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Police make another raid on The Library

Seventeen underage patrons cited, three arrested in bar's second bust in a year

By CLAIRE HEININGER News Editor

Indiana State Excise Police cited 17 underage patrons and took three into custody in a raid of The Library Irish Pub early Friday morning.

Lt. Greg Deitchley, spokesman for the District 1 excise office, said officers entered the bar at approximately 12:50 a.m. after receiving an alert from an undercover policeman inside.

Deitchley confirmed that The

Library was only one of several bars that had been targeted for a bust Friday. He said that excise heard reports from several other locations before deciding to raid The Library.

Police closed doors and asked patrons to present identification upon exit, issuing minor in a tavern citations to each of the 17 who were found to be underage. Some of the patrons were also ticketed for false identification, Deitchley said.

Three patrons were also taken to St. Joseph County Jail on charges of disorderly conduct, resisting arrest and public intoxication. One of the three, a 20year old Notre Dame student, attempted to elude officers by hiding under the bar's refrigerator, said Lieutenant Marc Mersich of the South Bend Police. Another student of legal age verbally threatened officers and tried to force his way out. South Bend officers were alerted by excise police and arrived at the scene as backup.

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Lt. Greg Deitchley, left, and bar owner Chuck Hammons, back center, watch excise officers check patrons' identification.

Faculty hiring push shrinks classes

By JOE TROMBELLO Assistant News Editor

A hiring push that began in 1993 has translated into a lower faculty-student ratio and fewer large, anonymous classes — despite sizeable increases in student enrollment over the past decade.

Suggested in Notre Dame's 1993 strategic plan, "A Colloquy for the Year 2000," the push to bring in more full-time instructional faculty members has allowed the University to compensate for the enrollment jump — from 7,610 undergraduate students in 1992 to 8,261 students in 2002.

Faculty hiring has more than kept pace, rising from 608 in the 1990-91 academic year to 760 members in the 2002-03 academic year. As a result, Notre Dame showed the biggest reduction in the country in its faculty-student ratio over the same ten-year period, said vice president and associate provost John

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Professor Matt Storin teaches his Media Ethics class outside Wednesday. Increasing numbers of small classes have resulted from Notre Dame's push to hire instructional faculty.

Dorm program connects students and faculty

Expanded Hall Fellows program promotes student-faculty interaction outside of classroom

By AMANDA MICHAELS News Writer

For visiting assistant professor of anthropology Kimbra Smith, interaction between the students and faculty is an essential part of the college experience which would explain why, at 6 p.m., she is in Welsh Family's social space, surrounded by girls, bowls and raw fish.

"It's so great, just spending time with students, making sushi," she said while she gently corrects one girl's rice-spreading technique.

Such a scene, whether it be sushi around a table or discussion over a pizza, is not uncommon these days in the seven dorms participating in the Hall Fellows Program. Started in January by the Student Senate's Committee on Student-Faculty Interaction and supported by the Office of the Provost and the Office of Student Activities, the program aims to expose students to discussion in a more relaxed setting and to develop the professors' awareness of student residence life.

"In my experience, there weren't a lot of ways to start a strong student/faculty relationship," said Lauren Williams, academic commissioner for Welsh Family and chair of the Committee on Student-Faculty Interaction. "A lot of professors have never even walked into a dorm, so there's a gap that needs to be bridged. Academic commissioners

from Lyons, Dillon, Keough, O'Neill, Breen-Phillips, Cavanaugh, Howard, Keenan and Welsh Family chose from a list of approxi-

mately 50 professors who in the year earlier expressed their interest in

becoming Hall Fellows. Exactly what each Hall Fellow does depends on the direction that each Hall Fellow and academic commissioner decides to do,' explained Williams. "The events can center around or be off-shoots of the expertise of the professor or simply ideas that interest both the professor and the students."

Family rector Welsh

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Students to help rebuild community

By KATE GALES

Despite the warm weather, Christmas is in the air for students, city leaders and members of the South Bend com-

Christmas in April/Rebuilding Together, an annual cooperative effort to improve a lowincome neighborhood in South Bend, will take place Saturday.

"It's a full day [of] service where we go out and fix up people's houses," said Karsten Steinhauser, the student coordinator of the program. "[We dol the most interesting and oddest types of jobs to improve ... houses for people who are

unable to afford it or are physically unable to do it them-According to faculty adviser

Darrell Paulson, around 900 students have signed up for this year's program - down from previous years, where over 1,000 students would reserve spots.

"We've had a little bit of a drop this year in student interest," Steinhauser said. "We're still trying to figure out if it's the way we publicized it ... or if it's because it's the same day as the MCATs.'

According to Paulsen, a number of students do not show up on the day of the project, perhaps because of the 7 a.m. start time. Nonetheless, he said the event becomes a community effort and is not exclusive to Notre Dame stu-

"We work with a whole community in South Bend," Paulsen said. "There is a whole group - on April 3 all the skilled laborers [went] to 26 houses in the South Bend community in one neighborhood that the city commissioner picked. [Saturday], we're

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Inside Column

The joys of spring

Suddenly, it hits you. You're sitting in DeBartolo, listening to a professor drone on about the latest developments in some earth-shattering, life-saving technique that is probably infinite-

ly more important than the source of your current distraction.

Rama Gottumukkala

Assistant Scene Editor

You take a quick glance out the window and realize ... it's gorgeous outside! Perfect, breezy, 67 degree weather with scattered white clouds set in a clear blue sky. The harsh winter of South Bend has finally broken and all that you love and loathe about the end of the school year is finally here.

No matter where you walk these afternoons, Frisbees, footballs and happily frolicking students fill the various quads on campus. With a little luck, you might even be able to lean on your professor to take that discussion class outdoors (while of course insisting it's only in the best interest of holding the class' attention on such a beautiful day).

Who would have thought that a usually tiring hour and 15-minute class could fly by with a little sunshine and wind at your back?

Once again, the spring semester has zoomed by and it is that time to say good-bye to the graduating seniors, who have been mentors. playful bullies and long-time friends. As hard as it is for us lowly underclassmen to concentrate on upcoming finals and schoolwork, I could only imagine how hard it must be for our graduating seniors to focus a mere month before graduation.

Even those seniors who have been saying all semester how much they are going to enjoy leaving this wonderful town of South Bend (in perhaps more colorful language than the words I have used) and all the hassles of classes behind, will probably want to return the first chance they get next year. As they take their last few trips to the Grotto and enjoy their last month of walking on hallowed ground, these memories of friends and brothers will hopefully last much longer than their last few weeks among us.

It seems like just the other day that spring semester arrived with that cold blast of harsh January weather. And now it is just a month until the end of the year.

Three whole months of sitting around doing absolutely nothing (for the fucky few) and, even better still, only five more months until we are back on campus for the start of the new school year and, what is infinitely more important, football season.

How anyone could concentrate at a time like this is beyond me. It takes someone much greater than me to focus at times like these.

The views expressed in the Inside Column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer Contact Rama Gottumukkala at rgottumu@nd.edu.

CORRECTIONS

Due to an editing error, a headline, photo caption, and photo poll all incorrectly referred to yesterday's Pass in Review as "Pass and Review." The Observer regrets the errors.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: How DID CLASS REGISTRATION GO?



DeeDee Bryant Sophomore Pangborn

"I had an early DART time, so my schedule is pretty set."



Jen Buczkowski Freshman Lyons

"Pretty good, being an athlete helps."



Katie Butler Sophomore *Pangborn*

"I had an organic chemistry test during my DART time."



Marge Auer Freshman Lyons

"My DART time is awful, but my roommatekeeps getting good DART. times.'



Marques Bolden

Sophomore Siegfried

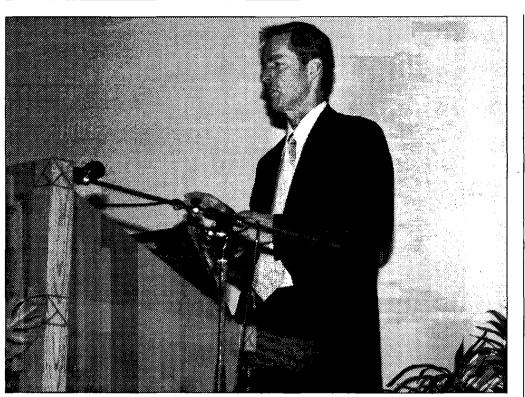
"I got my Intro to Jazz."



Nicholas Tonozzi

Sophomore Alumni

"I'm going abroad, but I got everything I wanted.



Astronaut and Notre Dame graduate James Wetherbee spoke Thursday afternoon in the Hesburgh Center of International Studies. Wetherbee is a veteran of six space flights and has been in space for nearly 1,600 hours.

OFFBEAT

Elephant in Argentina treated for stress,

SANTA FE, Argentina -Veterinarians said they treated a circus elephant for stress on Wednesday, saying the animal appeared "depressed" after spending several days away from her circus troupe.

The elephant — named "Mesry" — is a leading Thee attraction in a traveling show making appearances in the Argentine interior.

Last week, Mesry was taken from the circus grounds after local authorities said a city ordinance prevented such animals

TODAY

from participating in public shows.

Mesry soon showed signs of distress, authorities said, after being transported to El Recreo, a town 300 miles north of Buenos

Veterinarians from the nearby Santa Fe Zoo were called in and recommended that the elephant be moved elsewhere.

Pant change leads to arrest on drug charges

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — It was a case of being in the wrong pants at the wrong time. Kendrick Gibson, 26, was arrested by police Thursday after failing to surrender himself for booking on a misdemeanor citation for a suspended license charge.

Authorities went to Gibson's residence to arrest him. With police inside his residence, Gibson began getting dressed, putting on a pair of blue jeans. He then suddenly took them off for another pair.

The officers became suspicious and found plastic bags containing crack cocaine and a small amount of marijuana in the pockets of the first pair.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Flipside is sponsoring of evening of murder and intrigue, with an interactive mystery theatre play. The play will occur tonight at 10 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom.

The Not-So-Royal Shakespeare Company is presenting the tragedy King Lear tonight and Sunday evening at 7:30 p.m. at the Jordan Auditorium in the Mendoza College of Business. Tickets cost \$5 and may be purchased at the LaFortune Student Center box office.

Student Union Board will sponsor two showings of Kill Bill staring Uma Thurman tonight and Saturday evening at 8 and 10:30 p.m. The movies will be shown in 101 DeBartolo Hall.

Stand-up comedian Bill Bushart will perform tonight at Legends from 10 p.m. to midnight.

Knott Hall will sponsor its annual Knott on the Knoll Saturday from 4 to 10 p.m. Come enjoy free food, music and fun.

The Hawaii Club will hold a luau from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Saturday in the LaFortune Ballroom. Tickets are currently on-sale at the LaFortune box office and may be purchased for

As part of Asian Heritage Week, Friendship Chinese Association will sponsor free food and a film, In the Mood for Love. place Saturday from 7 to 10 p.m. in the Coleman Morse student lounge.

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

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ND study abroad programs expand

"The number of

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definitely risen."

Tom Bogenschild

International Studies

Programs director

By KATE GALES News Writer

The University's popular studyabroad programs have expanded again, with students now offered participation in a cooperative Bologna, Italy program and a yearlong option in London.

The Bologna Cooperative Study Program, administrated through Indiana University in Bloomington, will have students from the Universities of Chicago, Illinois, Minnesota, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin-Madison and Northwestern University.

"We're sending two students next year," said Tom Bogenschild, director of the Notre Dame's International Studies Programs.

He said the program's students will likely be "people concentrating in Italian or something

closely related to Italian studies."

Notre Dame's most popular studyabroad program in London has also been modified.

"London is expanding this year with a year-long option," Bogenschild said. "We'll see how that goes but it's certainly something we'd like to try."

Notre Dame still ranks in the top five universities in its class that send

students to study abroad, said Bogenschild.

"it's hard to tell" how many students apply, he said, "since we allow students to apply to more than one program at the same time."

"The number of applications has definitely risen," he said.

As the numbers increase, the application process has become more selective.

"We look for academic potential and orientation, but it's not just simply a matter of academics." Bogenschild said. "It's about academic merit, academic potential, but above all, in my mind, it's motivation."

The screening process is also designed to prevent students who simply are looking for a travel opportunity from being chosen.

"It's an expensive way to travel," Bogenschild said. "If students are simply looking to travel

around Europe or Southeast Asia, we try to screen those students or orient them in a different direction."

According to Bogenschild, the programs are "constantly adapting." He does not, however, see any additional programs opening in the immediate future.

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Students unite to 'Take Back the Night'

Rally and march are part of sexual assault awareness month

By LISA GALLAGHER
News Writer

As part of April being sexual assault awareness month, students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross united Thursday in a campussponsored Take Back the Night march and rally.

Take Back the Night is an international event organized in local communities with the purpose of unifying women, men and children in a greater awareness of the violence that occurs against women, children and families. Students and community members who participate in or support this occasion are ready to take a stand against violence and make the night safe for everyone.

Recent statistics point out that one in four women will be sexually assaulted during her college years.

Groups such as Feminist Collective, Saint Mary's Campus Alliance for Rape Elimination (C.A.R.E.), Notre Dame's C.A.R.E. team and the Sex Offense Services (SOS) of South Bend, helped make the rally possible. Holy Cross College also helped sponsor the event, and this year marks the first that all three campuses joined together for this cause.

Student body presidents

from all three schools were in attendance

Saint Mary's student body vice president Sarah Catherine White said the event is aimed at all campuses and said she hopes more people will participate in next year's night.

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Saint Mary's student

body vice president

ing to change not only as Saint Mary's College, but as a tri-campus community," White said. "I can only hope that this event will grow in the future."

The march began at Holy Cross College at 4:30 p.m., picking up Saint Mary's women at 5:30 and meeting Notre Dame students

at 6:30 at the Grotto. The march ended at 7:30 back at Saint Mary's for a rally held at Dalloway's. Food and T-shirts were provided for all the supporters.

