friends are here to help you,'" said Dickmann. "We need a way for students to get more involved, because the Standing Committee only allows for six students, none of which are straight. This is where the GSA comes in."

The letter elaborates on Dickmann's statement.

"The letter of denial reasoned that a student-run club is unnecessary due to the presence of University support-structures ... Underlying this argument is the disturbing premise that University organizations rightfully supersede student ones in terms of supporting students. This premise shows an inherent lack of trust in student abilities and a blindness to students' own yearnings to deal with these issues as a

community," reads the letter, obtained by The Observer at the meeting.

Cavanaugh senator Jordan Bongiovanni questioned whether the senators should sign the letter without first discussing the issue with their dorm constituencies.

"Events have happened since January [when Dickmann first addressed the Senate], and I have a very strong feeling about having my dorm's backing before I sign something specific on paper," Bongiovanni said.

The Senate moved to table the resolution until next Wednesday's meeting in a vote of 14 for tabling, seven against and one abstaining.

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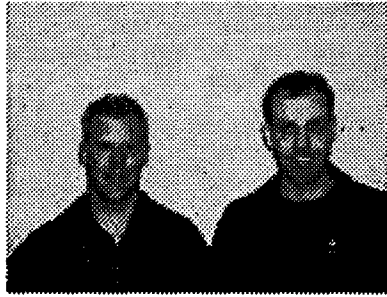
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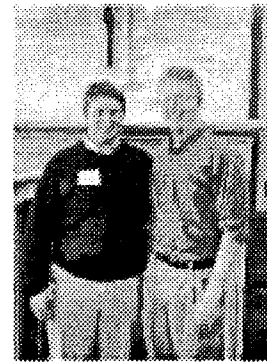
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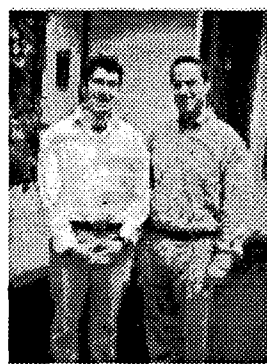
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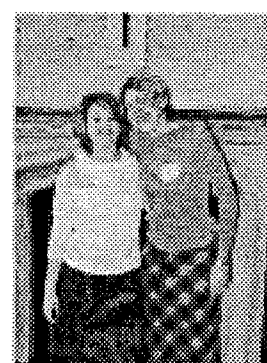
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WTO rules against U.S. on gambling

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration said Wednesday it would vigorously fight a preliminary ruling by the World Trade Organization that could open the United States to offshore Internet gambling.

The preliminary decision came in a trade dispute with Antigua and Barbuda. The tiny Caribbean nation had contended that U.S. restrictions on Internet gambling violated trade commitments the United States has made as a member of the WTO.

Antigua and Barbuda brought the case before the WTO last year, contending that U.S. prohibitions on Americans placing bets in offshore Internet casinos represented an unfair trade barrier.

The losing side in any WTO case has the right to appeal the decision to the WTO's seven-member appellate body of trade judges.

"We intend to appeal and

will argue vigorously that this deeply flawed panel report must be corrected by the appellate body," said Richard Mills, a spokesman for U.S. Trade Representative Robert Zoellick.

Mills said the preliminary ruling by the WTO hearing panel had not taken into account the negotiating record in the Uruguay Round of global trade talks, which created the WTO in 1995.

"We believe that the language on U.S. services commitments used by the Clinton administration clearly intended to exclude gambling when the United States joined the WTO in 1995," Mills said.

Antiguan authorities had argued that restrictions that barred U.S. residents from

betting at offshore casinos were harming Antigua's efforts to diversify its economy. The country has been promoting electronic commerce as away to end the twin-island nation's reliance on tourism, a sector hurt by a series of hurricanes in the late 1990s.

The current legal status of Internet gambling in the United States is in dispute. Some site operators have been prosecuted under the 1961 Wire Communications Act, which was written to cover sports betting by

telephone.

The General Accounting Office has estimated there are 1,800 Internet gambling operations. Virtually all of them are based outside of the United States, posing an enforcement problem for U.S. authorities.

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Richard Mills
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Appeals court allows Interior Dept. online

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Interior Department will go back online after an appeals court Wednesday blocked a judge's ruling that ordered most of the department's computers disconnected from the Internet.

It took the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit just three hours to grant the government's request to restore the Interior's Internet access. It had been shut down since March 15 to protect money owed to American Indians from computer hackers.

The shutdown disrupted public's access to Interior Department Web pages, land managers' communications, disbursement of mineral royalties to states, and education of children in Bureau of Indian Affairs schools.

Interior Secretary Gale Norton said she was pleased with the appeals court decision and will continue pushing for a permanent reversal of the Internet shutdown.

"Meanwhile, tonight we have begun to restore our Internet connections across all impacted agencies of the department and will work quickly to restore them to pre-March 15 levels," she said.

U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth ordered the shutdown after the Interior Department failed to show it had fixed security problems that left vulnerable to Internet security breaches millions of dollars in royalties from oil, gas, timber and grazing activities on American Indian lands.

Law enforcement, firefighting and other emergency systems and those that had fixed the security problems were allowed to remain online.

On Monday, the Minerals Management Service sent letters to the governors of 36 states, informing them they would not receive roughly \$90 million in monthly royalty payments until the computers were reconnected.

The order also had prevented American Indian landowners and Indian tribes from receiving their monthly royalty payments for oil, gas, timber and livestock activity on their land. It had left 50,000 children attending 184 Bureau of Indian Affairs schools in 23 states without Web access, and environmental groups had complained they were unable to collect key information on department policy proposals.

It was the third time the Internet connections had been axed since 2001, when a court monitor, Alan Balaran, found security holes could allow even a novice hacker to penetrate the system. To prove the point, Balaran repeatedly hacked into the system and created a bogus account in his name.

Lamberth is presiding in a class-action lawsuit, filed on behalf of more than 300,000 American Indians, alleging that since 1887, the department lost, stole or never collected tens of billions of dollars in royalties that should have been paid to Indian landowners.

Attorneys for the Indian plaintiffs could not be reached Wednesday evening.

"I am pleased today's decision restores badly needed Internet access to BIA schools," Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D., said Wednesday. However, he said: "The Interior Department has not met its responsibility to secure Indian Trust Accounts. ... I urge Secretary Norton to act quickly to ensure that trust account holders' interests are protected so that no judge finds it necessary to shut down the Department's Internet service a fourth time."

The government told the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit that the judge had overstepped his authority and the shutdown was making it difficult for the department to function.

An Interior Department spokesman said officials were trying to determine how long it will take to get the systems back online.



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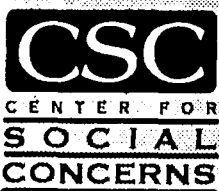
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British politics matter

During a morning run through Hyde Park, I couldn't help but step in the warm and steaming anti-Blair propaganda commemorating the one-year anniversary of the war with Iraq.

As I continued through the paper jungles of various signs displaying, "Blair" — complete with mock blood strewn about in the shape of bullet wounds — I couldn't help but wonder if the prime minister deserved this much criticism.

I had just survived a hard night and I realized that the decision whether or not to support another Blair election was like one I had just made. Indeed, it was like the decision many of us make at least once.

In one way or another, we all know a Tony Blair. And who is he? I'll tell you. Tony is the friend that proposed that bad night out. For you, it may be the weird kid sitting next to you; here in London it's my optimistic friend that lives in the flat 22.

Now, you trust this friend and you think that everything is going to run smoothly if you just take his advice on where to go for a fabulous night out, but sometimes he just lets you down. Let's recap the last disappointing night out.

The proposal. Your friend declares a state of emergency. He alerts you that apparently the quintessential hang out spot has acquired weapons of mass seduction. You and all your friends recognize the threat and see the need for immediate disarmament.

The decision. After painstaking deliberation, your good friend convinces you that the threat is real and delaying action another night could prove detrimental to your future. You feel you have no logical choice but to proceed and enter dangerous territory.

The preparation. This requires foresight. Funds must be acquired and budgets adjusted as you prepare to embark on your mission and search for weapons of mass seduction. The proper equipment is needed and the closet must be ransacked for the proper gear;

there's no telling what you may encounter along the way.

The arrival. Boom. Boom. Boom. It's a hopping dance floor and you're feeling just as electric as those lights swirling overhead. The feeling is disorienting and strange and you can hardly recognize your friends in all the smoke, but you're prepared — this is what you've been training for.

The investigation into weapons of mass seduction. Your search is intense and painstaking. Dismissing one area and then the other, until finally you're sure you've found what you've been looking for. You have captured a prisoner who you are sure is in possession of weapons of mass seduction. They lead you to a small corridor towards the back of the club or to a remote corner. The tension mounts ...

The tragedy.

What just happened?

You recount the previous moments and can't seem to remember the exact point where everything went wrong. There are no weapons of mass seduction to be found, no matter how hard you look. You realize you've been duped.

The inquiry. You may approach your friend immediately or the next day.

But eventually, there is always an inquiry. So much has been invested and much has been lost; someone must be held accountable. You were assured weapons of mass seduction; their absence is inexcusable.

The whitewash. And your weird friend inevitably denies everything. "I swear X told me such and such ..." We all know the routine. In the end, you find no one to hang, despite your desire to ensure that this never happens again.

The inquiry into weapons of mass destruction and the questioning of the prime minister is serious stuff and I'm not oversimplifying — just living things up from the mock blood strewn over the anti-Blair signs in Hyde Park. Mistakes happen. The absence of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq was a particularly terrible one; however, let us not make matters worse by retracting support from a friend who has proved himself in the past.

Ultimately, we must learn to forgive and re-invest our faith in Prime Minister Blair in the same way that we remain friends with "that kid"

that screwed up. Just as our friend was acting to the best of his own personal knowledge, so was the prime minister unaware of any

"sexing up" of the dossier in question. We may be a little wary the next time our friend suggests a night spot, but then again, that's nothing more than the caution we should have initially invested in such an ambitious venture.

Show your support for Prime Minister Blair.

Moreover, let no one tell you what happens over the Atlantic isn't a matter of personal importance for you. You're more than emotionally invested in the issue.

You live it.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Love does not negate right and wrong

I grow weary of opening to the Viewpoint section every day and finding another article defending practicing homosexuality through the misuse of biblical passages.

Inevitably the Bible will find its way into a debate such as this, but the reckless use of random citations does not acknowledge the message of the Bible as a whole. Yes, it is true Scripture calls us to love all people regardless of fault or virtue — Christ perfectly embodied this in his human existence while on earth.

But even though the greatest of all things is love, this does not discount the existence of moral rights and wrongs. Despite the variations in human ideas and cultural changes, God, outside our own time, remains unchanging and His truths constant. Love does not translate into moral

relativism.

Jesus forgave and loved Mary Magdalene but did not support her continuing a lifestyle as a prostitute. I encourage those engaged in a spiritual debate of any kind not to find biblical loopholes and quotations that express incomplete ideas, but rather to embrace the Will of God in these matters. To know and practice His truth is the best possible way to love Him and those around us, no matter how inconvenient, difficult or controversial.

Barbie Sloan

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March 24

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"You shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you mad."

Aldous Huxley
author

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Finding 'Passion' in the real world

This is the true story of fifteen Notre Dame students picked to travel to Cuba for a week to find out what happens when people stop being silent and start acting Christian.

For my theology class, I traveled to Cuba over Spring Break to study the Catholic Church. While staying one night at a retreat center, we saw some people watching a movie — "The Passion." Those fifteen seconds that I watched Jesus' feet being nailed to the cross stuck with me for the rest of the week as we traveled around listening to the stories of religious and lay people both on and off the island talk about life and the Church.

Before going to Cuba and for the first couple of days I was there, I had the opinion that the Church in Cuba was not doing enough. I was disappointed by the lack of public protest and anti-Castro sermons from the pulpit. However, I now think differently. The Church is the only body in Cuba outside of the government that is recognized; this is both amazing and dangerous.

On one side of the fence, the Church is allowed little freedom to work, and on the other the freedom can be taken away in a heartbeat by the government. The Church today in Cuba is able to provide social services for people that are not politically threatening like the elderly and AIDS victims. It also provides education and social services to other groups in secret. The Church is working to restore families separated by 90 miles and 45 years. It works in a country that just arrested 75 political prisoners, where workers make \$8 a month, where people don't have free speech, press or assembly.

Those religious people that do speak against the government have their phones tapped and their lives threatened. This is suffering for love's sake. I realized that while I was pointing my finger at the Cuban

Church, four fingers were pointing right back at me. I realized that while we are talking about "The Passion" over here, Cubans are living it.

Americans often say they are thankful that they have the freedom to do and say what they wish. However, when I think about it, we don't exercise these rights.

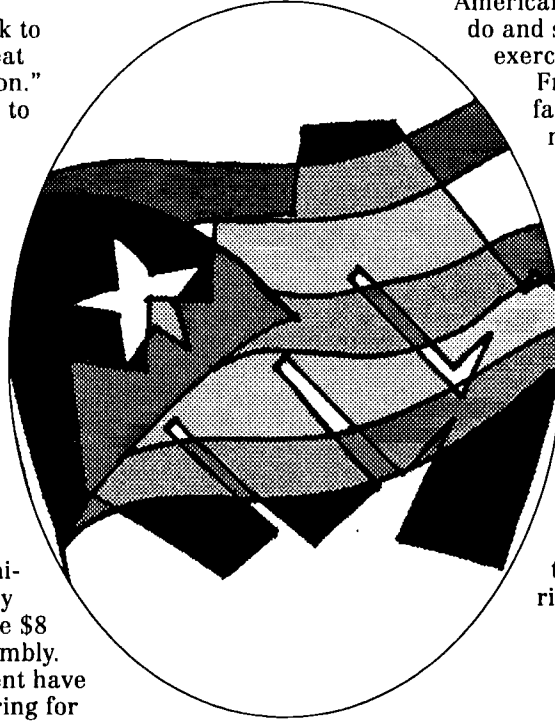
Freedom of speech: how many of us, religious and lay people, fail to speak up about Iraq, homosexuality, women's rights, migration and homelessness?

