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## ND, SMC review gay-straight organizations

### BOG approves club status of SAGA

By KELLY BALE  
News Writer

Emotion flooded the last official meeting of the 2004-05 Saint Mary's Board of Governance as members debated and ultimately approved the Straight and Gay Alliance (SAGA) of Saint Mary's as a recognized club.

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Straight and Gay  
Alliance raises  
questions"

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BOG members, by way of secret ballot, voted 12-3 to approve SAGA as a club. There were three abstentions. By receiving club status, SAGA is allotted an initial \$50 in funding from student government. The club also gains the ability to advertise events on campus and to use campus facilities.

Members of the Saint Mary's community attended the meeting, including one student who

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KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer  
Saint Mary's student body president Sarah Catherine White discusses BOG's recognition of the Straight and Gay Alliance as a club, a particularly stressful decision for the group.

### Alliance denied for second straight year

By KATIE PERRY  
News Writer

In the latest chapter of a long-standing disagreement, the Student Activities Office recently denied United in Diversity — a proposed student-run gay-straight alliance — official campus club recognition for the second straight year.

A March 3 letter from Brian Coughlin, director of Student Activities, refused United in Diversity the status of a sanctioned University student organization for the 2005-06 academic year. Coughlin quoted last year's rejection letter, saying "then as now" he believes in the rationale behind the Student Activities Office decision.

"It remains the perspective of the Student Affairs Office that the dual goals of supporting gay and lesbian students and educating the larger campus community can best be

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### COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

## Seniors oppose dome regilding

### Class president seeks support to halt process

By MARY KATE MALONE  
News Writer

As the scaffolding inched closer and closer to the Virgin Mary, senior class president Darrell Scott sought and obtained the Council of Representatives' support of his initiative to halt the regilding process of the golden dome at last night's meeting.

"I am asking to delay the scaffolding procedure until after May 16 [day of graduation]," Scott said.

The regilding began March 7. Since the process is highly contingent on the weather, its duration is not known. However, it is certain the scaffolding will completely cover the dome on graduation day.

Scott said there is little time to waste if the senior class hopes the dome will be visible come graduation.

Scott said he plans to organize an online petition pending the approval of the Office of Student Affairs. He told representatives he met with two administration officials last week and was waiting for the support of the Council before continuing the discussions.

Student body president Adam Istvan expressed firm support of Scott's initiative.

"It is ridiculous to not start the process after May 16," Istvan said. "I give full support of my office to Darrell."

After receiving many e-mails from his constituents, Scott delved into the University's media archives to investigate the details of the last time the dome was regilded, which occurred in 1988.

"I have been looking through Observer and Scholastic articles and have conclusively found that the last time the dome was regilded they waited until after

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## Weis gets personal in talk on disabilities



FRANCESCA SETA/The Observer

Head football coach Charlie Weis speaks about his disabled daughter Hannah and the charity he founded in her name.

By LISA SCHULTZ  
News Writer

Swamped with over 150 appearance requests since accepting his new position, Irish head football coach Charlie Weis made it clear Monday night that the topic of disabilities awareness is "a heck of a lot more important than football."

"Once in a while, [a request to speak] is something that touches our family," Weis said about his decision to accept a request from Notre Dame's Best Buddies organization to speak as part of Disabilities Awareness Week.

Weis' nine-year-old daughter

Hannah is globally developmentally delayed. From birth, Hannah has "fallen under a lot of umbrellas," Weis said, including diagnoses of polycystic kidney disease, autism and pervasive developmental disorder.

Weis is not reluctant to use his fame to raise awareness about disabilities such as his daughter's. Although Hannah has made strides, he said there is still work to be done.

"I promise you as long as I'm here, awareness will be heightened," Weis said.

After Weis recovered from a "near-death operation" in 2002,

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DOUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

From left, SUB manager Jimmy Flaherty, senior class president Darrell Scott and representatives Dihan Fernando and Jordan Bongiovanni debate how to salvage the dome's image for graduation.

## INSIDE COLUMN

## Honk if you like runners

As I was running along Juniper Road in the glorious 45-degree weather this past weekend — and no that is not sarcasm — something very strange happened. Well, strange to me at least.

In the middle of track seven on my playlist, a quick beep-beep managed to wrestle its way within the notes of the song. After realizing the noise was external-R.Kelly's "Ignition (Remix)" was further down on the list — I looked elsewhere to find the origin of the sound. By the time I had identified its source, the large silver vehicle from which it had originated had already long whizzed past me.

In a moment of self-consciousness I immediately glanced down at my feet to make sure I hadn't veered onto the road. After quick inspection I had verified that I was, indeed, entirely on the sidewalk. So, why the honk?

I asked a friend about this, and he informed me that it was likely an overt and calculated display of masculinity. "It was definitely a guy," he said matter-of-factly. "Consider it a pick-up line on wheels."

I am a firm believer that there are just some things that simply cannot be comprehended across gender lines. It's a known fact that men teem with countless inexplicable enigmas. However, this may just be the most puzzling I've encountered in quite some time.

How exactly did this potential suitor want me to respond to his 50 mile-an-hour advances? Perhaps I should have tossed my iPod into the adjacent bushes, thrown my arms in the air and frantically sprinted toward the bumper of my prospective love's Ford Explorer. Had he carefully etched his screen name onto the dust of his rear window? Or maybe he had hoped I would be prepared for such an incident with a pencil and paper, ready and eager to record the rapidly-vanishing license plate — which was now a good 20 feet in the distance — for future reference.

The more I thought about it, the more I failed to uncover an ounce of rationale. Of course I was reading into the situation far too much, as females generally tend to do, but for the remainder of that run all I could do was try to piece together the logic non-existent in the gesture. It wasn't that I was offended by the apparent chauvinism. And I wasn't even annoyed by the obvious interruption. I guess I was just dumbfounded.

But while there are many things about males that perplex me, I'm sure there is an equal amount of attributes unique to females which garner the same reaction from the other sex. Why would somebody wear Eskimo boots with a skirt? Or find it necessary to have "moral support" when using the lavatory? Better yet — why would somebody put this much forethought into the simple toot of a car horn?

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

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## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT IS THE BEST CAMPUS JOB AND WHY?



Ben O'Connor  
senior  
Alumni

"The tray pusher-inner, because it's a good cardio workout."



Brendan O'Connor  
senior  
Keough

"My job. I'm a cluster consultant. You're like, 'I can't print!' I point to the sign that says, 'The printer is down.' You're like, 'Oh.'"



Dave Brenner  
senior  
Dillon

"Preventative maintenance — if it's not broke, how hard could it be?"



J.J. Rees  
freshman  
Dillon

"Dining hall item checker."



Rozann Carter  
senior  
Walsh

"Walsh Hall football coach, because no one expects anything from them."



Mark Crnich  
senior  
Dillon

"Running the 7:00 pick-me-up, because of the women."



DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

A robin perches in a tree while observing carefree students frolicking on scenic South Quad during the first day of spring.

## IN BRIEF

Thomas Reh of the University of Washington Department of Biological Structure will conduct a seminar on "Stem Cells and Regeneration: A Bird's Eye View" today from 4 p.m. to 5:15 in 283 Galvin Life Science Building.

Lee Hamilton, vice-chair of the 9-11 commission and director of the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, will give a lecture entitled "Fighting Terrorism" today from 4:15 p.m. to 5:30 on the Decio Mainstage Theatre in the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts. The lecture is sponsored by the Kroc Institute's Hesburgh Lectures in Ethics and Public Policy.

A Stations of the Cross procession will be held by candlelight campus-wide tonight from 7 p.m. to 9:15. The procession will begin at the Grotto, and Reconciliation will follow at approximately 9:15 in the Basilica.

Lynn Willis, Ph.D will give a lecture entitled "Alternative Medicine: Walking a Fine Line" tonight from 7 p.m. to 9 in 102 DeBartolo Hall. The lecture is part of the Mini-Medical School Lecture Series and is presented by the South Bend Center for Medical Education.

Gerhard Böwering, S.J., Professor of Islamic Studies at Yale University, will give a lecture entitled "Islam and Christianity: Pluralism and Fundamentalism in Tension" Wednesday from 5 p.m. to 6:15 in C-100 Hesburgh Center. The lecture is sponsored by the Erasmus Institute.

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

## OFFBEAT

## No sign of wayward pet on doggy death row

MIDDLEBORO, Mass. — Zippy the pit bull is on the run. At least, that's according to animal control officers who must find the dog and its owner, Austin Zipp, after a judge ordered the animal destroyed on Friday after months of legal wrangling, dog-nappings, and other intrigue. The Enterprise of Brockton reported.

"Zipp has again skipped town," said Timothy Houlihan, the animal control officer in Sandwich where Zippy and Zipp last lived. "We will find that dog

if it takes several years. We won't give up and we'll bring Zipp to justice."

On May 4, Zippy attacked Middleboro Animal Control Officer William Wyatt as he was writing out a leash law citation. Wyatt had spotted Zippy and another dog running loose outside Zipp's used car dealership, and was bitten as he was writing the ticket.

## 5-year-old's tantrum leads to battery charges, arrest

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — A 5-year-old girl was arrested, cuffed and put in back of a police cruiser after an outburst at school where she

threw books and boxes, kicked a teacher in the shins, smashed a candy dish, hit an assistant principal on the stomach and drew on the walls.

The students were counting jelly beans as part of a math exercise at Fairmount Park Elementary School when the little girl began acting silly. That's when her teacher took away her jelly beans, outraging the child.

Minutes later, the 40-pound girl was in the back of a police cruiser, under arrest for battery.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 45 LOW 35	HIGH 35 LOW 30	HIGH 40 LOW 28	HIGH 43 LOW 30	HIGH 43 LOW 30	HIGH 43 LOW 29

Atlanta 62 / 50 Boston 49 / 30 Chicago 44 / 30 Denver 49 / 28 Houston 78 / 50 Los Angeles 65 / 54 Minneapolis 38 / 24 New York 52 / 38 Philadelphia 54 / 38 Phoenix 74 / 55 Seattle 56 / 40 St. Louis 48 / 34 Tampa 80 / 68 Washington 56 / 38

## CORRECTIONS

Due to a reporting error in the March 21 edition of The Observer, Jim Christoforetti was listed as the 180 pound Bengal Bouts champion. Doug Bartels won the fight, defeating Christoforetti by split decision. The Observer regrets the error.

Due to a production error in the March 21 edition of The Observer, Peter Sarpong was listed as the 126 pound Bengal Bouts champion. Daniel Gallegos won the fight, defeating Sarpong by unanimous decision. The Observer regrets the error.

## BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

## Approval of Straight and Gay Alliance raises questions

By MEGAN O'NEIL  
Saint Mary's Editor

Board of Governance's (BOG) approval of the Straight and Gay Alliance (SAGA) Monday grants the group official club status at Saint Mary's and makes it eligible for student government funding.

The decision, however, came after hours of group deliberation and a week of BOG members' individual research.

At the forefront of board members' concerns was whether recognition of a gay-straight alliance would contradict the official position of the Catholic Church on homosexuality and, therefore, violate the Saint Mary's Mission Statement.

In a letter of support distributed at yesterday's meeting, Sr. Kathleen Dolphin, director of the Center for Spirituality at the College, said she did not feel granting the group club status would violate Saint Mary's Mission. Dolphin cited a letter, "Always Our Children," published on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Web site, which advocates human rights for homosexuals.

"SAGA's intent is to foster such communication among members of the College community regarding issues related to sexuality and gender," Dolphin wrote. "This fits with the College's mission."

Dolphin added questions of sexuality "rank rather high"

among the "complex needs and challenges" the Mission statement promises to address.

"Providing opportunities for people to address these challenges within a faith based institution seems not only reasonable but necessary," Dolphin wrote.

Freshman Maggie Harrigan attended the meeting wearing an orange "Gay? Fine by me" T-shirt and described the 14-3 vote as in line with Catholic tradition of acceptance.

"I think this is a great day for Saint Mary's," Harrigan said. "I'm really proud that [the board] finally stood up and did something that is right. I am glad that they are showing people that we are really Catholic because we are loving and supporting our members."

Women's studies coordinator Astrid Henry also addressed a letter to BOG urging them to approve SAGA's petition. Henry said sexual orientation was added to the college's non-discrimination policy in 2003 and wrote that "if SAGA is denied club status merely because of its focus on lesbian and bisexual students, this denial may be a violation of the college's own anti-discrimination policy."

SAGA founder and president Megan Schaeffer, who attended both meetings to answer officers'

questions about the purpose of the club, grinned as the board's decision was announced at the end of the meeting.

"I'm very pleased and very excited," Schaeffer said after. "I can't say it came as a huge surprise, but you never know which way things are going to go."

Schaeffer said while she was affronted by the repetitiveness of some of the questions poised to her, such as whether the club would promote "homosexual acts," she said she was simply thankful they chose to go ahead and vote.

"It's a big decision for people to make," Schaeffer said. "When people are presented with an issue such as this for the first time, it is stressful."

SAGA treasurer Sara Nielsen said she doubted whether other clubs would have received the same scrutiny but said she understood officers' concerns.

"I'm just so glad that they voted yes because there really is a need for a club on campus," Nielsen said. "I don't know many gay students on campus besides myself, but I think straight students, especially straight students, will benefit."

Public relations director Melanie McDonald said the College was unable to comment on the BOG decision at this time.

SAGA is not the first gay and lesbian group to be recognized by Saint Mary's, nor is the surrounding debate the first controversy at the College concerning sexuality.

On March 3, 1997, The Alliance of Lesbian, Bisexual, Straight and Questioning Women of Saint Mary's College (ALBSQ), led by Saint Mary's student Carol Jones, applied for club status. After researching the need for such a group on campus, BOG approved the petition on April 7.

A week later, then College President Bill Hickey deferred the vote and promised to make a decision by the end of the academic year. Hickey, however, retired at the end of May without addressing the issue and left it to his successor president Marilou Eldred.

Nearly a year after Alliance members submitted their original request for recognition, Eldred denied the group club status on Feb. 27, 1998. Eldred's decision spurred major student protests. Supporters of the gay-straight group covered their mouths with duct tape and camped out in Le Mans Hall outside of Eldred's office for as many as eight hours at a time.

Shortly thereafter, student leaders renamed the group The Feminist Collective, rewrote their constitution and reapplied to BOG. They were approved unanimously on March 5 and held their first meeting on March 19.

A few years later, however, after failing to properly file paper work with student activities, The Feminist Collective dissolved.

Currently, other groups on campus, such as Feminist United, aim to address a wide variety of women's issues, but none specifically are intended for gay students.

Monday's vote once again established such a club at Saint Mary's.

"I just think that this vote goes along with Saint Mary's including all women and educating on diversity issues," said student diversity board president Adriana Puente.

Student body president Sarah Catherine White said it is unclear whether the College administration has the power to veto BOG's decision such as what occurred in 1997 but expressed doubt that such action would be taken.

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Sara Nielsen  
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## Dome

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graduation," Scott said. Representatives speculated as to why the dome's regilding process was such a pressing matter. Some suggested the earlier time was chosen to ensure the procedure was finished come fall — when a new coaching era will begin for Notre Dame football and a new president will have stepped up in July to lead the University.

Regardless of the reasons for what many representatives called the "untimely" touch-up of the dome, Istvan promised his administration would utilize all its resources to ensure the University takes notice of the student body's opposition, going so far as to allude to the need for a protest.

"This isn't something the University is going to scoff at — I will call South Bend media to come to the protest," Istvan said. "And the University will get bad press."

Though Istvan emphasized the need for a protest, Scott told representatives that he believed peaceful negotiations between student government and those responsible for the regilding should solve the problem.

"I believe that the administration will agree to stop the procedure," Scott said. "But if not, then we will be prepared to do a constructive protest of dissent."

### In other COR news:

♦The council approved Alec White as co-director of programming for the Student Union Board.

SUB Manager Jimmy Flaherty said White would be a perfect fit for the job.

"Alec brings something to the table that is very unique, an infectious level of enthusiasm," Flaherty said.

Flaherty also asked the council to approve Caitlin Burns, who did not attend the meeting, as the chief controller for SUB. The council approved.

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## Rejection

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accomplished through the structures already in place," Coughlin said.

The structures alluded to in Coughlin's statement are programs and committees sponsored by the University-based Standing Committee for Gay and Lesbian Student Needs. Comprised of administrators, faculty and students, the committee oversees programming pertinent to issues surrounding gay and lesbian students.

"The current [system] is designed to bring all members of the University community together to support gay and lesbian students and heighten awareness on our campus," Coughlin said.

But for the organization behind the proposal, the status quo is unsatisfactory. Anna Gomberg of AllianceND said while the organization took last year's denial into account when formulating this year's request, the current University-run programs do not fully meet the needs of gay and lesbian students at Notre Dame.

Since last year, AllianceND has upheld its position that a student-run group would prove more valuable than one managed by the University, Gomberg said.

"A student-run group is very different than one headed by faculty or ministry, taking on a different tenor and allowing for a different types of discourse, student leadership opportunities and general campus involvement," Gomberg said.

Additionally, AllianceND sees fundamental flaws in the composition of the current system. According to Gomberg, the present University-run organization does not provide a structure that allows straight students and gay students to foster the climate needed to make Notre Dame a truly accepting environment for all.

"The Standing Committee is first and foremost an advisory board and campus resource, made up of eight students, not a club or open-

membership organization that permits the involvement of the many individuals who would like to belong to a student group," Gomberg said.

Coughlin said that while an entirely tolerant environment has yet to be achieved, gay-straight relations have improved of late.

"There is still much work to be done, but I believe we have seen progress in recent years in terms of Notre Dame becoming a more welcoming environment," Coughlin said.

For AllianceND, however, the strides in acceptance and respect are vastly insufficient. Citing student government's winter report to the Board of Trustees regarding campus heterosexism (among other diversity issues at Notre Dame), Gomberg said focus groups held by student government over the course of this semester revealed a dissatisfaction among students about the current means of handling gay and lesbian issues.

"[The reports] confirmed that students do not feel there are sufficient resources to deal with GLBTQ [gay, lesbian, bisexual, transsexual, questioning] concerns on campus, that many Notre Dame traditions may be insensitive to the positions of GLBTQ students, that ally training should be offered to students and that general social and educational programs are needed to better support the GLBTQ community," Gomberg said.

Despite repeated roadblocks, AllianceND and its members remain hopeful of a future resolution.

"Although the continuous string of refusals is frustrating, I don't feel as if it has deterred us," junior and AllianceND member Alice Bonifield said. "If we contin-

ue in the vein of resistance that we have been acting for the past year and a half we can achieve our goals in some time."

Gomberg reinforced AllianceND's commitment to a student-run gay-straight alliance and assured the organization's persistence.

"The students who make up AllianceND are some of the most spirited, optimistic, brave and determined folks I've ever had the pleasure to work with," Gomberg said. "They and I aren't going anywhere."

The first student gay-straight alliance to ask the University for official recognition did so in 1986, according to an article in the March 18, 2004 edition of The Observer. That year, the Office of Student Affairs denied Gay and Lesbian Students of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's (GLND/SMC) official status but offered the group Campus Ministry resources.

According to the AllianceND Web site, similar proposals have been refused nine times since that decision.