Jackie Zins, president of C.A.R.E. at Saint Mary's, oversaw the events with planning starting during the first semester. Meetings were held each week between the women of Saint Mary's, Notre Dame and Holy Cross, as well as one male from Holy Cross College. Zins said the hardest part about her job was keeping in touch with each person involved and getting the necessary approval from Notre Dame for such necessities as T-shirts and advertising. Zins said she initially expected

only about 30 Saint Mary's students to attend the rally; however, the turnout was much greater.

"There were about 115 students from all three campuses, with Holy Cross and Saint Mary's having a much larger turnout than expected," Zins said. "The event helps to raise awareness about sexual

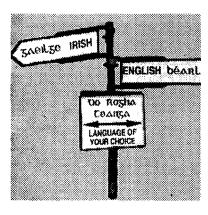
assault. With the tri-campus involvement, more awareness can be raised than if each campus participated in the event individually."

Both Zins and White said Take Back the Night creates a supportive atmosphere and helps educate the community.

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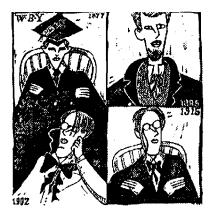


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The bust came nearly a year to the date after another raid of the bar, as 51 patrons were cited at the Library on April 25.

Pub owner Chuck Hammons

said the bar responded to the first raid by installing over \$4,000 worth of camera equipment to prevent underage patrons from enter-

He claimed officers pushed several people inside as they sealed off the entrance and said bouncers were

unable to check identification for those patrons.

Deitchley said excise officials would note Hammons' concerns but added that his officers denied forcing anyone past the cameras.

"I asked my people and they

said no," Deitchley said.

"[Police] have a job

to do and I respect

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Chuck Hammons

The Library owner

Hammons also contested the choice to raid The Library over other larger downtown bars such as Heartland and the State Theatre.

"[Police] have a job to do and I respect that, but I think somewhere along the line I'm being unfairly targeted," he said.

Dietchley unable to confirm how many of the 17 cited were Notre Dame or Saint Mary's students, but said campus phonebooks were used by officers to identify those who received the minor in a tavern charge.

Police also cited underage patrons at the

establishment in October 2000, when it was named Finnegan's Irish Pub. Legal action forced owners to sell and rename the bar.

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Bill chosen as 'The Apprentice'

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Kwame was fired. Bill is hired.

"The Apprentice" came to its much-anticipated climax Thursday when Donald Trump chose Bill Rancic, the street-smart 32-year-old Internet entrepreneur from Chicago, to be his apprentice for the next year.

"Kwame, I think you have an amazing future," said Trump. "You're a brilliant guy, great education, and I have no doubt you're going to be a big success. But right now: Bill, you're

Rancic edged out fellow finalist Kwame Jackson, the laid-back 29-year-old New Yorker and Harvard MBA, for the Trump-described "dream job of a lifetime" and its \$250,000 salary.

Rancic will get to return home to Chicago to manage the construction of a hotel and residential tower as president of one of Trump's companies.

"Don't worry, you're going to have plenty of supervision

of that building, I don't care if you're president or not,' Trump told him. "I'll be the one supervising.

The decision closed out a two-hour showdown for the hit NBC reality competition. Billionaire developer Trump, the host, put 16 would-be apprentices through numerous business tasks — then,

in the boardroom, "fired" someone at the end of each episode.

For his final assignment, Bill was put in charge of a golf Trump tournament, while Kwame

handled an appearance by pop star Jessica Simpson at one of Trump's Atlantic City casino hotels.

The two "bosses" were each teamed with three 'employees": previously fired "Apprentice" candidates who, possibly still nursing grudges, sometimes seemed as much a hindrance as a help.

Thanks to Bill's team, a vital sponsor's sign went

missing. Thanks to Omarosa on Kwame's team, Jessica Simpson went missing. Then she disappeared again, while Trump tapped his

"Today is a great day for entrepreneurs around the

"Don't worry, [Bill

is] going to have

plenty of

supervision."

Donald Trump

'The Apprentice' host

country," the victorious Rancic said at a news conference after the broadcast.

"The American Dream is still alive out there, and hard work

will get you there," he said. "You don't necessarily need to have an Ivy League education or to have millions of dollars startup money. It can be done with an idea, hard work and determination.'

Asked when his job with Trump will begin, Rancic grinned and replied, "I believe I am on the clock, even as we speak."

Christmas

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going to go with unskilled volunteers [the students] and do things like paint, clean out houses, rake yards ... basically make it really nice.'

This year, students will travel to Rum Village in southwest South Bend to help the residents of the neighborhood.

In addition to professionals who donate supplies, Notre Dame Food Services provides breakfast, a boxed lunch and a celebration dinner for the volun-

Paulsen praised the event because it is a community endeavor.

"Most people do it just

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because," Steinhauser said. "I think it's in the spirit of Notre Dame students to be very involved with service.'

However, he said, "I know for a fact that people do it for service hours too.

"A lot of people don't have the time to put in [to service] on a regular basis. They would really rather go for one big opportunity like this.

Steinhauser himself has been involved in the program in an indispensable way.

"He's been doing this for about three years, he's been great," Paulsen said. "He's very instrumental in getting students involved and has taken a great leadership role."

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Fellows

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Candace Carson cites the enthusiasm that both the students and the professors seem to have for the program as an indication of its success.

"There's such great involvement from every-Carson said. "Everyone is excited, dents and the faculty.

because how many times do professors actually get to come talk to you where you are?"

Williams plans to contin-

ue the program next year, and hopes that starting in September instead of January will encourage more dorms to participate. Though the position is

unpaid, Smith — one of Welsh Family's two Hall Fellows — considers it invaluable for both the stu-

"One of the problems with college is that most students are stuck with people within a four-year age range. When I was in college I liked interacting with different age groups, and I really appreciated those professors who spent time outside of the classroom getting to know students," Smith said. "Now it's my turn."

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American Foreign Policy in Iraq and Beyond:

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and Political Science Professor

George Lopez

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International News

Militants free Japanese hostages BAGHDAD, Iraq — Three Japanese were freed by their captors Thursday, a day after other kidnappers executed an Italian - the first known killing of a hostage in Iraq's wave of kidnappings. One of the Japanese wept as Sunni clerics tried to comfort her after securing their release. Shocked Italians closed ranks as their prime minister insisted he would not withdraw Italian troops from Iraq after the slaying of Fabrizio Quattrocchi.

His captors warned they would kill three more Italians in their custody unless U.S. troops leave the country. Meanwhile, Russia evacuated 366 workers from Iraq on the first day of a withdrawal called after the abductions of eight Russian and Ukrainian workers. The eight were kidnapped Monday and freed the next day. Russia plans to pull out a total of some 800 Russians and citizens from former Soviet republics.

South Koreans choose liberal party

SEOUL, South Korea - South Korean voters broke the conservatives' four-decade grip on parliament Thursday, bringing to power a liberal party that opposed the president's impeachment and may seek closer ties to North Korea. The election completes a momentous shift in South Korean politics, where conservative-dominated legislatures have checked its few progressive presidents, including President Roh Moo-hyun.

The Uri Party, which had only 49 seats in the outgoing assembly, seized 152 of 299 seats with 99 percent of the vote counted early Friday morning, KBS news reported, citing official tallies. Its main rival, the conservative Grand National Party, took only

NATIONAL NEWS

Ventura considers presidency

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Refreshed from a semester as a visiting professor at Harvard University, former pro wrestler and Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura says he's considering an independent run for the White House in 2008, although he acknowledges that being leader of the free world might be too confining for him.

"That's an issue with me. I love my freedom," Ventura said in an interview with The Associated Press at his office at the John F. Kennedy School of Government. "The part that would bug me is I wouldn't be able to get up in the night and drive to the 7-11 for a Slurpee, not without them blocking off the roads, welding the manhole covers shut, and everything else that goes along with it."

Terror alerts outpace Justice Dept. WASHINGTON — The number of secret surveillance warrants sought by the FBI has increased 85 percent in the past three years, a pace that has outstripped the Justice Department's ability to quickly process

Even after warrants are approved, the FBI often doesn't have enough agents or other personnel with the expertise to conduct the surveillance. And the FBI still is trying to build a cadre of translators who can understand conversations that are intercepted in such languages as Arabic, Pashto and Farsi.

STATE NEWS

Priest asks for background checks

GARY — The top adviser on church law to Gary's Roman Catholic bishop has asked the Vatican to review a rule that requires the 150 priests in the diocese to undergo criminal background checks.

The Rev. Michael Maginot said the rule is an invasion of privacy and goes beyond reforms aimed at preventing sexual abuse, the Post-Tribune of Merrillville reported Thursday.

Maginot said he is one of three priests who have refused to consent to the background checks. "I told the bishop right out front I'm not complying," he said.

EGYPT

Bin Laden releases new audio

CIA officials say voice is authentic; tape offers truce with Europe, threatens U.S.

Associated Press

CAIRO - A man identifying himself as Osama bin Laden offered a "truce" to European countries that do not attack Muslims, saying it would begin when their soldiers leave Islamic nations, according to a recording broadcast Thursday on Arab satellite networks.

Britain, Germany, Italy and Spain quickly spurned what appeared to be an attempt to drive a wedge between Europe and America.

The tape, which ran in full at more than seven minutes, also vowed revenge against America for the Israeli assassination of Hamas founder Sheik Ahmed Yassin and denounced the United States as using the Iraq war for corporate profiteering.

I announce a truce with the European countries that do not attack Muslim countries," the taped message said as the stations showed an old, still picture of al-Qaida leader.

The message said "the door to a truce is open for three months," but the time frame could be extended. "The truce will begin when the last soldier leaves our countries," the speaker said without elaborating.

A CIA official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the agency conducted a technical analysis of the recording and concluded it is probably authentic. The official said the tape was likely recorded in the past several weeks because of its reference to Israel's killing of Yassin last month.

The tape made clear overtures to Europeans, calling them "our neighbors north of the Mediterranean," and tried to drive a wedge between Europe and the United States.

Several audio and videotapes of al-Qaida's No. 2, been released in recent Gaballah said. months, but Thursday's



A muslim child holds a poster of Osama Bin Laden in New Delhi in response to news that the al-Qaida leader released a new audio tape.

tape was the first purportedly from bin Laden since September. Then, a videotape showed bin Laden climbing down a craggy mountainside with al-

Ayman Gaballah, editor of Al-Arabiya, said only that the pan-Arab television network received the tape from "our sources." He would not say if the tape was received at its headquarters in the United Arab Emirates or in a bureau elsewhere, such as Pakistan or Afghanistan.

"From the voice, it seems it is bin Laden, but we are Ayman al-Zawahri, have not experts to confirm it,

Al-Jazeera, a Qatar-based

satellite station, also aired the tape in full. Its chief editor wasn't available for comment.

Sen. Joseph Biden, senior Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said on NBC's "Today" show that bin Laden was "trying to separate us from Europeans, and Europeans from the U.S. It's an example of how opportunistic he is."

Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., expressed skepticism about the offer made on the tape.
"You cannot negotiate

with terrorists, especially someone like Osama bin Laden," "Today." Shelby told

In London, the Foreign Office ruled out any deal with al-Qaida.

"Their attacks are against the very idea of co-existence," the Foreign Office said. "The right response is to continue to confront terrorism, not give in to its demands."

A British opposition spokesman said the purported truce offered was a sign that the al-Qaida network is rattled.

"It is obviously an attempt by al-Qaida or the associates of al-Qaida, to try and drive a wedge between the coalition," said Michael Ancram, foreign affairs spokesman for the opposition Conservative Party.

EPA condemns air pollution levels

Associated Press

WASHINGTON —The Environmental Protection agency told officials in 31 states Thursday they must develop new pollution controls because the air in some of their counties, home to more than 150 million people, does not meet air quality standards.

The EPA, acting under court order, identified all or part of 474 counties. The localities, mostly in the eastern third of the country and in California, do not meet the federal health standard for smog-causing ozone. Officials have three years to develop plans to come into compliance.

The new standards "are strong medicine" and "will require more actions on your part to achieve cleaner, healthier air," EPA Administrator Mike Leavitt said he told governors of the states.

Ground-level ozone, a precursor to smog, has been found to be a serious health problems, causing respiratory illnesses. It can be especially damaging to the elderly, children and people with asthma, according to health advocates.

The EPA said that the regions in noncompliance may have to impose new controls on industrial plants, restrict transportation and require tougher vehicle inspection programs to clean up their air. Some counties also may have to require the use of special, cleaner-burning gasoline.

The EPA already has said it will take actions to reduce pollution from power plants and announced Thursday, in a companion regulation, new requirements aimed at curtailing air pollution over parks.

'This isn't about the air getting dirtier. The air is getting cleaner," said Leavitt. "These new rules are about our new understanding of health threats, about our standards getting tougher and our national resolve to meet them."

Faculty

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Affleck-Graves.

The 2002-03 U.S. News and World Report's student-tofaculty ratio for Notre Dame was 12.74, in comparison with the 1992-93 tally of 13.28. The ratio considers the number of full-time students and the number of full-time faculty members.

"We've made significant strides," Affleck-Graves said, but added that students should not expect their entire experience to be one of small classes.

Departments and colleges differ on class size and number of teaching faculty, and some disciplines lend themselves better to larger classes, he said. To this end, he said that students should expect a mix of mostly small, but sone occasionally large, classes.

"It's a trade-off," he said. "You have to have a couple of classes that are bigger and in return we'll give you lots of small classes and [some] oneon-one opportunities.'

Affleck-Graves said that some departments often experience more teaching pressure in given years than others, based on the number of faculty available and the number of students who major in a particular discipline. However, he added that the process usually corrects itself with time.

"Every year there is teaching pressure and teaching slack in some departments, but it usually corrects itself," he said.