Freedom of press: when was the last time you wrote an editorial article or contacted your senator or university president?

Freedom of assembly: have you ever attended a protest or a city council meeting?

I have not; I have failed. I think the Church has failed too. Rarely have I heard a controversial homily or seen a television advertisement promoting social justice from the Catholic Church. We have all of the resources we need — all of the resources Cubans would die for. Why are we afraid to be radical? Jesus is radical. It's time the Church in the U.S. picked up its cross and started walking the road to Calvary with Cuba and other countries like it.

One of the priests we spoke with in Cuba said, "On Judgment Day the bishops here will have a lot less questions to answer than those in the United States." I think he's right.



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Realizing Catholic view on homosexuality

Seeking truth

While the March 23 letters by Michael Yaksich, Hristo Hristov and Brittany Sajbel are each commendable and well-written, each contains untenable assertions that must be rejected by members of our truth-seeking Notre Dame community.

Mr. Yaksich and Ms. Sajbel's appeals to Christianity to justify homosexuality are unfortunately off base: Christ calls us to Himself and His truth — His truth is that we are sexual beings, called to live our lives as male and female. This sexuality has tremendous implications for our spiritual lives. See John II's "Theology of the Body."

I thank Ms. Sajbel, furthermore, for directing us to John 8 — but unfortunately she is overly selective in her quotation. Jesus, in verse 11, states, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, [and] from now on do not sin any more." Christ loves her too much to let her go back to her old life.

I respond to Mr. Hristov's "scientific defense" with a philosophical proposition. Homo sapiens have the unique position on this earth as being the only organisms with free will. Unlike the other animals, we have the capacity to trump pure instinct with our rational capacity and free will. We choose how we act. Hunger strikes, for example, are possible for us, while inconceivable for our pets. Regarding Mr. Hristov's letter specifically: it seems that much is speculative, as no one truly understands the causation principles between genes and human characteristics — as admitted by Mr. Hristov — yet worth our attention nonetheless.

Even if we grant Mr. Hristov's proposition that an orientation favoring homosexual activity is as "natural" to some people as gripping with the right hand instead of the left at age one, that does not mean that homosexual actions are to be embraced as natural or good. Unlike the hand example, not all "natural" inclinations are harmless or lead humankind toward our rightful end. It is undisputed that some people are born with inclinations toward activity harmful to themselves or to others. Instead of allowing these inclinations to dominate the person, though, society has determined that it is preferable to help these individuals: to work with them, in love, to overcome harmful inclinations.

This is possible because, again, we all have the freedom to choose rationally. Free will is a great gift and a great burden, because we have responsibility for our actions — see "The Grand Inquisitor" in Dostoevsky's "The Brothers Karamazov."

Here comes the fun part: through our natural reason, even without appeals to Church teaching, we can all reach the conclusion that the homosexual act is not in accord with mankind's rightful end. It's the natural law, shaping our worldview since time began, and it's not going away.

All of this said, our emphasis must be on loving and supporting each and every member of our community. I have my own struggles. I have difficulty living my own life as I should, and I need to tend to the plank in my own eye. Official "recognition" of a GLBT-endorsing club, however, amounts to endorsement of the activity itself, and, for the benefit of this community itself, Notre Dame cannot comply.

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 March 24

Evaluating the facts

In following the debates over the last couple of days, I have become quite perturbed by the reoccurring implications that one cannot be both loving and truthful towards homosexuals, truth changes over time and that choice is actually a factor in determining the appropriateness of homosexuality. What is even more disturbing however, is the faulty reporting on the part of The Observer.

From The Observer reports on the wearing of the orange T-shirts last Friday, to The Observer's choice of headlines for the Viewpoint section this week, the staff has distorted facts and has presented information in a biased manner. A close examination exposes the biases of the Observer staff.

Andrew Thagard reported in his article, "Solidarity Debate Sweeps Campus," that the Gay-Straight Alliance estimated the sale of 1,600 T-shirts. According to the Notre Dame Web site, total student enrollment in fall 2002 was 11,311 students. Thus, 14 percent of students actually wore shirts. This statistic does not take faculty members into account although some purchased T-shirts as well. Thagard did state that, "A majority of students, however, did not participate in the project," but is this fair rhetoric? Does this line lead the reader to believe that over 86 percent of the student body did not participate in the event?

On Tuesday, the headline in the Viewpoint section mentioned a "Sea of Orange." Clearly, this is a reference to the "Sea of Green" which consists of over 80,000 members of the Notre Dame community. How is this analogous? A more accurate description fit for a fair and unbiased newspaper might report on an exceptionally small group of extremists attempting to change University

policy based on either a rejection or fundamental misunderstanding of Catholicism. Remember, there is a word for Catholics who self-interpret Church teachings: Protestants.

The Observer's use of the word "solidarity" is quite puzzling. How can the news editors allow a headline that equates the demands of less than 14 percent of the student body with a call for solidarity even be published by any allegedly intellectual publication? I am shocked that The Observer can take a precious idea such as solidarity and debate it by equating it with an ambiguously defined notion of tolerance.

Furthermore, how does publishing over 10 quotations in support of the T-shirts as opposed to one in opposition constitute a debate?

Finally, a letter to the editor on Monday was titled, "Wearing of Shirts is Sinful." Never in that beautifully written letter was this claim made — although there have been two ensuing letters claiming the opposite. Those who continually defend the homosexual lifestyle under the guise of Christian love must understand that love involves more than just shallow tolerance, but also looking after each other and preventing members of the community from sinning.

On a positive note, I must commend the administration for making clear their reluctance to make any changes in light of the T-shirt wearing. Indeed, the administration is beginning to emerge as a Good Samaritan in the midst of confused thieves by recognizing that being untruthful is being uncompassionate.

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ALBUM REVIEW

Simpson goes beyond chicken and tuna

By REBECCA SAUNDERS
Scene Music Critic

Everyone knows that Jessica Simpson is a musician, not just a star of the hit reality show "Newlyweds." However, how many "Newlyweds" fans could name one song she actually sings? The chance to learn comes in Simpson's third album, *In This Skin*. While the album will not get her



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Simpson has re-released her 2003 album with the addition of three new tracks and a DVD.

invited to the Grammy's without the "Newlyweds" camera in tow, Simpson seems to be on her way towards legitimate recognition. *In This Skin* has been re-released with three new tracks and for the first time in awhile, Simpson is seeing some musical success.

In This Skin is an album that allows the listener to hear Simpson's true voice — for the most part. Although there are a few attempts at Britney Spears-esque songs, overall the album is very good.

In a recent Rolling Stone interview, Simpson admitted, "My dream is to be like Jewel, to sit on a chair in my blue jeans and sing my heart out."

Simpson knows where she stands, but could somebody please tell her producers? *In This Skin* is basically a good album, but the bad songs are blatant. The enjoyable songs that will get stuck in a listener's head and let one appreciate the sheer talent that Simpson holds are the tracks where she is allowed to maximize her vocal talent. Tracks like "My Way Home," "Forbidden Fruit" and "Loving You" sound like Simpson is trying to sound like Spears, when there is no need for that emulation. Simpson will wow audiences with her voice alone — if only they could hear it through the over-produced tracks.

There are some terrific songs on *In This Skin*. A cover of Robbie Williams' "Angels" is beautiful when sung in Simpson's impressively powerful voice. The other cover, and one of the additional tracks on the re-released album, is "Take My Breath Away," which is good, but not quite as successful. If a person loved "Take My Breath Away" in its original form, there is not much chance of liking this cover. However, a listener who is more interested in pop music will love this new version.

The large question looming in every "Newlyweds" fan's mind is "Where is Nick?" Both Lachey and Simpson were shown recording this album on the show, yet it is only all Simpson. The major theme of the album is not just love, romance or sex — it is Nick. The majority of the songs on *In This Skin* are easily related to Simpson and Lachey's relationship. Cute or pathetic? Fans must judge that for themselves.

Simpson co-wrote many of the songs, which have mediocre lyrics for the most part, but are not altogether without

imagery and substance. Her voice is beautiful and powerful and that comes through on the album more than anything else. Songs like "Sweetest Sin," the hit "With You," "I Have Loved You," "Everyday I See You," "Underneath" and "Be" are all well sung and memorable.

In This Skin is an album worth getting if you are a Simpson fan, or even just a "Newlyweds" fan. It is generally a good album with a few misguided tracks, and it also includes a bonus DVD with footage from Lachey and Simpson's wedding as well as the best scenes from the first season of "Newlyweds."

Is Jessica Simpson as dumb as she comes across as? If she were judged by the caliber of her voice, not even close.

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**In This Skin
Extended Re-Release**

Jessica Simpson

Sony Records



ALBUM REVIEW

El-P succeeds in fusion of jazz and hip-hop

By KENYATTA STORIN
Scene Music Critic

In the past few years, rapper/producer El-P and his crew at Def Jux have slowly established themselves as one of the premier underground rap labels of the new millennium. They are best known for their intellectual, nonconforming brand of hip-hop, often going where other artists have not gone before. El-P and fellow Def Jux artists such as Aesop Rock, Mr. Lif and RJD2 may not be well known by the general public, but they have been embraced by many members of the underground rap community for their critically-acclaimed albums of the past few years. El-P, himself, is best known for his groundbreaking, gritty and distorted production style and his techni-

cal rhymes.

But *High Water: Mark* is a completely different entity, unlike anything El-P has ever done before. In it, El-P teams up with the Blue Series Continuum, a group of six jazz musicians managed by pianist Matthew Skinner, to create a fusion of jazz and hip-hop. This is not an entirely new idea by any means, since famous hip-hop artists including A Tribe Called Quest, De La Soul and Gang Starr have all done various forms of jazz/rap, and Guru's "Jazzmatazz" series even implements live jazz with rap. But unlike these artists, El-P does not rap at all on *High Water: Mark*, and instead focuses on combining his hip-hop producing skills with live jazz instrumentation. In essence, it is more of a jazz album than a hip-hop album.

El-P is essentially a composer on *High Water: Mark*, arranging the parts of the six musicians, while throwing in some production of his own. The Blue Continuum itself consists of Skinner on piano, Guillermo Brown on drums, Roy Campbell on trumpet,

Daniel Carter on reeds and flutes, William Parker on bass and Steve Swell on trombone. The combination of these six with El-P's production results in a trippy sound that resembles something like a laid back jazz jam session thrust into the middle of a sci-fi flick. It is also rather dark and mysterious due to sinister piano melodies and ambiguous, alien samples that are maintained throughout. Those that are familiar with El-P will recognize his unique production style through the disjointed, often chaotic sound of the jazz musicians along with El-P's own trademark space age effects and samples. However, El-P does not overload the album too much with his effects, allowing the Blue Continuum to have their moments to shine as well.

With just eight tracks, *High Water: Mark* does not suffer from having any filler, which allows listeners to forget that there is a fast forward button on the remote control. El-P does a good job of switching things up, occasionally even implementing hip-hop drumbeats on tracks like "Get Your Hand Off My Shoulder, Pig" and "Intrigue in the House of India." Even "Sunrise over Bklyn," by far the longest track at over 10 minutes, maintains a high level of energy by gradually building up to a satisfying climax.



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By incorporating jazz musicians on his latest album, El-P proves he is more than just a rapper.

El-P maintains his excellent track record with another impressive outing in *High Water: Mark*. Trip-hop fans with a liking for jazz, and jazz fans with an appreciation for the unconventional will both take much pleasure in it. *High Water: Mark* is perfect chill music when hanging out with friends, or for those weeknights when you have nothing to do and just want to lounge on the couch for a while. El-P is already established as a fine producer, but this latest work demonstrates just how versatile he is as a musician.

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COLUMN

A soundtrack of the year

The school year is winding down and we can now begin looking back at all the fond memories we have accumulated from the previous year. Whether it was "Rally in the Alley" where we saw Guster and Black Eyed Peas at Turtle Creek, the Spring Break road trip with all of our roommates, or one of the two top-40 bands to grace the University with its presence, music has no doubt played a huge role in how we will remember this "academic" year.

Brian Foy

Scene Columnist

When the school year started, we were all happy to see our old chums, but who can forget the catchy collaboration of Allen Jackson and Jimmy Buffet on "It's Five O'Clock Somewhere." I remember it as though it were yesterday — the first time I heard the chorus as I made my way to a popcorn machine. As I look back at August, I could never have predicted that such a modest track would go on to become a staple at establishments such as Linebacker Lounge.

As the football season began, our expectations were as great as our love for "Shake Ya Tailfeather" by Nelly, P. Diddy and Murphy Lee. There were two certainties about Heartland on a Thursday night in September: you could expect way too much artificial fog and you could expect to hear "Shake Ya Tailfeather" about 10 times throughout the course of the night. So, when you got home after a late night out you might have forgotten the person's name you were dancing with, but P. Diddy's hook could never be forgotten.

During Fall Break, many people took road trips throughout the country. My roommates and I decided to head to a warmer climate and that meant Boston. We must have listened to a hundred songs during that trip, but one song made its mark. When students first hear "I Believe in a Thing Called Love" by The Darkness the



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Big Boi and Andre 3000 of Outkast had two of the year's biggest hits with "The Way You Move" and "Hey Ya." Although these songs were released last semester, they continue to be a staple of every good party.

reaction is usually one of shock. The falsetto of the chorus makes this the perfect karaoke song and one that we still sing today.

The month of turkey and stuffing brought us the expectant mother's anthem "Baby Boy" by Beyonce and Sean Paul. Beyonce proved that she was bigger than Destiny's Child and we responded with "You no stop shock — girl" in a Jamaican accent of course. This song proved to be a big hit all across campus and this time you could expect two certainties from dorm dances: sweaty underclassmen and a Beyonce mix that included "Baby Boy."

The end of the first semester and beginning of the second semester saw two songs by one group that captured our hearts. Andre's "Hey Ya" and Big Boi's "The Way You Move" were a staple of the first semester, but they reached their peak near its end.