Regardless of the obvious differences in opinion, Coughlin invited AllianceND and others committed to these issues to continue to work with the Standing Committee, Campus Ministry and the Office of Student Affairs.

"This collaboration will assist the University in accomplishing the goals articulated in the Spirit of Inclusion statement, of making Notre Dame 'a place of mutual respect, hospitality and warmth in which none are strangers and all may flourish,'" Coughlin said.

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## Weis

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the coach's family founded its own charity — Hannah & Friends — for people affected by autism and global delays. Weis and wife Maura decided it was time to use his visibility as a National Football League coach to help people with disabilities other than Hannah.

"I have some resources most people don't have," Weis said. The charity recently organized a Myrtle Beach golf outing that attracted celebrities including New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady. The quarterback also serves on the Hannah & Friends Board of Directors.

In the long term, Weis and his wife plan to build a farm with a petting zoo, horse stables and a home for four young adults with disabilities who can work the farm. Hannah will be one of those four residents.

"When Hannah gets on a horse, she's not worried about what the horse thinks of her," Weis said. He also mentioned that a recent milestone for Hannah was being able to swim in the ocean during a recent family vacation to the beach.

Best Buddies, an organization that pairs people with disabilities with a friend in an effort to integrate the disabled into society, chose Weis because of his prominence and popularity.

"We thought it'd be great to get someone well-known so that people would come to see him and then maybe get involved," co-president of Best Buddies junior Kat Roblez said.

Weis commended the Notre Dame-Saint Mary's community for being "so proactive" about disabilities awareness.

"You should be proud of what you do," Weis said to the Best Buddies who attended the talk.

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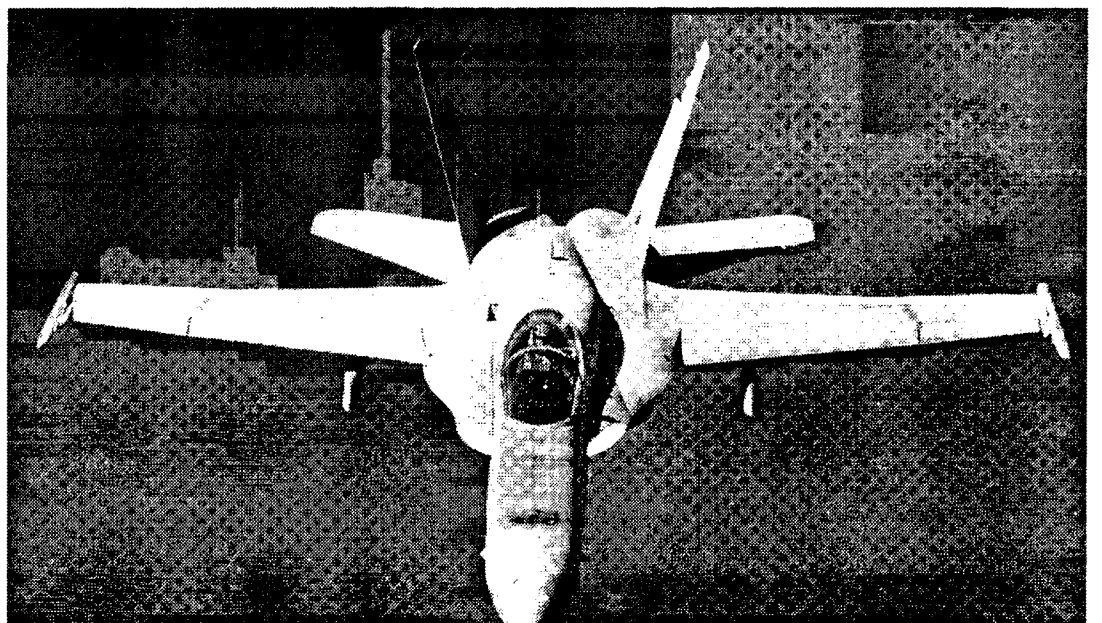
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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Annan presents plan to revamp U.N.

UNITED NATIONS — Secretary-General Kofi Annan unveiled a plan Monday to overhaul the United Nations and began the task of selling his vision to all 191 U.N. member states, urging them to make the proposals a reality when they meet again in just six months.

He acknowledged that getting agreement so quickly won't be easy for the United Nations, where members historically have been loathe to sacrifice national interests, and action on issues large and small often bogs down in politicking.

But Annan struck a pragmatic and urgent tone for his proposals, which would see the most significant makeover of the world body since it was founded after World War II by putting more emphasis on development, security and human rights issues.

"This hall has heard enough high-sounding declarations to last us for some decades to come," Annan told the General Assembly.

### Town given to Palestinian security

TULKAREM, West Bank — Israelis and Palestinians reached a deal Monday about handing over security control of the West Bank town of Tulkarem — another boost for a fledgling peace process.

The handover could help Palestinian officials carry out a new directive restricting weapons in the hands of militants, who insist they'll comply only if Israel withdraws from West Bank towns.

Tulkarem is the second of five towns to be delivered to Palestinian security as part of an agreement to end four years of bloodshed that Palestinian leader Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon announced at a Feb. 8 summit. Palestinian militant groups issued truce declarations last week.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Sex offender charged with murder

INVERNESS, Fla. — A convicted sex offender was formally charged Monday with capital murder and other crimes in the abduction and death of a 9-year-old Florida girl.

John Evander Couey, 46, was also charged with burglary, kidnapping and sexual battery on a child under the age of 12, officials said. His arraignment is set for Tuesday, officials said.

Authorities said he confessed to kidnapping and killing Jessica Marie Lunsford after taking a lie-detector test in Georgia. The girl's body was found Saturday, more than three weeks after she vanished from her Florida bedroom.

Couey was brought back to Florida and booked Sunday on a probation violation and failure to register his change of address.

### Court rejects 9/11 suspect's appeal

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Monday rejected terrorism suspect Zacarias Moussaoui's attempt to directly question three al-Qaida prisoners and cleared the way for a trial of the only U.S. defendant charged in connection with the Sept. 11 attacks.

The ruling allows the government to proceed with plans to seek the death penalty if Moussaoui is convicted of participating in an al-Qaida conspiracy that included the 2001 airplane hijackings.

The Justice Department said it would file a motion as early as Tuesday, suggesting a trial date in Alexandria, Va.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Hoosier sentenced again to death

SOUTH BEND — A Mishawaka man whose death penalty was thrown out by the state Supreme Court two years ago was sentenced again Monday to death.

The same St. Joseph County jury that convicted Wayne Kubsch on Saturday sentenced him Monday to death for killing his wife, Beth Kubsch, her ex-husband Rick Milewski, and their 10-year-old son, Aaron.

The jury deliberated about 75 minutes before it reached its decision. Kubsch, 37, showed no reaction at the verdict.

## School shooting rampage leaves ten dead

Six students, including gunman, killed in worst U.S. school massacre since Columbine

Associated Press

RED LAKE, Minn. — A high school student went on a shooting rampage on this Indian reservation Monday, killing his grandparents at their home and then seven people at his school, "grinning and waving" as he fired, authorities and witnesses said. The gunman was later found shot to death.

It was the nation's worst school shooting since the Columbine massacre in 1999.

Students pleaded with the gunman to stop shooting.

"You could hear a girl saying, 'No, Jeff, quit, quit. Leave me alone. What are you doing?'" Sondra Hegstrom told The Pioneer of Bemidji, using the name of the suspected shooter.

Before the shootings at Red Lake High School, the suspect's grandparents were shot in their home and died later.

Six students, including the gunman, were killed at the school, along with a teacher and a security guard, FBI spokesman Paul McCabe said at a news conference in Minneapolis.

Hegstrom described the gunman grinning and waving at a student his gun was pointed at, then swiveling to shoot someone else. "I looked him in the eye and ran in the room, and that's when I hid," she told The Pioneer.

McCabe declined to talk about a possible connection between the suspect and the couple killed at the home, but Red Lake Fire Director Roman Stately said they were the grandparents of the shooter. He identified the shooter's grandfather as Daryl Lussier, a longtime officer with the Red Lake Police Department, and said Lussier's guns may have been used in the shootings.

Stately said the shooter had two handguns and a shotgun.



Sondra Hegstrom, left, Marla Hegstrom and Ashley Morrison, comfort each other Monday following a deadly shooting rampage at their school in Red Lake, Minn. The gunman killed his grandparents before opening fire at the school.

"After he shot a security guard, he walked down the hallway shooting and went into a classroom where he shot a teacher and more students," Stately told Minneapolis television station KARE.

Students and a teacher at the scene, Diane Schwanz, said the shooter tried to break down a door to get into a room where some students were.

"I just got on the floor and called the cops," Schwanz told The Pioneer. "I was still just half-believing it."

Ashley Morrison, another student, took refuge in a classroom. With the shooter banging on the door, she dialed her mother on her cell phone. Her mother,

Wendy Morrison, said she could hear gunshots on the line.

"Mom, he's trying to get in here and I'm scared," Ashley Morrison told her mother.

Schwanz was the teacher in that room. She said, "I just got down on the floor and (said), 'Kids, down on the ground, under the benches!'" She said she called police on her cell phone.

All of the dead students were found in one room. One of them was a boy believed to be the shooter, McCabe said. He would not comment on reports that the boy shot himself and said it was too early to speculate on a motive.

Fourteen to 15 other stu-

dents were injured, McCabe said.

The school was evacuated after the shootings and locked down for investigation, McCabe said.

"It will probably take us throughout the night to really put the whole picture together," he said.

It was the nation's worst school shooting since two students at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., killed 12 students and a teacher and wounded 23 before killing themselves on April 20, 1999.

The last apparent fatal school shootings involving a student also happened in Minnesota in September 2003, when two students were killed at Rocori High School in Cold Spring.

## HAITI

## U.N. troops clash with armed soldiers

Associated Press

TERRE-ROUGE — U.N. peacekeepers, criticized for inaction during their 10 months in Haiti, are taking on soldiers from the disbanded army in clashes that left two peacekeepers and two Haitian fighters dead — and the mission's military leader says more is to come.

The showdown signals a tougher stance against armed factions in Haiti ahead of fall elections and reflects a broader determination to crack down on militias that threaten civilians where U.N. troops are deployed.

The offensive in Haiti began Sunday when U.N. forces raided a police station occupied by armed former soldiers in Petit-Goave, 45 miles west of Port-au-Prince, setting off a gunbattle that killed two former soldiers and one Sri Lankan peacekeeper. The Sri Lankan was the first fatality suffered by the 7,400-member force since it arrived in June 2004.

Later Sunday, Nepalese soldiers driving to the central town of Hinche exchanged gunfire with a different group of former soldiers, and one Nepalese peacekeeper was killed, U.N. spokesman Damian Onses-Cardona said.

Then on Monday, about 300 Brazilian and Nepalese peacekeepers backed by armored cars and helicopters raided the town of Terre-Rouge, where former soldiers had occupied a police station. The U.N. force retook the area without casualties as the fighters retreated into the hills, U.N. officials said.

"The message is clear. We want these (ex-soldiers) out. They must give up their guns and submit to the law," said Lt. Gen. Augusto Heleno Ribeiro, the Brazilian commander of the U.N. peacekeepers in Haiti. "We would prefer to have a peaceful dialogue, but if we can't we won't hesitate to act."



# Scheduling prevents band's trip to Fresno

By KAREN LANGLEY  
News Writer

The Band of the Fighting Irish may be most famous for its half-time shows during football season, but the band also serves as a vocal reminder of school pride at both home and championship basketball games.

At Saturday's women's basketball game against UC Santa Barbara, however, Irish fans were left to cheer on their team without the help of the band.

Basketball band conductor Lane Weaver attributed the trip cancellation to academics.

"Basically, the travel schedule precluded enough students that we were not able to go because of academic demands," he said. "They would have to miss too much class."

The band is typically presented with better traveling options, Weaver said.

"Usually the band can travel the day before the game," Weaver said. "The options we were given would have required too many students to miss class. Our students sign up with the understanding that academics will be allowed for."

A group of 29 students selected by band directors had been slated to attend the game in Fresno. Chris Nichol, a Notre Dame junior trumpeter, described the difficulties of this year's trip.

"In the past we would leave after class on Friday," he said. "This year we were told that we could leave Friday or late Thursday. We found out

Wednesday night that it probably wouldn't work out. From what we heard, the only way we could go is if we left at 11 a.m. Thursday. Band members had already made schedule adjustments to miss class, and [going on the trip] was too much."

Although the oldest university marching band was unable to make the game, organizers were able to provide the audience with something of a substitute, explained Nathan Payne, a Holy Cross freshman who also plays the trumpet.

"They told us they were going to hire a high school band in Fresno, which did not occur,"

Payne said. "Instead, they played a fight song on tape at half-time and again at the end of the game when we won."

Band members expressed disappointment about the missed trip.

"We weren't happy because we were kind of pumped to go out there," Payne said. "We were told up until the night

before that we were going to get to spend the weekend in California and see the team play Saturday and Monday."

Weaver, who has attended past post-season tournaments with the band, agreed.

"We were really mad because we were set on going to California," he said. "When it snows in South Bend, it gets kind of hard. It's fun to go out and support the team in the post-season."

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*"The options we were given would have required too many students to miss class."*

**Lane Weaver**  
basketball band conductor

## BOG

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made a non-verbal statement by wearing a "Gay? Fine By Me" shirt.

The meeting opened with continued discussion of concerns about SAGA raised at the previous meeting. Officers tabled the decision last week after realizing members needed more time to think about the issue.

Student body president Sarah Catherine White repeatedly thanked board members for their work and asked them to be respectful of the various views voiced.

"It is a huge step to be able to stand up for what you believe in," White said. "It is our duty to represent Saint Mary's."

Individual board members spent the week considering the issue and discussing it with their respective boards.

"A vast majority of the [Junior] Board felt that this would be something good for Saint Mary's," junior class president Danielle Lerner said.

Saint Mary's SAGA founder and president Megan Schaeffer was present at the meeting to

reiterate the purpose of SAGA and to answer any BOG members' questions.

"Addressing students that are close-minded about gay issues is why we are forming this group," Schaeffer said. "Every event we hold is open to the campus to try and address that awareness."

Schaeffer also clarified SAGA does not have a national affiliation.

"[SAGA] would be our own group and address the needs of our campus," Schaeffer said.

Some BOG members expressed concern with how SAGA would integrate a spiritual aspect, though board members like student trustee Sarah Brown thought the discussion of spiritual integration with SAGA was overdone.

"To assume that this club has to integrate the Catholic teaching into everything it does is offensive," Brown said.

Other BOG members wondered whether or not the group would promote the physical practice of homosexuality.

"The social aspect of this club is not going to in any way promote sexual acts between its members," Schaeffer said. "To keep bringing that up and making it an issue is ... homophobic."

bie."

Schaeffer said the college already brings speakers to campus to address sexuality from various perspectives, including the homosexual perspective. She also said it is impossible to avoid offending every individual on campus.

Board members addressed concern that

Off-campus commissioner Meghan Hanifin said after much consideration she too would support the group's application, even though a homosexual lifestyle contradicts the official stance of the Church.

"There are times when you need people to help you through things and you need people to talk to," Hanifin said. "I have had moments in my life when I haven't lived my Catholic faith through."

Schaeffer reminded the board of the non-discrimination clause in the Saint Mary's College Handbook that prohibits discrimination based on sexual orientation. Schaeffer said she felt if BOG denied SAGA status based on its focus on gay and lesbian issues, they would be in violation of the clause.

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## NAMIBIA

# Pohamba sworn in as president

Associated Press

WINDHOEK — President Hifikepunye Pohamba was sworn in Monday, taking the reins of power from Sam Nujoma who led the country to independence.

Despite heavy rains, thousands of Namibians crowded into The National Independence Stadium

to witness the inauguration on the 15th anniversary of the country's independence.

Pohamba, Nujoma's hand-picked successor, promised to reduce unemployment, poverty and hunger. He also promised to fight the scourge of the HIV/AIDS pandemic. More than 21 percent of the country's 1.8 million population are HIV-infected. Namibia

also suffers from deep poverty and perennial food shortages.

"I will now accept this mandate to lead the nation to greater heights of peace and stability," said Pohamba.

The country's new Parliament was sworn in on Sunday with Pohamba's ruling South West Africa People's Organization holding 55 of the 72 seats.

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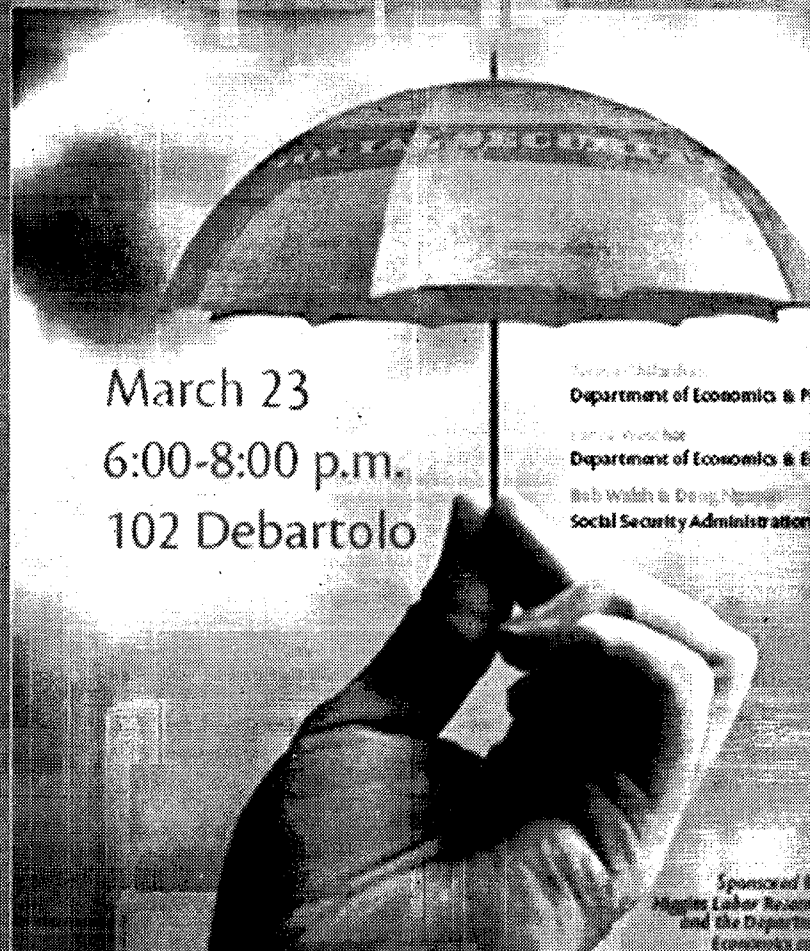


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NASDAQ 100 TR SER I (QQQQ)	-0.38	-0.14	36.37
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-0.33	-0.08	24.23
INTEL CP (INTC)	-0.21	-0.05	23.36
CISCO SYS INC (CSCO)	-0.17	-0.03	17.77
ORACLE CORP (ORCL)	-0.48	-0.06	12.48

Treasuries			
30-YEAR BOND	0.00	0.00	48.11
10-YEAR NOTE	0.00	0.00	45.11
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.10	-0.04	41.66
3-MONTH BILL	+0.18	+0.05	27.47

Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	-0.24		57.24
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	-7.80		439.70
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+0.75		91.20

Exchange Rates			
YEN			105.11
EURO			0.7596
POUND			0.5268
CANADIAN \$			1.2110

## IN BRIEF

### Votes are in on Trump's casino plan

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — The stakeholders in Donald Trump's beleaguered casino company have played their cards. They're face down for now, though.