He noted that a rise in the number of faculty who teach at other universities on a visiting basis has meant that some departments have less faculty members to work with in a given year, and he also said that departments often using adjunct professors or graduate students to "correct temporary imbalances" in teaching loads.

While Affleck-Graves said that the University has not had to rely more heavily on adjunct or graduate student teachers in recent years, he noted that more adjuncts than graduate students are used to teach courses in comparison with a decade ago.

Professors in several departments that have traditionally housed large lecture courses said that they have seen varying degrees of decrease in class sizes over the last decade.

Xavier Creary, a chemistry and biochemistry professor, said that he is currently teaching a 145-person section of general chemistry that averaged around 250 students six years ago. He noted the general chemistry class size was even larger 25 years ago- around 700 studentsand that increased hiring and more sections have reduced class size.

Creary said, however, more work needs to be done.

"There is still a need for support for these sections in the form of small tutorials and recitation sections which are not offered to all students," he said. "The total number of faculty in our department has increased by only a few over the last 20 years. This means that other areas, such as graduate courses, receive less attention than in the ideal situation."

In the Mendoza College of Business, while many introductory courses like accounting or marketing are relative-

ly small with a number of sections offered, the Department of Management offers only one section of its introductory course that currently enrolls about 220 students.

Course instructor Tim O'Leary said that despite the large class size, there is still plenty of opportunity for students to have

more individualized instruction.

"The size ranges depending on the semester and it is hard to tell if it is increasing or decreasing," he said. "We haven't had any overcrowding issues that I am aware of and we get plenty of time meeting one-on-one.

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courses often average around 70 - 85 students, while one section of an introductory Principles of Microeconomics course approximately 270 freshmen and sophomores enrolled semester.

David Russo,

the instructor for the large Prin-John Affleck-Graves ciple of Micrvice president and oeconomics secassociate provost tion, said his

department simply does not have the staff necessary to create smaller sections. However, he said he believes that the class, in combining large lectures with smaller discussion sections, still works.

"The introductory courses in economics have, for many years, been large — large lectures, with small discussion sections," he said. "I think it works. We don't have the staff to teach the total number of students in those three [sections] in 'small' classes."

Layna Mosley, assistant professor of political science and the teacher of an introductory International Relations section this semester, said that

the sizes of her introductory sections have remained constant at 85-95 students. Although she said the department has made new hires, she said more students have chosen to major in the discipline.

"The size of my introductory courses has

remained fairly constant over the last few years ... the class usually is full, or close to it,' she said.

Mosley noted her department intentionally keeps the introductory courses below 100 students by using multiple sections, but she said that this strategy also means that fewer upper level courses can be offered as the faculty are deployed teaching the introductory courses.

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Affleck-Graves said that because of the hiring push, he does not anticipate the number of faculty members to show much growth in the next decade.

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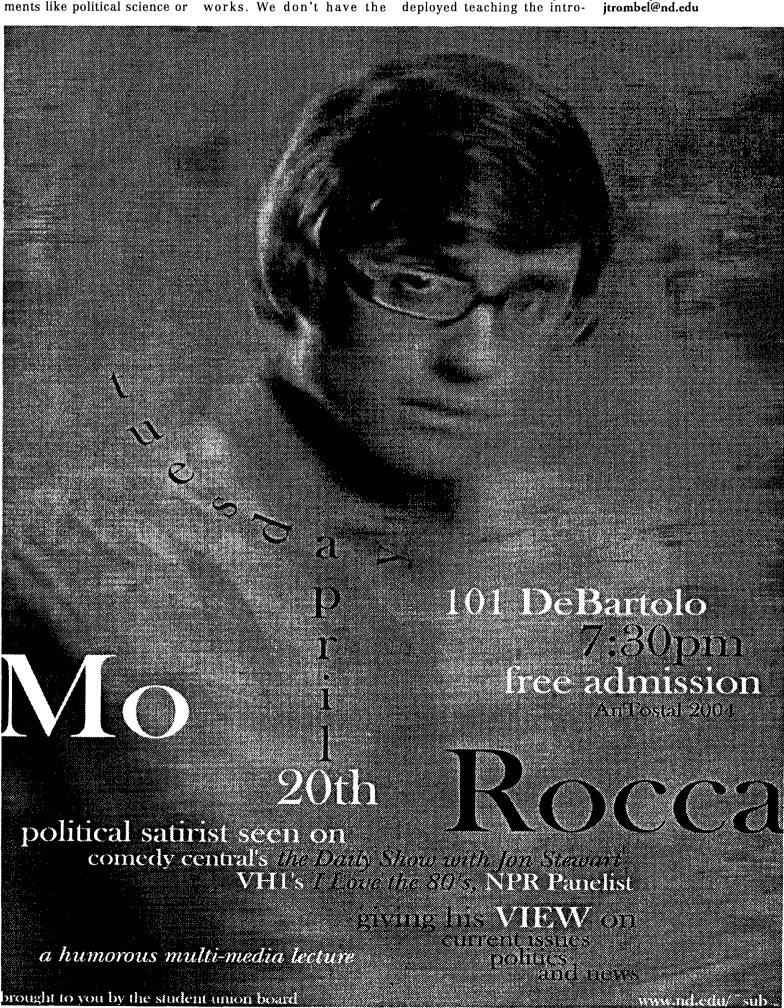
the faculty," he said.

However, he said the University is striving to create more opportunities for undergraduates to work on an individual basis with faculty on research proj-

ects, and he said he anticipates a greater number of these opportunities to occur in the next decade.

"We'd like to move more toward [giving] more undergraduates the chance to work one-on-one with a professor,' he said. "We're trying to find creative ways to do that.'

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Retailers record strong March sales

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NEW YORK — A flood of new fashions helped lift many of the nation's retailers to their fourth straight month of solid sales during March, results released Thursday show.

Wal-Mart, Costco, Limited Brands, J.C. Penney and Nordstrom all topped Wall Street forecasts. The results cut across industry sectors, even some of the long-struggling department stores.

"The month will be the strongest of the year so far," said Michael P. Niemira, chief economist at The International Council of Shopping Centers. The few exceptions included Sears and Kohl's, whose sluggish results lagged analysts' expectations.

Niemira said the International Council of Shopping Center-UBS sales tally should be up 6.5 percent in March, compared with a 0.2 percent decline in the same period a year ago.

The tally is based on what the industry calls same-store sales, those from stores open at least a year. They are considered the best measure of a retailer's health.

Goldman Sachs insider sentenced

NEW YORK — A former Goldman Sachs economist was sentenced Friday to nearly three years in prison for relaying an insider bond tip that allowed the firm to make millions of dollars in tainted profits.

John Youngdahl, 44, was sentenced to two years and nine months in prison — the lightest term possible under federal guidelines. He pleaded guilty last year to wire fraud, securities fraud and other charges.

Before he was sentenced, Youngdahl said he was "deeply sorry" for hurting his family, friends and colleagues.

"Let this be a reminder: We will be relentless in the investigation and prosecution of financial wrongdoing, whether in the boardroom, the back office or on the trading floor," U.S. Attorney David Kelley said.

The government announced Oct. 31, 2001, that it was ending sales of its benchmark 30-year Treasury bond. Officials set a strict 10 a.m. embargo, meaning no one could publicize the information until then. But at 9:35 a.m., a consultant hired by Goldman who had attended the Treasury news conference passed the information to Youngdahl, who relayed it to a Goldman trader.

UNEMPLOYMENT

New jobless claims hit 360,000

Claims for unemployment benefits reach highest mark since December 2002

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — New claims for unemployment benefits increased last week by 30,000, the biggest jump in 16 months. Still, analysts said Thursday they believe the labor market has turned a corner, pointing the way to a sustainable economic recovery.

The Labor Department reported that there were 360,000 newly unemployed workers filing for jobless benefits last week. Only a week earlier, the number was 330,000, the lowest in more than three years.

The increase was far above the 7,000 rise in new claims that analysts had expected. It was the largest one-week gain since December 2002, when the country was struggling to rebound from the 2001 recession.

Analysts pointed to a number of factors that skewed last week's number. For one, it was the first week in a new quarter, a time when claims often temporarily surge.

The four-week moving average for claims, which smooths out some of the volatility, rose a smaller 6,750 to stand at 344,250, still below 350,000 — a level generally seen as denoting an improving job market.

Also seen as encouraging was the decline of continuing claims by 22,000, to 2.98 million last week. That was the lowest since July 2001 and an indication that unemployed workers are having more luck getting work.

Wall Street had a lackluster session Thursday as investors continued to worry that stronger economic growth and higher inflation will lead the Federal Reserve to start



lowa senator Chuck Grassley, right, greets President Bush before his speech on economic development in Iowa on Tuesday. Bush is hoping for a strong economy to boost his chances at re-election.

raising, interest rates sooner than expected. The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 19.51 points at 10,397.46.

The best indication of the job market's improvement was the report that payroll jobs rose by 308,000 in March, the biggest one-month advance in four years and far above analysts' expectations. In addition, the government revised upward the number of jobs created in the two previous months.

Economists said that fit the typical pattern for a

turning point in the economy when the numbers come in better than expected and revisions to previous months are made upward.

"We have gone from a recovery to a self-sustaining, self-reinforcing expansion," said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Economy.com.

The rebound in job creation is coming just in time, many analysts believe, because growing employment is needed to raise incomes as the impact of President Bush's tax cuts and waves of

mortgage refinancing begin to wane.

Bush, who is hoping for a strong economy to aid his re-election chances, told an audience in Iowa on Thursday that his tax cuts have played an important role in boosting the economy.

Presumptive Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry said Thursday that his own economic plan would provide \$225 billion more in tax cuts for the middle class than Bush has provided while scaling back Bush's tax cuts for the wealthy.

AIRLINES

JetBlue receives first place ranking

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — JetBlue was No. 1 in quality among U.S. airlines in 2003, the first year that it carried enough passengers to be ranked, according to an annual study released Monday.

The budget carrier had the secondbest on-time performance, arriving punctually 86 percent of the time. So few JetBlue passengers were bumped that they did not register in the statistics used by researchers. Also, JetBlue customers also filed fewer complaints — 0.31 per 100,000 — to the Transportation Department than all other airlines but Southwest.

Southwest, with 0.14 complaints per 100,000 customers, consistently generates the lowest complaint rate in the industry, was rated as the No. 3 carrier in the report.

Alaska Airlines came in second, America West fourth and US Airways, ranked No. 1 last year when it was still in bankruptcy, was fifth.

Northwest Airlines, which came in sixth, was the most improved airline in 2003. It ranked ninth in 2002.

The study's authors said the ratings showed that low-cost airlines are

gaining market share because they perform well in ways that are important to their passengers.

It "adds further evidence to the emerging performance gap between the legacy carriers and the no-frills network carriers," said Brent Bowen, director of the University of Nebraska's aviation institute and a co-author of the study.

Dean Headley, the other co-author and an associate professor of marketing at Wichita State University, said most of the low-cost carriers were above the industry average on four performance indicators last year.

Boston University to overhaul board

Associated Press

BOSTON — Boston University's trustees voted Thursday to overhaul the board in a move likely to weaken former President John Silber's iron grip on the school he headed for most of the past three decades.

The overhaul includes term limits that would eventually remove many of Silber's long-time allies, some of whom have served for decades.

Also, the board adopted a new conflict-of-interest policy in response to criticism of BU's payment of \$30 million last year to companies and nonprofit organizations in which university trustees were involved.

The board also named Alan Leventhal as chairman of the board. He replaces Christopher Barreca, who is stepping down for health reasons.

"We are at an exciting juncture in Boston University's history and I hope to work with my colleagues to continue to build upon our success as a world class university," said Leventhal, calling the boardapproved changes a "milestone."

The move follows last year's messy collapse of the school's presidential search, when the trustees hired former NASA chief Daniel S. Goldin as president, only to back out at the last moment amid rumors of a power struggle between Silber loyalists and Goldin.

Trustees said the deal with Goldin broke down after he questioned the financial relationships some trustees had with the university, and suggested they amounted to con-

flicts of interest.

After the embarrassing spectacle, the trustees — who have long been criticized for their tight ties to Silber — formed a committee to review the board's operations and propose changes. The full board took up the panel's recommendations on Thursday.

Silber, a hard-charging and often abrasive figure, served as president from 1971 to 1996 before becoming chancellor. He was widely credited with helping transform BU from a second-tier regional university into the nation's fourth-largest private university. He stepped down as chancellor and a member of the board when the Goldin deal fell through.

One expert said the changes by the board would reassure candidates who might otherwise be wary of taking the president's job.

"This clears the way for the selection of a new president who will have limited to no concerns about the problems of yesteryear," said Sheldon Steinbach, general counsel for the American Council on Education.

Rita Bornstein, president of Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla., and author of the book "Legitimacy in the Academic Presidency: From Entrance to Exit," said: "I think what they're doing is excellent. They're cleaning up their act. They're telling the world they're going to play by commonly accepted rules and they're going to be more than ethical in everything they do and that will help them attract a great president."

'Divas' show to highlight Simpson

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Even the folks at VH1 admit they didn't really consider Jessica Simpson diva material when they put together their annual "Divas" extravaganza last year.

"At that point, she was geared a little toward a teen audience," Rick Krim, a VH1 executive vice president, said delicately. More bluntly, Simpson was widely regarded as a C-list Britney Spears or Christina Aguilera with diminishing record sales and questionable star power.

One year later, Simpson's once dull star has not only brightened — it has exploded, ever since she and hubby Nick Lachey turned their marriage over to MTV for the hugely successful series "Newlyweds: Nick & Jessica."

Simpson's latest album, "In This Skin," a dud when it was first released last summer, is now platinum and still climbing. The couple's April 11 TV special, "The Nick & Jessica Variety Hour," was so successful that ABC ordered another for Christmas. Simpson's shooting her own ABC sitcom pilot about a not-so-bright blond celebrity named Jessica Sampson. And then there's her line of lickable perfumes debuting this month.