Whether you were tailgating, lifting at the Rock or chillin' with the homies, the boys of Outkast were everywhere first semester.

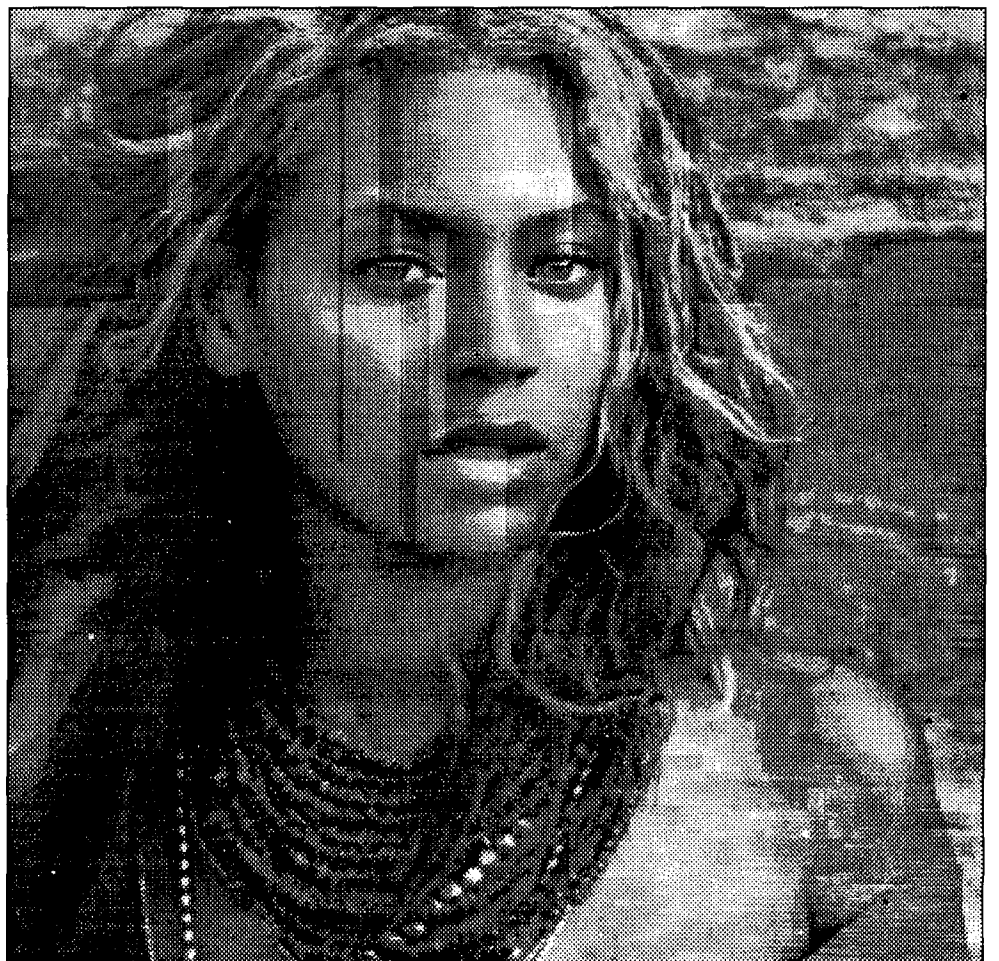
During the month of lovers, one man dominated music with his appearance on a collection of love songs. No matter where you turned Lil' John was all over "da" club as he leant his vocals to "Yeah" by Usher and "Salt Shaker" by the Ying Yang Twins. However, his greatest triumph might have been "Get Low" with the Eastside Boyz as it added the phrase "skeet skeet" into the hearts and minds of club goers from Notre Dame to Nicaragua.

The start of the spring season gave us midterms and Spring Break. There were a myriad of songs that were in the running for "Spring Break Anthem," but the clear winner would have to be "Toxic" by Britney Spears. It would take the greatest poets years

to describe the appeal of this song, but the bottom line is that the music is catchy and the undeniable fact that Britney Spears is hot.

The remainder of the school year will bring songs that we will listen to if the weather ever gets warm or if we decide to study for finals. Those songs will remind us of the different events during this school year and perhaps school years of yore. Years from now we will hear a song on the radio and it will jog memories of our friends and good times we spent with them while in school. The time we have left during this school year is precious and that means time is running out to make a mix for the power hour for graduation.

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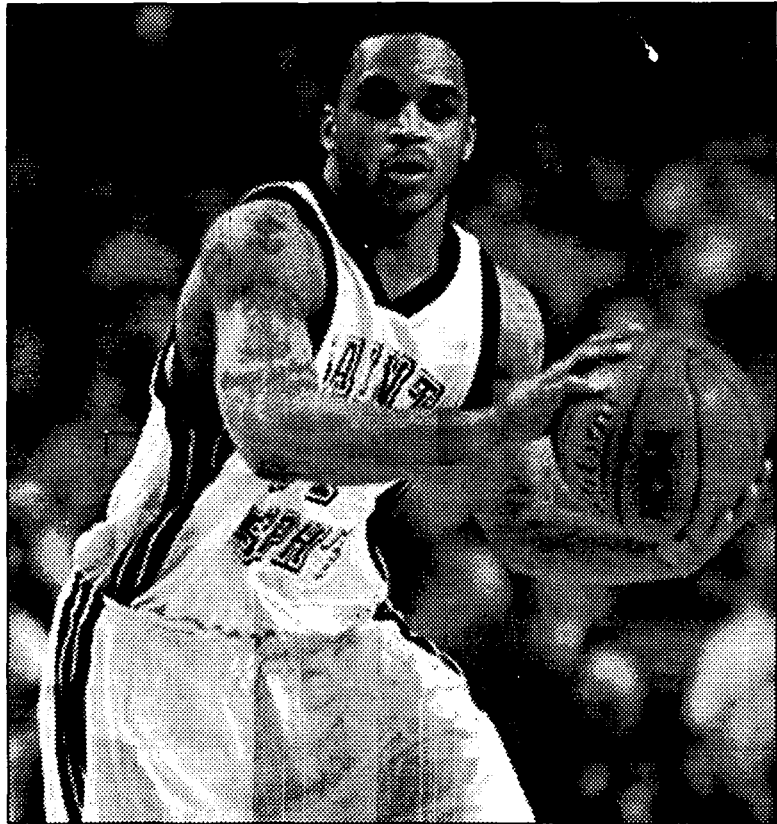


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In November, Beyonce, with the help of Sean Paul, hit it big with "Baby Boy," a song that proved she could survive without Destiny's Child. The song combines hip-hop and reggae to provide a danceable beat that is popular at parties. These two artists were heard everywhere, from the dorms to the clubs.

MEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT

Martelli sees future in freshman guard



Saint Joseph's Jameer Nelson looks for the pass in the first round of the NCAA tournament against Liberty.

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — If Chris Paul wants to see his future he needs only to look across the court at Jameer Nelson on Thursday night.

Paul, the skinny freshman point guard with the quick first step, innate passing sense and solid jump shot, will be running the offense for fourth-seeded Wake Forest, as he has from his first game.

Nelson, the muscular senior point guard with very similar offensive skills and the benefit of 123 college starts, will handle the ball for top-seeded Saint Joseph's, as he has for the last four years.

All eyes will be on the two stars when they meet in the East Rutherford Regional.

"I'm hoping experience and a little bit of size pays off," Saint Joseph's coach Phil Martelli said.

The 5-foot-11, 190-pound Nelson is an inch shorter but 20 pounds heavier than Paul.

"You can't make it all about them. We all have to guard Paul and they all have to guard Jameer," Martelli said.

Nelson, a unanimous selection for the All-America team, averaged 20.6 points, 4.6 rebounds and 5.2 assists while shooting 49 percent from the field and 80 percent from the free-throw line.

Paul was the Atlantic Coast Conference rookie of the year and was selected to the league's all-defensive team after leading it with 2.7 steals a game. He averaged 14.9 points, 3.4 rebounds and 5.8 assists while shooting 50 percent from the field and 84 percent from the free-throw line.

Paul's most recent games — one in the ACC tournament and the first two rounds of the NCAA tournament — have been his most impressive. He has 81 points, 22 assists and just three turnovers in those games.

"He's done a great job," Nelson said, referring to Paul. "He seems to be a natural point guard. He's so calm out there and that's what a team needs a point guard to do."

Paul, 18, has spent the last few days getting ready for the 22-year-old Nelson.

"You can't just watch one film on Jameer and understand what he wants to do. You have to watch tons and tons of film because he's such a great player and he's so versatile," Paul said. "I know he's a senior and one thing Coach always says about seniors is they play with a sense of urgency because it could be their last game."

Last season was almost Nelson's last in college, but he

Defending champs are a surprise

Associated Press

PHOENIX — The defending champs were chumps six weeks ago.

Syracuse lost four of five Big East games — by an average of 17 points. Then starting point guard Billy Edelin left the team for personal reasons.

The Orangemen were in danger of not even making the NCAA tournament, let alone defending their title.

"At one point in the season, we were staring at the NIT," Syracuse point guard Gerry McNamara said. "It really set in that we had to flip things around. The season that felt great the year before didn't mean anything at that point."

Somehow, coach Jim Boheim's team, seeded fifth, has scrapped its way to the semifinals of the Phoenix regional, facing upstart No. 8 seed Alabama (19-12) on Thursday night. No. 2 seed Connecticut (29-6), everybody's favorite to advance to the Final Four, plays another surprise team, No. 6 seed Vanderbilt (23-9), in Thursday's first game at America West Arena.

The Orangemen (23-7) had seemed unlikely candidates to repeat from the start because they had lost the best player in college basketball, Carmelo Anthony, to the NBA.

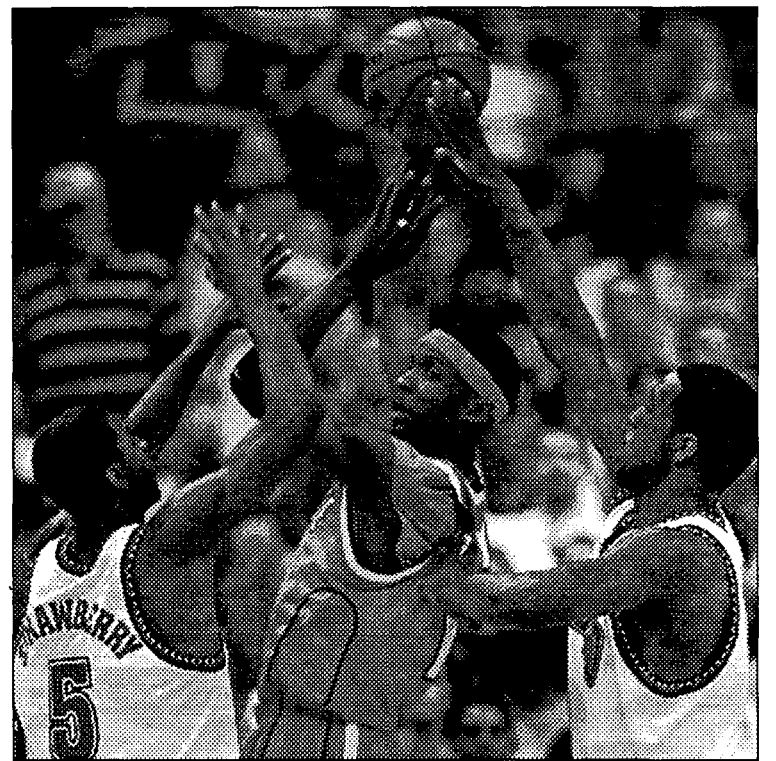
A season-opening loss to Charlotte seemed to verify that notion. The Orangemen won their next 13, but fell apart in late January. They lost at Seton Hall by seven, then were beaten by 19 at home by Pittsburgh. After a home victory over Virginia Tech, they lost by 28 at Connecticut and by 13 at Providence.

When Edelin walked away on Feb. 10, Boheim faced a midseason rebuilding job. McNamara was moved to the point, Josh Pace went forward to guard. Freshman Demetris Nichols was inserted at small forward.

"This team has really been together for about 12 games," Boheim said. "Most teams have been together for 30 games."

The new-look team clamped down with Boheim's trademark 2-3 zone.

"We won five straight games holding people to 54 points a game," Boheim said. "It was really our



Maryland's D.J. Strawberry and Jamar Smith try to block Syracuse's Hakim Warrick's shot during the second round.

defense that kind of got it going. Our offense was nothing special during that time."

Syracuse had another setback in the Big East tournament, losing to Boston College in the first round after leading for all but the final three minutes of the game.

The Orangemen had earned a spot in the tournament, but only as a No. 5 seed, and they didn't look like a team that would survive for long.

"Jimmy is here with Syracuse. I wouldn't have told you that two or three weeks ago," Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun said. "I wouldn't have told you that in the Big East tournament. I didn't think they were playing very well."

But McNamara scored 43 points, including a school-record nine 3-pointers, in an opening victory over Brigham Young. No Syracuse player had scored that many points in an NCAA tournament game, not even Anthony.

In round two, Syracuse built a 16-point lead over Maryland, then barely held on for a 72-70 victory.

"They're a team that just finds ways to win," Alabama coach Mark Gottfried said. "McNamara is every bit as good as advertised. He shoots them from deep. He shoots them from everywhere. I think we have some pretty

athletic guys on our team, and I think Hakim Warrick is at another level athletically. He is just so long and so bouncy. He can go right over you."

After going on a late run to stun No. 1 Stanford, Alabama feels no intimidation against the defending champs.

"We approach both games the same," Crimson Tide point guard Antoine Pettway said. "They are an opponent that we have to get by to reach our goal. We respect everyone, but fear no one."

Alabama and Vanderbilt — not exactly league powerhouses — are the last teams standing from the Southeastern Conference.

Vanderbilt will try to slow the tempo against the more athletic Huskies.

"We are an extreme underdog and there's not much belief or thought out there that we can win," Commodores coach Kevin Stallings said. "Connecticut is a great basketball team, probably the most talented team in the tournament."