Investors, institutions and creditors who held bonds, stock or claims in Trump Hotels & Casino Resorts when it filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy had until Monday to turn thumbs up — or down — on his plan to reorganize.

Unsecured creditors, such as tradesmen and vendors owed money by Trump Hotels, won't get to vote on the plan; since they have been or will be paid in full for their claims, they are "unimpaired" under bankruptcy law and therefore have no stake in the vote, results of which may not be revealed until next month.

Trump Hotels, which runs three Atlantic City hotel casinos and a riverboat in Gary, Ind., filed for Chapter 11 in November, citing \$1.8 billion in debt that has strangled Trump's ability to keep up and expand his casino properties.

### IAC will purchase Ask Jeeves Inc.

NEW YORK — The electronic commerce company that includes Home Shopping Network is buying Web search service Ask Jeeves Inc. for \$1.85 billion, the companies announced Monday.

The deal would put entertainment mogul Barry Diller's IAC/InterActiveCorp company into the highly competitive and rapidly growing business of Internet search, which is dominated by big players like Google, Yahoo and Microsoft Corp.'s MSN service.

IAC holds a collection of electronic transaction businesses, including the travel site Expedia, the Home Shopping Network, Citysearch, Ticketmaster and the online dating service Match.com. IAC/InterActiveCorp is planning to spin off its travel business into a separate entity.

Several major media companies have bought online companies in recent months in a bid to get a piece of the rapidly growing Internet advertising business. The New York Times Co. paid \$410 million for About.com; Dow Jones & Co., publisher of The Wall Street Journal, bought MarketWatch Inc. for about \$500 million, and The Washington Post Co. bought the online magazine Slate from Microsoft.

## Time Warner, Inc. settles fraud charges

Company will pay SEC \$300 million and allow examiner to review finances

Associated Press

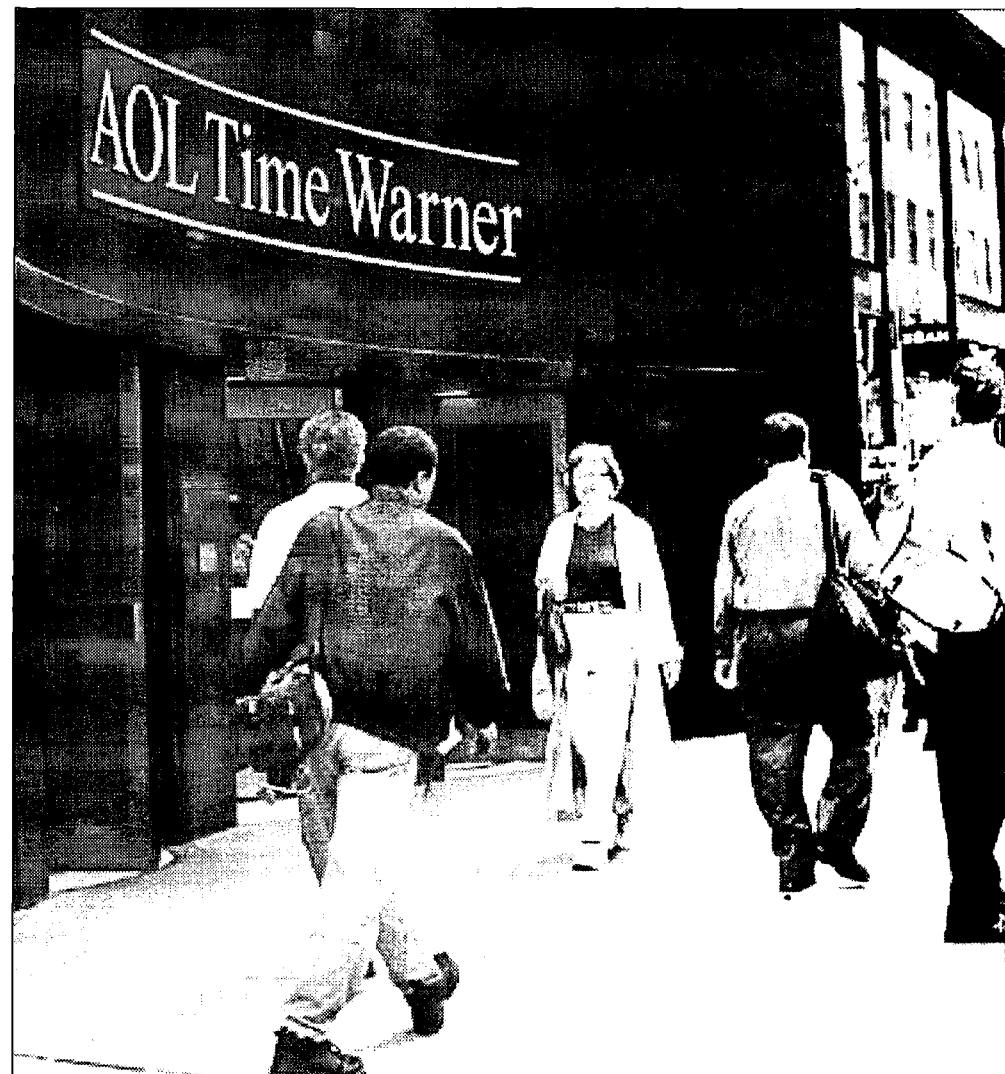
NEW YORK — Closing a difficult chapter, Time Warner Inc. said Monday it would pay \$300 million and restate three years of financial results to settle civil fraud charges stemming from its accounting of online advertising revenues and subscriber counts at its AOL unit.

The settlement with the Securities and Exchange Commission also calls for the world's largest media company to open its books to an independent examiner, which could result in additional restatements.

The details of the deal, which include no admission or denial of wrongdoing, are in line with a proposal the company made and disclosed last December. At that time, Time Warner also said it had agreed to pay \$210 million to resolve charges of criminal securities fraud in a separate investigation by the Department of Justice.

The combined \$510 million settlements should give Time Warner a freer hand to pursue acquisitions, including a joint bid with Comcast Corp. for the assets of Adelphia Communications Corp. But the agreements aren't expected to resurrect Time Warner's stock, which has lagged since its disastrous merger with AOL. Time Warner's stock is still about 75 percent below the level it reached in early 2000, when it agreed to be acquired by the Dulles, Va.-based Internet company.

In trading Monday, Time Warner shares slipped 28 cents, or 1.5 percent, to close at \$18.42 on the New York Stock Exchange, reflecting an overall decline in the market. Its shares have traded in a 52-week range



Pedestrians pass by the AOL Time Warner headquarters in New York City. Time Warner, Inc. settled with the Securities and Exchange Commission on Monday to resolve charges of civil fraud against its AOL division.

of \$15.41 and \$19.90.

Time Warner CEO Dick Parsons said in a statement that the company was "pleased" to have resolved the investigation, and was committed to cooperating with the independent examiner and fulfilling its other obligations under the settlement with the SEC. The examiner's report is expected in about six months.

The settlement was filed with the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, which will also manage the distribution of the \$300 million penalty

to affected investors. Those payouts, which are akin to class action distributions, will be made under the "Fair Fund" provision of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

The SEC had accused Time Warner of several fraudulent acts, including inflating its own online advertising revenues with a number of "round-trip" transactions in which it essentially provided other companies with the means to buy online advertising.

The SEC also said Time Warner overstated the

number of AOL subscribers by counting members from bulk subscription sales to companies even though the company knew that they had not been activated.

Further, because Time Warner failed to treat AOL Europe as a consolidated business from March 2000 to January 2002, as it should have, the company overstated its financial results for those time periods, the SEC said. Time Warner has since revised its results to reflect that change.

## Graco agrees to pay record civil penalty

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Graco Children's Products Inc. has agreed to pay a record \$4 million penalty for belatedly reporting problems with car seats, high chairs, strollers and other products that resulted in hundreds of injuries and at least six deaths.

The company also is recalling 1.2 million Graco Toddler Beds sold nationwide from 1994 to 2001. The beds are linked to scores of injuries, including more than a dozen broken bones, caused when children's limbs were trapped in the bed's guard rails or footboard.

The civil penalty is the largest ever imposed by the Consumer Product Safety Commission, which planned to announce the settlement and recall Tuesday.

The penalty was sizable because of "the number of consumer products

and the egregiousness of the failure to report," CPSC Chairman Hal Stratton said in an interview.

Under federal law, companies must immediately inform the commission after discovering any product defects that pose injury risks or violate federal safety standards. That time limit typically is interpreted as 24 hours.

But the safety agency said Graco and its subsidiary, Century Products, failed to immediately report defects in 16 different products sold from 1991 to 2002. Stratton could not say when his agency first learned of possible reporting violations.

The products — more than 12 million in all — included car seats, infant carriers, high chairs, strollers, swings and beds.

The products have been subject to seven recalls since 1997, including Tuesday's. The commission said it expects to announce two more Graco

recalls soon.

The six deaths were linked to Graco Infant Swings, 7 million of which were recalled in April 2000 after reports that babies could fall out of the seat's leg openings or get trapped in them. More recently, 140,000 Graco Travel Lite Infant Swings were recalled in July after the company received 100 reports of children slipping out of faulty seat belts and sustaining injuries such as bloody lips, bumps and bruises.

Acquired by Rubbermaid in 1996, Exton, Pa.-based Graco is now a subsidiary of Newell Rubbermaid Inc., formed in 1999.

In a statement, Graco denied knowingly violating CPSC reporting requirements. It noted the penalty "pertains to a time prior to Newell's acquisition" of Graco, when the company was under a different executive management team.



## Trio of challenges refused

*Supreme Court will not hear Pryor cases*

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court, dodging a charged dispute over judicial nominations, declined Monday to consider whether President Bush overstepped his bounds in naming a federal judge while Congress was on a short break.

The court refused to hear a trio of cases challenging the "recess appointment" of William Pryor to the Atlanta-based 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals last year. The appeals argued that Pryor's temporary appointment was an end-run around the Senate's right to confirm or reject judicial nominees.

The justices' move avoids a contentious issue on the eve of a widely speculated vacancy on the court. If they had intervened, it would have set up a constitutional showdown over White House powers at a time when ailing Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist is considered a strong prospect to step down this term.

The Constitution gives presidents authority to fill vacancies for a year or two during a Senate "recess." At issue was whether a "recess" means whenever the Senate is not meeting, such as during short intra-session breaks; or only during the Senate's annual adjournment at year's end.

In a statement accompanying the cert denial, Justice John Paul Stevens emphasized the court did not necessarily reject the case because the appeal lacked merit. He suggested justices might be interested in hearing the case later when the appeals have run their full course in the lower courts.

"It would be a mistake to assume that our disposition of this petition constitutes a decision on the merits of whether the president has the constitutional authority to fill future (judicial) vacancies, such as vacancies on this court," Stevens wrote.

Last month, Bush renominated Pryor, whose term is scheduled to expire at the end of the year, for a lifetime appointment on the 11th Circuit.

"The president asserts the power to make 'recess appointments' of judges during any break of the Senate — including, literally, even a break for lunch," wrote Thomas Goldstein, a Washington attorney representing Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., in the cases.

"That unprecedented conception of the recess appointments power obviously vitiates the cardinal authority of the Senate to pass on the president's nominees," he stated.

Bush administration lawyer Paul Clement countered that it has been long-standing practice for presidents of both parties to make recess appointments, including 12 Supreme Court justices, anytime the Senate is not meeting.

"A recess appointment power that could be freely invoked during a one-day inter-session recess, but would be categorically barred during a three-month intra-session recess, would be 'irrational,'" Clement wrote, noting that intra-session recesses often are one month or more.

## Rural health officials unprepared for terror

*Small states do not have resources to face attacks on food supplies, nuclear power facilities*

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Rural health officials believe they are woefully unprepared to respond to a possible terror attack on food supplies, nuclear power facilities or other targets.

A survey of health officials in 26 states also found that most rural areas would not be prepared for a bioterror attack or have the resources to handle a surge of people fleeing urban areas under assault.

The study, sponsored in part by the Harvard School of Public Health and the University of Pittsburgh, comes as the Homeland Security Department is proposing awarding federal aid to states and localities based on the level of threats they face. Small and rural states fear such an approach would dramatically cut funding for their emergency responders.

The survey, which will be released Tuesday, was obtained in advance by The Associated Press.

"I don't think anyone in rural America is asking for the kinds of resources that urban America is getting," said Michael Meit, director of the University of Pittsburgh's Center for Rural Health Practice in Bradford, Pa. "We just want to make sure that rural areas aren't forgotten about, and that we're getting enough resources to be prepared at an adequate level."

"There are specific, direct targets in rural America," he said.

The survey took a second look at 26 states that ranked among the highest and lowest in a 2003 assessment of bioterrorism preparedness. It also examined which states received funding from the

Cities Readiness Initiative, a pilot program by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to respond to large-scale public health emergencies, such as bioterror or nuclear attacks.

Eighteen of the states surveyed were defined as rural by the U.S. Census Bureau, while eight were defined as urban.

Of the rural states, 18 percent received high rankings for bioterrorism preparedness and 6 percent received the readiness funding. By comparison, 63 percent of the urban states ranked high on the preparedness list, and 75 percent got the funding.

The survey listed a number of vulnerabilities unique to rural areas. It noted that water supply and energy sources, including nuclear plants, usually are based in rural communities. Militia activities are more common in rural areas, as is the potential for farm terrorism, the survey said, noting: "One cow down can paralyze an entire beef industry."

Infectious disease specialists tend to live and work around major medical centers in cities, the survey said. Meanwhile, the \$27 million CDC program to distribute vaccines from the Strategic National Stockpile, pulled money from rural areas to fund 21 cities.

CDC spokesman Von Roebuck declined to comment on the survey but said the pilot program was meant to determine how best to distribute the national stockpile during an emergency.

"You're looking at areas, and sure they're urban, but they also have urban reach," Roebuck said. "They're cities that are next door to other areas. You're looking at how you could distribute something quite quickly and take those les-

sons from the city areas and also apply those to other parts of the country."

Under Homeland Security's budget proposal for the 2006 fiscal year, each state would receive a minimum of \$2.6 million in federal grants. Of a total \$3.5 billion set aside for all grants to states and localities, more than \$2 billion would be awarded based on risk.

The mayors of the nation's three largest cities are keeping a wary eye on the funding as well. Last week, Mayors Michael Bloomberg of New York, James Hahn of Los Angeles and Richard M. Daley of Chicago urged Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff to ensure big cities receive enough money.

"As you know, terrorists have targeted major population areas in the past and can be expected to do so again," the mayors said in a letter to Chertoff.

"With so much at stake, and given the Herculean efforts being made to protect our cities, distributing homeland security money based on politics rather than risk — and risk alone — is unconscionable and dangerously wrong," the mayors said.

Chertoff has said the risk assessments will not be based solely on population.

"I quite agree we need to move away from a population-driven or size-of-state-driven model," Chertoff said under questioning earlier this month by Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine.

"We ought to be focused on risk," Chertoff said.

Collins and Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., pushed an amendment through the Senate last week to increase Homeland Security's budget by \$855 million — largely to ensure small and rural states don't feel a funding cut.

"There needs to be some equality in preparedness," said Rep. John Peterson, R-Pa., who endorsed the survey with Sen. Tim Johnson, D-S.D. "If you let

the cities, they will have all the preparedness. That is a mistake."

Also involved in the study was the Maine Center for Public Health, the University of Pittsburgh, the University of North Carolina, Texas A&M University and the University of Minnesota.

The survey grew out of a September conference of rural public health officials in St. Paul, Minn.

*"There are specific, direct targets in rural America."*

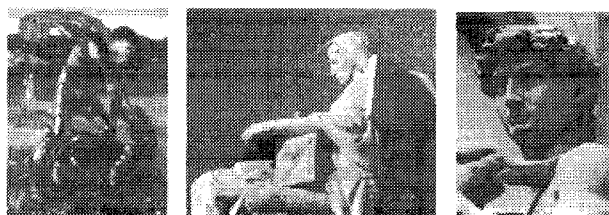
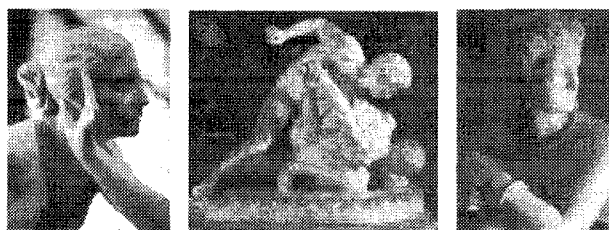
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# President signs bill 'to save a life'

Congress intervenes in Schiavo case after Friday tube removal

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress' intervention in the case of Terri Schiavo accelerated as Florida Gov. Jeb Bush warned key Republicans that state efforts were faltering. It ended early Monday when President Bush signed a bill designed to save a life.

The intervening few days were marked by legislative and legal maneuvers, lofty talk of morality and political calculation — and a moment of senatorial trust in a Congress where polarization often prevails.

"It is wise to always err on the side of life," President Bush told an audience in Tucson, Ariz., hours after signing the measure. Sponsors hope the bill will prompt a federal judge to order the reinsertion of a feeding tube that provides the nourishment necessary for the brain-damaged Schiavo to survive.

The tube was removed Friday after a state court ruling.

In Florida, Gov. Bush had hoped the Republican-controlled legislature could step in beforehand to keep the tube in place.

But efforts to pry a bill from the legislature failed, and the governor talked with several leaders of both houses of Congress during the week. "He said, 'If there's anything you can do please don't stop. You need to be doing it,'" recalled Sen. Mel Martinez, R-Fla.

Republicans in Congress, backed by leaders of the religious right, had long been

monitoring the situation — the woman, brain-damaged for 15 years since a heart attack; the prayer vigils outside the hospice where she lives; and the court battles.

Among them was Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, a physician with presidential ambitions in the party where support from social conservatives is prized.

In remarks on the Senate floor on Thursday, the Tennessee Republican quoted several passages from a medical textbook. He said he had viewed a court-ordered videotape of Schiavo and talked with one of the neurologists who had examined her.

Emphasizing that he was "speaking more as a physician than as a U.S. senator," Frist concluded, "there seems to be insufficient information to conclude that Terri Schiavo is in a persistent vegetative state."

He cast her situation in starkly moral terms. "Somebody is being condemned to death, somebody who is alive," he said.

Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., a prominent abortion foe who faces a difficult re-election race in 2006 and also holds presidential ambitions, also injected himself into the issue.

He told fellow GOP leaders last week he was prepared to hold up passage of any legislation if necessary, including the budget, to force action on a bill to give federal courts jurisdiction in Schiavo's case. These aides spoke on condition of anonymity, citing the confidentiality of the discussions.

Just as in Florida, there

were problems finding a compromise that could pass Congress.

The bill that passed the House Wednesday, advanced by Rep. James Sensenbrenner and others, extended beyond Schiavo. A spokesman for Sensenbrenner, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, said the Wisconsin Republican had worked closely with Schiavo's parents in writing the bill, and added that the National Right to Life Committee had supported his approach. Senate aides in both parties say House leaders had been warned in advance the measure would not make it to the White House.