"The best part about life right now is watching prayers being answered. That's so amazing," Simpson, 23, told The Associated Press in an interview.

And she finally ranks as a diva — in VH1's eyes, anyway. She's one of the headliners at Sunday's live broadcast from Las Vegas.

"I've always watched 'Divas,' and I knew I could hang with

them. I knew I could do it. And I think more than anything, it's an honor to be finally respected for my voice," Simpson said.

Her considerable vocal talent is what first made her a teen pop starlet. Her 1999 majorlabel debut, "Sweet Kisses," sold almost 2 million copies (though 2001's follow-up, "Irresistible," wasn't a big seller).

But it's Simpson's personality

— a delightful mix of ditziness, petulance, whole-some Southern charm and sex appeal — that's now getting her on magazine covers.

"She had a moderately successful recording career, but as a personality, I

don't think people got to see that other side of her, that captivated people," said Krim.

That "other side" happened to be her ditzy side. She's been widely lampooned for her bubble-head antics on the "Newlyweds" (like eschewing Buffalo wings because "I don't eat buffalo"). But she's not only accepted her doofus status, she's reveled in it.

"I think that's what makes it funny, and that's what makes it endearing, is that I'm accepting of the fact that I know I don't think before I talk, and I have my ditzy moments. It's just who I am," Simpson said.

For those who ask, "How can she be that dumb?" the answer is, she's not. She's just acting her hair color.

"Ever since I was in junior high, I've played it up," the Texas native said. "I don't know whether it's being from the South and having blond hair and having this image growing up as a blonde, but it was just something that I always adapted to, and made part of my life, and made part of my personality"

Now it's part of her shtick, too. In her new pilot, she plays an airhead celebrity who's tapped by a news magazine to join their show in part to boost ratings: "It's kind of like playing

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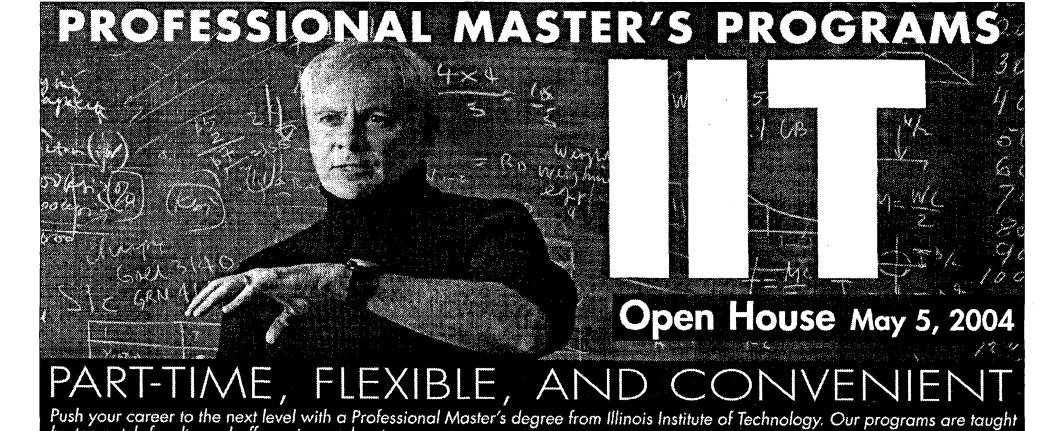
Lachey, the former lead singer for the teen pop group 98 Degrees, is developing his own sitcom as well. But his solo debut, also released last

year, has not fared as well as his wife's, nor does he garner as much attention. It's led to tabloid speculation that her bright spotlight is causing martial tensions.

Simpson, who is quick to rave about her husband during a conversation ("Nick has a great sense of humor," she gushes), is also quick to shoot down rumors of jealousy.

"I think in general, focus is always more on women because there's always a story in an outfit or in a purse," she said. "From 'Newlyweds,' people have seen what an amazing man of character Nick is, and I think most of the viewers would want to be married to him if I wasn't."

Of course, if she wasn't married to Lachey, she might not have such amazing success — she even jokes it was the best move of her career.



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Families protest extensions

National Guard unit's tour extended shortly after soldier's death

Associated Press

WAUSAU, Wis. - After waiting a year for their loved ones to come home, relatives of a Wisconsin National Guard unit received a double shock in the past week: One of its soldiers was killed in Iraq, and the rest had their tour of duty extended four months.

Some families of soldiers in the Guard's 32nd Military Police Company are responding with an Internet campaign to urge President Bush and members of Congress to intervene to bring back the company's 160 soldiers, who had been scheduled to return from Iraq by early next month.

"We are not anti-war," said Linda Aber, whose 22-year-old daughter, Kelli, is in the unit. "We feel it is unfair at this point. Mentally, we feel they are spent. ... We're trying to put some pressure on politicians to help."

Aber, 44, of Madison, helped

create the Web site, which includes elected officials' phone

The office of Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., said he had received about 100 calls and 120 e-mails by Thursday regarding the Guard unit's extension.

In a statement, Feingold said he wrote Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld about the families' concerns and urged him to do "all he can to increase the predictability of deployments."

The lack of predictable deployments has been a problem since the start of the war and "can have a corrosive effect on morale," Feingold wrote.

The Pentagon said Thursday it is extending by three months the tours of about 20,000 U.S. troops in Iraq, giving commanders extra firepower to confront an insurgency that is taking a mounting toll. About one-quarter of the troops are members of the National Guard or Reserve.

The decision breaks a promise to soldiers who were assured when they arrived in Iraq that they would stay no more than a year. By extending their tours of duty by three months, the Pentagon is acknowledging the insurgency has ruined its plans to reduce the size of the U.S. military presence this spring.

The news about the 32nd Police Company's extended tour of duty came as it mourned the death of Spc. Michelle Witmer, 20, who was killed April 9 when her Humvee came under attack in Baghdad. She was the first Wisconsin National Guard soldier to die in military combat since World War II and the first woman Guard member ever killed in combat.

Two of her sisters also served in Iraq, one in the same Guard unit and the other as a medic in another unit. They returned home on leave and haven't decided whether they will return to Iraq.

FBI overwhelmed by warrant requests

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The number of secret surveillance warrants sought by the FBI has increased 85 percent in the past three years, a pace that has outstripped the Justice Department's ability to quickly process them.

Even after warrants are approved, the FBI often does not have enough agents or other personnel with the expertise to conduct the surveillance. The FBI still is trying to build a cadre of translators who can understand conversations that are intercepted in such languages as Arabic,

Pashto and Farsi. These findings are among those of investigators for the commission investigating the Sept. 11 attacks, which has harshly criticized the intelligence-gathering efforts of the CIA and FBI.

FBI and Justice Department officials said Thursday they are working to address all three issues, which limit the government's ability to gather the kind of intelligence needed to head off another catastrophic terrorist attack.

The warrants, authorized by the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, allow for wiretaps, video surveillance, property searches and other spying on people believed to be terrorists or spies. After the 2001 Patriot Act and a key 2002 court decision crumbled the legal wall separating the FBI's criminal and intelligence investigations, use of FISA warrants has soared as sharing of information has become easier.

Since 2001, the number of warrants has risen from 934 to more than 1,700 in 2003, according to the FBI. The FBI adopted streamlined procedures to move the warrant requests quickly from the field offices to headquarters after

But a Sept. 11 commission report released this week found that the Justice Department approval process "continues to be long and

slow" and that the mounting requests "are overwhelming the ability of the system to process them." Although there are provisions for the attorney general to issue emergency FISA warrants, these are good for only 72 hours before they must be reviewed by a special

The department and FBI are "attempting to address bottlenecks" in the system, the commission report found, but the difficulties suggest that some surveillance opportunities could be delayed or lost.

Attorney General John Ashcroft is issuing new guidelines for the Justice Department's Office of Intelligence Policy and Review, which handles FISA requests, spokesman Mark Corallo said. The changes are aimed at reducing and preventing backlogs, he said.

'We have been in a constant state of revising and streamlining the FISA process,' Corallo said. More lawyers are being added to the unit so the warrant requests are more quickly reviewed and sent to the court for approval.

The inability to gather enough evidence for a FISA warrant caused the FBI problems in the case of Zacarias Moussaoui, the only person charged in connection with the Sept. 11 attacks. He was taken into custody on immigration charges in August 2001 after his desire to learn to fly a Boeing 747 with little flight background aroused suspi-

The FBI turned to the CIA to help produce evidence needed to show that Moussaoui might be connected to a foreign terrorist group, which would enable agents to get a FISA warrant to search Moussaoui's computer. That led to an Aug. 23-24 briefing memo to CIA Director George Tenet headlined "Islamic Extremist Learns to Fly," but nothing was done before the 19 hijackers completed the Sept. 11 plot that took nearly 3,000 lives.

The commission said it is possible that if the government had acted more quickly on the information Moussaoui it could have led authorities to the hijackers.

Some lawmakers and privacy activists worry that FISA remains ripe for abuse. Legislation introduced on Capitol Hill would require the Justice Department to publicly account for the number of Americans subjected to FISA surveillance and how often it is used in criminal cases.

"What it will do is go a long way toward assuaging growing public mistrust of the government," said Timothy Edgar, legislative counsel for the American Civil Liberties Union.

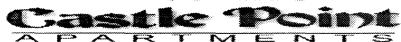
Even if the FISA delays are solved, the FBI is struggling to provide the surveillance experts necessary to carry out the warrants.

The commission staff found shortages at every FBI field office they visited and noted that some of these personnel "are not treated as part of an integrated intelligence program" and do not meet regularly with case agents working terrorism suspects.

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PSA needs to reconsider tactics

Sustained civil disobedience poses two challenges for demonstrators to consider - not only how long to wait before taking a daring public stance, but how best to approach the audience their bold step will address.

Members of the Progressive Student Alliance decided Wednesday that they had waited long enough for Notre Dame to make an official statement against renewing its contract with Taco Bell. After delivering letters to the office of University President Father Edward Malloy for the past two weeks, the students opted to further publicize their three-day hunger strike by making their presence felt in the Office of the President. Observer

While such initiative is admirable at Notre Dame — a campus traditionally rife with student apathy — the PSA's choice of a confrontational approach may have soured a productive, if slowmoving, dialogue with the administration.

Students from the group have met since last fall with vice president and general counsel Carol Kaesebier to air their concerns. Kaesebier's office has been open both to ongoing discussion and to seeking Taco Bell's response, and should be praised for its performance in a mediating role between the students, the corporation and the administration fairness to all sides at every step in the process.

The letter Kaesebier sent to Taco Bell March 5 and the follow-up call placed Wednesday exemplify a willingness to address the students' concerns. By delegating responsibility to the general counsel, the University provided an avenue for the PSA to seek answers from Taco Bell that specifically speak to its relationship with Notre Dame. The University's responsibility to hear its sponsor's side and its responsibility to assist alarmed students have both been fulfilled.

The PSA, however, questions Notre Dame's responsibility to be persistent. The University's cooperative assistance clearly is not as outspoken as the students' relentless efforts in the name of their cause

But passion, the PSA learned Wednesday, is not always productive.

Arriving unannounced at Malloy's office was within their rights. Students who want to approach the president should be able to do so. Yet out of respect

for his position and for his protocol of scheduling meetings in advance — an option the group did not pursue — the PSA must realize that spontaneously approaching Malloy will be ineffective.

A statement from the administration will only come when they have heard from Taco Bell and evaluated the corporation's claims. Kaesebier, Counselor to the President Father Peter Jarret and others have made that clear. And while acts of civil disobedience like sit-ins and hunger strikes have proven historically successful in other contexts, with the Notre Dame administration they carry less weight than the more professional exchange the students had with Kaesebier.

Though patience may be frustrating, continuing on the course begun with the general counsel is the wisest choice for the students.

Justice too long delayed is justice denied, says the PSA rallying cry. But justice forced may disrupt justice forthcoming.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Pass in Review location not acceptable

April 14 was a beautiful day to be outside. A warm breeze and clear skies marked the day of the annual Presidential Pass in Review Ceremony. That afternoon, I had to make my way through the maze of construction fences to find the Loftus Center where the ceremony was to take place indoors.

Earlier this year, my Senate committee recognized the student demand for an outdoor location for the ceremony. We collected 2,082 signatures in only one week, petitioning for its relocation. Student Activities denied the request and cited reasons such as convenience and previous low-student attendance. In response, my committee took the project further to create greater awareness of the ceremony among the student body. We made posters, flyers and table tents. With greater campus discussion, students realized their uniformed peers were leaving the Notre Dame bubble for active duty. country is in a time of war, it is important to realize many of the soldiers and sailors who fight today were only marching in Loftus last year.

I worked to move the ceremony outdoors because ROTC cadets and midshipmen want the ceremony outdoors. As we continued the project, I learned that many non-ROTC students want an outdoor ceremony equally, such as myself. We simply want a flagpole, real grass and the possibility of an aircraft flyover. Contrary to popular rumor, the original relocation four years ago was neither in response to anti-ROTC protestors nor as a way of hiding the ROTC program. University President Father Edward Malloy spoke of the pride Notre Dame feels

towards the ROTC program at Wednesday's ceremony. While the past four years in Loftus may have been for the planner's convenience, this year the ROTC department wanted an outdoor location. The Student Activities department felt that an outdoor venue was not necessary and Loftus was fully adequate. They were mistaken.

The ceremony attendance on Wednesday was the greatest in the past four years inside Loftus. Captain Shelton of the Navy Department told me the crowd size was four times larger than last year's. While the 2,082 petitioners did not all join me, I feel the large audience demonstrated the Notre Dame community's committed support for the cadets and midshipmen who marched before us. The crowd certainly fit inside Loftus, but the fieldhouse was not adequate for the ceremony. The Pass in Review deserves an outdoor location to honor all those who attended, including active duty officers and veterans. I hope the ceremony will remain on people's minds and that next year the student body will once again encourage Student Activities to reconsider the ceremony's location. On a personal note, I want to thank the ROTC department and students for their continued assistance in the project. It has been an honor. Thank you.