That's been the label of UConn all season, a team loaded with talent but mad-deningly inconsistent. Center Emeka Okafor said his sore back no longer bothers him. He's healthy and the Huskies are expected to roll. But they insist they are not taking anything for granted.

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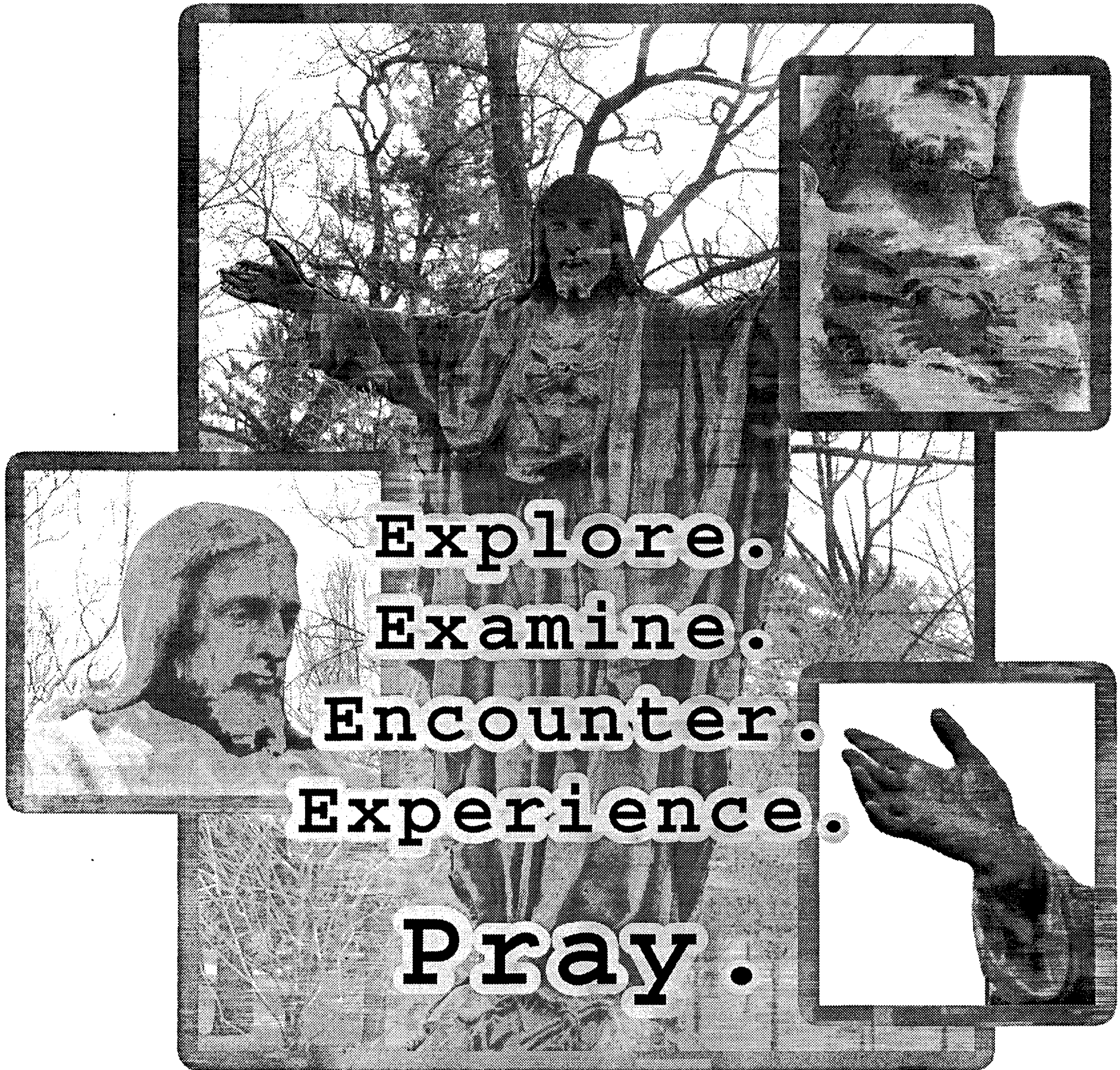
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WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Georgia coach pursues elusive nationals title

Associated Press

ATHENS, Ga. — Andy Landers leans back in his chair, managing a defiant smile as he ponders the question that always seems to pop up this time of year.

Sure, he'd like to win a national title. No, he's not consumed by the quest.

"That's the one thing in basketball that I want to do the most," said Landers, the women's coach at Georgia for a quarter-century. "That desire and fire is still there. But will I feel unfulfilled if I don't do it? No. I don't think I'm a failure."

No one else does, either.

Landers has 609 career wins. He's guided the Lady Bulldogs to seven Southeastern Conference championships. He's been to the Final Four five times. He's nurtured some of the sport's greatest players, including five-time Olympian Teresa Edwards, Katrina McClain, Saudia Roundtree and Kelly Miller.

But one thing — and one thing only — is missing from Landers' resume. A national championship.

This is his 21st trip to the NCAA tournament. He's 0-for-20. No coach has been to that many tourneys without winning.

Is he bothered by that statistic?

He's ready for that query.

"Does it bother me that I've played in 21 tournaments, which is the third-most in the country," Landers said. "No, none of that stuff bothers me. The better question might be: Would you rather have played in one tournament and won it or gone to 21 tournaments, five Final Fours, 14 Sweet 16s?"

Landers is four wins away from adding a national title to the list. Once again, he's taken the Lady Bulldogs (24-9) deep into the tournament, one of just 16 teams with a chance to

win it all. They'll meet Purdue on Saturday in the West Regional semifinals.

Will Landers finally break through? Or will he remain linked to the teams such as the Buffalo Bills (four straight Super Bowl losses) and the Atlanta Braves (12 straight division titles, only one World Series championship).

The Georgia players know Landers is always passionate about winning, whether it's a December game against some overmatched team or a March showdown with the season on the line.

Then again, they all know he would appreciate a championship more than anyone else in the program.

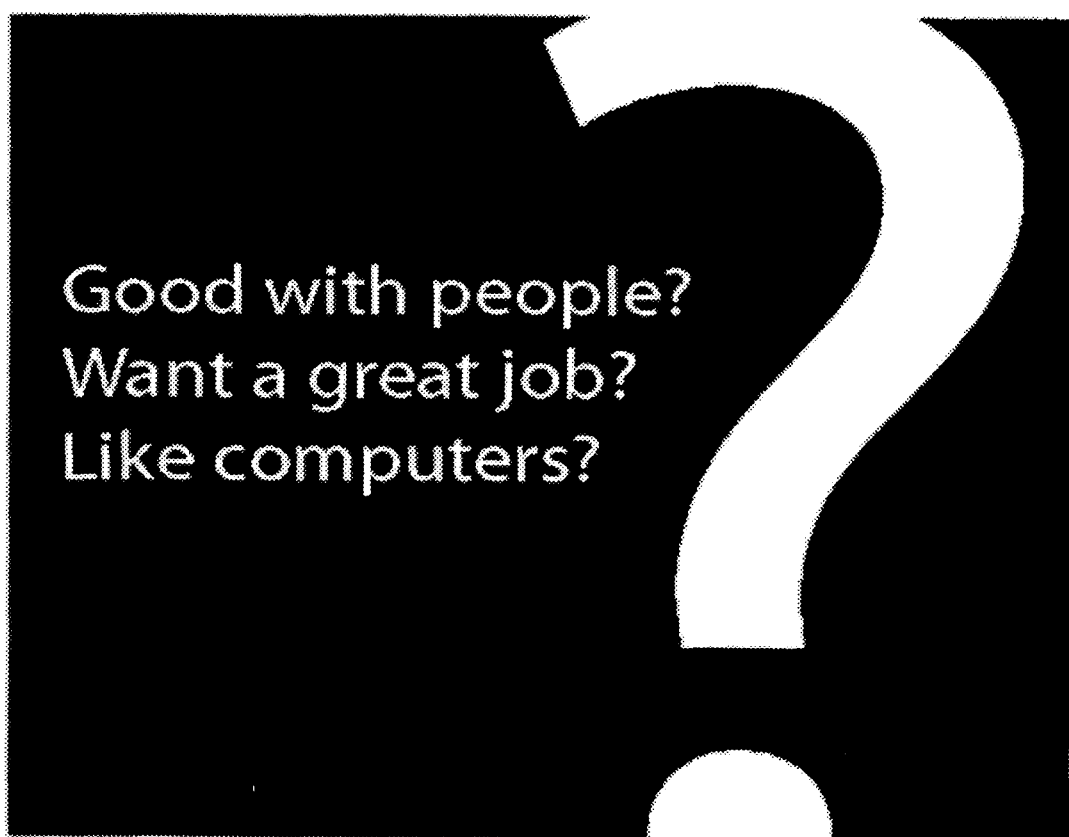
"The national championship is definitely something he's got his eyes set on," senior center Christi Thomas said. "That's what it's all about — championships. He's imbedded that in us. He holds that dear to his heart. I know it's an important thing for him."

Landers literally built the Georgia program from scratch. He arrived in 1979, only 26 years old when he took over as the first — and still only — full-time women's basketball coach in school history.

Before Landers, the Lady Bulldogs had spent six pitiful seasons as a varsity program, compiling a record of 37-85. By his fourth year, they had reached the Final Four.

In 1985, Georgia lost to Old Dominion 70-65 in the final game. Eleven years later, the Lady Bulldogs made it back to the cusp of a championship, only to get routed by SEC rival Tennessee 83-65.

"I think we were very unfortunate with a couple of our teams," Landers said. "I don't want to cop out on anything, but everyone in this business says you've got to have a little luck sometimes. Just being good isn't enough. I know we were good enough two or three times."



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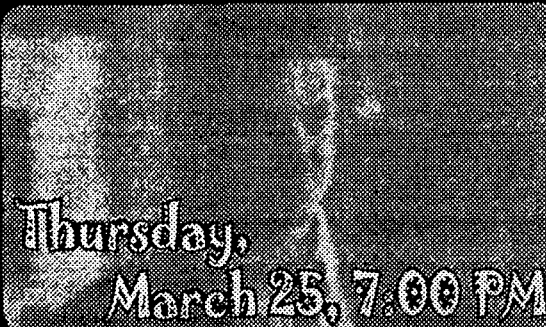
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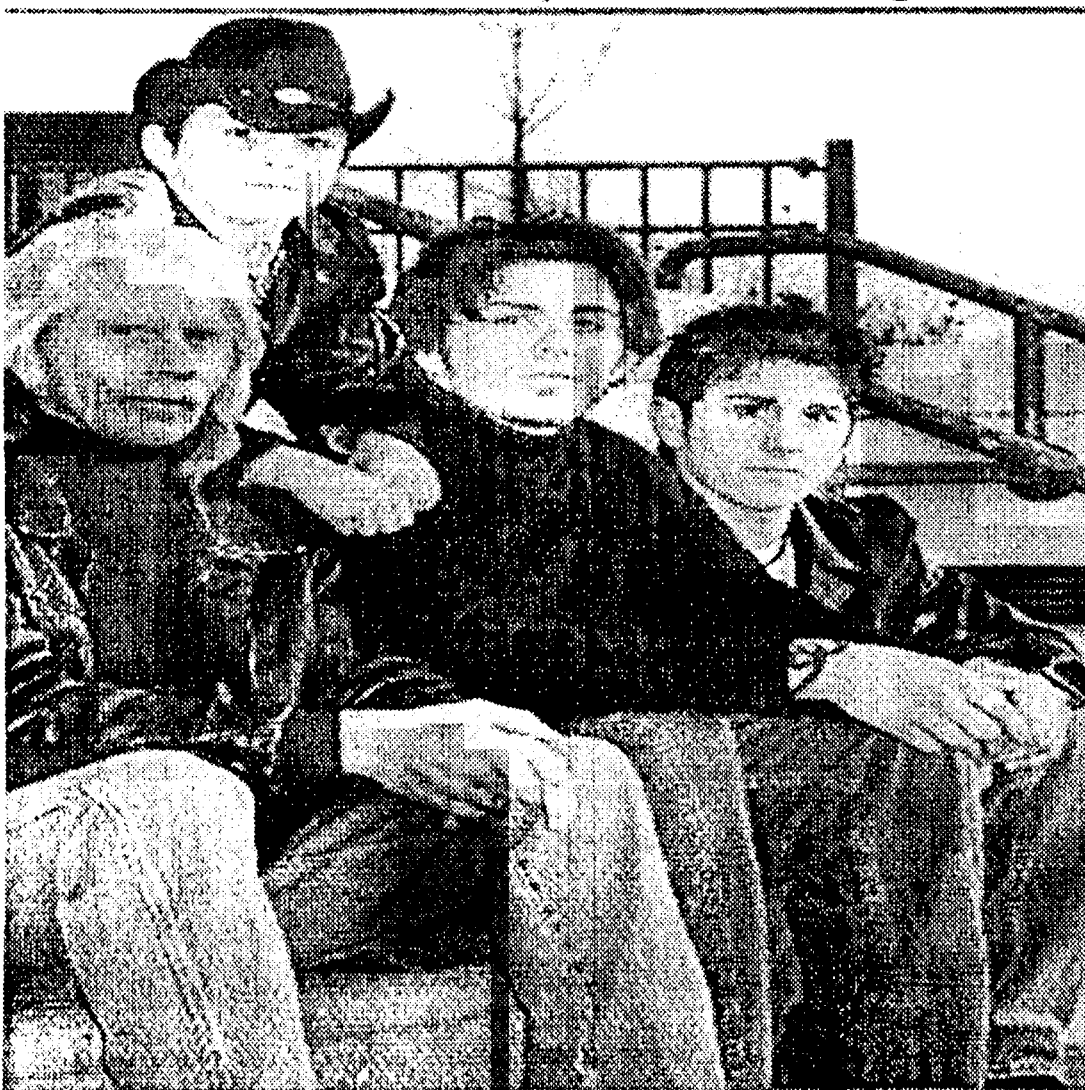
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NHL Sabres continue push for playoffs with win

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Buffalo coach Lindy Ruff thinks the Sabres can win their final six games of the season. They might just have to in order to make the playoffs.