The predicted opposition arose in the Senate on Thursday. But a few hours later, Senate Democrats and Republicans joined to pass a narrower measure. By this time, the House had adjourned for a two-week Easter vacation.

Politics flared Friday.

House Majority Leader Tom DeLay of Texas accused three Senate Democrats of having "put Mrs. Schiavo's life at risk to prove a point — an unprecedented profile in cowardice. The American people are not interested in squabbles between Republicans and Democrats, or between the House and Senate."

But Sensenbrenner himself came in for criticism later that evening. James Dobson, head of Focus on the Family, a conservative group, said the senator had "personally stopped this rescue effort in the House." Dobson spoke on Fox News Channel's "Hannity and Colmes."

# Man faces death for smuggling attempt

19 illegal immigrants died in 2003 transport

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Jurors in the trial of a man accused of driving and abandoning an unventilated trailer packed with more than 70 illegal immigrants deliberated about seven hours Monday before recessing for the day without a verdict.

Deliberations will resume on Tuesday in the trial of Tyrone Williams, who faces the death penalty if convicted for his role in the May 2003 smuggling attempt in which 19 of the passengers died. It was nation's deadliest smuggling attempt.

The 12-member jury sent U.S. District Judge Vanessa Gilmore notes on Monday with three questions related to language in the court's instructions.

The jurors got the case late Friday and took the weekend off.

Prosecutors said Williams was paid \$7,500 by a smuggling ring to transport more than 70 illegal immigrants in his sweltering tractor-trailer from Harlingen to Houston.

They told jurors Williams ignored the immigrants' screams for help during the

four-hour journey, abandoning the trailer at a truck stop in Victoria, about 100 miles southwest of Houston. Seventeen people died inside the trailer from dehydration, hyperthermia and suffocation, and two others died later.

Defense attorney Craig Washington maintained that while Williams was guilty of transporting the immigrants, the responsibility for the 19 deaths fell on the other members of the smuggling ring.

Williams, 34, is the only one of 14 defendants in the case who could get the death penalty. Prosecutors have said Williams faces execution if convicted because he alone had the power to free the immigrants.

In December, two other defendants in the case were convicted of various smuggling charges and still face sentencing. Charges against another defendant were dismissed.

The trial of another defendant in the case is on hold. Five others pleaded guilty. One man remains a fugitive. Prosecutors have not decided whether to seek the death penalty against three others.

# Jackson late to trial again

Examination continues, witnesses testify

Associated Press

SANTA MARIA, Calif. — A feeble-looking Michael Jackson arrived late again Monday to his child molestation trial, but the judge took no apparent action — and the star sat through testimony from a psychologist who asserted few child sex abuse allegations turn out to be false.

Jackson, who is said to have back problems, trembled and wept at the defense table as lawyers and a doctor who came to court in hospital scrubs conferred in chambers with Judge Rodney S. Melville.

The judge, who previously threatened to arrest Jackson and revoke his bail when he was late on March 10, gave no explanation of what was discussed and ordered testimony to resume.

Jackson spokeswoman Raymon K. Bain said she spoke with the singer late Sunday and he told her he was having severe and sometimes excruciating back pain. "He said his back was killing him," she said in a telephone interview from Washington.

Jackson, 46, arrived just minutes late, unlike the March 10 incident, when he turned up more than hour late in pajama bottoms and slippers.

This time Jackson was fully dressed, wearing a black suit, brocade vest and a blue armband, but his hair was mussed and his steps were tentative. He turned weakly to acknowledge fans on the street, then walked unsteadily into the courthouse with his brother Jackie and a security guard holding his arms.

As Jackson left court six hours later, a reporter asked him what had happened in the

morning. Jackson looked back and moved his mouth but no words came out. He then said he was "very much hurt" and was on medication "by way of a doctor."

Jackson is accused of molesting a boy at his Neverland ranch in 2003, giving him alcohol and conspiring to hold the boy's family captive.

Prosecution witness Anthony J. Urquiza, a psychologist who has not interviewed Jackson's accuser, described "child sexual assault, accommodation syndrome," in which youngsters become secretive, feel helpless and trapped, delay reporting acts of abuse, and finally learn to cope with the situation.

He said children often under changes in behavior because of the abuse, including "acting out, becoming defiant, name-calling." Under questioning by the prosecution, the witness said that can include talking back to teachers and getting into fights — the kind of misbehavior seen in Jackson's accuser.

During cross-examination, defense attorney Thomas Mesereau Jr. asked the psychologist whether Jackson's accuser may be lying.

"Let me ask a hypothetical question," Mesereau said. "You've got a mother and three children. There is not a father figure present. There has been a traumatic divorce of recent vintage. For whatever reason, the mother and her children pick someone and adopt that person as their father figure ... and suddenly there is a split. The mother, the children see that the person they've adopted as a father figure is bailing out. You can imagine ... a situation like that where the mother induces the children to make false claims of sexual abuse."

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## Gleams thy gold and blue?

It's springtime at Notre Dame. I know this fact despite the frigid winds, which accost me as I make the trek from the C lot to DeBartolo. Let's face it. No one ever said they came to this school for the weather.

This year the changing dates on my calendar were not my sole reminder this milder season had arrived. I've been receiving a plethora of graduation information, not to mention numerous e-mails from my mom reminding me to get my act together and figure out my family's plans for the weekend. (Trust me, mom. Just as soon as I finish my thesis).

However, something is different about campus this spring. And it's not just the nostalgia I feel every time I realize I'm experiencing another "last." (Look for the teary eyed girl in the home-style line at North Dining Hall).

Last week, I was walking on God Quad. The sun was brightly shining, reflecting off of the ... hideous gray scaffolding obscuring the golden dome? "Now that's attractive," I thought, and continued to ponder other more pressing matters, such as what time it was and which class I was supposed to be heading toward at that particular hour.

Avid reader of The Observer Viewpoint that I am, I noticed a letter by Kevin Rycyna later in the week, which informed me that this scaffolding is not merely a fleeting eyesore, but part of a regilding project which is to continue throughout the summer months and be complete before the first home game.

While I understand the administration's anxiousness not to offend the legions of plaid pants-wearing alumni who visit each fall, I am appalled at their lack of consideration for the graduating senior class. (Hey, we might have plaid pants someday too.)

Parents, family and friends will be in

from all over the country and world, poised to take that graduation picture in front of the golden dome. Many of these groups will never all be together on Notre Dame's campus again. Oh well, I'm sure a dome covered in scaffolding will add a lovely prison ambience to hundreds of commencement photo albums.

Traveling to Notre Dame is an expensive proposition for many families, and graduation weekend will be the first time on campus for a good number of seniors' parents. While I realize the importance of an intact dome during football weekends, Notre Dame claims it is first and foremost an academic institution, and perhaps should consider college commencement, which will only occur once in students' lives, to be more important.

As I'm convinced global warming has yet to reach South Bend, I also doubt much progress will be made on the regilding project prior to graduation. The fall is typically a much balmer time than the spring in Indiana, which again forces me to question the administration's decision to begin the regilding process now.

While it's easy to merely complain about the scaffolding, a school that I love, the University of Notre Dame, has taught me that I must do much more.

With this object in mind, several of my friends and I discussed the possibility of starting a petition to remove the

scaffolding from the dome during May's commencement weekend. Students of any year, alumni, parents, faculty members and administrators will be able to sign it at [www.nd.edu/~dsa-viano](http://www.nd.edu/~dsa-viano).

Admittedly, scaffolding covering the dome is not an earth-shattering problem when one considers the poverty and war raging across the globe.

But neither does it demonstrate the caring I have come to expect from the Notre Dame family. If this new project shows their concern, I'll take Cinderella's wicked stepmother.

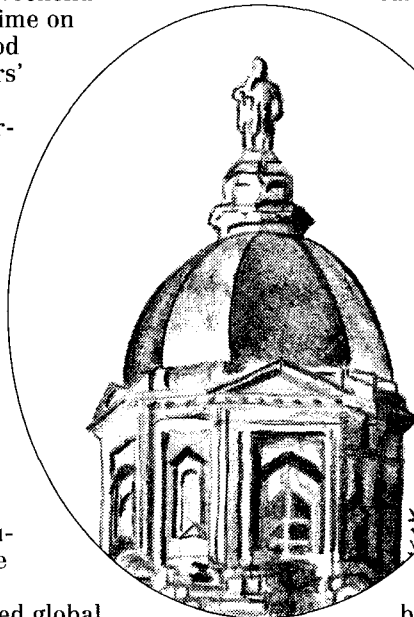
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It is my hope that once administrators realize students' feelings about this issue they will attempt to remedy the situation. I cannot believe that they simply don't care.

As graduation approaches, I am continuously reminded of how much I "love thee Notre Dame." In what amounts to an open plea, I ask that students be considered in the regilding project. After all, graduation wouldn't be complete without a little rain, the smell of ethanol and our steadfast golden dome.

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### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

## A culture of hypocrisy?

Late Sunday night President Bush signed a bill that would allow the case of Terry Schiavo to be heard in a Federal District Court in Florida. The president issued a statement that read in part: "Our society, our laws and our courts should have a presumption in favor of life." I, for one, am really tired of this "culture of life" propaganda that this administration keeps using to energize its religious base. So let's look at the president's "culture of life," not in terms of the propaganda-laced tirades that we hear spewed around every time there's political ground to be gained, but in terms of what is actually being done to preserve this "culture of life" at ground zero.

Well, first there's Bush's stint as Governor of Texas where he de facto presided over the Texas criminal justice system, a.k.a. "The Rocket Docket to the Death Chamber." Not only did Texas executions alone outpace the rest of the country during that time period, Bush even went so far as to mock those being put to death (see Karla Faye Tucker). Then of course there's the ever-popular war in Iraq, where the "culture of life" is spread to many innocent Iraqis via cluster bombs of collateral damage. Of

course, we are at least going to take great care to ensure that our own servicemen's lives are protected, right? Sorry. When it comes to budgetary concerns, this administration's "culture of life" values tax cuts for the rich over veterans' benefits. His "culture of life" unrelentingly seeks to protect unborn fetuses, but stops short of making sure all of them have proper medical care after they are born, again recommending large cuts in Medicaid to make up budget deficits run up on his watch. And this is just the tip of the iceberg.

Personally I think that an emphasis on life is a good approach to the complex moral questions our society faces. Unfortunately, the political propaganda being regurgitated by this deceitful administration is a poor substitute for the duties and responsibilities a true culture of life would place on all of us.

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March 21

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"War does not determine who is right — only who is left."

Bertrand Russell  
British philosopher

## U-WIRE

### Life after 21: Living it up

I used to love my birthday. With the exception of the early years, when those jokesters who call themselves my parents used trick candles that practically caused asthmatic fits, my birthday has always been a pretty cool day.

Until now.

In less than 24 hours, I will be turning the practically midlife age of 22. It's not sweet like 16, legal like 18 or much anticipated like 21. Look at it forward, look at it backward, it doesn't get any different — it's 22 no matter which way you slice it. As Jessica Simpson put it on her 23rd birthday "23 is almost 25, which is almost mid-20s." I couldn't have put it better myself, unless of course I was conscious.

The day shall bear the excitement of a dentist appointment. I have my usual Tuesday 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. class-and-work day (my favorite), and as an added bonus, the folks at financial aid decided to schedule my exit interview for my loans at 9 a.m. I'm pretty sure there won't be cake and flowers when they say "Good morning! Happy Birthday! You owe us 20 grand!" Oh how 22 reaches out and strangles my inner child.

Everything that's quasi acceptable on this, my last day of being 21, will no longer be acceptable as of mid-night Monday. While the 21st birthday hangover was borderline charming, the 22nd birthday hangover crosses the border of pathetic. The fact that I don't have a job goes from understandable to concerning. I don't think I'm allowed to watch "The O.C." anymore unless I'm babysitting. Turning The Daily Free Press into a drinking game? Forget about it. Entertaining becomes 12-step worthy. Twenty-two is the age where you start describing yourself as "in my 20s," which might as well be "almost 30," or, as painful as it is to say — an adult.

Fully aware of the pending expiration of my get-out-of-dignity-free card, I spent this last weekend as though I was on death row — let it not be said that I don't have a flare for the dramatic. I flipped back and forth between "The O.C." and basketball before going 100 percent Irish on St. Patrick's Day and knocking back Killian's like water. Friday was all about the Madness, and because I was still basically a child, I was able to break down and sob when Syracuse lost to Vermont. What if I had been an adult when that happened? Would I have had to shrug my shoulders and commend the Catamounts on their win? Would I have to be happy for their coach, advancing to round two in his last season of coaching?

Saturday was the big night. It was last weekend night of acceptable ridiculousness, and the only way I could think of to say goodbye to my youth was with an all-out, ghetto-fabulous, Allston pub crawl. Deemed the "Spring Broke 21+1 Birthday Pub Crawl" — where no one was allowed to say 22 or health insurance among other terms — this was a night to top all the others of the past year. It started all well and good with a youthful pre-game in Allston and on to the Avenue, but things started getting ridiculously ridiculous with the free cocktails at White Horse. By the time the group got to T's, well, we were just about convinced it was karaoke Tuesday, or so it seemed. I can't say that I remember going to bed, which is probably because I passed out on a couch, and I certainly forgot my usual pre-sleep ritual of changing into pajamas, so I would say it was a successful evening.

By the time I woke up Sunday morning, I was just about ready to die. Fortunately, if I was to die I still had a couple more days of health insurance to make the process less painful. Oh those carefree days of being 21.

I suppose the feeling of death reminded me there were things worse than turning 22, specifically dying. Now that I'm 22 and looking at the world through a glass half full view (when I was 21 it was a glass needs a refill view), I suppose all in all life's pretty good. Even though I don't have my health insurance for much longer, I still have my health. I can't watch "The O.C.," but I can graduate and move to the O.C. I might be developing my first wrinkles but at least injecting botulinum toxin into my face for cosmetic reasons is now a safe and easy prevention for aging. Maybe I'll understand that one tomorrow when I'm a grown up.

Until then, one more day of carefree youth. After that it's bridge clubs and dentures, so I'll be making the most of it.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### A changed nation: what do we stand for now?

Never before were President Franklin D. Roosevelt's immortal words more applicable: "There is nothing to fear but fear itself." Since the attacks of Sept. 11, widespread national fear has proven this nation's most crippling and non-fictitious enemy. Look at what fear has done to this country, and look at what fear has made us do. Gone are the days of defiance and idealism that characterized our nation's birth.

Quickly we crawled back into our protectionist hole when attacked, surrendering the rights that our forefathers died defending so that our government would make us safe. Easily we accepted the words passed along by this administration as fact, not questioning. Where did democracy go? When did a person who questions become un-American?

How much more will we sacrifice at the alter of National Security? Already burnt are some of the very pillars of our existence. The dignity of all humans, will take a long time to gain acceptance among the world's community as a principle that America stands and fights for. Acceptance is not possible as long as we detain without just cause torture and murder in cold blood of innocent humans largely for their skin color, religion, language and associations.

What will we not destroy in the name of our own safety? Already we have taken what was not ours: the lives of 100,000 Iraqi civilians, none of whom asked for these Christian saviors.

What do we stand for now?

Opportunity? Not as long as millions of immigrants, starving, weary and persecuted are annually turned away at our borders. "There is no room at the inn."

Democracy? Not as long as government propagan-

da is passed off as unbiased news. Not as long as swing votes count for more and the second place finisher assumes control.

Human dignity? Not as long as 43 million Americans lack health care and our administrators aim to take away the security earned by those from whom we inherited this country. Not as long as hundreds are put to death each year in the state's name, in my name, in the name of every American tax-payer.

Freedom? Not as long as my library records are fair game for intelligence officials, and peaceful activist organizations are infiltrated by spies.

Equality? Not as long as poor inner city areas and prisons overflow with an inordinate percentage of the minority population.

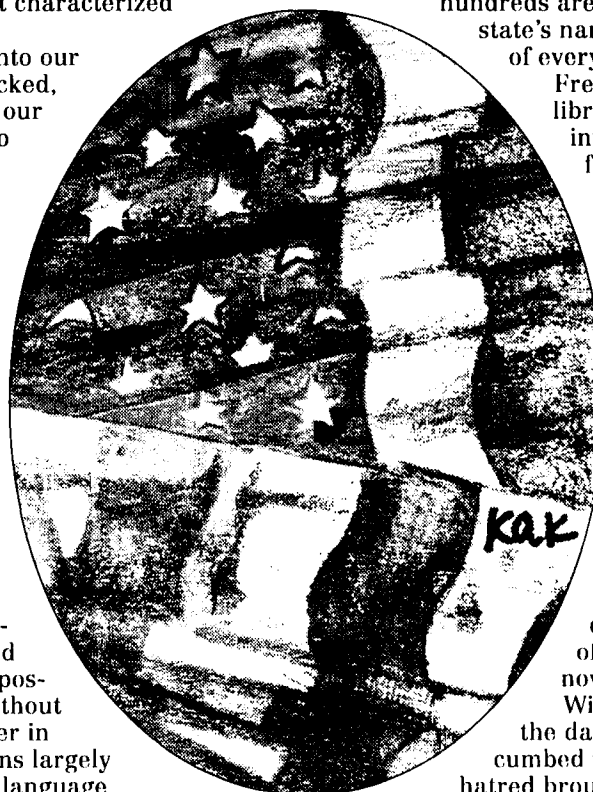
Natural Beauty? Not as long as even our natural reserves fall victim to our own oil-lust.

What is America now? Where is that sanctuary for the tired, the weak and the huddled masses yearning to be free? Wake up America and look at our country from the perspective of our children 50 years from now.

Will today be remembered as the day that the greatest nation succumbed to the violence, lies and hatred brought upon us by our attackers?

Or will this be the day that America rises to the challenges of our times, and, armed with the same ideals that spawned this nation's greatness, combats oppression with freedom, war with peace and fear with hope.

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## EDITORIAL CARTOON





## MOVIE REVIEW

## 'The Ring Two' more juvenile, less creepy than the original

By BRIAN DOXTADER  
Scene Movie Critic

Horror films tend to fall into one of two camps. There are those in which things jump out at you and you scream, and there are those that are more disturbingly creepy than actually scary. Gore Verbinski's 2002 movie "The Ring" fell into the latter, while its sequel, released this month, is better situated in the former.

The Ring was a remake of Hideo Nakata's 1998 film "Ringu," which was a massive success in its native Japan. "The Ring Two" is directed by Nakata, though it bears only a passing resemblance to "Ringu 2," which he made in 1999.

Naomi Watts and David Dorfman reprise their roles from the first film as reporter Rachel Keller and her son Aidan. They have just moved to the sleepy town of Astoria in order to fully extricate themselves from the events of "The Ring." Of course, it's not long before dead bodies

start showing up with the same symptoms as the victims of the first film.

Interestingly enough, "The Ring Two" only uses the first film's plot as springboard; its narrative structure bears only a passing resemblance its predecessor. This is encouraging, since most Hollywood sequels tend to play it safe and rehash the formula that was so successful the first time around. The videotape, which was so key in the first film, is almost a non-factor here, as "The Ring Two" concentrates more on the relationship between Aidan and Rachel. As expected, most of the other characters are cardboard cut-outs. Simon Baker's reporter, Max, is particularly wasted.