> Jana Lamplota sophomore 2003-04 Pasquerilla West Senator

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Should the ROTC Presidential Pass in Review be held inside or outside?

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"It is not fair to ask of others what you are not willing to do yourself."

> **Eleanor Roosevelt** American diplomat

VIEWPOINT

Diversity has its limits

"Diversity" has been a buzzword at Notre Dame for the past few years. Diversity is lauded in terms of race, gender, socio-economic class and countless other classifications. Sadly, there is one place at Notre Dame where diversity is

where diversity is slowly being eliminated: diversity of thought. In particular, economic thought.

This past year

John Infranca

Dissident Poetry

the College of Arts and Letters decided to split Notre Dame's Department of Economics in two: a Department of Economics and Econometrics and a Department of Economics and Policy Studies. Notre Dame's Economics department had long been one of the few departments in the nation committed to cultivating a variety of approaches to the study of economics. This includes scholarship and teaching outside of the mainstream or neo-classical approach. So-called heterodox economics often does not receive the same attention garnered by mainstream approaches. It does, however, frequently focus on broader issues of social concern: labor standards, income distribution, environmental quality, fair trade and poverty. Such approaches often resonate with Catholic social teaching on economics which, in the words of the U.S. Bishop's Pastoral Letter Economic Justice for All, "does not embrace any particular theory of how the economy works."

In contrast, the Economics and Econometrics Department is committed solely to neoclassical theory. It also focuses on a particular method of studying the economy known as econometrics. Econometrics emphasizes the use of mathematics and statistical research to forecast economic trends and make policy decisions. Unfortunately, not all of the economy's effects on individuals can be measured quantitatively. As Economic Justice for All observes: "Our faith calls us to measure this economy, not by what it produces but also by how it touches human life and whether it protects or undermines the dignity of the human person." Econometrics does not offer a formula for measuring concern for human dignity. Like any single approach it has its limita-

The decision to split the Economics department has led many to worry that heterodox economic thought will eventually be eliminated at Notre Dame. The new Economics and Econometrics Department is allowed to hire new faculty, while the Economics and Policy Studies Department is not. In addition, the graduate program will, when it is restarted, be located in and controlled by the smaller Econometrics Department.

The National Catholic Reporter's most recent issue reports on the split. The article was based in part on an interview with the Econometrics Department's chairperson, Richard Jensen. Jensen stressed that the decision to split the department was due to a need to raise the program's ranking, which is defined solely in terms of the number of articles faculty members publish in leading peerreviewed publications, most of which focus on neo-classical approaches. Hence conformity to this accepted paradigm of how economics should be done trumped any desire to question the merits of this approach to judging the quality of a program, or, for that matter, any desire to critically evaluate the suppositions of neo-classical economics. Most heterodox publications do not rank in the top

50 economics journal, and hence Jensen questioned their impact. The same logic might be used to argue that opinions which are not popular and already accepted are simply not worth expressing. So much for positive social change.

Perhaps more ironic is the perspective offered by Mark Roche, the dean of the College of Arts and Letters. According to the National Catholic Reporter, Roche described the professors chosen for the Econometrics Department as "those persons who are actively contributing to mainstream economics." Roche said that they alone will be able to hire new faculty members "because if you have persons who aren't conversant with the mainstream or people who are opposed to the mainstream, you're not going to get the hires you need to advance the department in mainstream economics."

This commitment to mainstream thought contrasts with Roche's thoughts in his recent booklet "The Intellectual Appeal of Catholicism and the Idea of a Catholic University." There he spoke admiringly of "The Catholic tradition, inspired by the concept of the unity of knowledge." This commitment to "the lost ideal of holistic knowledge provides, precisely in its foreignness, a valuable antidote to some of the weaknesses of the modern age and of the contemporary University. Not only does familiarity with a contrasting ideal offer the formal advantage of fostering critical distance toward the

reigning ideals of one's own era, in this case the holistic model presents us with a substantive alternative, an ideal toward which a Catholic University is

obliged to strive." It appears that such "critical distance form the reigning ideals" and the desire to offer a "substantive alternative" is useful only in so far as it does not affect academic rankings, rankings determined by conformity to those very "reigning ideals." The distinctness of Catholic identity is wonderful when it serves to attract students and faculty but should Catholicism's commitment to social and economic justice compel questions with regard to the assumptions of neoclassical economics tradition no longer serves its pur-

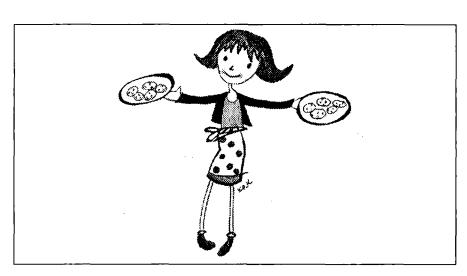
This is not to say that Notre Dame should not teach neo-classical economics or econometrics; an

understanding of both is crucial for anyone who hopes to engage in reflection and debate on economic matters. The decision, however, to focus on neo-classical approaches and eliminate graduate studies in heterodox economics, largely due to a desire to improve an academic ranking determined by allegiance to a single theoretical approach, is troubling. It was troubling enough to compel Robert Solow, a neo-classical economist and the 1987 Nobel Prize winner, to write a letter to University President Father Edward Malloy encouraging him to rethink the split. Solow declared the decision "a cruelly bad idea" and remarked that "Economics, like any discipline, ought to welcome unorthodox ideas, and deal with them intellectually as best it can." Unfortunately Solow's opinions do not affect academic rankings. Until that changes, neither his opinions, nor those of heterodox economists, will receive much attention here at Notre Dame. Diversity has its limits.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR



Bake sales promote political activism

I am a class of 2001 alumnus, writing from Washington, D.C., where I have consciously avoided the political scene (happy hours and marches) for two years. During the past week, however, I have found the following headlines and e-mails too disturbing to ignore or delete.

For example, in the city's metro there are ads saying, "Ile knew. Congress must censure the President," with further information on how the country has been misinformed with distorted intelligence. In an e-mail I received from MoveOn.org, an organization dedicated to bringing ordinary people back into politics through online activism networking, I read the following:

"President Bush presents himself as a man of the people, but a look at his fundraising shows otherwise. Over \$95 million of his money has come in the form of bundles of \$2000 checks from high-rolling CEOs and lobbyists."

As someone who has felt powerless and struggled to even vote through absentee ballots over the years, I am urging you to consider taking baby steps toward action. Initially I was convinced our main recourse would be saying noven as at the grotto. Fortunately, the grassroots organization I mentioned above has suggested a thoughtful and empowering alternative, a bake sale. Λ "Bake Sale for Democracy" to raise money for Move On's campaign to "Take Back the White House."

This weekend over 1,000 bake sales will be held across the country on April 17. Saddened by the fact that none of these were taking place in South Bend, a friend and I registered to hold our own — our original plan was to be in town for a reunion. If after reading information on www.moveon.org you feel motivated, or if you feel like this country is in need of a change, please consider bringing items to Field House Mall (Stonehenge) at 11 a.m. on Saturday, or simply supporting the sale between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. At the very least, I would urge you to make an effort to vote this fall. Personally, I have decided that prayer and thought are not enough: the time has come to take an active role in making a difference.

Heather Phillips alumna Class of 2001 April 15

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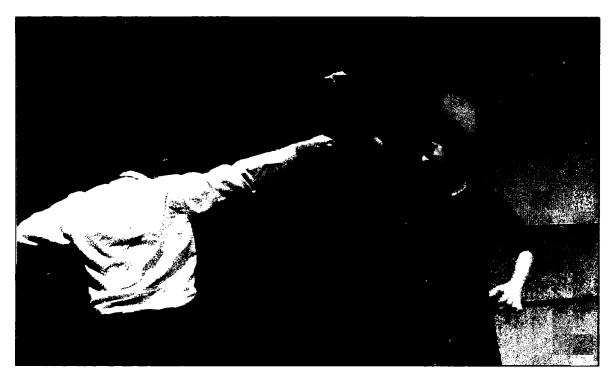
KING





Above, King Lear (Mike Federico) disinherits his daughter Cordelia (Lena Caligiuri) for refusing to flatter him. Federico is a senior with a lot of experience in Shakespearian plays. At left, Edmund (Adel Hanash) reads a letter. Below, half-brothers Edgar (David Tull) and Edmund sword fight in a dual to the death.

Photos by SHAWNA MONSON



By MARIA SMITH Scene Editor

The chance to perform Shakespeare is one of the greatest challenges, and the greatest joys, of professional and amateur actors alike.

The language may be antiquated, the lines may be complicated and the characters may take weeks to understand. But actors and directors with the passion and talent to get past these difficulties can find a world of possibilities in every one of Shakespeare's plays.

Through the years the Not So Royal Shakespeare Company has taken a crack at the comedies, tragedies and histories with equal vigor and varying amounts of success. Last year the group took the stage with Taming of the Shrew and Hamlet. Fall semester featured many of the group's best old and new actors in the always popular Much Ado About Nothing.

This weekend the company will take on a greater challenge in its performance of King Lear. In addition to being widely acknowledged as one of Shakespeare's greatest tragedies, the story of King Lear's descent from his throne into gradually increasing madness at the hands of his treacherous daughters is one of the most difficult to perform. The dark themes of the play and complicated development of the characters place great demands on the actors. While the company's presentation of the play is not flawless, the cast of King Lear puts on an admirable performance.

Hamlet may be the role every actor aspires to play, but in many ways King Lear may be a more difficult role to perform. Senior Mike Federico's performance in this show makes it clear why the computer science major has been cast in major roles in the company since he came to Notre Dame. In the past four years Federico has played Mercutio, Roderigo, Falstaff and other coveted Shakespearean characters on the Notre Dame stage.

"This role is, first, impossible," Federico said. "To have enough breath to say all the lines and scream them the way he does is really impossible."

Federico certainly has a tough act to follow playing a role that has been filled with great actors such as Laurence Olivier and Orson Welles.

"Most actors play this part when they are at least 60 years plus and have their careers behind them," Federico said. "But that's the beauty of college theatre."

Senior Mario Bird also brings a personal slant to his role as the Earl of Kent with a carefully cultivated

Scottish
a c c e n t
drawn from a
variety of popular
entertainment.

"[The accent] comes from an

amalgamation of a number of different sources," Bird said. The attempt may sound like a

gimmick, but is surprisingly effective in developing the character and bring-

ing out Bird's natural acting energy. The play

also features notable performances by some of the University's youngeractors. Freshman Conor Woods

Director: Katy Kertez Writer: Shakespeare Starring: Michael Feder Cricket Slattery, Lena Cali David Tull, Adel Hanash, M Ayling, C. Spencer Beggs, Garlock, Patrick Vassel, B Burum, Liz Clouse, Al Klein

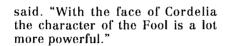
plays the minor character of Oswald with distinctive character, and sophomore David Tull adapts well to the challenge of playing a character who masquerades as a madman for half the play.



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LEAR





One problem actors often performing encounter in Shakespeare is the tendency to get lost in the language. At times the actors of the company also run into difficulty interpreting the subtleties of Shakespeare. While the plot and the characters are well developed and several of the actors live up to the challenge of performing Shakespeare as though he wrote for modern audiences, some of the finer points of language and conversation get lost in the company's performance.

The company also uses a mix of props and costumes from different time periods, which may be done for effect, but can feel disjointed. The mix of swords, guns, fur capes and strapless dresses may be a function of the company's limited budget, but does not add to the sense of reality on the stage.

This weekend's performance will be the last time many of the most active performers of the senior class will take the stage as Notre Dame undergraduates. Federico, Kertez, Adel Hanash and Spencer Beggs have been part of the Notre Dame dramatic scene for

four years. Bird only began acting onstage at Notre Dame last semester, but has rapidly become an important part of the company.

"A lot of people who have been

a huge part of NSR in the past are going to be gone," Tull said. "But a lot of what's fun about this show is leaving spots open for people to come in and fill the ranks. You can see the people getting ready to fill the seniors' spots."

Even for those seniors not intending to pursue a career in acting, the end of the Not So Royal Shakespeare Company does not mean the end of performing Shakespeare. Several of the actors including Hanash, Tull and Kertez will perform in the Summer Shakespeare performance of Romeo and Juliet this summer. Federico was cast in the role of Paris, and graduate Jeff Eyerman, appearing as the Earl of Gloucester in King Lear, works as executive director of the Summer Shakespeare program.

"I think that Shakespeare's every single word feels so special, so magical to perform," Tull said. "They say there's the acting bug, but there's also the Shakespeare bug. Once you get addicted to performing these works, which you do, you get hooked on it."

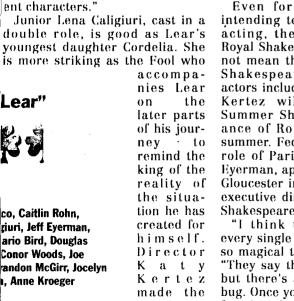
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Above, King Lear holds
Cordelia's dead body after
she is hanged. At right, the
Duke of Cornwall (C. Spencer
Beggs) with his wife.
Cornwall's wife is Lear's second
daughter Regan (Cricket
Slattery). Below, the Duke
of Cornwall threatens Earl of
Gloucester (Jeff Eyerman) with
a knife.

Photos by SHAWNA MONSON





"It's

draining,"

Tull said. "But

been

rewarding to go back

and forth and try a couple differ-

decision to cast the same actor for both roles in an effort to contribute to the portrayal of Lear's psychological development.

"I wanted to find a way to express Lear's madness," Kertez



NHL

Theodore turns away 43 in Montreal's win

Associated Press

BOSTON — Montreal Canadiens goalie Jose Theodore was often overshadowed by Bruins counterpart Andrew Raycroft in the first four games of their first-round playoff series.