J.P. Dumont and Adam Mair both scored in the second period to lift the Sabres to a 2-1 victory over the Montreal Canadiens.

Buffalo closed the gap to six points on the New York Islanders in the race for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

"I liked every aspect of our game," Ruff said. "We want to play each game very well and get points."

But the Sabres' postseason hopes continue to be slim at best. If the Islanders play .500 hockey in their final six games, the Sabres have to win their last six contests to qualify for the postseason.

Still, Wednesday's victory gave the Sabres plenty of hope.

"Absolutely," said Mair when asked if his team has enough in the tank to overtake the Islanders. "Right now we're focused on a game-by-game basis rather than lumping all the games together."

The Sabres were helped by a strong effort in goal by Martin Biron, who missed out on his second shutout of the season when Michael Ryder scored his 24th goal with a backhand from the left circle with under six minutes to go.

Thrashers 3, Capitals 2

Daniel Tjarnqvist was just trying to get the puck near the net. It wound up going in.

The Atlanta defenseman scored on a 55-foot shot with 7:24 remaining and the Thrashers kept alive their slim playoff hopes with a victory over Washington Capitals.

"We'll have to check the radar on that one," Thrashers coach Bob Hartley quipped. "I believe it was clocked around

38 mph."

Tjarnqvist flipped a shot from just inside the blue line that got by Matthew Yeats, making his first NHL start. The rookie goaltender was screened by Ilya Kovalchuk, and the puck also appeared to slightly deflect off a Washington player in front.

"I'd rather see a 38 mph shot that's on net than a 110 mph shot that's on the glass," Hartley said. "It was a shot on net and there was traffic in front. That's the way you score goals."

The winning goal came just three minutes after Brian Willisie tied it for the Capitals, knocking a rebound past Kari Lehtonen.

Atlanta's rookie goalie won his second straight start since getting called up from the minors the night off in the second of back-to-back games.

Blue Jackets 2, Wild 0

No one is running away with the NHL goal-scoring title, but it isn't for lack of effort.

"Jeez, we're all trying," Rick Nash cracked after scoring his 39th goal in the Columbus Blue Jackets' win over the Minnesota Wild. "It's one of those things where I'm here, I might as well go for it."

Nash moved into a tie for the goals lead with Atlanta's Ilya Kovalchuk — a fact that surprised the 19-year-old, second-year star.

"I didn't really expect it. I didn't really think I would be this close this far in the season," he said. "Obviously, guys are going on streaks where they score two or three and then they go three or four games without. It's kind of nice that Kovalchuk hasn't run away with it and hasn't scored in a while."

Marc Denis stopped 20 shots in his fifth shutout of the season — tying the franchise record — and the 14th of his career. He was seldom tested by the Wild, who have lost three games in a row.



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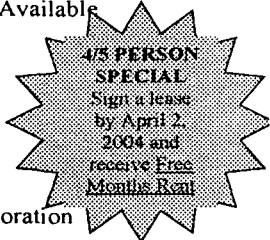
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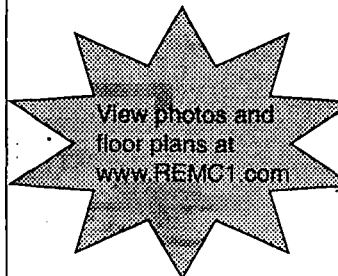


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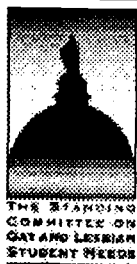
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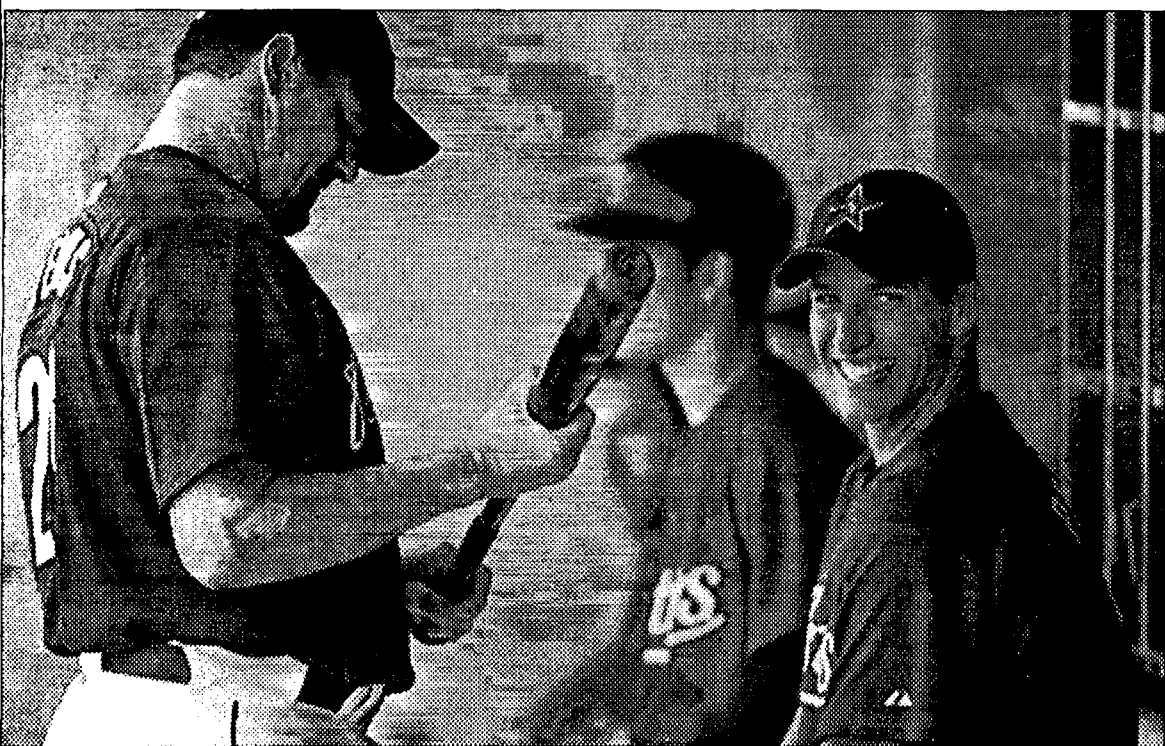
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MLB

Chicago Cubs, Houston Astros set for a heated arms race



Houston's Roger Clemens jokes with teammate Andy Pettitte during a spring training game against the St. Louis Cardinals.

Associated Press

It's easy to envision the marquee matchups: Roger Clemens vs. Greg Maddux, with first place on the line.

Or Andy Pettitte against Kerry Wood for a trip to the World Series.

Maybe Mark Prior and Roy Oswalt in Game 7 of the playoffs.

Packed with pitching, the Chicago Cubs and Houston Astros appear headed for a heated race in the NL Central this season — and their budding rivalry could carry into October.

"We're hoping to do some great things," said Clemens, who came out of retirement in January to join his good pal Pettitte with their hometown Astros.

The Cubs won the division by one game over Houston last year and came within five outs of their first pennant since 1945. Looking to get over the hump, they signed Maddux, 11

wins shy of 300 and destined for the Hall of Fame.

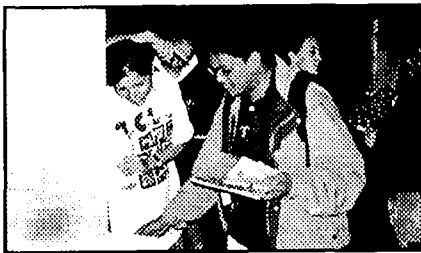
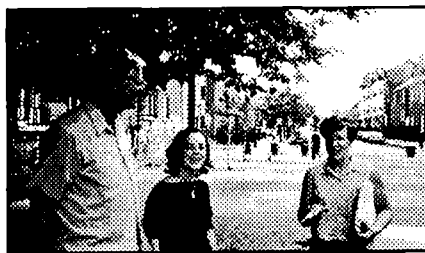
The former Atlanta ace began his career with the Cubs and won the first of his four straight NL Cy Young Awards with them in 1992. A crafty control artist, he slides into a hard-throwing rotation that already featured Wood, Prior, Carlos Zambrano and Matt Clement.

"What makes it so good is it's so deep," Maddux said. "It's five solid pitchers. When you can go that deep, you have a chance to win every day. That's something special."

They hope it's enough to hold off Houston, which added a clutch performer in Pettitte when he left the New York Yankees as a free agent.

He'll be the No. 2 starter behind Oswalt in an imposing rotation that includes Clemens, Wade Miller and Tim Lincecum.

"I see five aces," Oswalt said. "I know in a card deck you only get four, but I see five right now."



COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Barkley: Hire black coach

Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Auburn's best-known name in basketball, Charles Barkley, said the Tigers should hire a black coach to replace Cliff Ellis, a move the interim president said was under consideration.

"It's time for Auburn to step up to the plate. It would do so much for the state of Alabama," Barkley, a black native of Leeds, said in an interview published Wednesday in The Birmingham News.

Auburn interim President Ed Richardson said the university is "looking heavily" at hiring a minority coach.

Richardson confirmed that the preliminary list of candidates to replace Ellis includes UAB coach Mike Anderson; Indiana's Mike Davis, who played at Alabama; Jeff Capel of Virginia Commonwealth; Gonzaga coach Mark Few, and Tennessee-Chattanooga coach Jeff Lebo.

Anderson, Davis and Capel are black.

Barkley, a retired NBA star-turned-TV commentator, likes Davis, who is under pressure at Indiana after a 14-15 season.

"It's not often you get a chance to hire a guy of his character and coaching ability," Barkley said. "If you can coach at Indiana, you can coach at Auburn. I don't think Mike's ever going to get a fair chance at Indiana. He's not Bob Knight. That's his only flaw."

Davis declined on Monday to comment on the Auburn job. Calls to his cell phone on Wednesday went unanswered.

Anderson said he was flattered to be mentioned but was concentrating on the Blazers' game against Kansas in the NCAA Sweet 16.

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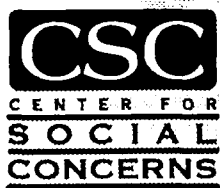
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PGA

Players Championship to decide front runner

Associated Press

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Twelve tournaments. Twelve winners.

The first three months on the PGA Tour were similar to last year, when the biggest names were on top of their games, but no one — not even Tiger Woods — dominated golf.

"It just gets exponentially harder to win," Davis Love III said Wednesday.

It doesn't get any easier this week.

All the best players are assembled at The Players Championship to face the first major test of the year, and perhaps to sort out who the top contenders are with the Masters just around the corner.

Woods seems like a logical choice, except that his only victory was the Match Play Championship, and he is coming off his worst finish on the PGA Tour in five years.

Vijay Singh was closing in on No. 1 until he missed the cut at Torrey Pines, then went two more tournaments without finishing in the top 10.

Phil Mickelson started his year with five straight finishes in the top 10, including a victory in the Bob Hope Classic. Masters champion Mike Weir repeated at Riviera. Ernie Els won another playoff at Waialae.

Seven of the top 10 players in the world have won.

None has dominated. "There's a lot of guys playing great golf out here," Love said. "And it's hard to separate yourself."

The Players Championship, which starts Thursday, has its strongest field ever with 80 of the top 100 in the world.

The Stadium Course on the TPC at Sawgrass looks as tough as ever, especially given the firm greens during practice rounds and dry conditions that are expected to last through the week.

"I can only imagine what they're going to be like on Sunday," Chad Campbell said.

"It's going to be a hard test."

Adding to the luster is the announcement Tuesday night at a players-only meeting that the richest purse in golf got even richer — \$8 million, with \$1.44 million going to the winner.

"There was a gasp in the room," Love recalled. "I don't think we were expecting that number."

Love achieved rare separation last year, when he had a superb closing round of 8-under 64 in cold, blustery conditions to win by five shots.

But he has been reminded that no winner in the 30-year history of The Players Championship has ever repeated.

"I'm just trying to get lost in the process of golf and not think about results, not think about what I've heard for the last three weeks — that no one has ever won the championship back-to-back," Love said. "I've won twice. I just have to put the years together."

Told that 12 players won the first 12 tournaments of the year, Love replied, "I hope there's 13 different winners after this week."

Love is among the top 10 players without a victory this year, although he is No. 4 on the money list. The others are Retief Goosen and Jim Furyk, who showed up Wednesday with a plastic brace on his left wrist from surgery Monday. Furyk will be out for at least three months.

Of the dozen winners this year, only Woods has to answer questions about what's wrong with his game, although his performance last week at Bay Hill was peculiar — after four straight years of winning, he went three straight rounds over par and tied for 46th, 18 shots behind Campbell.

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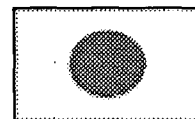
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1 Princeton	5-0	300
2 Georgetown	5-0	285
3 NOTRE DAME	5-0	263
4 Virginia	5-2	236
5 James Madison	5-1	232
6 Loyola	7-1	232
7 Duke	5-3	221
8 Maryland	5-2	206
9 Vanderbilt	5-1	167
10 Syracuse	2-2	167
11 Dartmouth	2-1	149
12 Johns Hopkins	7-0	133
13 Northwestern	4-1	106
14 North Carolina	4-3	96
15 Boston University	2-2	94
16 Yale	3-2	94
17 William & Mary	4-2	40
18 Ohio State	2-3	37
19 Richmond	3-3	34
20 Penn State	1-6	27

USILA Men's Lacrosse

team	record	points
1 Johns Hopkins	5-0	189
2 Maryland	5-0	181
3 Syracuse	3-1	174
4 North Carolina	5-1	168
5 Princeton	3-1	156
6 Georgetown	4-1	145
7 Duke	4-2	131
8 Navy	5-1	124
9 Army	4-1	116
10 Rutgers	4-1	113
11 Loyola	2-2	98
12 Cornell	3-1	84
13 Holstra	2-3	73
14 UMBC	2-2	65
15 NOTRE DAME	1-3	46
16 Denver	3-2	46
17 Virginia	2-4	37
18 Brown	4-0	30
19 Ohio State	3-2	28
20 Delaware	6-2	17

USA Today Hockey Top 15

team	record	points
1 North Dakota	29-6-3	510
2 Maine	28-7-3	468
3 Minnesota-Duluth	25-11-4	424
4 Boston College	27-8-4	396
5 Minnesota	24-13-3	376
6 Michigan	25-12-2	345
7 Miami	22-12-4	296
8 New Hampshire	20-13-6	239
9 Denver	23-12-5	236
10 Michigan State	24-14-2	197
11 Ohio State	23-15-0	172
11 Wisconsin	21-12-8	172
13 NOTRE DAME	20-13-4	82
14 Colorado College	20-15-3	76
15 Colgate	21-11-5	74

NFL



Former Philadelphia Eagle Bobby Taylor looks on during the Eagles 20-17 overtime victory over the Green Bay Packers in a NFC Divisional Playoff game Jan. 11.