Yet the film is never as creepily effective as either "Ringu" or "The Ring" precisely because it doesn't follow the same pattern as its forebears. It's still scary, but this is credited more to the camerawork and sound design than the actual premise and plot of the picture. Nakata is to be admired for departing so much from the original idea, but the result is only partially successful.

The biggest problem is that "The Ring Two" gets bogged down by a terrible script and implausible events. Inane dialogue, impossibilities and strange character behavior are trademarks of this genre and this film has them in spades. That might be what is most disappointing — despite often falling into standard horror

conventions, "The Ring Two" tries to be a good film. It tries really hard. Nakata brings style and flair to the proceedings and Naomi Watts' steadfast performance evokes Ellen Burstyn's desperate mother from "The Exorcist" (although Burstyn had the good fortune to be in a much better movie).

The most glaring offender is the screenplay, which often seems forced. There are a handful of good ideas here and there, but none of them are fully realized. The film tries to deepen the central conceit of the first film, but the script is often counter-productive. Major plot points are left unexplained. Characters still go alone into

dark places. Things jump out of corners of the frame. And there is a mid-film attack so bizarre that it evokes laughter rather than terror.

"The Ring Two" feels like it should be a deeper, more hauntingly disturbing experience than it is, which is disheartening. At moments it seems like it's going to develop into something more, with the particularly pertinent theme of motherhood coming across, but Nakata never fully explores this. The Ring Two is not a bad film — it is an enjoyable and sporadically scary way to spend a couple of hours, but it often feels like wasted potential.

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Rachel Keller (Naomi Watts, left) discovers to her horror that Samara has a terrible hold on her son Aidan (David Dorfman).

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## MOVIE REVIEW

## No cheers for Tommy Lee Jones in 'Man of the House'

By RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA  
Scene Editor

Tommy Lee Jones has done this dance once before. Actually, make that several times.

Playing a gruff, harsh and uptight mentor armed with a dry wit has been a choice role over the course of his career. In the "Men in Black" series, for example, Jones' dry wit teamed with Will Smith's youthful energy added up to major

change at the box office. Unfortunately, Jones's latest offering, "Man of the House," is a mediocre attempt to capitalize on his comedic value and falls short with what could have been an intriguing concept.

In the film, Jones plays Roland Sharp, a Texas Ranger assigned to protect the only witnesses to the murder of a key figure in the prosecution of a drug kingpin. These witnesses turn out to be five female University of Texas cheerleaders and present quite a handful for Jones. Sharp

is forced to go undercover as an assistant cheerleading coach and move in with his young wards to protect them and solve the murder.

As if that wasn't enough to cover all the major plot points, there's still the obligatory feel-good effect that Jones has on the girls and vice versa. He helps them realize their individual potentials, whether it be to write an eloquent essay on Romeo and Juliet or be the father figure they never had. And, naturally, they help him tap into his hidden sensibilities and break out of his harsh shell to get closer to his estranged daughter and impress a new love interest.

It's really not the clichés that kill this film. There are still some laughs to be had and the ladies cast as the bubbly cheerleaders are all easy on the eyes, particularly R&B star Christina Milian and actress Paula Garcés. There are moments when the film flashes a little Southern charm. Cedric the Entertainer tosses in a chuckle or two in a supporting role as an ex-Longhorn cheerleader.

But the laughs are few and too far between to justify watching "Man of the House" when a comedic gem like "Hitch" is still in theatres. As it turns out, in that latter film, Smith outshines his "Men in Black" cohort and shows that it takes a little more to make a heart-warming comedy than a handful of punch lines.

Jones does an adequate job with the

role of the gruff Sharp in this film and manages to make audiences sympathize with him. But "Man of the House" is missing one of the bare essentials to a good film — a decent screenplay. The material just doesn't seem fresh or funny and this dooms any attempt Jones makes to stamp his comedic wares on audiences.

As funny as it is to see Jones forced to have a make-over by his female charges, the appeal is quickly lost due to poor dialogue and poor pacing. If they're not paying close attention, casual viewers may even be left scratching their heads at why the initial murder has an impact on Sharp's drug case. The stale script causes all sorts of problems for the film. According to the International Movie Database website, no one — cast or crew — could think of an appropriate ending until director Stephen Herek came up with one months after the rest of the film was shot. Ouch.

It seems like a long time ago, but Jones once won an Oscar for Best Supporting Actor in "Fugitive," the Harrison Ford thriller. After a dud like "Man of the House," he might be better pressed to flex his acting muscles in another dramatic role. A role in the next Clint Eastwood-directed film probably couldn't hurt.

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Texas Ranger Roland Sharp (Tommy Lee Jones, center) shepherds a flock of cheerleaders under protection as witnesses in a high-profile drug cases.

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## DVD REVIEW

# 'Finding Neverland' blurs fiction and reality

By MARK BEMENDERFER  
Scene Movie Critic

At what age do people lose their innocence? It is undeniable that children are born something that they shed as years go by. However, some people do not seem to grow old as many do — some remain young and innocent, even though they may physically age. "Finding Neverland" is a movie about such a man.

"Finding Neverland," directed by Marc Forster and starring Johnny Depp, is a movie about the London playwright Sir James M. Barrie. For those who are not

familiar with the name, he was the creator of the Peter Pan story. The movie begins with the general public viewing Sir Barrie's latest play, which is received poorly at best. This spurs Sir Barrie to create a new play, one that is good not only in the public's eye, but his own as well.

To create the play, however, he needs inspiration. One day in the park, Sir Barrie meets the Davies family, widower Sylvia Llewelyn Davies and her four sons. Within them Sir Barrie finds inspiration, and creates a play based upon the family and their imaginary adventures. Some drama ensues, but nothing that detracts

from the fantasy nature of the film.

To bring up an earlier point, Sir Barrie is the man with the child-like innocence. He plays with the four children as if he were one of them. Even more, he drives most of the games and leads them into what later becomes Peter Pan scenarios. Sir Barrie brings some joy into the children's lives.

But things don't go too smoothly for Sir Barrie. Because he spends much of his days with the widow and

her family, his own wife feels neglected, and even cheated on. But even worse, there is a rumor going around as to why he spends so much time with the little boys. They lack a father, and Sir Barrie slowly moves towards that role, but this is not seen by the people around them.

Which leads to the one real complaint with the film, which is it never truly feels like the characters leave the fantasy. The Michael Jackson-esque rumors were rebutted by Sir Barrie, and never really became much of an issue. The issues that did become serious never felt too integral to the plot. The focus of the movie was always solely on Sir Barrie and the family, with all the other characters being of secondary concern.

The ending, although bittersweet, doesn't quite have the emotional punch that one would expect. Given the nature of the

film, and how it likes to blur the lines between reality and fiction, the ending didn't quite have the emotional pull that similar movies had.

However, this is not due to a lack of acting ability. Depp once again turns in a fantastic performance as the London playwright. He even nails the accent, a trick

that causes many actors to stumble. Kate Winslet also does a decent job in her role as Miss Sylvia Llewelyn Davies. All of the children were believable, to say the least. A lot

of movies trip up a little when portraying children, but "Finding Neverland" doesn't have this problem.

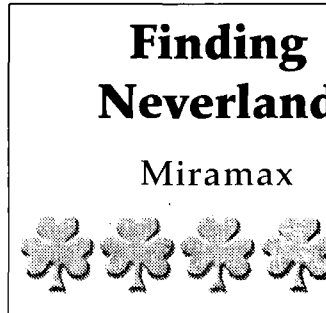
The DVD itself was decent. Video and sound were both of moderate quality. No serious issues arose from either one. The special features were good, but not very long. There is a commentary, a special making-of, a feature called "The Magic of Finding Neverland," one called "Creating Neverland," some deleted scenes, and some outtakes. It's the usual stuff, with nothing of any real notice.

Was "Finding Neverland" worth seven Oscar nods? Perhaps, but for some it was not. It's a light, fun movie that never really delves into the darkness that is implied.

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Sir James Matthew Barrie (Johnny Depp, left) creates the world of Peter Pan with inspiration from the Davies children, including Peter (Freddie Highmore).



## MOVIE REVIEW

# 'Robots' delivers sharp humor for all ages

By MARY MIGLIOZZI  
Scene Movie Critic

"Robots," directed by Chris Wedge, is every bit as enjoyable as its computer animation and celebrity-heavy cast make it appear. Clever dialogue and characters as well as humorous voice acting, especially by Robin Williams,

make "Robots" as fun for a college audience as it is for its intended younger audience.

Ewan McGregor voices Rodney Copperbottom, the son of a dishwashing machine. Rodney grows up dreaming of being an inventor, and as a young man travels to Robot City to get a job at Bigweld Industries. However, he quickly discovers that his role

model, Bigweld (Mel Brooks), is nowhere to be found, and his replacement, Ratchet (Greg Kinnear), is a greedy tycoon whose evil plans will destroy poor and sick robots everywhere. Rodney is joined in his quest to stop Ratchet by Fender (Robin Williams), an eccentric Robot City resident, Cappy, a Bigweld executive (Halle Berry), and numerous others along the way.

The plot, while at times bordering on cheesy, has the type of feel-good theme that one expects from a movie of this genre, illustrated from the beginning by Bigweld's slogan, "You can shine no matter what you're made of." Though it may seem overly sentimental when the hero tears up at a pep talk from Dad, and some plot twists are rather predictable, it is fitting with the overall atmosphere created for the intended audience and genre. Even the sometimes subtle, sometimes not-so-subtle social commentary does not detract from the usually humorous tone.

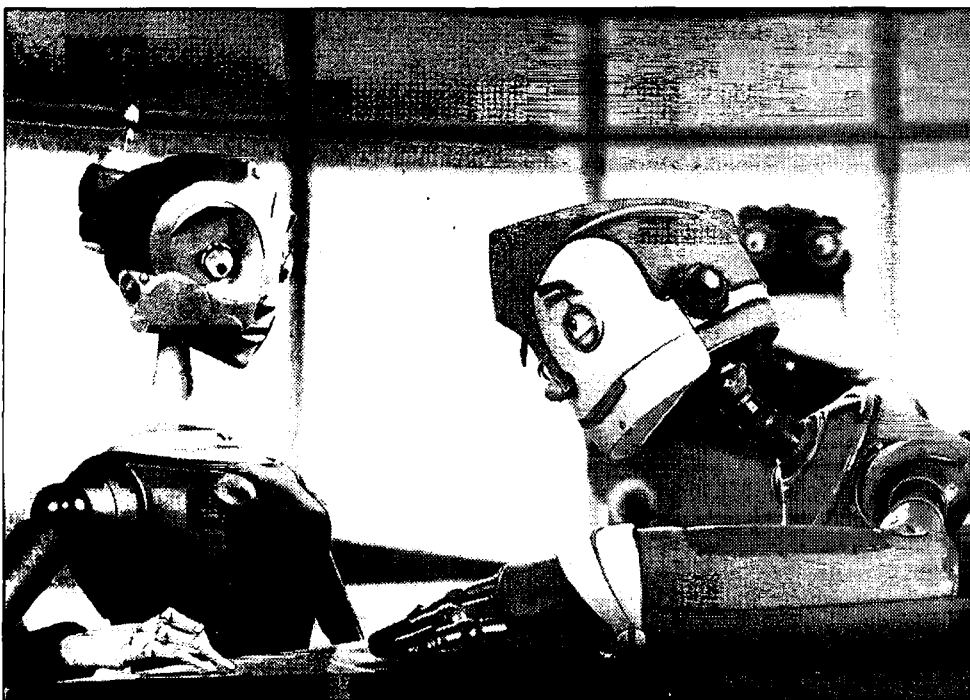
The humor is clever enough to appeal to any age group, at times jokingly referencing other films and at other times utilizing subtle, more mature jokes much the way the movie

"Shrek" does. Robin Williams does not disappoint, as his quirky character provides the film's most humorous moments. True to his style, much of Robin Williams' performance was ad-libbed.

Even the humor has weak points, but they are far outnumbered by the truly memorable scenes and lines. An early scene involving Rodney and Fender on a crazy transportation system drags on for a bit too long, but Fender more than makes up for it when he performs a spoof of "Singin' in the Rain." Amanda Bynes, the voice of Fender's little sister Piper, is disappointing compared with the cast's other performances, but at least the character begins to redeem herself by shooting plunger arrows at evil robots.

Whether the viewer is drawn by Williams' comedy, the fun of an animated film, or even McGregor's attractive voice (with an American accent sadly but effectively replacing his usual Scottish), "Robots" provides ninety minutes of solid entertainment that does not disappoint.

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Rodney Copperbottom (voiced by Ewan McGregor, right) takes a spill for robot executive Cappy (voiced by Halle Berry).



Director: Chris Wedge and Carlos Saldanha  
Writers: Lowell Ganz and Babaloo Mandel  
Starring: Halle Berry, Mel Brooks, Robin Williams, Drew Carey

## WOMEN'S NCAA BASKETBALL

## Michigan State survives early scare against California

Bulldogs oust Longhorns; Washington sends Mississippi packing; Tennessee breezes past Western California

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Rene Haynes saved top-seeded Michigan State from an embarrassingly early exit from the NCAA tournament.

Haynes came out of a wild scramble with the ball and made a layup with 2.9 seconds left, giving Michigan State a 61-59 victory over eighth-seeded Southern California in a second-round game Monday night.

It was a scary game for the Spartans (30-3), who were out-hustled and outrebounded by their young, scrappy opponent. But they survived and will take a 14-game winning streak into the semifinals of the Kansas City Regional on Sunday against the winner of Monday's late game between Kansas State and Vanderbilt.

Lindsay Bowen led Michigan State with 19 points, including four huge 3-pointers in the second half. Her final 3 gave the Spartans a 59-56 lead with 37.3 seconds to play, but USC (20-11) tied it on freshman Brynn Cameron's long 3 with 21.7 seconds remaining.

The Spartans then got the ball inside, the shot was blocked and

players dove all over the floor trying to get the ball. Haynes, a 5-foot-10 sophomore, finally came up with it to the left of the lane, took a step and made the basket.

Southern Cal wasn't able to get off a final shot and Michigan State moved on, despite going more than 5 minutes without scoring in the second half.

USC got a big game from freshman Camille LeNoir, who scored nine quick points at the start of the second half to get the Trojans back in it after they trailed by as many as six in the first half and finished with a career-high 18. Kim Gipson added 14 for the Trojans, who outrebounded Michigan State 36-31, and Eshaya Murphy scored 14.

Liz Shimek had 14 for Michigan State, which couldn't hold a six-point lead midway through the second half, and Kristin Haynie scored 12.

USC had support from many of the Minnesota fans who arrived early for the night's second game between the Gophers and Virginia. What the Trojans needed, however, those fans couldn't provide: just one more basket.

Still, the season was a positive

step in first-year coach Mark Trakh's effort to return the program to national prominence. USC made the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1997 and won 20 games for the first time since that season.

And the Trojans went out knowing they took one of the nation's top programs to the final buzzer. They frustrated Michigan State with a zone defense, disrupted passes with their quick hands, matched the Spartans' physical play and consistently beat them to the ball.

**Georgia 70, Texas 68**

Georgia started the season casting doubt on Texas' title hopes.

Now the Bulldogs have confirmed it, knocking third-seeded Texas out of the NCAA tournament with a victory in the second round Monday night.

Tasha Humphrey scored 26 points and Cori Chambers had 15 to lead sixth-seeded Georgia to its second victory of the season over Texas. Georgia advanced to the round of 16 for the third straight year and the 15th time in 21 appearances.

In doing so, the Bulldogs denied Texas — a preseason Final Four favorite — entrance into the tournament's third round for the first time in four years.

Georgia will face the winner of Tuesday night's Duke-Boston College game on Saturday in the Chattanooga Regional semifinals.

Texas' Heather Schreiber tried to win the game with a 3-pointer at the buzzer but the shot hit the corner of rim.

At the start of the season, the Longhorns were ranked No. 2 in the country before playing at Georgia their second game. The Bulldogs, then ranked No. 5, rallied from a 15-point deficit to win 78-64.

But there was no need for a Georgia comeback this time. The Bulldogs (24-9) led for the entire game, holding off a Texas rally in the final 4 minutes to hand the Longhorns their earliest tournament exit since falling in the first round in 2001.

Tiffany Jackson tied her career high with 30 points, but her game-tying attempt with 12 seconds remaining was blocked by Georgia's Rebecca Rowsey.

Moments earlier, Schreiber hit a 3-pointer with 1:26 left to bring Texas (22-9) within two, part of 15-4 run after Texas had trailed by 10.

But the Longhorns' rally came

too late. Texas leaned on Jackson in the second half, when the sophomore scored 18 of her points and had nine of her 10 rebounds.

But always there to answer at the other end was Humphrey, who the Longhorns couldn't control for the second time this season. The 6-foot-3 freshman scored 27 points in her first meeting with Texas.

**Tennessee 94, Western Carolina 43**

Pat Summitt thanked her team for helping her tie the NCAA Division I victory record before getting down to what really matters to her.

Tennessee's victory over Western Carolina on Sunday night in the first round of the NCAA tournament was win No. 879 for Summitt, tying her with former North Carolina men's coach Dean Smith for the most victories in Division I history.

Summitt, however, is focused on advancing in the tournament.

After the victory, the Lady Vols asked their coach if she was excited about trying to break Smith's record in the second round.

"I said, 'Yes, I want your help,'" Summitt said. "I want to get this over with only because we will be going to Philadelphia and we all want to go to Philadelphia."

Top-seeded Tennessee (27-4) will face Purdue in the second round Tuesday night, with the winner advancing to the regional semifinals in Philadelphia.

Summitt is 879-171, while Smith was 879-254 in 36 years with the Tar Heels.

Summitt has been at the top of the women's game for years with six national titles and 15 Final Four appearances.

"I have so much respect and admiration for Coach Smith. This is more than just a number," Summitt said immediately after the game.

"The Lady Vols that have played here have been really special. You think about all of them, they made it happen. It says that we've had some of the best players in the history of the game. They're part of my family and my life and for that I say thank you to all of them."

Fittingly, Summitt tied Smith on Tennessee's home court at Thompson-Boling Arena, where the Lady Vols are 252-14 since it opened in 1987. Tennessee has never lost an NCAA game in Knoxville, going 45-0 since the women's tournament began in

1982.

And this is the most appropriate time of year for Summitt, who tops all women's coaches with an 86-17 NCAA tournament record.

The Lady Vols and, in particular, Shanna Zolman made it easy for Summitt to get the victory.

Western Carolina (18-14), the No. 16 seed in the Philadelphia Regional, was undersized and outmatched from the beginning. Catamounts coach Kellie Harper, a point guard on Tennessee's three straight titles from 1996-98, could only watch her team fall behind big early.

**Washington 60, Mississippi 57**

Jessica Simmonds scored 14 points Sunday night to help George Washington rally from a 14-point second-half deficit to beat Mississippi in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

Anna Montanana added 13 points and came up big in the final 2 minutes for the ninth-seeded Colonials (23-8), who advanced to face host North Carolina on Tuesday in the Tempe Regional.