Theodore, a former NHL MVP, re-established himself on Thursday night as a player to watch.

Theodore made 43 saves, and Saku Koivu had a goal and two assists in helping the Canadiens stay alive with 5-1 victory over the Bruins. The Canadiens trail the best-of-seven series 3-2 and host Game 6 on Saturday night.

And Theodore is a big reason why their season is still going as he turned aside Boston's relentless pressure for the first 15 minutes.

"We all knew they were going to come out really strong, and they did that," Theodore said. "They had the momentum, they were throwing the hits, and they were getting a lot of shots."

But it was the Canadiens who scored first, tallying on a quick counterattack at 14:17 of the first period. Jason Ward sent Yanic Perreault in alone, and his shot deflected off of Raycroft's pads and inside the far nost

"In the first 15 minutes of the first period, Jose made some key saves and Yanic came up big," said Koivu, who had a hand in both of Montreal's power-play goals.

He scored on a rebound at 8:44 of the third period to make it 4-1 when the Canadiens had a two-man advantage. Koivu also assisted on Craig Rivet's power-play goal at 6:34 of the third that made it 5-1.

Rivet beat Raycroft with a long slap shot.

"I don't think we were there mentally," Raycroft said.

The Bruins continued to struggle with the man advantage, going 0-for-4 on Thursday and 2-for-22 for the series.

"Our line had its chances, we just weren't finding the net," said leading scorer Joe Thornton, who doesn't have a point in the series.

The Canadiens took a 2-0 lead at 12:21 of the second period on a three-on-two break. Richard Zednik won the puck at center ice and passed to Koivu on his left. Koivu then made a crossice pass to Alex Kovalev, who scored his fourth goal of the series.

Kovalev was the goat in Game 4, when after he was slashed in the second overtime he stopped playing and shook his injured wrist. He turned over the puck and then collided with teammate Sheldon Souray, which allowed Glen Murray to skate in on a breakaway and score the winning goal.

"I thought he played a really strong game except for that last play," Koivu said of Kovalev's Game 4 performance. "To get the winning goal tonight takes some of the pressure of him."

Kovalev seemed reluctant to talk about the Canadiens' previous loss.

"All I had to do was put in the same effort as the first four games and things would start happening for me," he said. "One thing we wanted to do was stay focused and keep the pressure on them after we went up 2-0."

The Canadiens almost made it 3-0 Thursday when Raycroft was caught out of position. Pierre Dagenais had a clean shot at an empty net, but Bruins forward Sergei Samsonov threw himself in front of the puck and it deflected off his body.

Zednik eventually gave Montreal a three-goal advantage at 16:35 of the third period, just after the Bruins killed off a four-minute power play. Zednik took advantage of a turnover in the Bruins zone, skated in alone — with Thornton clutching his jersey — and backhanded the puck past Raycroft.

The Bruins finally broke through at 11:37 of the third when Nick Boynton found Murray to the right of the Montreal net and Murray slapped a shot into the open

Red Wings 4, Predators 1

The Nashville Predators paid the price for giving the Detroit Red Wings time and space to make plays.

Pavel Datsyuk's dazzling passes set up two goals before seven minutes elapsed and the Red Wings went on to beat the Predators to take a 3-2 series lead.

ac. "When you have the lead, you



Montreal goaltender Jose Theodore, left, looks on as Boston's Martin LaPointe, center, fights for position in front of the net Thursday. Theodore made 43 saves in the Canadiens' 5-1 win.

force them to take chances," said Brendan Shanahan, who gave Detroit a 3-0 lead in the first period. "In the other games, they had the lead and were able to just sit back and protect."

The home team has won each game in the first-round, best-of-seven series and the Predators hope to keep up the trend in Game 6 on Saturday in Nashville.

Henrik Zetterberg, Brett Hull and Shanahan scored in the first period for the Red Wings, who are determined to avoid a second straight first-round flop following another successful regular season.

After Nicklas Lidstrom's power-play goal midway through the second period made it 4-0, Nashville's Sergei Zholtok scored on the power play with 37.2 seconds left in the period.

That made Hull's goal the game-winner, his 24th in the playoffs, tying the NHL record set by Wayne Gretzky. Hull turned down two interview requests to comment on the milestone.

Detroit's Curtis Joseph made 19 saves in his first playoff start since the Red Wings were swept by Anaheim in the first round last season. Joseph, who has been hobbled with an ankle injury for much of the season,

replaced Manny Legace.

When Dominik Hasek ended his one-year retirement last summer, the Red Wings tried to trade Joseph. Later, Hasek had a season-ending groin injury and the team decided it wanted to keep Joseph, who then went down with an ankle injury. Legace, a career backup, then became the unlikely No. 1 goal-tender.

"It has been a different year, no question," Joseph said.

Tomas Vokoun made 27 saves, but many came after Detroit took control.

Vokoun stopped 82 of 83 shots in Games 3 and 4 as Nashville evened the series with two wins at home.

The Predators went nearly 78 minutes without giving up a goal before Detroit's first-period flurry.

"If we try to play a skill game, they're going to beat us 10 out of 10 times," Vokoun said.

The Red Wings — playing with a sense of urgency — scored on their first, fourth and ninth shots. They did not score in the first period in the first four games.

Mathieu Schneider said Detroit tried to start the game as if it was overtime.

"Without a doubt, that was the mentality we had," he said. It took nearly eight minutes before Nashville forced Joseph Predators didn't generate many scoring chances the rest of the game.

to make a save, and the

With relentless pressure all over the ice, the pesky Predators had stymied Detroit's talent-laden team for the most part — until Game 5.

Sharks 3, Blues 1

The San Jose Sharks' incredible regular season was no mistake. They're deep, fast and a little bit lucky — and they're moving ahead in the playoffs.

Injury replacement Mark Smith scored his first NHL playoff goal, and Evgeni Nabokov stopped 21 shots in the Sharks' series-clinching victory over St. Louis.

Mike Ricci got an insurance goal with 3:38 left, and Brad Stuart also scored as the second-seeded Sharks took the series 4-1, winning three games at the sold-out Shark Tank. They're the first team to advance to the conference semifinals, which probably won't begin for a week.

A year after finishing 14th in the Western Conference, the Sharks capped their franchise-record 104-point regular season with their fifth trip to the second round.

They've never reached the conference finals — but they've never been on such a late-season roll, either.

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Associated Press

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insist their focus will be on trying to win, not the bad blood between them. Still, the fans at Fenway, some of whom will be in new seats on the right-field roof, will make it clear this is no ordinary four-game series.

"I'm not expecting too many cheers," said Rodriguez, who donned pinstripes rather than red socks when the Yankees obtained him from Texas after Boston failed to get him.

The series begins exactly six months after their last dramatic meeting — a Yankees victory in Game 7 of the AL championship series. Pedro Martinez blew a three-run lead in the eighth inning at Yankee Stadium and Aaron Boone gave New York a 6-5 win with a homer in the 11th inning off Tim Wakefield.

Boston was five outs from clinching the series when manager Grady Little made a much-criticized decision to stick with Martinez. It backfired, and Little lost his job to Terry Francona.

Wakefield will be back on the mound, throwing the first pitch of Friday's game. Martinez will not pitch in the series.

Boone is probably out for the season, sidelined with a knee injury that created an opening at third base. The Yankees filled that with Rodriguez, considered baseball's best all-around player

New York has won 26 World Series since Boston won its last in 1918.

As if to give the team an additional boost before the game, Boston will unveil a statue of the most beloved Red Sox of all, Ted Williams.

"Hopefully, we can pick it up a notch, show them who the best team is," Boston's Johnny Damon said. "I'm convinced we are."

Both teams added key players. The Red Sox got Curt Schilling and Keith Foulke. Besides Rodriguez, the Yankees picked up Gary Sheffield, Kevin Brown and Javier Vazquez, who pitches the opener.

With Seattle and Texas, Rodriguez never had the chance to play in such a rivalry.

"He's asked questions," Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter said, "but you can only say so much. You can only explain so much. Until you experience it firsthand, you have no idea."

The signing of Rodriguez prompted Red Sox owner John Henry to call for a salary cap. Yankees owner George Steinbrenner fired back, calling Henry a whiner.

The teams have baseball's highest payrolls, the Yankees at \$183 million and the Red Sox at \$125 million.

Seven of this year's 19 regular-season meetings are in April with Boston's Nomar Garciaparra and Trot Nixon on the disabled list. Against the Red Sox last year, the Yankees were 10-9 in the regular season.



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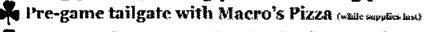
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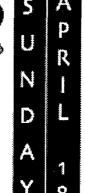
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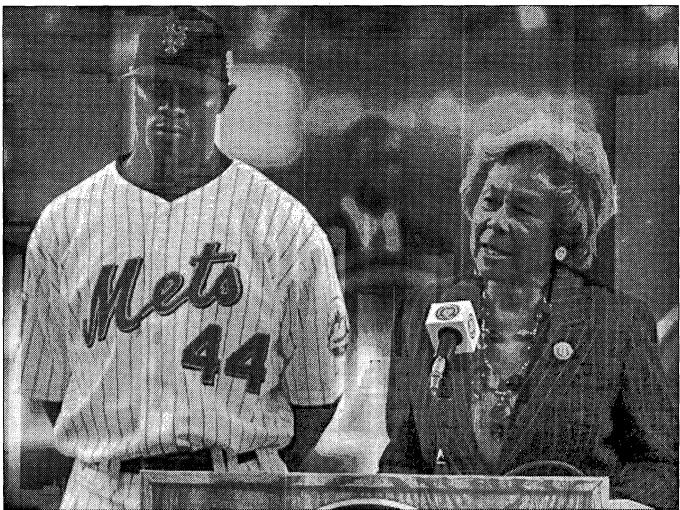
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Jackie Robinson's widow, Rachel Robinson, speaks at a ceremony for "Jackie Robinson Day" at Shea Stadium before a Mets-Braves game on Thursday while Mets outfielder Mike Cameron looks on.

Baseball celebrates Jackie Robinson Day

Associated Press

NEW YORK — As a boy, Bud Selig went to Wrigley Field to watch a rookie named Jackie Robinson. More than a half-century later, the memory still sticks with the commissioner.

"We were the only white people in the upper deck," Selig said. "I never saw so much excitement."

At ballparks all across the majors Thursday, fans and players got to see and hear about the Hall of Famer's legacy. Baseball paused for Jackie Robinson Day, with video tributes, speeches and

commemorative No. 42 signs honoring the man who broke the sport's color barrier.

"When you look back on the history of our game, Jackie Robinson coming into baseball — there's no question in my mind that April 15, 1947, was the most powerful moment in baseball history," Selig said at Shea Stadium.

"It transcended baseball. It was a precursor to the civil rights movement by 15 or 16 years," he said.

Robinson's widow, Rachel, was escorted onto the field by Selig and New York Mets center fielder Mike Cameron before the game against Atlanta.

Rachel Robinson spoke to a sparse crowd and her daughter, Sharon, took part in a first-pitch ceremony. Rachel recalled those

Rachel recalled those early days after Robinson started his career with the Brooklyn Dodgers.

"After the first few games, when black fans started to come to the games and rooted so hard and came up to him, he began to get the feeling of what his playing meant to people," she said.

"Sharon and I know that a younger generation are beginning to discover Jackie Robinson. We're proud of all the progress," she said. "I also know in a very intense and passionate way that there's a lot that still needs to be done in baseball and in life."

Starting this year, every April 15 will be celebrated as Jackie Robinson Day in the majors.

His No. 42 was retired throughout baseball in 1997 when the sport paid tribute to the 50th anniversary of the day he debuted for Brooklyn.

Players who wore No. 42 at the time were allowed to keep it. Mariano Rivera of the New York Yankees and injured Mo Vaughn of the Mets still have it.

IN BRIEF

Haas continues comeback

HOUSTON — German Tommy Haas took another step in his comeback from shoulder surgery with a 6-4, 6-2 victory Thursday over Paul Goldstein in a second-round match at the U.S. Men's Clay Court championships.

"The more you play, the more you get comfortable," Haas said. "I felt pretty comfortable in the second set, stepping it up with my strokes. But there's still always improvement to make."

Haas, who missed all of last season and hasn't played on clay since the 2002 French Open, broke Goldstein in the 10th game of the first set. Haas ran away with the second set with breaks in the second and eighth games.

"Obviously, I'm trying to do the best I can each week," Haas said. "Maybe to say winning a tournament right now would be a little much. I'm still trying to test my way back into the matches. You never know what can happen."

Williams return cut short

CHARLESTON, S.C. — Serena Williams' comeback was cut short.

The six-time major champion withdrew from the Family Circle Cup on Thursday, saying her left knee is sore from practicing and playing too much after returning from an eight-month

The announcement comes a day after Williams pulled out of the U.S. Fed Cup team's first-round match at Slovenia and raises questions about Williams' fitness with the French Open less than six weeks away.

She had knee surgery Aug. 1, then missed the U.S. Open and Australian Open, returning to the tour just last month.

"The official diagnosis by the doctor was that he was shocked I was playing this many tournaments in the beginning," Williams said.

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"He said normally when you're coming back from a procedure like me, you should play one week and then maybe take a week or two

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Hoyas

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underdog is, they wouldn't be saying it's Georgetown," Coyne said. "Outside of our team, everyone is looking at it as Georgetown is going to win. We haven't beaten them yet, so it would be premature to say we're going in there expecting to be the favorite."

Saturday, Notre Dame put 10 points on the board before host Ohio State (4-7) could find the back of the net as the Irish crushed the Buckeyes 14-6 to improve to a perfect 10-0 on the

year.
"We're obviously in a groove right now with how we're playing, and when we come out and we're on our game, we're tough to stop," Coyne said.

"We could just find our spots against their defense with no problem, and I think it gives us confidence going into [the Georgetown game].