Ex-Irish cornerback Taylor signs with Seahawks

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Bobby Taylor agreed to a four-year deal with the Seattle Seahawks, reuniting with former Eagles coach Ray Rhodes.

The cornerback, who spent all nine of his NFL seasons with the Philadelphia Eagles, replaces Shawn Springs, who signed with the Washington Redskins this month. Taylor should bolster a pass defense that finished 27th in the NFL.

His agent, Jason Medlock, said Wednesday the deal is a four-year contract worth \$11.8 mil-

lion with a \$3 million signing bonus. With performance incentives, Taylor could earn up to \$15.75 million.

Also Wednesday, the Green Bay Packers were granted permission by Cleveland to talk with quarterback Tim Couch, whose days with the Browns appear to be dwindling.

Browns spokesman Todd Stewart said the Packers called requesting a chance to speak with Couch and Cleveland gave its approval. Packers spokesman Aaron Popkey said the team had no comment.

Couch's five-year stint

with the Browns effectively ended earlier this month when the club signed free-agent quarterback Jeff Garcia to a four-year deal.

Medlock said one reason Taylor signed with Seattle was Rhodes, now the Seahawks' defensive coordinator. Rhodes was coach of the Eagles from 1995-98.

Taylor is the fourth starter to leave the Eagles in free agency, joining five-time Pro Bowl cornerback Troy Vincent (Buffalo), running back Duce Staley (Pittsburgh) and linebacker Carlos Emmons (New York Giants).

Taylor missed nine games with a foot injury last season, but played in Philadelphia's two playoff games. He finished with 28 tackles and one interception. Taylor's best season was in 2002, when he had five interceptions, 49 tackles and earned his first trip to the Pro Bowl.

Taylor has 19 career interceptions and two more in 12 playoff games. The Browns told Couch's agent, Tom Condon, he could discuss a deal outside the AFC North for his client. Stewart said the Packers were the first team to call.

IN BRIEF

Yankees' Rodriguez hurt in game against Red Sox

TAMPA, Fla. — Alex Rodriguez left the New York Yankees' exhibition game against Boston on Wednesday night after being hit in the face by a deflected ball at third base.

And it was against the Red Sox, the team that tried and failed to land him this winter before the Yankees managed to work out a deal to land the reigning AL MVP and move him to third base from shortstop, his natural position.

Brian Daubach was on first base when Kevin Millar doubled to left field. Hideki Matsui fielded the ball and threw to third, but the ball hit Daubach on the leg as he slid and ricocheted into Rodriguez's face below his left eye.

Yankees trainer Gene Monahan ran out to tend to Rodriguez and lead him off the field.

The team said Rodriguez had a bruised left cheekbone and was taken for precautionary X-rays.

The Yankees were scheduled to leave Thursday for a series in Tokyo. They will play the Tampa Bay Devil Rays in two exhibition games March 28-29 and two regular-season games March 30-31.

Davis expected to stay at Indiana

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana athletic director Terry Clapacs expects coach Mike Davis to still be in Bloomington next season.

Even though Auburn interim president Ed Richardson confirmed that Davis was on his list of candidates for the Tigers' head coaching job, Clapacs said Wednesday he had not been contacted by the school and believed Davis would remain with the Hoosiers.

"This is where he wants to be," Clapacs said of Davis. "He tells me

that all the time."

Davis, 43, just completed his fourth season as the Hoosiers coach. He has an 81-53 career record and led the Hoosiers to a share of the Big Ten regular-season title and into the NCAA championship game in 2002. But Indiana went 14-15 this season, posting its first losing season since 1969-70 and missing the post-season for the first time since 1976-77. Davis declined on Monday to comment on the Auburn job. Calls to his cell phone on Wednesday went unanswered. Davis still has four years left on his contract at Indiana.

Pacers place Bender on injured list

INDIANAPOLIS — The Indiana Pacers placed guard/forward Jonathan Bender on the injured list Wednesday because of a strained right shoulder.

Bender, injured Friday night against Sacramento, has played in just 18 games this season.

around the dial

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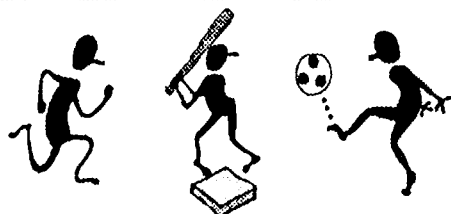
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NBA

Yao leads Houston to a 90-89 OT victory

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Yao Ming scored 27 points and had 17 rebounds, leading the Houston Rockets to a overtime victory over the Toronto Raptors.

Steve Francis had a follow-up slam dunk to give the Rockets an 88-86 lead with 1:04 left, and Bostjan Nachbar hit two free throws with 51 seconds to play for a 90-86 advantage in overtime.

Francis and Cuttino Mobley each had 17 points as Houston won its fifth straight from Toronto.

Toronto, which has played more overtimes and won more than any team in the league this season, slipped to 6-4 in overtimes when Donyell Marshall missed a driving layup at the buzzer. A three-pointer from Chris Bosh with 33 seconds to play had closed it to 90-89.

Vince Carter scored 26 points and Jalen Rose had 20 for the Raptors, who have won only once in nine games in Houston.

Houston led 64-59 after three quarters, but an 8-0 run gave Toronto a 75-74 lead with 6:16 to play in regulation. A three-pointer by Marshall then put the Raptors up 82-80 with 1:43 to go, but Mobley's layup tied it with 1:27 to play.

Nuggets 101, Timberwolves 92

Carmelo Anthony had 25 points and a key steal in the closing seconds, and reserve Earl Boykins added 21 points to lift the Denver Nuggets to a victory over the Minnesota Timberwolves.

Denver shot just 30 percent in a 21-point loss to Minnesota on Sunday, and wasn't much better this time. The Nuggets spent a good portion of the game standing around offense and shot just 36 percent.

They made up for it with just five turnovers — none in the first half — to stay within reach of Utah for the final playoff spot in the Western Conference.

Minnesota closed to 95-92 on Kevin Garnett's 3-pointer with 23 seconds left, but couldn't get any closer. Andre Miller hit two free throws to put Denver up 97-92, then Anthony stole an inbounds pass and called time-out before falling out of bounds with 14 seconds left.

Garnett finished with 24 points and 14 rebounds, but was clearly frustrated by the Nuggets' physical play. Denver fronted him in the post with plenty of help on the weakside, then knocked him around when he did get the ball.

Pacers 103, Mavericks 99

The Indiana Pacers were just fine without Jermaine O'Neal.

Ron Artest had 20 points, eight steals and eight rebounds and Jeff Foster added 12 points and 12 rebounds to lead the Pacers to a win over the Dallas Mavericks.

The Pacers outrebounded Dallas 29-16 in the second half and kept their composure while the Mavericks came unglued to improve to 3-0 in games without O'Neal this season.

O'Neal bruised his left knee in Monday's win over Chicago. The team's leading scorer and rebounder said he expects to miss at least two games, but he

hopes to be back for Sunday's game against Miami.

Dallas was missing a star of its own. Michael Finley, the team's second-leading scorer, did not dress because of a strained right calf.

The Pacers used their superior depth to their advantage, getting solid contributions from Austin Croshere and Al Harrington to fill O'Neal's void.

Grizzlies 111, Knicks 97

Stromile Swift picked off Stephon Marbury's pass, handed the ball to Jason Williams and watched him take off downcourt.

A no-look bounce pass landed right in the hands of the trailer, Pau Gasol, who dunked the ball forcefully to give the Grizzlies their first double-digit lead.

That play came late in the first quarter, and Memphis never let up. Demonstrating their league-leading proficiency in forcing turnovers, blocking shots and coming up with steals, the Grizzlies defeated the Knicks.

"That's been our bread and butter all year long," Grizzlies forward Shane Battier said. "We had very good pressure in the first quarter which led to our break, and it was working well for us tonight. It was good for us to start quickly. The last couple games we've started down in the first quarter."

Memphis scored 27 points off 16 first-half turnovers, taking control early against an injury-ravaged Knicks team that was without Allan Houston (bruised quadriceps) and Tim Thomas (strained groin).

76ers 99, Suns 94

Samuel Dalembert was so physically dominant that even his teammates were complaining.

Dalembert had 23 points and 14 rebounds to lead the Philadelphia 76ers to a victory over the Phoenix Suns.

"You elbowed me like four times tonight," Sixers forward Kenny Thomas told Dalembert.

Dalembert threw plenty of elbows while patrolling the paint, blocking three shots and grabbing a career-high 10 offensive rebounds.

"How big was Sammy tonight? Sammy was outstanding," interim coach Chris Ford said. "I don't know how many blocked shots he had, but he certainly changed a lot of shots and was just relentless on the boards."

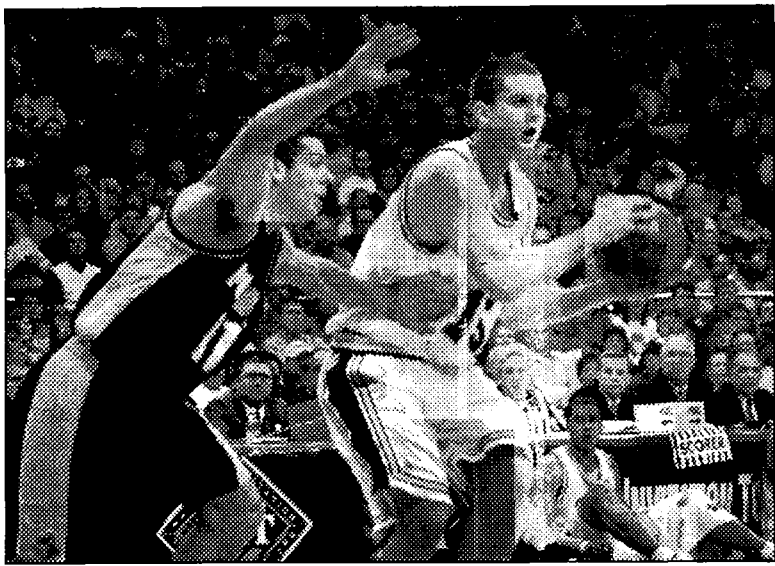
Eric Snow had 19 points and three key free throws with 20.6 seconds remaining for the Sixers, who were without injured All-Star Allen Iverson for the second straight game.

Iverson was out because of a sore right knee and was not on the bench during the game. Philadelphia moved to 6-1 in its last seven games without Iverson. When second-leading scorer Glenn Robinson also is out, Philadelphia is 8-2.

"Our mind-set is that we have to play every game like it's our last," Dalembert said. "That's what we did tonight. Everybody stepped up, so I was really excited."

Joe Johnson scored 27 points for the Suns, who had won two in a row. Shawn Marion and Amare Stoudamire had 24 apiece.

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TIM KACMAR/The Observer

Notre Dame guard Collin Falls tries to keep the ball away from a Purdue defender in Notre Dame's first-round NIT win.

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"For us, if we are able to get back to New York, there are only eight teams playing college basketball that week, all on national TV," Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said. "That will make a lasting impression on a lot of people, your fans, yourself, recruiting, all of those things."

"Every day I've come in, I've made a comment that a couple of more teams aren't playing, but we are still playing. You want to keep the focus on your program for as long as possible."

Getting that win tonight would allow seniors Torrian Jones and Tom Timmermans to complete their career with four 20-win seasons while wearing an Irish uniform. In those four years, winning has become more of a habit than a surprise, but Jones still appreciates each victory.

"I'm spoiled, every year I've been here I've gotten 20 wins. I'm really looking forward to getting a win tomorrow night

and for my career to culminate," Jones said. "I'm looking forward to getting that 20th win, going back to New York and trying to win a championship with this team."

A lot has been said in the past few days about the Joyce Center crowd taking notes from the fans in Fort Wayne and being more energetic. Brey joked before practice Wednesday that he is sending buses for those Fort Wayne fans to get to South Bend and even said his wife would drive a couple of vans.

Whether or not any fans make the short trip to Notre Dame, Brey feels the hometown fans are ready.

"I think our Joyce Center fans have accepted the challenge the Fort Wayne fans put down the other night," Brey said. "I anticipate a great atmosphere. It's the last time to see this team, and I think people have appreciated what this group has done."

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

One last challenge for Jones

Irish senior will have his hands full in defending Oregon guard Luke Jackson

By MATT LOZAR
Sports Writer

It's appropriate in his last game at the Joyce Center, Notre Dame guard and defensive specialist Torrian Jones will be called on for his biggest assignment of the season — somehow trying to contain Oregon's Luke Jackson.