Elizabeth Cansdale scored 13 points to lead the eighth-seeded Lady Rebels (19-11), who scored just two points in the final 10 1/2 minutes to lose in the first round for the second straight year.

Mississippi led 55-41 on a score from Carletta Brown, but the Colonials clawed their way back into the game with 17 straight points over the next six minutes. George Washington eventually pushed ahead 56-55 on two free throws from Amanda Locascio with 2:13 left.

That's when Montanana made two key plays. First she hit a turnaround jumper in the lane to increase the margin to 58-55 with 1:39 left.

Then, after Ellen Buchanan scored on a putback to make it 58-57, Montanana hit two free throws with 9.7 seconds left to push the margin back to three.

Ole Miss had a chance to tie it, but Brown's desperation 3-pointer just before the horn missed everything to seal the Lady Rebels' collapse.

Mississippi is in its 16th tournament and has four regional final appearances, but the Lady Rebels have not won in the NCAAAs since taking an 83-61 first-round win against Indiana in 1994. Ole Miss lost in the first round in each of the next two years, then missed the tournament for eight straight years.



Georgia coach Andy Landers holds player Alexis Kendrick around the neck as he protests a foul call to the referee during the second half of their second-round game in Dallas Monday.

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## NFL

## Colts find stadium finance plan

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — A 1 percent tax on most services in Marion County would help pay for a new stadium for the Colts under a funding plan announced Monday by a leading state senator.

Senate Tax Committee Chairman Luke Kenley, R-Noblesville, said the tax he proposes on all Marion County services except medical and construction work would bring in about \$38 million a year for the stadium.

"This is a broad-based way to pay for this," Kenley said.

But Indianapolis Mayor Bart Peterson said the tax would drive business out of the city, and that other surrounding counties would also need to pay the tax for it to work.

Services are not taxed under the state's current sales tax. The proposed tax would affect large service providers like law firms, engineering and architectural businesses and financial companies. It would also add to the price of smaller transactions

such as car repairs and haircuts.

If Kenley's proposal passes the General Assembly, the tax would become an option for Marion County. The Indianapolis City-County Council would have to vote to increase the tax for it to take effect.

Peterson said he would fight the tax as proposed because service providers could move across the Marion County line to avoid it.

*"This is a broad based way to pay for this."*

**Luke Kenley**  
Senate Tax  
Committee Chairman

"If there has to be a tax, it ought to be a regional tax," Peterson said.

Kenley's plan also includes a \$5 million annual payment from the Colts, a \$1 stadium admission tax on all

events at the new venue and a 1 percent increase on income tax for professional athletes at the stadium.

Peterson said asking the Colts for more money would change the deal the city struck with the team. He said it would be nearly impossible to renegotiate another agreement by the time the General Assembly is scheduled

to adjourn at the end of April.

"If we had to start over, there'd be a real risk of losing the team," Peterson said.

Kenley is working with a group of representatives from the Colts, the city, the Indiana House and the governor's office to come up with a funding plan.

"There's plenty of room to work," Kenley said.

Although Peterson did not like the details of Kenley's plan, he pointed out that it includes money for both the stadium and the convention center expansion.

"That's a huge step forward and a major sign of progress," Peterson said.

The stadium is projected to cost between \$550 million and \$700 million, and with the planned expansion of the neighboring Indiana Convention Center, the total project could reach \$990 million.

Several bills to finance the project have died in the first half of the legislative session, including plans to increase taxes and put slot machines at horse racing tracks.

Kenley said such gambling options were out because they would have a difficult time winning approval in the Legislature.

## WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Summitt goes for home record in tournament

*Coach looks to set all-time mark for most collegiate victories*

Associated Press

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Pat Summitt is on the verge of becoming the winningest basketball coach in NCAA history.

Two years after setting the record for most wins by a women's coach, Summitt tied Dean Smith's record of 879 victories Sunday night when Tennessee beat Western Carolina 94-43 in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

She can break the record Tuesday night in the second round. Top-seeded Tennessee (27-4) hosts Purdue. In the other game Tuesday, LSU plays Arizona.

Summitt hasn't been fond of the attention focused on the record chase while her team tries to make a run for a seventh national title, and she certainly isn't preoccupied with proving the list of all-time victories should include men's and women's coaches.

"It's been suggested there will be a lot of people that will not respect it or recognize it as being women in comparison to men. That doesn't bother me. It's just the way the numbers add up, and the two were combined," Summitt said Monday. "Obviously I think it in some regard is more significant and more meaningful when it includes both the men's and women's game."

Summitt's record stands at 879-171, while Smith was 879-254 in 36 years at North Carolina. He retired in 1997.

Summitt passed Texas' Jody Conradt on the women's list early in the 2002-03 season.

Summitt spoke to Smith last week and he encouraged her to go for the record.

"He left me a message because we had played phone tag and he just said, 'Good luck going for the number. I can't remember what the number is

exactly,'" she said. "When I called him back I said, 'I can't either.'"

Purdue's Kristy Curry could end up being part history as the coach on the losing end of No. 880 — or her team could put off the record breaking until next season.

"To a certain degree in my heart I have to be pulling for her a little bit tomorrow night. That's human nature," she said.

"I just respect and admire her as a mom, as a basketball coach, her intensity and passion. It's something that we all as young coaches aspire to be like and hope we can have just a little bit of the impact she's had on the game."

All four teams playing Tuesday night have the same goal — advancing to the regional semifinal. The LSU-Arizona winner goes to Chattanooga while the Tennessee-Purdue winner goes to Philadelphia.

Ninth-seeded Purdue (17-12) got past New Mexico 68-56 in the first round and has been to the regional semifinals seven times, including the last two seasons.

LSU (30-2), the tournament's overall No. 1 seed, is trying to cap the most successful season in school history by making a second straight run to the Final Four. The Lady Tigers have reached the regional level eight times.

If the Wildcats (20-11) win, they would be making only their second appearance at a regional. They made it to the final 16 in 1998.

Summitt took over the women's basketball team at age 22 and has been at Tennessee the last 31 years. At the time, there were no scholarships for players, and she posted signs around campus calling for students to try out for the team.

Summitt recalled speaking to civic groups with six to 12 people in the audience. Today, Lady Vols games draw thousands of fans, who have helped build a huge homecourt advantage for Tennessee. Partly as a result, the Lady Vols are 45-0 in NCAA tournament games played at home.

Arizona coach Joan Bonvicini believes Knoxville is the ideal place for Summitt to get the record.

"This is a great site — the center of women's basketball. And I think it's great for Pat Summitt to probably break this record," Bonvicini said. "I think it's great for her to do it in the NCAA tournament when it's such a big stage and (to) have the opportunity to do it at home."

Thompson-Boling Arena and Knoxville have hosted more NCAA tournament games than any other venue or city. Counting the four first-round games on Sunday, there have been 52 games in the arena, which opened in 1987, and 67 games in Knoxville.

"Do I think that our fans are going to be the reason that we hopefully win tomorrow night? No. I think that Purdue is going to come out and play their game, and they're going to be even more inspired because they are on the road," Summitt said.

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## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## Liberty seeks encore; Buckeyes prepare for road game

Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — The final buzzer had just sounded, and the Liberty women's basketball team was celebrating the most significant victory in the history of the program when coach Carey Green got a call on his cell phone.

The voice on the other end was that of the school chancellor, the Rev. Jerry Falwell, who had watched on television the 13th-seeded Flames defeat Penn State on Sunday night in one of the biggest upsets in NCAA tournament history.

"He was elated," Green said Monday. "That was the first person I talked to, Dr. Falwell. Then after that, George W. Bush called."

No, the President of the United States didn't actually congratulate the Flames on their first NCAA tournament victory in nine tries. But by the time he woke up Monday morning, Green found the message box on his cell phone filled to capacity.

"There was a lot of excitement," Green said. "That was a monumental win for us. It was the greatest victory in our basketball history."

Liberty (25-6) became only the fourth 13th seed to defeat a No. 4 seed. For an encore, the Flames on Tuesday night will seek to become the first No. 13 seed to win in the second round, a feat previously performed only by Texas A&M in 1994.

The Flames will face No. 5 seed DePaul (26-4), which squeezed past 12th-seed Virginia Tech 79-78 in the opening round. The other second-round game Tuesday night will match No. 2 seed Ohio State against seventh-seeded Maryland.

DePaul coach Doug Bruno expects the fans at the Comcast Center to be pulling for the underdog Flames, and he can't really blame them.

"Liberty is a very special story in this NCAA tournament," he said. "I was impressed by their fearlessness as much as their talent."

Facing a Penn State team that was striving for a third straight appearance in the Sweet 16, Liberty dominated the second half and pulled away to a 78-70 victory. Katie Feenstra led the way with 22 points and 11 rebounds, and Rima Margeviciute had 18 points and 12 rebounds for the Big South champions.

"I know all our fans and families are very excited," said guard Kristal Tharp, who scored 15 points. "We in our hearts knew that we could do it, and I think we shocked a lot of our friends back home."

The winner advances to the Chattanooga Regional to face the

winner of the Arizona-Louisiana State game.

Eighth-ranked Ohio State (29-4) and Maryland (22-9) are supposedly playing on a neutral court. But the Buckeyes know that the majority of the fans will be backing the Terps, who are 13-3 this season at the Comcast Center.

"It's just going to be another road game for us," said Ohio State center Jessica Davenport, one of four finalists for the 2005 Naismith Trophy, which honors the player of the year in women's basketball.

The crowd should be a factor, but Buckeyes coach Jim Foster hopes that will be the only advantage the Terrapins derive from playing at home. In Maryland's opening-round 65-55 victory over Wisconsin-Green Bay, the "visiting" Phoenix was called for a season-high 21 fouls.

"I would hope that we're past the point of referees being intimidated by where they are," said Foster, who has more on his mind than the ramifications of playing on Maryland's court.

"At this time of year, I spend absolutely no time thinking about where the heck we are," he said. "It's just wasted energy."

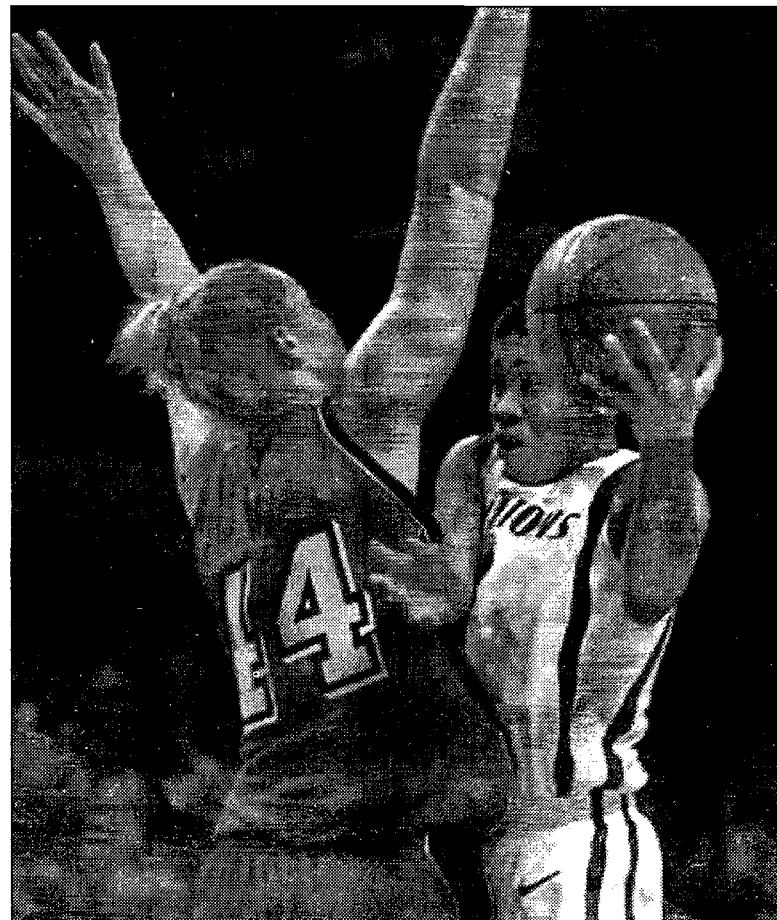
The matchup between the 6-foot-4 Davenport and 6-3 center Crystal Langhorne will likely be more of a factor than the fans in the stands. Davenport had 23 points and 11 rebounds in the Buckeyes' 86-45 first-round rout

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**Kristal Tharp**  
Liberty guard

*"It's just going to be another road game for us."*

**Jessica Davenport**  
Ohio State center



Penn State's Tanisha Wright, right, runs into Liberty's Katie Feenstra during the first half of their first-round NCAA tournament.

of Holy Cross, and Langhorne pierced UW-Green Bay with 16 points and 10 rebounds.

"I have a very physical game, and she's a physical player," Davenport said. "I'll just try to take away what she's good at."

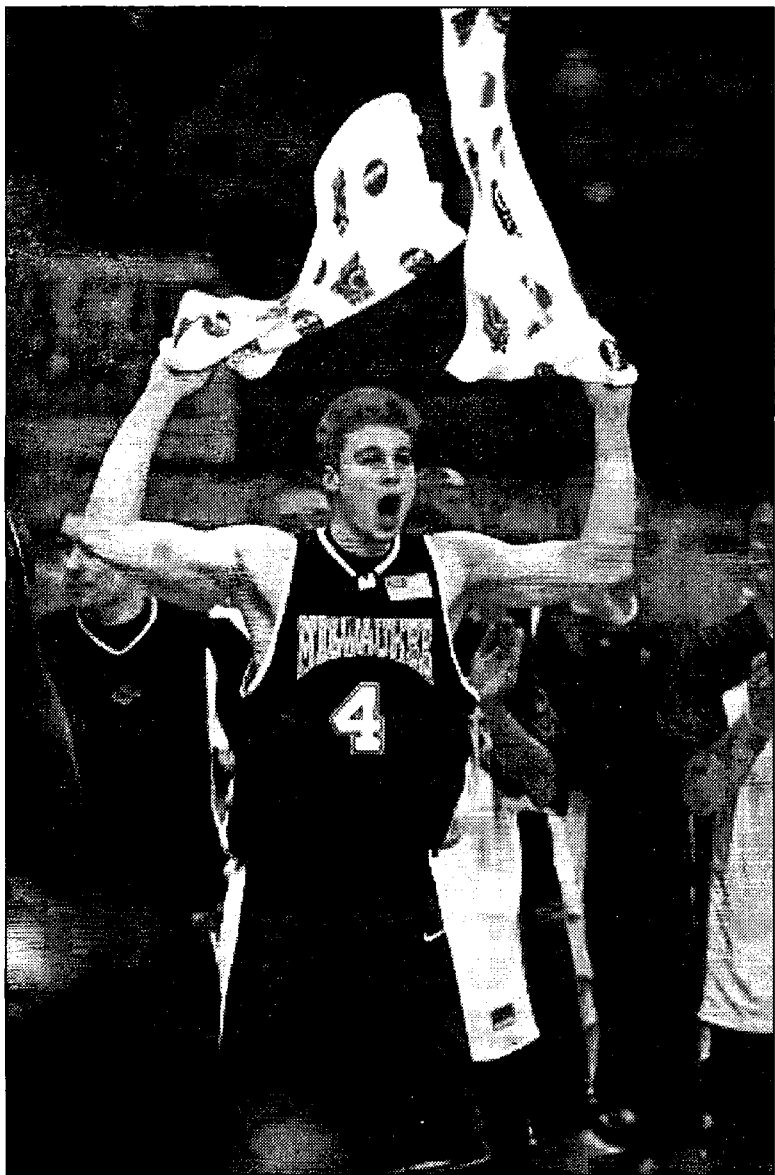
The winner advances to Philadelphia to face the winner of the Temple-Rutgers game. Ohio State is striving to reach

the Sweet 16 for the first time since 1993.

Maryland hasn't gone that far in 13 seasons.

"Obviously it would mean a lot, with this young group, to continue to progress," said Maryland coach Brenda Frese, whose team has won games in successive NCAA tournaments for the first time since 1989 and 1990.

## Panthers put UW-Milwaukee on the map in tournament



Wisconsin-Milwaukee's Mark Pancrat cheers from the bench as the Panthers beat Boston College 83-75 on Saturday.

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Before last weekend, Wisconsin-Milwaukee was best known for being the school where the late Israeli prime minister Golda Meir went.

For "Happy Days" aficionados, it's where Richie Cunningham, Potsie Weber and Ralph Malph all hit the books when they weren't hanging out at Arnold's Drive-in.

Now, the No. 12 Panthers are the lowest seed remaining in the NCAA tournament, holding the banner for all the mid-majors who dream of knocking off the big basketball schools like Alabama and Boston College, both of which fell to Bruce Pearl's pressing Panthers, champions of the Horizon League, last week in Cleveland.

UWM is a commuter school of 25,000 that has gone from NAIA Division II to NCAA Division I in a little more than a decade.

When athletic director Bud Haidet was hired in 1988, he counted 65 fans at his first basketball game and many of them mistakenly handed back the pom-poms he gave them on their way into the arena.

Now, UWM is taking some of the spotlight off Marquette, just 6 miles away, which went to the Final Four two years ago, and the University of Wisconsin in Madison, where the Badgers, under former Panthers coach Bo Ryan, are also in the Round

of 16.

There wasn't a lot of buzz on campus Monday, however, because spring break just started.

"We only have one dormitory but I still feel the support, I've gotten lots of e-mails," guard Ed McCants said.

About 50 people, mostly friends and family, greeted the Panthers at Mitchell International Airport upon their triumphant return Sunday.

On Monday, players entering the Klotz Center to practice weren't met by a throng of fans but by two men seeking autographs on four deflated basketballs, items that might very well end up on eBay.

"It's quieter than usual today except for you guys," forward Adrian Tigert said of the 50 or so reporters who converged on the campus.

Some students did gather at the campus bookstore to buy commemorative T-shirts, among them Nicole Dzomba of Milwaukee.

"It's real exciting, it's very cool," she said as she picked out a yellow T-shirt. "I think everyone's happy but nervous, too."

Other students raced to the ticket office to put their names in for the 1,250 tickets made available to the school for the Panthers' next game, against top-ranked Illinois on Thursday in the Chicago Regional.

Pearl hoped the biggest crowd of reporters to gather at

one of his practices would ask about the David vs. Goliath story line. He wanted to rave about his stars, McCants and Joah Tucker. He preferred to talk about how no No. 12 seed has ever beaten a No. 1 seed.

"We're trying to do something that's never been done. We're trying to make history," he said.

He even pitched a story about Illinois coach and Milwaukee native Bruce Weber playing his alma mater, where he unsuccessfully tried out for the UWM basketball team.

But what just about everyone wanted to know was Pearl's latest thoughts on the Deon Thomas scandal at Illinois 16 years ago.

Pearl was an assistant at Iowa when he secretly taped a conversation with Thomas during which the player appeared to confirm that Jimmy Collins, then an assistant at Illinois, had offered him \$80,000 and an SUV to sign with the Illini.

Thomas has always denied the allegations and the school was cleared of them, but the 16-month investigation found several other infractions and Illinois was barred from post-season play by the NCAA in 1991.

ESPN's Dick Vitale criticized Pearl for committing "career suicide."

To this day, Collins, now the coach at Illinois-Chicago, refuses to shake Pearl's hand.