Midfield Meredith Simon turned in yet another stellar effort, registering six points on the afternoon (three goals, three assists) in heading an Irish attack that featured four additional multi-goal scorers, including midfield/attack Crysti Foote (three goals, one assist), attack Lauren Fischer (three goals, one assist), defender Kassen Delano (two goals) and midfield Abby Owen (two goals).

The Buckeyes finally broke the 10-goal unanswered scoring streak with eight seconds remaining in the first half, yet were unable to mount a comeback effort as the Irish netted three of the next four goals to start the second half, bumping their lead to 13-2 and effectively icing the

While the showdown in the nation's capital is easily the biggest of the year for the Irish, Coyne and the Irish aren't fazed by the significance of the contest and plan to stick with the game plan that has facilitated Notre Dame in jumping 15 spots in the

polls this spring.

"It's a Big East game; it's a huge rivalry; it has all the ingredients you're looking for in a big game atmosphere," Coyne said. "But I don't feel any extra pressure, and we're approaching this game like we have every other game.

"We've stayed very focused, and we're looking forward to the opportunity to go out and play a really good opponent."

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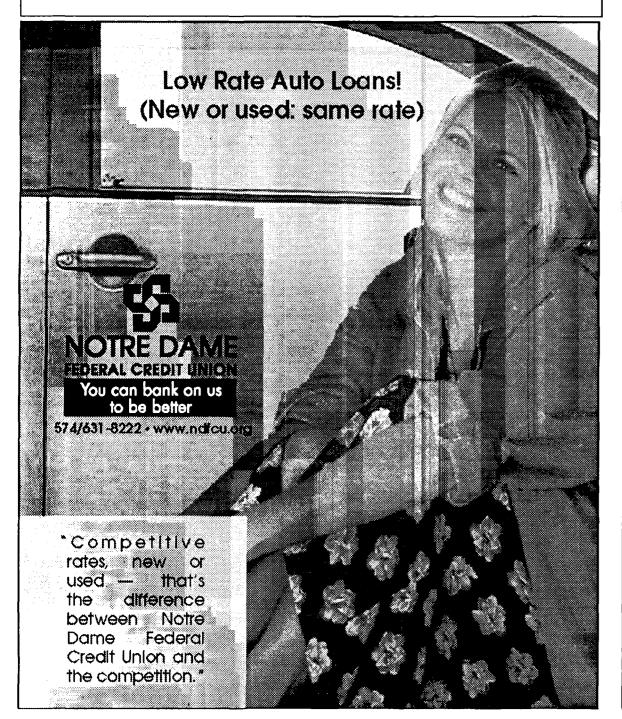
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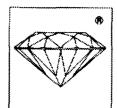
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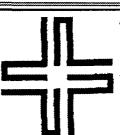


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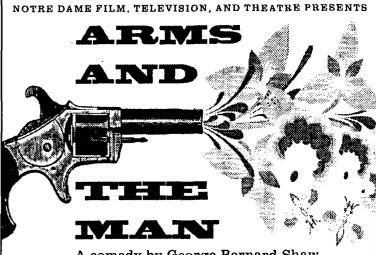
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a lead they held for just one

In the third, the Flames came out with three singles off Heather Booth. They were good for one run that cut the Irish lead in half.

Booth, the Irish ace, lasted just over one more inning, after throwing a lot of pitches. She gave up three earned runs, despite striking out six and walking three.

"She threw a lot of pitches," Gumpf said.

"I think she got behind in a lot of the counts. They were hitting her

change-up, and that's her game. If they hit her change-up, that changes things."
In relief, Gumpf brought in Carrie Wisen. She gave up just one

while striking out two. "Carrie came in and did a really nice job," Gumpf said. "She did just what I needed her to do.'

run in the final 5 2/3 innings,

But Wisen's bullpen effort wasn't enough in the 10th and final

Both coaches agreed to go to the international tiebreaker, in which the last out of the previous inning is put on second base to start the inning. In the top half of the inning, the Flames sacrificed Jessica Reusnow to third base, and then she was driven in by Alycia Creese's single through the right side. Creese also picked up the win for the Flames.

The Irish had their chances in the bottom half of the inning, but they failed to sacrifice Carissa Jacquish over to third, and then Stephanie Brown popped out. With two outs, deFau hit a hot grounder to the shortstop, who bobbled the ball, and Gumpf waved Jacquish home. She was called out to end the game, good for the Flames' first win ever at Ivy Field.

"I was trying to send her the whole way," Gumpf said. "It's a make or break play — it's going to happen or it's not. You've got to

give it a shot, especially when we're not hitting well at all.'

Now the Irish have a few days to recover before returning to Big East action on Sunday against Providence.

'You have to work hard these

next few days at practice," Gumpf said. "We have a couple days to get back and learn how to hit again.'

The doubleheader is set to start at 11 a.m. at Ivy Field, and the Irish look to redeem themselves

after Thursday's performance.

"I don't know how they're going to respond," Gumpf said. "I'm pretty disappointed right now.'

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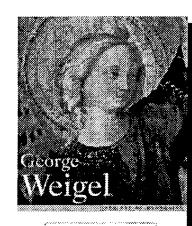
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Irish journey to 46th annual Mt. SAC relays

By MIKE GILLOON Sports Writer

It's been said that tough competition brings out the best in an athlete. The Irish hope this old adage holds true this weekend as seventeen Notre Dame competitors will travel to the 46th annual Mt. SAC relays in Walnut, Calif. The relays, held at Mt. San Antonio College, attract a firstclass field of runners, jumpers and throwers.

The athletes hail from colleges all around the country including powerhouses Arkansas, Oregon, Arizona and USC. There will also be international entrants on national teams from countries such as Canada, Kenya, Australia and Great Britain.

"This is known as one of the best meets in the country," said Irish assistant coach Tim Connelly. "It will attract a lot of post-collegiate runners and many contenders for the Olympics."

Among the group Notre Dame will be sending are distance standouts Molly Huddle and Thomas Chamney. Chamney won last week's men's 800 meters and looks to continue his success against the solid field.

Huddle is coming off a third place finish in last week's Missouri Invitational. However she did manage to qualify for the Big East Championships and will be one of the top collegiate competitors in the 5000 meters.

Huddle's teammate Stephanie Madia will also run in the 5000 meters.

Some of the other team members going to the meet include Godwin Mbagwu and Stacey Cowan. Mbagwu won the triple jump last week at Missouri with a leap of 14.52 meters. Cowan has been a consistent threat in the women's high jump all season long. She placed first in her most recent outdoor appearance, a 1.68-meter leap earlier this month in the spring opener. Both the men's and women's 4-by-400 meter relay teams will also make the trip.

Those not making the trek to California will stay closer to home and participate in the Indy Relays

in Indianapolis. Teams from around the region such as Butler, DePauw, Louisville and Ball State are expected to compete.

"We just want to get people ready to run fast," Connelly said when asked what his team focused on this week in practice.

The mild weather the last couple of days has made outdoor practice easier on the Irish.

"The bad weather has affected everyone lately and we had been hoping at some point to get a break," Connelly said. "From what I hear it's supposed to be nice in both places this weekend.'

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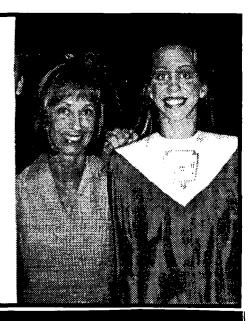
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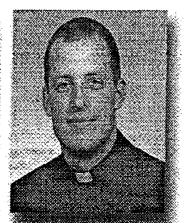
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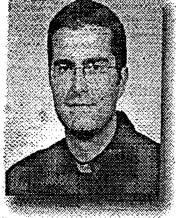
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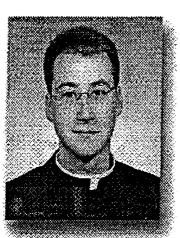
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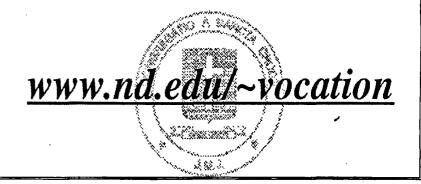
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ND Women's Golf

Irish ready for Lady Boilermaker Invitational

By ERIC RETTER Sports Writer

The only way for a team to reach its ultimate goal is to strive for greater and greater challenges.

Notre Dame women's golf coach Debby King certainly has a lot of faith in this philosophy, as her team gets set to play in Lady Boilermaker Invitational at Purdue. In what has become a pattern this sea-

son, the Irish will once again face what King describes as "the toughest field yet." That field includes the host Boilermakers, ranked in the top in the Golfweek/Sagarin

Index. The tournament

will last all day Saturday and Sunday, and will be played in the six-count-four format, where the top four scores out of six golfers gets counted towards the total team score.

The Invitational marks the first time this spring that both senior co-captains Rebecca Rogers and Shannon Byrne have competed together in the same tournament. Joining them this weekend will be junior Karen Lotta, sophomores Katie Brophy and Sarah Bassett and freshman Noriko Nakazaki.

At the Hoosier Invitational two weekends ago, Brophy made the best individual effort of the spring as she tied for second, citing King's decision to increase focus on the mental aspects of the game.

'Since it worked well at Indiana, we've practiced with the same kind of emphasis,' King said.

The Irish will need their confidence as they move to uncharted territory this week-

playing end, Purdue's highly acclaimed Kampen Golf course for the first time since it opened in 1998.

"We talked to the guy's team, and they gave us a couple pointers," King said. "I think we'll be

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Debby King

women's golf coach

Notwithstanding the unfamiliarity, King relishes in undertaking this weekend's chal-

"În women's golf, tournaments are by invitation only, and we're finally getting good enough to be invited to tournaments like this," she said.

Despite the team's recent improvements and her own optimism, King remains realistic about her expectations for the weekend. King said that she and her team "haven't really talked about a goal for placement" in the high profile event.

"We're just keeping our goal of trying to shoot 300 [in a roundl," King said.

By being such a difficult tour-

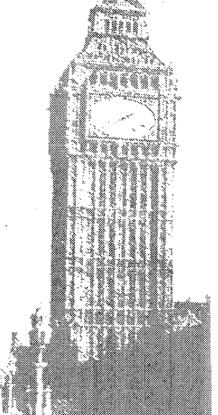
nament, the Lady Boilermaker Invitational has the ability to help the Irish realize their ambitions of postseason play.

'If you win a small event, you don't get as many points as getting fifth in a big one," King

explained. "As tournaments get harder, we get more points for getting picked for NCAA region-

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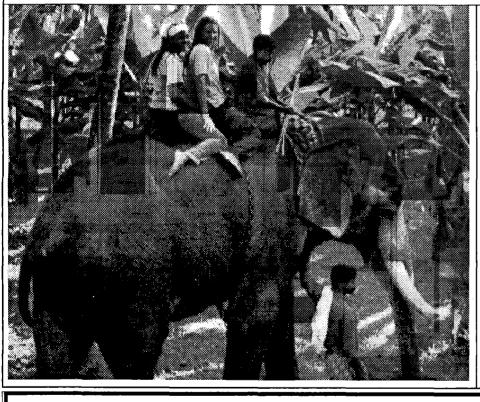
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ND Women's Tennis

Lead squandered in loss to Northwestern

"We played well and

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opportunity for us."

Jay Louderback

Irish coach

By ANN LOUGHERY Sports Writer

It wasn't supposed to end this way.

Notre Dame was ahead 2-0 early in Thursday's meet after sweeping doubles and a

quick win at No. 6 courtesy of junior Sarah Jane Connelly.

A win looked promising for the No. 24 Irish.

Their lead suddenly eroded and No. 11 Northwestern went on to win

four of the six singles matches for a 4-3 victory.

As the sun set, the remaining singles matches were moved inside.

Northwestern held the lead at 3-2 and both teams' success depended on the outcomes of the Nos. 4 and 5 singles matches.

The Irish came up short at No. 4, with sophomore Lauren Connelly falling to Jamie Peisel 7-6 (7-2), 4-6, 7-6 (7-4) to give the Wildcats a 4-2 lead.

At No. 6 sophomore Kiki Stastny rebounded from a 1-4 deficit in the third set to win 6-7, 7-5, 7-5,

"They handled the pressure very well," Irish coach Jay Louderback said.

"Because they were playing right next to each other, they knew exactly what was going on in the next court. That's tough because you really have to focus on your own match and putting the team away."

In No. 1 doubles, freshmen Catrina and Christian Thompson upset the No. 2

> nationally ranked team of Christelle Grier and Jessica Rush 9-8 (7-5).

At No. 2, senior Alicia Salas and sophomore Lauren Connelly triumphed

against Peisel and Alexis Prousis 8-5.

Junior Sarah Jane Connelly and senior Emily Neighbours registered a win at No. 3 against Ruth Barnes and Andrea Yung 9-7.

Singles victories came from No. 5 Stastny and No. 6 Sarah Jane Connelly, who defeated Connie Chiang 6-1, 6-3. Louderback said he expected a challenging meet at all positions on the court.

"It was a fun meet to watch because they're such a good team," Louderback said.

"We played well and fought hard, but it was just a wasted opportunity for us."

The Irish travel to face Purdue on Wednesday.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Strong weekend key for Belles

By BOBBY GRIFFIN Sports Writer

The Belles have been clicking on all cylinders as of late, and they will look to continue that strong play this weekend when they visit Olivet Nazarene and Saint Xavier.

Saint Mary's currently sits fifth in the MIAA with a 7-5 record. However, the two teams ahead of the Belles are 7-3 and 6-4, marks that Saint Mary's could feasibly pass in their last four contests.

Coach Anna Walsh commented that the Belles are in a good position to make the postseason tournament for the first time ever, because of favorable league scheduling down the stretch, provided that they play well in their last four games.

The Belles play their last remaining MIAA series against Kalamazoo, a team that currently sits at 0-8 in the league, while the other teams that Saint Mary's is competing with for positioning in the tournament have yet to play one another.