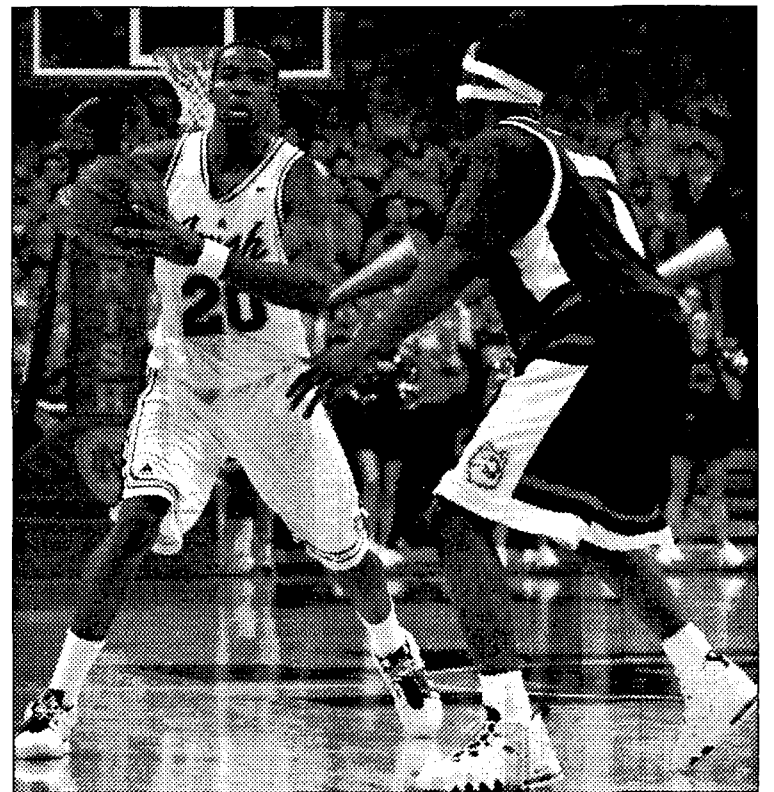
"I don't think there is a better way for me to go out at home but to go up against a guy like Luke Jackson, really testing myself on the court against a player of his caliber," Jones said. "To me, this is an honor to play against a great player. I love doing it, and it's been my role since I've been here."

Jackson doesn't get the major publicity nationwide being on the west coast, but his numbers are impressive. The second-team All-American averages 21.6 points in just less than 35 minutes per game. He also pulls down 7.2 rebounds, dishes out 4.6 assists and shoots 43.8 percent on 3-pointers.

The Irish have seen some great offensive players this year, but they consider Jackson to be the best.

"We know he is a great player, and he is probably the best player we have played against all season," Notre Dame guard Chris Thomas said. "He may not be the most talented player, but as a complete player, he is the best."

Thomas has a personal connection to Jackson, as the two have attended summer camps together and even coached 8-



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Notre Dame guard Torrian Jones is defended by Connecticut's Ben Gordon when the Irish beat the Huskies earlier this year.

year olds at one of these camps.

Despite the friendship, Thomas doesn't have any secrets to stopping Jackson — just good defense.

"If you pressure him, he will look over the top of you and make the passes. I think the key is to get a hand up on his shot," Thomas said. "He's a great scorer, a great player. He can rebound. He can pass. It's going to be a team type awareness on him that we are going to have to do."

Being 6-foot-7, Jackson may draw some defensive matchups with Notre Dame forward Jordan Cornette.

But Jones knows, on what will certainly be an emotional

night for him, his teammates are looking to him to contain one of the best players in the country. Not surprisingly, Jones is ready.

"That's something I always look forward to every game — a challenge defensively. This is my biggest challenge of the year. He's a great player. I'm really looking forward to it," Jones said. "Knowing this is the last time I will be playing on this floor as a Notre Dame player, I think emotions will be running, but I will really be ready to do the things I've done since I've been here to help my team win."

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	COACHING	STYLE OF PLAY	POST PLAYERS	PERIMETER PLAYERS	BENCH	INTANGIBLES
NOTRE DAME	Brey has the Irish playing some of their best basketball of the year. His laid-back approach has the Irish just one game away from Madison Square Garden.	It's no secret that the Irish rely on the 3-pointer to win games, and as long as they're hitting it, they have a good chance at winning. But the emergence of Cornett has given the Irish a late-season low-post option to replace Francis.	In Timmermans and Cornette, the Irish have a unique tandem of big men that are both unusually agile and both can shoot from long range. Their weakness is that they aren't as reliable scoring from the low post.	How will Thomas follow up his career-high, 39-point performance from Monday? When he's on, he keys the Irish success. Quinn has also proven to be a viable scoring option, and Jones is the team's defensive stopper.	Part of the reason the Irish want to keep playing is so Falls and Cornett can keep improving. While they were reliable during the season, they are effective enough now that Brey can seamlessly insert them into the lineup.	In what will be their final game in the Joyce Center this year, the Irish won't want to end their season at home. The biggest question is will the fan support from Fort Wayne keep NIT fever going in the Joyce Center?
OREGON	Kent, the 2002 Pac-10 conference Coach of the Year, has turned a terrible Oregon program into one that won a conference title. The job he has done at Oregon is akin to the one Brey did at Notre Dame.	The offense centers heavily around Jackson, who scores nearly a third of the Ducks' 76 points-per-game average. Like the Irish, they shoot a lot of 3-pointers — and shoot 39 percent from behind the arc as a team.	Crosswhite is the team's most reliable low-post presence. He averages 12 points and five rebounds a game. And while the Ducks are primarily a guard-oriented team, the 6-foot-10, 270 pound Platt is an imposing force.	Jackson, a 6-foot-7 guard, leads the team in points (21.6), rebounds (7.2), and assists. On a guard-oriented offense, he is the sparkplug who controls how his team plays. Joseph is a good complement.	None of the members of the Ducks' eight-man rotation figure heavily into their scoring. Instead, they come into the game mostly to give the starters a short breather.	After Oregon beat George Mason at 1:30 a.m. Wednesday, they had to board a plane for a cross-country flight to South Bend. It's reasonable to conclude that fatigue may hamper the Ducks' effort.
ANALYSIS	Neither coach has a true advantage here. Both have taken low-level programs and turned them into respectable ones.	Both teams run similar, perimeter-oriented offenses. While the Ducks score more, the Irish play better defense.	Because Crosswhite figures more into the Ducks offense, the Ducks get the edge here. However, the quickness of the Notre Dame big men make this an intriguing matchup.	As much of an offensive presence Jackson is, Thomas has the potential to match him scoring. The guard battles will be one of the best matchups tonight.	With the way Falls and Cornett have been playing, the Irish get the edge here. And they'll have to play well to make sure the Irish, who only play seven guys, don't get too tired as the game wears on.	The final home game of the year plus a potentially weary opponent means the Irish have the clear advantage here. But both teams will be motivated by knowing that one win gets them to New York.



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tive out there on the field and especially at the plate," Mainieri said. "We've just been kind of in a little bit of a rut right now swinging the bats. We manufactured a few runs here and there."

The Irish got out to an early lead with a three-run first as both center fielder Danny Dressman and second baseman Steve Sollmann drew walks. An error on a ball hit by Matt Edwards allowed Dressman to score. After a walk by left fielder Steve Andres loaded the bases, Cody Rizzo and Macri hit sacrifice flies to score a pair of runs.

The Irish matched a third-inning run from Detroit in the bottom half of the frame when Bransfield smacked an RBI single to left to score Andres for the 4-1 lead.

Notre Dame would blow the game open, however, with three runs in the fifth and four more in the sixth for the 11-1 lead.

With the game in hand, Mainieri began to clear his bench and bullpen as several

Irish position players and six pitchers saw action.

"It was good to see so many guys get out there on the mound," Mainieri said. "I thought a couple of the guys threw very well. That was good to see. But it was just good to get that one in the win column."

The Titans would make a little bit of a run, however, with four runs in the seventh off righty side-armed Tyler Jones.

In the eighth inning, Detroit narrowed the Irish lead to 11-6 with an RBI ground ball from left fielder Mark Moehlig.

But with every starter but Edwards and Macri out of the game, the Irish put five runs on the board in the bottom of the inning to put the game out of reach. In the inning, three Irish batters drew walks, center fielder Alex Netty had a two-run double off the wall in right center and left fielder Brennan Grogan closed out the scoring with a two-run triple.

Freshman Jess Stewart would get the win on the hill for the Irish, working three innings and allowing one run in a planned rotation.

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ND SOFTBALL

Stenglein is perfect in win over Valpo

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Perfect.

That is the only way to describe Steffany Stenglein's performance Tuesday night. Stenglein struck out 14 of 18 batters in six innings, good for a perfect game in a 9-0 Irish win at Valparaiso (3-8).

"It was one of those days when everything was working," Stenglein said. "I had confidence in all my pitches and stayed focused on the next batter while trying not to think about the situation too much."

With the win, the Irish improved to 20-9 on the season after a tough early season schedule.

"We are preparing ourselves for the Big East and for our home season," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said.

Offensively, Notre Dame was led by Meagan Ruthrauff, who was 3-for-4 with five RBIs, and Liz Hartmann, who was also 3-for-4. Ruthrauff, Mallorie Lenn and Nicole Wicks all homered against the Crusaders.

But while the Irish offense was on fire, Stenglein was the story. It was her second career perfect game, and her third career no-hitter.

"She has had her ups and downs this season, but she was outstanding," Gumpf said. "She needed that game."

So what was the difference for Stenglein in the win?

"She got ahead," Gumpf said. "When she gets ahead, she can use her best pitches and throw some out of the zone. This makes the hitters fish for

pitches they don't want to hit."

The Irish got on the board early, scoring three runs on a Ruthrauff home run after Nicole deFau reached on a walk and Megan Ciolli singled. Wicks added another solo home run in the third to put the Irish ahead 4-0.

In the fourth, deFau was doubled in by Ruthrauff after reaching on a single, and Ruthrauff scored on the two-run homer by Lenn.

More insurance came in the top of the sixth when deFau doubled to lead off the inning and scored on a Ruthrauff single. Hartmann doubled in Ruthrauff to put the Irish up 9-0.

Notre Dame returns home today as they face Loyola at Ivy Field, in weather that should be warmer than the home opener last weekend.

"Just being home I think provides a huge advantage to our team," Gumpf said. "There's nothing like being home."

Loyola (10-13) comes off a split of a doubleheader at Northern Illinois, where they beat the Huskies 7-1 before losing 5-0 in the nightcap.

Meanwhile, the Irish hope to find their stride early this season.

"Consistency is the key," Gumpf said. "We've played very well, and we've not played well. The bottom line is we're capable of playing well everyday. They just need to come out and do the little things."

Game time is set for 5 p.m. at Ivy Field.

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and head coach Janusz Bednarski feels the team may have been dealt a crippling blow.

"It's a very, very hard loss because Derek was in very good form," he said. "We have very talented kids but not experienced, and it's not the same level like Derek. Our chances to defend our national title are much lower. We have a weaker position for sure."

Freshman alternate Frankie Bontempo will fill Snyder's place to maintain the allotted 11 fencers.

Additionally, the fencing team will face much stiffer competition at this year's championships. In previous years, the Irish have had to contend with the traditionally strong squads from Penn State and St. John's. But this year, a new contender has risen in Ohio State.

Notre Dame has been a firsthand witness to the increasing threat from the Buckeyes. Earlier this year, the Buckeyes unlocked the Irish stranglehold

on the Midwest Fencing Conference Championship crown when they took both the men's and women's titles from the Irish for the first time since 1984.

Ohio State also made a strong bid for its first national fencing crown by qualifying the maximum 12 fencers at the Midwest Regional. Penn State and Columbia-Barnard qualified 12 and 11, respectively.

"The toughest [opponents are] our traditional rivals Ohio State, Penn State," Bednarski said. "But now without Derek, we have to watch attack of others. Columbia is very strong this year, and [so is] St. John's."

But Notre Dame still possesses an incredible wealth of talented post-season veterans to help lead the way.

The women's foil "A-Team" of Alicja Kryczalo and Andrea Ament are attempting to medal for the third time in as many years. Kryczalo is the two-time

defending national champion and Ament has finished right behind her with second and third-place finishes. Michal Sobieraj will attempt to win an individual title this year after narrowly losing in the last year's epee final. Kerry Walton won the epee championship in 2002.

However, Bednarski knows that these individuals will not be able to carry the load by themselves.

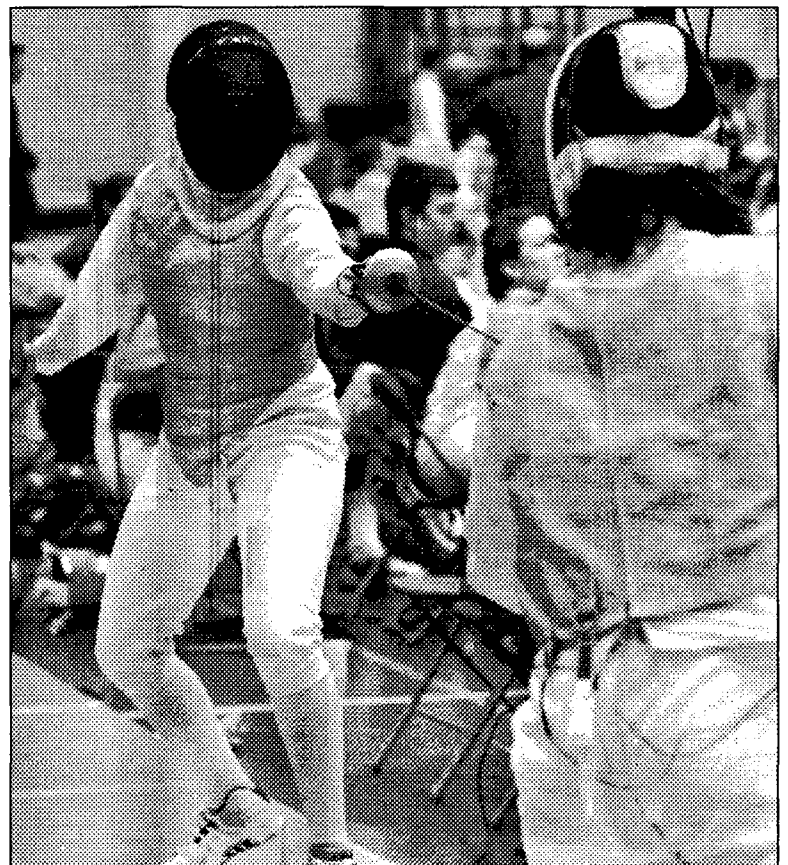
"They have to perform well, but the problem is that it's not unlimited help," he said. "The rules of the competition are not allowing Alicja, for example, or Ament to make up his points. They have a limited [number] of bouts. Even if they win everything, we will still be short."