But Pearl said he would do what he did again.

MLB

# Schilling pitches in the minor leagues

Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Curt Schilling made his first game appearance of the spring Monday, allowing two runs and three hits over three innings against a team of Boston Red Sox minor leaguers.

Schilling, recovering from ankle surgery, already knows he won't be ready for the opener at the New York Yankees on April 3.

"Today, to me, was a very big day," he said. "I guess you could call it a breakthrough day, in a sense. Everything that I was hoping kind of would happen happened from a physical standpoint. I feel like I threw the ball better than I've thrown it all spring."

Manager Terry Francona has said David Wells will start opening day and Boston can get by without a fifth starter until April 18. Schilling, who underwent right ankle surgery last November, said it was too early to tell whether he'd begin the season on the disabled list.

"I've known for a couple of weeks now that it just wasn't going to work out" for him to pitch on opening day, he said.

The only other major leaguers in Monday's game were Jason Varitek, who caught Schilling, and third baseman Bill Mueller, who had minor knee surgery and wanted extra at-bats. The other players came from Boston's

minor league camp.

Schilling threw 25 of 37 pitches for strikes and allowed doubles by Mueller and Dave Berg and a two-run homer by Chip Ambres. Schilling's first pitch to nine of the 12 batters was a strike and he struck out three while walking none.

"I feel very good about it," he said.

Schilling said his surgery was more extensive than he anticipated and involved four separate operations.

He said a bone bruise that bothered him most of the season was more severe than expected. And he revealed that the dislocated tendon which had been slipping out of place sustained a 6-inch tear during Game 6 of the AL championship series against the Yankees.

He pitched with the injury in Game 2 of the World Series against St. Louis.

"The tendon stopped dislocating because it had split in half and wedged itself over the bone," Schilling said. "So it wasn't dislocating as much, which was actually a good thing."

Before those two games, a unique procedure was done to stitch the tendon to the skin so it would stay in place.

Schilling's recovery affected his normal offseason preparations for spring training and kept him out of games until Monday.

Mueller said Schilling's ball had "a lot of life" in the third when he doubled.

NBA

# Duncan placed on injured list

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan will be sidelined at least two weeks because of a sprained right ankle and could miss the rest of the regular season.

The San Antonio Spurs placed the two-time MVP on the injured list Monday following an MRI exam. He flew home to San Antonio on Sunday to begin treatment while the rest of the team went to New York for Monday night's game against the Knicks.

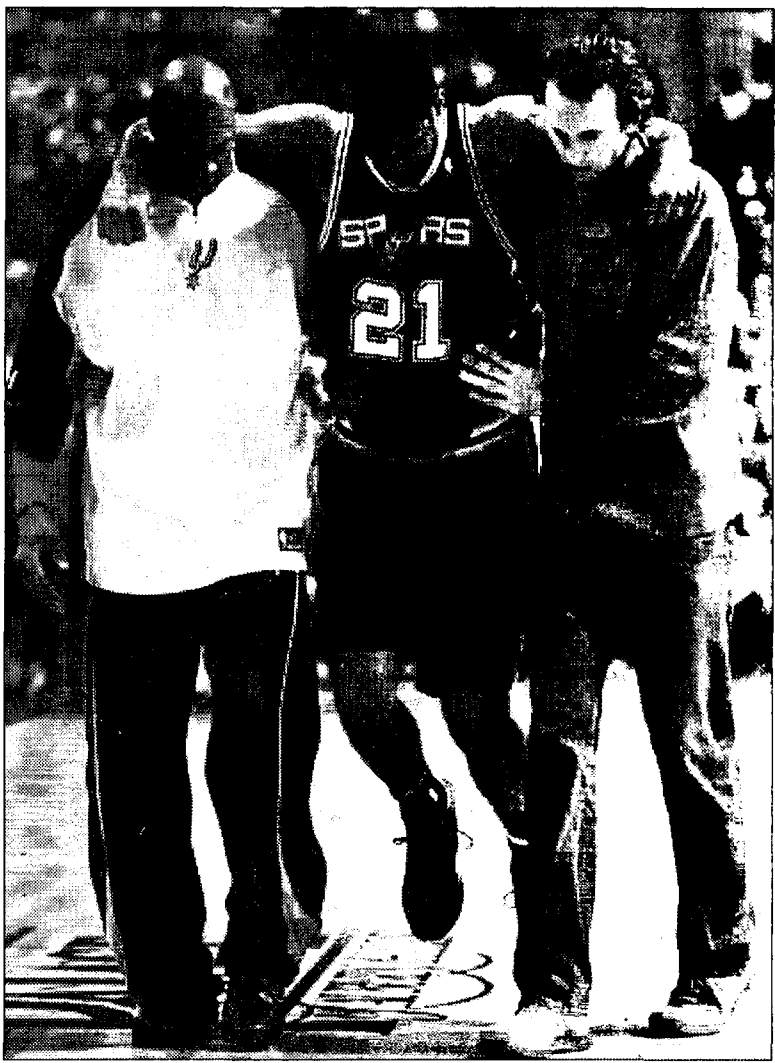
The Spurs activated forward-center Sean Marks from the injured list to take Duncan's roster slot. Robert Horry started in Duncan's place against the Knicks.

Duncan — the Spurs' leading scorer, rebounder and shot blocker — crumpled to the floor in the opening minutes of a 110-101 loss to Detroit on Sunday after scoring inside and coming down on Rasheed Wallace's foot. After the landing, Duncan's ankle turned in a gruesome fashion.

The 7-footer missed two games earlier this month with a sprained right ankle.

"It's the same ankle he hurt previously, and he really did a number on this one," coach Gregg Popovich said. "It's not broken, but he can't walk on it or anything right now. Two week minimum, I'm sure."

San Antonio (50-16), the Western Conference leader, has 16 more games over the next 30 days before the playoffs start. The Spurs clinched a playoff spot last week and are contending with Miami and Phoenix for home-court advantage throughout the postsea-



San Antonio's Tim Duncan is helped off the court by Tony Massenburg, left, after turning his right ankle on Sunday.

son.

"If he's ready to play, we'll play him. If he isn't, we won't," Popovich said. "He won't allow me to let him sit there if he's healthy and ready to go. If he doesn't play any more regular season games, it'll be because his

ankle's not ready and he's not able."

Duncan entered Sunday's game averaging 21.2 points, 11.5 rebounds and nearly three blocks in 62 games.

The Spurs went 1-3 without him earlier this season.

NFL

# Cardinals to host 49ers in Mexico

Associated Press

KAPALUA, Hawaii — The NFL will play its first regular-season game outside the United States on Oct. 2 when the Arizona Cardinals play the San Francisco 49ers in Mexico City.

The league confirmed the matchup Monday at the annual meetings. ESPN will televise the Sunday night game from Azteca Stadium. Arizona will be the home team.

"Mexico is the country with the most NFL fans outside of the United States," commissioner Paul Tagliabue said. "Our fans in Mexico are knowledgeable and passionate and they are ready for this next step. They have supported our American Bowl games in record numbers and NFL programming has been part of television in Mexico for many decades."

"The Cardinals and 49ers play in markets with large Hispanic communities, including many people of Mexican descent. This game will generate new excitement both in Mexico and in Hispanic communities throughout the United States, and it promises to become a milestone in the NFL's history as a global sport."

Arizona was an obvious choice to switch a home game to Mexico because the Cardinals rarely sell out Sun Devil Stadium. They can expect a crowd of more than 100,000 at Azteca Stadium for the game against the 49ers.

On Aug. 15, 1994, the largest crowd in NFL history, 112,376, saw a preseason game between the Dallas Cowboys and Houston Oilers in Mexico City. Of course, the Cowboys are the most popular team in Mexico.

Azteca Stadium also has been the site of two World Cup final games and the U.S. soccer team will play a World Cup qualifier there against Mexico on Sunday.

"The Cardinals are honored to have been selected for this historic and unprecedented game," said Michael Bidwill, the team's vice president and general counsel and son of owner Bill Bidwill. "When we learned of the league's interest in staging an international regular-season game we felt the Cardinals would be a natural fit this season for a number of reasons. Cultivating the Hispanic fan base has been a long-standing priority, and our final season at Sun Devil Stadium certainly provides the optimal timing to host the game this season."



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## Baseball America College Top 25

	team	record	previous
1	Cal State Fullerton	16-4	2
2	Tulane	19-3	3
3	Louisiana State	17-4	5
4	Texas	21-4	1
5	Georgia Tech	19-2	10
6	Miami	20-5	7
7	Mississippi	17-4	14
8	Arkansas	18-2	15
9	South Carolina	17-3	4
10	Baylor	15-7	16
11	Florida	16-6	6
12	Stanford	12-7	12
13	Arizona	16-9	9
14	Texas A&M	17-7	8
15	Rice	15-8	11
16	North Carolina	15-5	13
17	Florida State	24-4	20
18	Oregon State	16-3	22
19	College of Charleston	16-4	18
20	Nebraska	18-2	23
21	Texas Tech	17-6	NR
22	Texas Christian	14-7	24
23	Southern California	13-6	NR
24	Mississippi State	13-3	NR
25	Central Florida	23-4	NR

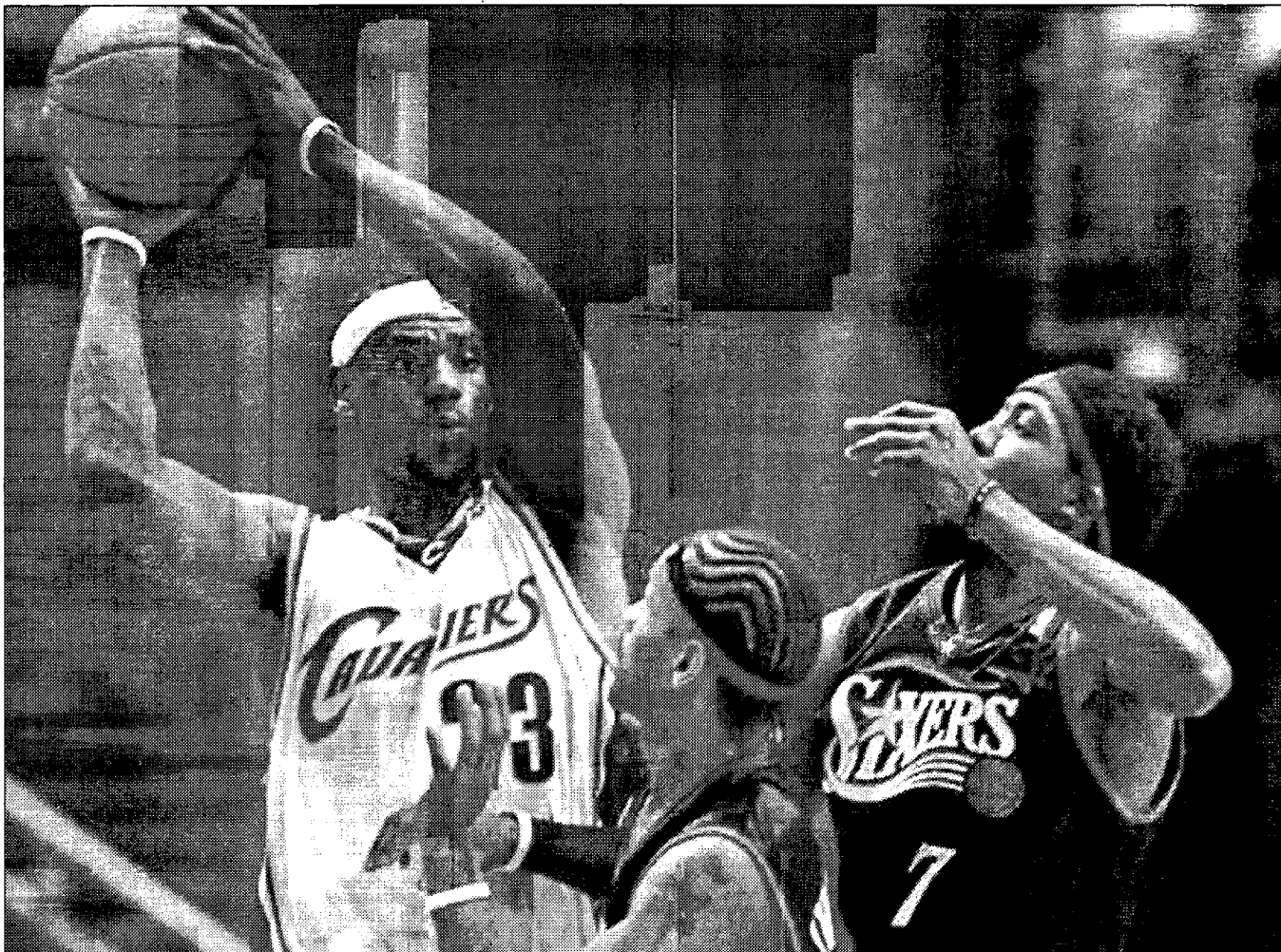
## ESPN/USA Softball Collegiate Top 25

	team	record	points
1	Arizona (20)	19-0	500
2	California	22-2	473
3	Stanford	18-2	450
4	Michigan	21-1	433
5	Texas	18-3	419
6	Tennessee	29-4	388
7	UCLA	16-5	377
8	Louisiana Lafayette	21-2	354
9	Baylor	27-3	352
10	Texas A&M	23-2	315
11	Oklahoma	27-4	313
12	Alabama	25-6	300
13	Georgia	19-7	234
14	Washington	14-7	204
15	LSU	17-5	184
16	Florida	21-6	180
17	Oregon State	14-6	155
18	Missouri	20-2	148
19	Nebraska	17-5	133
20	Georgia Tech	23-6	117
21	Fresno State	13-5	107
22	Arizona State	22-4	98
23	Iowa	19-4	67
24	Florida State	19-9	63
25	Northwestern	13-6	40

## Women's Lacrosse Big East Conference

team	conf.	overall
Georgetown	1-0	4-1
Rutgers	1-0	2-2
Connecticut	0-0	4-1
NOTRE DAME	0-0	1-4
Boston College	0-1	3-1
Syracuse	0-1	4-2

## NBA



Cleveland Cavaliers' LeBron James, left, looks to pass in Friday's game against the Philadelphia 76ers. James, who scored a franchise record of 56 points on Sunday, said he was not shocked by the news of Silas' firing.

## Struggling Cavaliers fire head coach Silas

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Paul Silas was hired to mentor the NBA's next superstar. While he succeeded with LeBron James, his failure with the rest of the team cost him his job.

Silas was fired as coach of the Cleveland Cavaliers on Monday, his team fighting for a playoff spot after leading its division earlier this year. Longtime NBA assistant Brendan Malone was appointed interim coach.

The dismissal came with 18 games left and the team clinging to the fifth playoff spot in the Eastern Conference. James seems

to have been the only player who saw the move coming.

"You could kind of tell the way the air was, how things were going around here, there was going to have to be a change," said James, who scored a franchise-record 56 points Sunday. "I didn't know it was going to be this soon."

Silas told The Associated Press he was informed at a morning meeting with general manager Jim Paxson and new owner Dan Gilbert.

"They didn't think the team was performing as well as it should be and they wanted to make a change," Paul Silas said.

Malone will coach Tuesday night's game at home against Detroit. He acknowledged he's in a tough situation, taking over a team late in the season that is expected to reach the playoffs.

"I'm still in a state of shock about what happened," Malone said after a morning practice.

Despite James and fellow All-Star Zydrunas Ilgauskas, the Cavaliers have slumped since the All-Star break. They have lost nine of 12 and nine straight road games, including Sunday's 105-98 loss to Toronto when the 20-year-old James became the youngest NBA player to

score 50 or more points.

"We felt that if we didn't make this decision that we were jeopardizing our ability to be a playoff team this year," Paxson said.

"We're 64 games into the season and we still don't have a consistent rotation, substitution pattern, those type of things," Paxson said. "We didn't see that changing."

"We felt the change today was necessary. It's going to put us in a better position to win," Gilbert said.

Last week, Silas was fined \$10,000 by the team for a derogatory comment about Utah forward Carlos Boozer, who left the team as a free agent last summer.

## IN BRIEF

### Davis to remain as Indiana head coach next year

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Mike Davis will remain as Indiana's basketball coach for next season, a source close to the program said Monday.

The source, who spoke with The Associated Press on condition of anonymity, declined to elaborate pending an official university announcement.

That announcement is expected Tuesday, according to a spokesman for IU's sports information office.

The decision by IU athletic director Rick Greenspan would resolve doubts about Davis' future that were spurred by the Hoosiers' 15-14 season, which ended with a 67-60 loss to Vanderbilt last week in the NIT's first round.

Greenspan has said he would evaluate Davis' body of work before making any decision about the coach's future. He and Davis met last week and again Monday, The Indianapolis Star reported.

### Bogut does it all for Utah, soon for the NBA

SALT LAKE CITY — There are times when he acts like the tallest point guard in the country, and other times when he's merely the most dominating inside presence in the NCAA tournament.

NBA executives salivate when his name is mentioned, though you'd be hard-pressed to find many basketball fans east of the Rockies who knew much about him only a few weeks ago.

Without Andrew Bogut, Utah wouldn't even be playing this time of year, much less have an outside chance of making the Final Four. He's a superstar who just happens to need four other players on the court with him, much like Gladys Knight needed the Pips or Tom Petty the Heartbreakers.

"I think all his teammates understand they're probably very fortunate to be playing with him," Utah coach Ray Giacoletti said during a tele-

### phone interview Monday. Iverson says he may share blame in altercation

PHILADELPHIA — Allen Iverson said Monday he's been contacted by the NBA regarding his allegation that a referee made inappropriate comments to him during a heated exchange following the 76ers' loss to the Chicago Bulls.

He also said he expected to be fined or suspended because he started the argument.

Iverson, upset about calls, challenged referee Marc Davis after the 94-88 loss on Saturday.

Iverson had to be restrained by teammates, and a few minutes later was seen heading in the direction of the referees' dressing room before general manager Billy King interceded and calmed him down.

"From the history of it, I suspect something will happen to me," said Iverson, who did not practice with the team because of a thumb injury.