This could open the door for Saint Mary's, provided that they can defeat Kalamazoo.

Olivet Nazarene will present the Belles with their first nonleague game since they dirtied their spikes on March 29 against Tri-State. The Belles had little trouble handling them, sweeping the doubleheader, but this weekend's games should present the Belles with much stiffer competi-

Coach Welsh stated the weekend's games would allow the Belles to experiment with different pitching lineups because it is non-league play. While the Belles are confident that they can win provided they play as well as they did against Hope. Olivet Nazarene and Saint Xavier are top-level opponents, and coach Welsh commented that they could be the toughest two doubleheaders of the season.

The Belles play Saturday against Olivet Nazarene at 1 p.m. and on Sunday against Saint Xavier at 12 p.m.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles top Kalamazoo, 6-3

By RYAN DUFFY Sports Writer

Last year, Kalamazoo was the only team that could stop Saint Mary's. The Belles have continued to prove, however, that a new year means a second chance, winning 6-3 Thursday for their second victory over Kalamazoo in the past week.

"They are always one of the better teams," Caitlin Cutler said. "We lost to them last year, and we wanted revenge. It's always a close match when we get together. It was a good win for us because we improved from last weekend, and we were excited about that."

No. 1 singles player Jeannie Knish agreed.

"This was a really big win for us. We beat them 5-4 last weekend, then improved on that this time," she said. "We have two more conference matches to finish the season, but this was the big one. We have to keep the momentum up for the last two games to wrap up the conference."

Saint Mary's currently stands undefeated in conference with a 5-0 record.

"There were a lot of close

matches today, and everyone fought hard," Knish said. "People managed to come through and put in their best effort. Hopefully, we can play this way the rest of the season and keep it up next week."

Cutler also felt the team gave a stronger effort than usual.

"We are all kind of burned out with one week left in the season, so when we play our toughest competition, we give a little stronger effort and have a little stronger motivation," she said.

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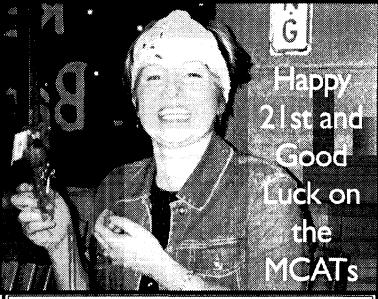
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as passionate about basketball as they are about studying.

In the first half, Team Zoidberg led most of the way but never by more than three points. Bosl's Fan Club closed the half with a surge to only trail by one, 11-10.

But that was as close as they would get. Team Zoidberg, led by captain Kortny Hall, opened up an 18-14 lead before holding on

The two teams seemed equally matched, leaving Zoidberg team member Scott Stolpa confused as to how his team emerged victori-

"I still don't know how we won," he said.

With a little more certainty, Hall pointed to his team's ability to get out and run the ball. "We had to keep running on them. I think we tired them out," he said.

Varsity basketball player Greg Bosl did have some words of advice to his admiring grad school fans, even though not all team members were familiar with who their team's namesake actually is.

"Stay in school," Bosl said, "because they're not gonna have fun next year."

In a later game, The Danza Slaps had a rough time — literally — with team Sex, Drugs, and House. During The Slaps' 21-10 loss to House, Kevin Fussner of the Slaps dove for a ball heading out of bounds. Unfortunately for Fussner, his team had opted to be "skins" and his dive left him with a glowing red scrape that covered the left half of his bare

torso.

An exasperated Fussner felt that his pectoral abrasion signaled a turning point in the

"Five men, nine nipples - how do you expect to win a game like that?" he exclaimed.

Meanwhile, Sex, Drugs, and House was busy winning the game to the tune of their favorite song, "Sex, Drugs, and House." A boombox sat on the sidelines and pumped out the tunes which House team member Griffin Eaton found both sophisticated and inspirational.

"We just tried to class up this joint," he said, "[and] all our shots were money.'

In the realm of the ranked teams, No. 2 seed The Library had no problem closing the book on team Fisted Sister by a 21-5 margin. The Library, led by captain Justin Funk, dominated the entire game from end to end.

Sister team member John Bisanz felt that, all things being equal, the game just came down to talent.

"Other than our lack of height and complete ineptness on the basketball court, [we lost] pretty much because we were deathly out of shape and they are just superior basketball players," he

After the win, Funk said his team is looking forward with its eyes on a bigger prize.

'We better [make the finals], we'll be pretty upset if we don't,'

'We were No. 3 last year, and we lost in the Final Four so I want to make it one step farther."

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paces the Irish at the plate with a .381 batting average. He also ranks first on the team in hits (43), runs (38), RBIs (33) and slugging percentage (.628). Notre Dame has a team batting average of .314, as eight Irish players have posted averages above .300 so far this year. Opponents have hit just .239 off Notre Dame this year.

On the hill, the Irish will look to shake things up a little this weekend, as Irish coach Paul Mainieri said he may start lefty Tom Thornton in the seven-inning opener Saturday, followed by junior righty Chris Niesel in the nightcap. Right-hander Grant Johnson will likely start the final game of the series Sunday for Notre Dame. The Irish pitchers have posted a staff ERA of 3.40 this year, good enough for first in the Big East

The Irish and Hoyas kick off the three-game series with a doubleheaders starting at noon Saturday, followed by the series finale Sunday at 11:30 a.m.

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Men's Lacrosse

ND runs away with game against Butler

By DAN TAPETILLO Sports Writer

The Irish proved to be too much for Butler Thursday as they topped the Bulldogs 15-5.

After getting off to a 1-3 start, the Irish have rebounded strongly winning five of their last six

No. 13 Notre Dame improved its record to 3-1 in the GWLL and 6-4 overall.

'After our loss against Ohio State, we became determined to win," Irish attack Pat Walsh said.

Butler could not stop Notre Dame from winning their third consecutive conference match after a strong offensive performance.

Notre Dame scored seven of the first eight goals of the match to take a commanding lead early in

Brian Hubschmann led the

Irish in scoring as he netted three goals for the team.

"He is one of our best offensive players and it is important because he takes the attention away from our opponent's defense and it allows opportunities for other players on our team to score," Walsh said.

Walsh, Matt Karweck, Matt Howell and Lucious Polk each scored two goals apiece.

A strong effort was made by the Irish defense, led by goalie Stewart Crosland.

Crosland came away with another strong defensive performance after making 10 saves. He was relieved by Sean Quigley with just three minutes left in the match.

Notre Dame took 53 shots and held a 40-35 advantage in ground balls. The team also won 12 of 24 face-offs.

Butler was led by Phil Brauch who scored two goals, Anthony Crimmins who made a goal and an assist, and the team's leading scorer, Colin Joyce who netted one goal for the team. Goalie Sam Ashley made 19 saves.

The loss drops Butler to 0-3 in the GWLL, 5-6 overall for the season.

Despite impressive wins over their last three opponents, the Irish have not changed their goals from the beginning of the

"Our main focus is still to just go out and win," Walsh said. "We are just trying to play for 60 minutes and just taking it one step at a time."

Notre Dame will wrap up its stretch of four games in 10 days by facing Fairfield Sunday at noon at Moose Krause Stadium. The match against Fairfield will be the team's final home game.

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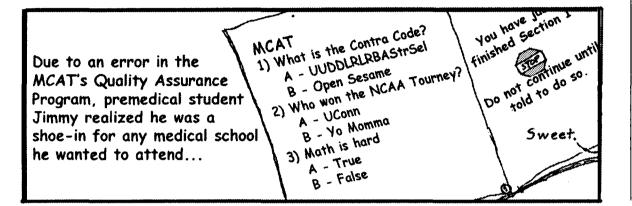
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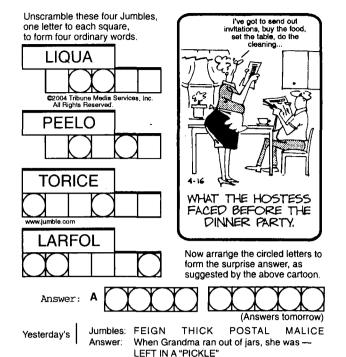
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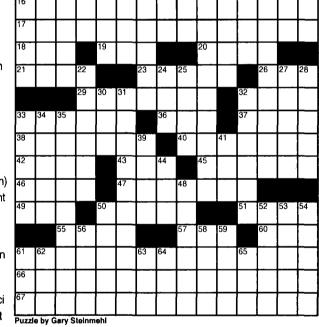
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Women's Lacrosse

A capital opportunity

No. 2 Irish put undefeated record on line at No. 5 Georgetown

By MATT PUGLISI Sports Writer

A pair of lacrosse giants locks horns Saturday when the red hot No. 2 Irish travel to Washington to challenge rival No. 5 Georgetown (8-2, 4-0 in Big East) at 1 p.m. in a showdown with Big East Championship implications.

"[Georgetown's] obviously very good," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said.

"It's a huge rivalry game. They're a strong team in every position on the field, and we're just going to have to go out and play the way we have

Several other factors are on the line Saturday, including Notre Dame's current undefeated 10-0 mark, school record 14-game winning streak stretching back to last season and a prime opportunity for revenge after the Hoyas handed the Irish a 16-15 overtime heartbreaking loss at Moose Krause Stadium last year. Notre Dame was unable to protect a 13-10 lead with 2:22 left, allowing three goals in regulation before ultimately falling in overtime.

"We all think we should have won that game last year, and I think that overtime loss last year is definitely motivation," Coyne said. "All we had to do was get one possession off the draw [to win]. When you break it down to something as simple as one possession, I think people realize that we can [beat Georgetown].'

While a glance at the most recent poll might suggest the surging Irish are the favorite come Saturday, the opposite appears to be the case.

"If you went down to D.C. and asked who the

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Irish midfield Crysti Foote, right, looks for a pass in Notre Dame's 14-6 victory over Ohio Saturday.

ND SOFTBALL

UIC burns Irish in 10

By HEATHER VAN HOEGARDEN Sports Editor

Despite the fact that warm weather finally arrived, the bats were cold at Ivy Field on Thursday evening.

"It was a beautiful day," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "You couldn't ask for anything nicer than what we got. We just didn't get it done."

Notre Dame (32-12) was unable to muster enough offense to overcome Illinois-Chicago (20-18) in a 10-inning marathon game won by the Flames 4-3.

"We had five hits in the first four innings and then just three hits after that," Gumpf said. "You've got to hit to win, and we didn't make anything happen. [The team] just waited for someone else to do it."

The Irish struck blood first, putting a run on the board in both the first and second innings. In the first, Meagan Ruthrauff drove in Nicole deFau with a RBI double to left-center to make it 1-0.

The next inning was much of the same, as Liz Hartmann and Nicole Wicks hit back-to-back doubles to put the Irish ahead 2-0,

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BASEBALL

Irish face Big East rival Hoyas in key matchup

By CHRIS FEDERICO

Senior Staff Writer

With just one game separating the top four spots in the Big East standings, the No. 5 Irish (27-5, 8-2 in the Big East) suddenly find themselves in the middle of a dogfight for the conference title.

After splitting a pair of conference doubleheaders last weekend with Boston College and St. John's, the Irish travel to Bethesda, Md., for a three-game Big East series with Georgetown (20-20, 5-8).

Notre Dame currently sits tied with Rutgers atop the Big East standings. Right on their heels are Pittsburgh and St. John's with conference records of 7-3.

The Hoyas have fallen on rough times of late, dropping seven of their last 10 conference matchups, but they won their most recent game Thursday, 5-4 over crosstown rival George Washington.

The Hoyas are led offensively by

left fielder Ron Cano with a .346 batting average. The heart of the team however is 2003 Big East third-team catcher Michael Lombardi. The fourth-year starter currently is batting .310. He is also second on the team with 23

As a team, the Hoyas are batting .249, while opponents have hit .268 off the Georgetown pitch-

On the mound, Georgetown has a pair of four-game winners in junior right-hander Eduardo Pena and freshman righty Erick Chandler, who have posted ERAs of 2.75 and 3.09, respectively, this year. The Hoyas have a staff ERA of 4.42.

The Irish, meanwhile, saw substantial mid-week success with a 17-5 victory over Oakland Wednesday, in which the Irish batters cranked out 14 hits.

Third baseman Matt Macri

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXIII

Battles on the hardtop continue

By MATT MOONEY Sports Writer

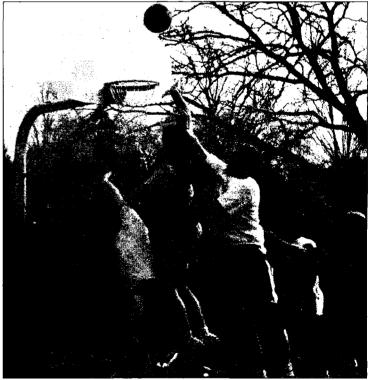
After two weeks of long sleeve shirts, tights and Spandex, the Barons of the Blacktop, otherwise known as the participants of Bookstore Basketball XXXIII, resumed second-round play on a balmy Thursday evening. The weather drew a large contingent of female spectators to the courts including senior Danielle Davis.

"It's a great time for everyone to showcase their talent and for the girls to come out and scope some hot bodies," she said.

But the games, not the bodies, proved to be the main attraction.

Getting a jump on their assigned court time, two teams of graduate students met in one of the first games of the day in which Zoidberg and the Technicolour Express benched Bosl's Fan Club by a 21-18 score. The competitiveness of the game proved these two teams are just

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MICHELLE OTTO/The Observer

Zoidberg and the Technicolour Express and Bosi's Fan Club battle Thursday in a Bookstore Basketball game.

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The Irish won their third straight conference

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Notre Dame visits California to compete in the famous meet.

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Saturday-Sunday The Irish compete in the meet as a tune up

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS Northwestern 4, **Notre Dame 3**

The Irish squandered a 2-0 lead to the Wildcats in the loss.

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