Over the next four days, the Irish will find out just how long their stretch for a repeat will have to be.

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Janusz Bednarski
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An Irish women's fencer competes in a meet at the Joyce Center Feb. 1. The Irish are at the NCAA Championships this weekend.

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on its home field and snaps the Pride's five-game winning streak over Notre Dame.

The Irish rank No. 8 in the nation in scoring with an average of 12 goals per game, though in recent games an explosive

offense has not meant a victory.

"One of the biggest things about being an offensive team is it's a lot tougher to play from behind," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "The team can hold the ball and slow the game down. But we played hard tonight. We played hard enough to win and as hard as we need to play to be a top 10 team."

Giordano's fifth goal with 5:30

remaining in the game put him one goal short of tying the record for most goals scored in an Irish home game, a record held by three different players in Notre Dame history. The most recent player to score six goals at home was Jon Harvey in a 2000 game versus Villanova.

The Irish led 11-5 at halftime due to three first half goals from the junior Giordano and a goal


and an assist from preseason All-American Pat Walsh. The Pride were down 14-8 at the end of the third quarter and traded goals with the Irish at the beginning of the final period, but four consecutive goals — two from Giordano and two from Hubschmann — put the game away.

Dan Berger added two goals and an assist, and a slew of Irish players tallied a single goal.


Hubschmann, midfielder Steve Clagett, Giordano, midfielder Matt Ryan and senior defenseman Mickey Blum put the Irish up 7-0 in the first quarter, and the team never looked back.

"I think we're learning it takes more than ability to win games," Corrigan said.

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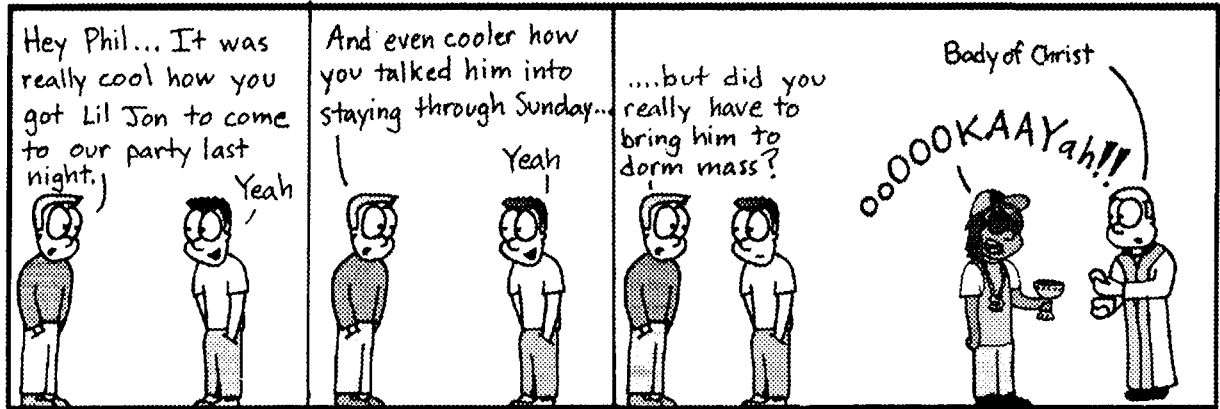
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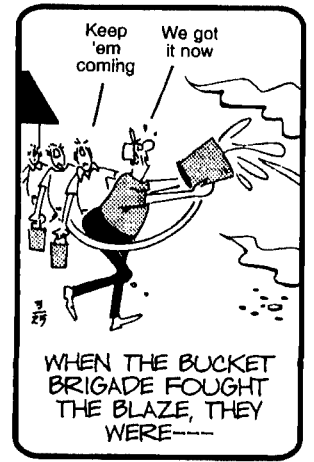
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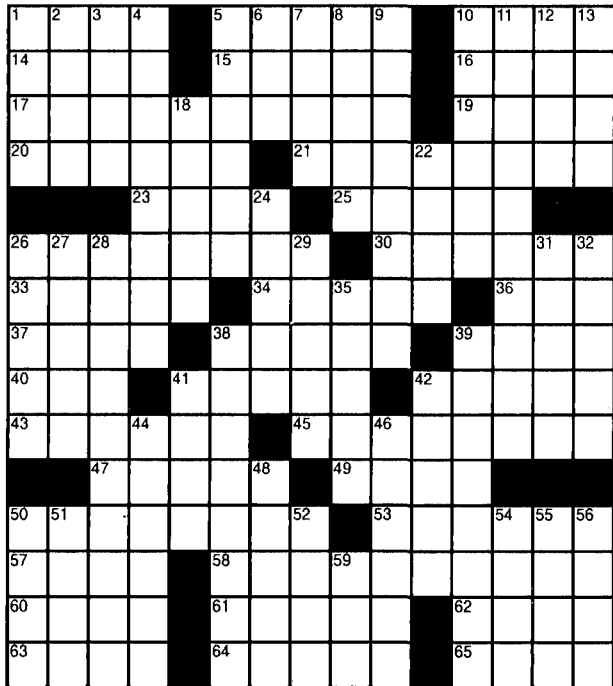
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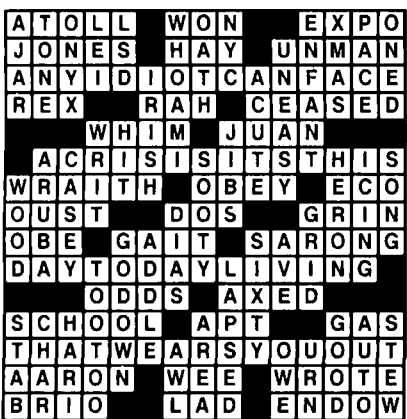
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FENCING

In search of a repeat

Irish have a steep road to climb in defending their title

By MATT MOONEY
Sports Writer

Every fencer on the Irish roster has gone through the season with one word in the back of his or her mind — “repeat.”

After winning the 2003 NCAA Championships, the next big test was to defend it the following year. Today the Irish begin their quest to do just that.

Notre Dame brings 11 fencers to participate in the 2004 national championships held at the Gosman Center on the campus of Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass. The Championships will take place over a four-day span from March 25-28.

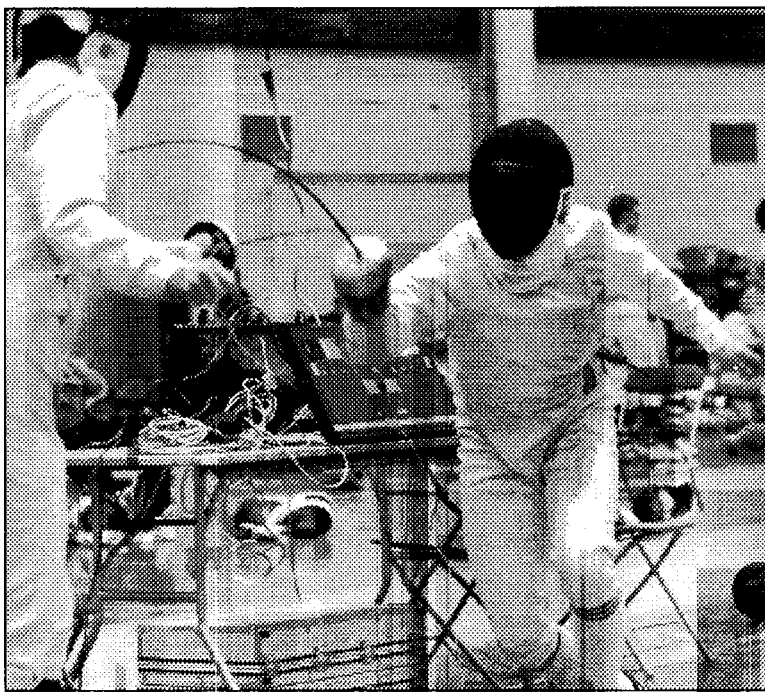
The women will fence for the first two days, and then men will conduct their bouts over the remaining two. The national championship is awarded

based on the best combined score of both the men's and women's teams. Each fencer will compete in 23 round-robin bouts to determine the team score.

Defending the title this year poses many challenges which the team did not face a year ago. Aside from the wearing the target of “defending national champion” this year, every fencer competing in last year's NCAA Championships had at least one year of collegiate fencing under their belts. This year, over half of the Irish competitors will be freshmen, including both saber squads, which are composed entirely of freshmen.

Notre Dame also lost top foilist Derek Snyder for the season when he broke his hand March 17. Snyder had just won a regional championship,

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Irish epeeist Aaron Adjemian competes in a match Feb. 1. The Irish will try to defend their national title this weekend.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish take Pride, top Hofstra by 8 goals

By PAT LEONARD
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The problem was obvious. The Irish gave up early goals in recent games and could not erase the deficits.

The solution was simple — score the first seven goals of the next game.

Brian Giordano tallied five goals and Brian Hubschmann added four more and an assist as No. 15 Notre Dame (2-3) jumped on top of No. 13 Hofstra (3-3) early and often, winning 19-11 in its final non-conference game of the season at the Loftus Sports Center Wednesday.

The win moves the Irish to 2-1

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BASEBALL

Irish get 1st home victory

By CHRIS FEDERICO
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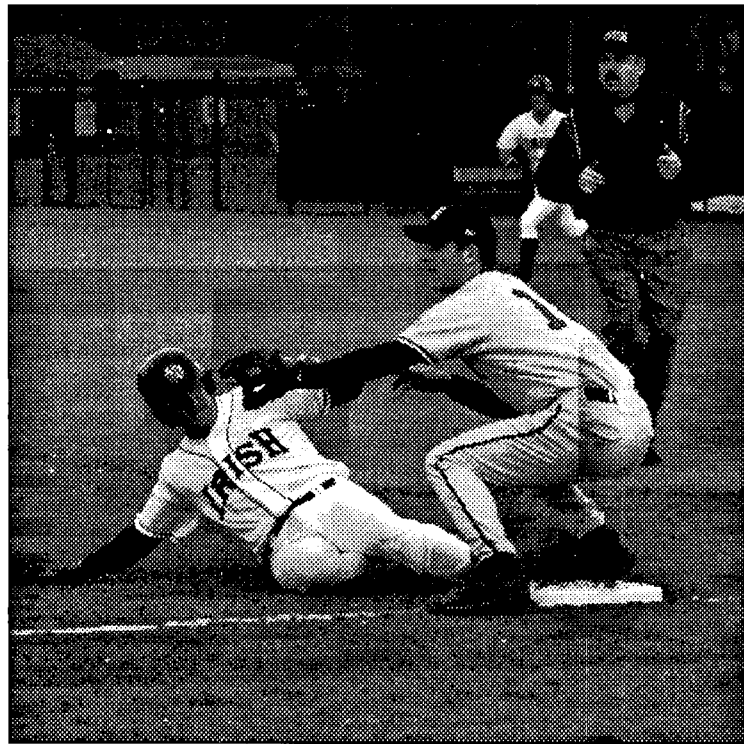
The Irish bats woke up a little bit Wednesday night, but Detroit gave Notre Dame a lot of help too.

The Titans walked 12 Irish batters, hit three others and committed four errors as No. 6 Notre Dame (14-3) knocked off Detroit (1-10) 16-6 at Frank Eck Stadium.

For the Irish, who had scored just 10 runs over their last three games, the free passes issued by the Titan pitchers stimulated the Notre Dame offense to score 16 runs, the most since a 19-6 win over Winthrop Feb. 27.

“When you're not getting a lot of hits, it helps when the other team does some things for you, like walking batters and throwing a lot of wild pitches, but that's not something you count on going into games,” Irish coach Paul Mainieri said. “We need to swing the bats a lot better than we did these last two days.”

Designated hitter Matt Bransfield was 2-for-3 with three RBIs and hit his second



Irish second baseman Steve Sollmann slides safely into third base during Notre Dame's 16-6 win over Detroit Wednesday.

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solo home run in as many days. Shortstop Matt Macri had a homer, three RBIs and three runs scored, as he went 1-for-1 on the night with

three walks and a sacrifice fly.

“We just seemed very tenta-

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Ducks fly into Joyce for last home game

By MATT LOZAR
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Another NIT game and another game with major implications for the Irish.

Notre Dame doesn't have any geographic connections to tonight's opponent Oregon, but coming out victorious over the Ducks gets the Irish two things — 20 wins for the fourth year in a row and a trip back to Madison Square Garden.

Add in the fact this game is undoubtedly the last at the Joyce Center this season, and once again, it's not a boring game in “that other postseason tournament.”

“It's definitely been fun, that's because we are playing against great teams and players who don't want their season to end,” Notre Dame guard Chris Thomas said. “It's great because we are one of the few teams still

playing right now, and we are fighting to play another day.”

After the frenzied atmosphere in Fort Wayne, Ind., Thomas feels the Irish are now ready to appreciate playing at home on a new level. Six losses at the Joyce Center this year lost the home-court advantage.

“It was wonderful to have 12,000 fans in ND shirts. We were in awe of the whole atmosphere,” Thomas said. “Maybe we take our fans for granted, and sometimes they take us for granted because we don't come out and perform like it's a home-court all the time.”

“Playing at Fort Wayne inspired us to give our fans our all.”

Since this game is being played opposite the NCAA tournament, it won't be on national television and will keep these two teams in the shadows of the NCAA Sweet 16 games.

That's a major reason why the Irish want a win so badly. A win gets them two more games in front of the country for everyone to watch.

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Notre Dame 9, Valparaiso 0

Irish pitcher Steffany Stenglein had a perfect game as the Irish blanked the Crusaders Tuesday.

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Defending national champions Syracuse, once in danger of not making the NCAA Tournament, now finds itself in the Sweet 16 facing Alabama.

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