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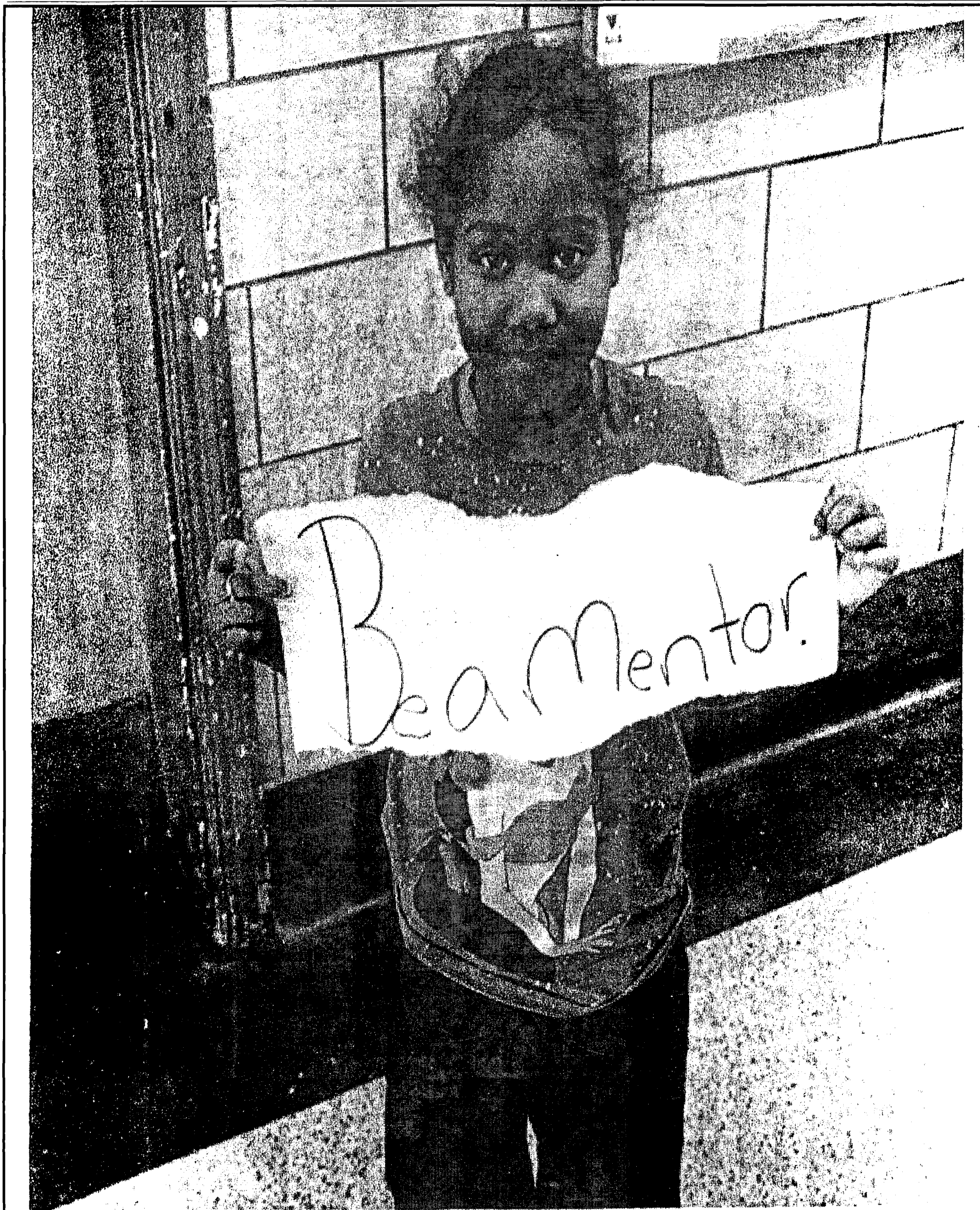
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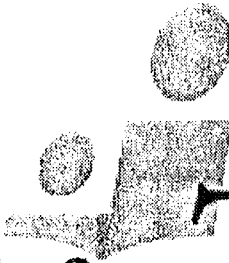
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## ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

## Irish struggle without Thompson, fall 6-1 to Tennessee

*No. 3 singles player suffered knee injury against BYU*

By ANN LOUGHERY  
Sports Writer

The Irish have seen better days.

Last Friday in the absence of sophomore Christian Thompson, the No. 25 Irish (6-7) fell 6-1 to No. 23 Tennessee (10-3).

Christian Thompson, who plays at No. 3 singles and accounts for the other half of the No. 2 doubles team in the country, suffered a knee injury in her singles match against BYU March 13.

Coach Jay Louderback is hopeful that the sophomore will recover in time for tomorrow's match against No. 53 Purdue (2-7), but the time of her return is

still unknown.

Until then, the team is finessing the skills of its newly-formed doubles teams and modified singles lineup in anticipation of Purdue's talent-laden lineup.

"I feel very good about our new doubles teams," Louderback said. "The big thing will be how well we play in singles and that's what we will be working on in practice. For us to win, our kids need to play with confidence. They have to play hard and not think about what [position] they're playing."

Louderback was impressed with how confidently the team played versus Tennessee last Friday, considering the lineup adjustments were made last-minute.

Prior to the Tennessee meet, Louderback modified both the doubles and singles lineup in hopes that the team's depth would help them secure a win. Junior Kiki Stastny taking the place of Christian Thompson at

No. 1 doubles with Catrina Thompson and junior Jennifer Smith taking Stastny's place at No. 3 doubles with senior captain Sarah Jane Connelly.

In singles, Stastny assumed Christian Thompson's position at No. 3 while junior Liz Donohue and Sarah Jane Connelly moved up to No. 5 and No. 6 singles respectively.

But in the end, the adjustments were not enough as freshman Brook Buck secured the lone point for the Irish. Buck bested Blakeley Griffith 6-3, 6-1 at No. 2 singles, improving her record to 19-7 on the season and 9-4 in dual matches.

Buck and junior Lauren Connelly did not fare as well in doubles, losing to Melissa Schaub and Ghizela Schutte at No. 2 doubles. However, the newly formed team of Sarah Jane Connelly and Smith made the match competitive, fighting for the coveted doubles point after Catrina Thompson and

Stastny claimed a win at No. 1 over Sabita Maharaj and Bryce Marable 8-4.

After the duo jumped to a 7-4 advantage, it seemed likely that Sarah Jane Connelly and Jennifer Smith would secure the doubles point for the Irish. However, Tennessee's Griffith and Ashley Robards rebounded to force a tiebreaker and won 7-2.

Although the doubles teams did not do as well as Buck had hoped, the freshman said she was proud of her teammates' efforts.

"I never doubt that each one of us is playing our hardest at any meet," Buck said. "Tennessee just had a better day than us."

The Lady Vols capitalized on their early success with wins at nearly every position in singles. Tennessee's Victoria Jones registered the first point for the Lady Vols with a win over Lauren Connelly 6-1, 6-1 at No.

4. Marable wasn't far behind with a 6-3, 6-0 defeat of Stastny at No. 3. Clinching the win for Tennessee, No. 44 Maharaj defeated No. 39 Catrina Thompson 6-1, 6-3 at No. 1.

After Tennessee had secured the win, Robards collected a victory at No. 5 over Donohue 7-6, 6-2 and Schutte defeated Sarah Jane Connelly 6-1, 7-6 at No. 6.

Despite the loss, Louderback was heartened by the team's performance.

"When you have someone missing from the lineup, it's hard to play confidently and to adjust," Louderback said. "But I think we played well today. This group always plays hard; they're always out there fighting for every match."

The Irish will take on Purdue tomorrow at the Eck Tennis Pavilion at 4 p.m.

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## ND WOMEN'S LACROSSE

## Coyne hopes for a rebound

By MATT PUGLISI  
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Notre Dame is looking to rebound from a brutal spring break road trip. The Irish (1-4) dropped three consecutive games to Cornell, No. 16 Vanderbilt and James Madison and fell out of the Intercollegiate Women's Lacrosse Coaches' Association (IWLC) national rankings for the first time since late April of 2001. The team returns to action this afternoon when they host California for a 4:30 p.m. matchup.

After playing four of their first five contests on the road, coach Tracy Coyne and the Irish expect the friendly confines of Moose Krause Field — the team was 6-1 at home last year — to assist them in rebounding from an unexpectedly slow start to the 2005 season.

"[Including California], seven of our next ten games are at home," Coyne said. "I'm hoping that being at home is going to help us build some momentum moving forward."

Although the visiting Golden Bears (4-3) don't have the same program history as some of the Eastern squads Notre Dame will lock horns with later this season, Coyne expects California to

give the Irish a challenge.

"[The Bears are] very athletic and really fast," Coyne said. "They're definitely a newer program, but they're starting to develop some momentum from a recruiting standpoint so they're getting better players."

California enters today's contest on the heels of an 18-6 throttling to No. 2 Northwestern in Evanston, Ill. Sunday. The Wildcats knocked off the Irish 18-11 at Loftus when the two met March 3. Beginning with an 11-8 loss to Columbia in Ithaca, N.Y. March 6, the Notre Dame spring break road started off on a sour note and only got worse in the following week.

Three days later, the Irish lost the second of their three spring break games in a 10-9 overtime heartbreaker to Vanderbilt in Nashville, Tenn.

The overall Irish losing streak reached four March 13 when host James Madison jumped out to an 8-2 lead — in all three spring break contests the Irish found themselves trailing early — and never looked back in a 10-5 thumping of Notre Dame in Harrisonburg, Va.

While Coyne was surprised with the results of the annual trip, she still believes that the Irish will eventually be able to right the ship.

"I didn't expect what hap-

pened over spring break, but I still have confidence" Coyne said. "There's always positives — things the team is doing well that we can build on."

"We just need to get both [offense and defense] on the field working well together. We need to play our game — how we want to control the tempo or how we want to run our attack or what we want to dictate on defense. Once those different things come together, I think we're going to be fine."

Although the 1-4 start is disappointing, the Irish realize the season is far from over. With all five Big East conference games yet to be played, Notre Dame still has a chance to make some noise, both in the Big East and nationally, come season's end.

"That's another thing — we haven't played any games in the Big East yet," Coyne said. "If we win the Big East, that would be a huge accomplishment because that's never been done before [by a Notre Dame team]."

After battling California this afternoon, the Irish travel to Chestnut Hill, Mass. Saturday for their first conference tilt against Boston College before returning home for three consecutive games to begin April.

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## WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## BC keeps fighting without top player

Associated Press

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Jessalyn Deveny's season-ending injury threatened to end Boston College's hopes of making the NCAA tournament and reaching its third straight round of 16.

Yet the Eagles are preparing to play Duke in a matchup of future Atlantic Coast Conference rivals in Tuesday's second round. It proves something Cathy Inglesse has known all along: she coaches a bunch of fighters.

"The basic thing is that we recruit kids that want to get better and want to work hard and are very team-oriented," she said Monday. "If we weren't, we wouldn't be sitting here."

Boston College (20-9), the No. 7 seed in the Chattanooga Regional, and second-seeded Duke (29-4) meet in the nightcap of a doubleheader at the Smith Center. In the opener, top-seeded North Carolina (28-3) faces No. 9 seed George Washington (23-8) in the Tempe Regional on the Tar Heels' campus.

Boston College is 5-5 since Deveny ruptured her right Achilles' tendon against Notre Dame on Feb. 2, but the Eagles

have won four of their past six games after an initial rough stretch without the senior co-captain.

They're winning despite seeing a significant scoring drop without Deveny's 17 points per game. Boston College averaged 75 points in 17 games with her — not counting her 1-minute appearance against Notre Dame — but has averaged just 55 points in the 10 games since the injury.

The Eagles have gotten contributions from throughout their roster, with six players leading the team in scoring in the past 10 games. Senior co-captain Clare Dreesch — who came in averaging 9.1 points — provided the latest boost, turning in a season-high 23 points in the first-round win against Houston.

She did that despite aggravating a nagging left heel injury in the first half, an injury that will require surgery after the season.

"If your team has tremendous character, you're going to have other players step forward and play above what they've been playing all year long," Duke coach Gail Goestenkors said. "And you're seeing that in the Boston College players."



## Irish Athletics This Week...BE THERE

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Tues. March 22nd @ 4:30 PM

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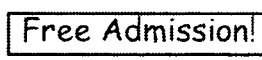
• Cheer on the Irish during their home-opener!  
• The first 250 fans will receive a long sleeved schedule t-shirt, courtesy of St. Clair Apparel!

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## Softball vs. W. Michigan

Wed. March 23rd @ 4:00 PM

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• Notre Dame students be sure to stick around after the game to participate in the Egg-Stravaganza easter egg hunt for cash prizes @ Ivy Field!





# Honors

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14th place finish in the same event.

The sophomore also finished 14th this year in the 200-yard IM, earning another honorable mention accolade.

While there was the usual amount of pressure that goes along with a championship event, this year's was different

for Perry-Eaton, who was competing for the last time as a Notre Dame student-athlete.

"It seemed like I was putting most of the pressure on myself," she said. "I felt a lot of pressure to finish with a bang."

Perry-Eaton's bang may not have been as loud as she wanted, but it was still a fitting ending to her historic Notre Dame career.

Her final point score of 303 in the one-meter event was

only 24 behind champion Qiong Jie Huang from Hawaii, and was good enough to beat Indiana's Christina Loukas who had bested Perry-Eaton in the Zone C Championships last week.

The only higher finishes by an Irish competitor were Perry-Eaton's third place finish last year off the lower board and Nixon's 2000 finish.

Now an assistant with the team, Nixon played a key supporting role for Perry-Eaton.

"She stayed with me during all my events," Perry-Eaton said. "Usually divers feel like they're all alone out there, and I had never had that [close support] before."

Also competing over the weekend was junior Christel Bouvron, who finished 41st in the 100-yard butterfly and



RICHARD FRIEDMAN/The Observer

**Irish diver Meghan Perry-Eaton somersaults in a Jan. 14 meet against Illinois at Rolfs Aquatic Center. Perry-Eaton and teammate Katie Carroll earned All-American honors this year.**

then 22nd in the 200-yard version of the swim.

While it was still a bitter-sweet meet in some respects, it will be memorable for all the Irish competitors involved.

"It was easy to focus on what was good ... in the end it was a lot of fun," Perry-Eaton said.

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# Bearcats

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Louisville. Prior to those losses, the Bearcats had some quality wins. They are 4-2 against ACC opponents Duke and Wake Forest. One of those losses was a 12-inning, one-run defeat to the Demon Deacons.

Cincinnati is led by shortstop Mark Haske, who is batting a team-leading .359. Third baseman Jon DeLuca has 16 RBIs. On defense, the Bearcats' pitching ace is right-hander Tony Maynard, who has a 2.95 ERA and an unblemished record. Maynard — the Bearcats' workhorse — has already thrown 39.2 innings.

With eight players at seven or more RBIs, Notre Dame's offensive production continues to climb. But the defensive and pitching efforts continue to slide — which is why Mainieri feels the need to mix things up.

"Some guys just haven't played very well," he said. "Some guys that have been here in the past and have done well just are not doing well at this point."

Undecided on the starting outfielders as well as on the

starting pitcher, Mainieri said it will be a game time decision.

*"We need to make some changes because we just did not play good baseball this weekend at Evansville. We might need to shake things up."*

Paul Mainieri  
Irish coach

"I honestly don't know," he said. "We are actually going to pitch at least six or seven different guys tomorrow. They'll all pitch an inning, so that we can have them all ready for the conference weekend."

With conference play looming, the Irish simply hope to find the most effective starting nine in time.

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# Hettler

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trailing by 13 points, Arizona State rolled off an unfathomable 56-34 run to end the game, leaving Notre Dame frustrated and exhausted in a 70-61 final defeat.

"We were cut and bleeding," Notre Dame's Jacqueline Batteast said. "They smelled blood, and they didn't let up."

Just like that, a season that had so much promise came to a crashing and abrupt end in the middle of California long before anyone expected. Notre Dame tallied the third most regular season victories in school history this season with 26, but this team will be remembered more for its early exit in the Big Dance than for any of those successes.

After Arizona State began the game on a 7-0 run, Notre Dame promptly responded with a 27-7 spurt that placed the Sun Devils squarely on the ropes with just 3:47 left in the half.

The Irish needed one more punch for the knockout.

They never got it.

As the second half played out, Notre Dame coach Muffet

McGraw knew the ship was quickly sinking. During one time-out early in the half, she screamed at her players to play more as a team. It was more of a plea than a demand.

The Irish simply couldn't wrestle back the momentum Arizona State built up during the end of the first half and beginning of the second. All-Big East freshman Charel Allen, Notre Dame's No. 1 option off the bench, went down with a torn ACL at the 14:23 mark of the second half and the Irish trailing 35-32.

With 10:37 left, Batteast missed a lay-up and Arizona State's Kristen Kovessy drained a jumper on the other end to put the Sun Devils up nine. After cutting the lead down to just five at the 6:13 mark, the Sun Devils Emily Westerberg sank an off-balance shot in the lane, drew the foul and made the free throw, putting her team back up by eight at 52-44.

Finally, Arizona State point guard Kylan Loney put the final nail in the coffin ending Notre Dame's season with a 3-pointer, giving the Sun Devils a 63-54 lead with just 1:10 remaining.

As the reality set in, the faces of the Irish coaches and players told the whole story. A barely audible

McGraw spoke hurriedly during the post-game press conference, still in shock from what she had just witnessed. Batteast fought back tears as she shook hands with Arizona State players, and Tuylah Gaines smacked her hands together in frustration moments after the final buzzer sounded.

All the promise, all the opportunities, all the potential was whisked away from Notre Dame in just two short hours at the Save Mart Arena in Fresno. No doubt, Batteast will take this loss hardest. The South Bend native had a magical career under the golden dome.

She ends it as the program's fourth all-time leading scorer and, perhaps more importantly, the face of the women's team. Batteast led Notre Dame to two Sweet 16s and a 27-6 record during her senior season. But it won't be enough in her eyes. She said more than once that this team would accept nothing less than passing through the Sweet 16 into the Elite Eight. Not reaching the third round will be the toughest pill she's had to swallow during her four years at Notre Dame.

Last season, after a tough defeat to No. 1 seed Penn State,

Notre Dame seemed somewhat satisfied with reaching the Sweet 16 and battling the Nittany Lions for 40 minutes.

But this season is different. This season the Irish eyed big things from the get-go, especially after winning the Preseason National Invitation Tournament with wins over Duke and Ohio State.

This season, the Irish had seven wins against top-25 opponents and looked downright scary in many of those victories. This season the Irish knew they had the personnel, the ability and the determination to legitimately fight for a spot in Indianapolis and the Final Four.

But after last night, this season is in the past. Notre Dame sprinted past California Santa Barbara in the first round only to be tripped up by Arizona State two nights later. They let a 27-14 lead slip away, and — in the process — saw a season of hope and promise slip away with it.

Notre Dame's players shouldn't allow this loss to ruin an otherwise wonderful five months of basketball. The Irish accomplished some great feats en route to their 27 wins.

But it's doubtful any of the players or coaches on this team will

be so optimistic. Who can blame them? Notre Dame had a chance to do some remarkable things in March.

Instead, they choked when the stakes were greatest. Instead, they faltered in the face of tough opposition. Instead, they simply didn't do enough.

For most Irish players, they have an entire off-season to think about what could have been. For others, like seniors Teresa Borton and Batteast, they have the rest of their lives to ponder how far this team could have gone.

When the final buzzer sounded a few minutes after 11 p.m. EST Monday night and Arizona State's players celebrated a Sweet 16 berth at mid-court, Notre Dame's season officially perished. With it died the dreams of the players and coaches who believed this Irish team had the chance to travel deep into the NCAA Tournament.

Now, they're simply left unfilled.

*The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.*

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# Devils

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That stretch of 13 minutes 30 seconds saw Arizona State outscore Notre Dame 27-5 and build a 41-32 advantage while the Irish committed 12

turnovers.

Earlier in the game, Notre Dame's 2-3 zone stifled the Arizona State offense — forcing turnovers and bad shots. But the Sun Devils made adjustments to get quick baskets on fast breaks, lay-ups off passes from the high post and open looks from behind the 3-point

arc.

Once the 3-pointers started falling — the Sun Devils finished 5-of-13 after starting 1-of-8 — the tide turned quickly.

"We knew that we have great shooters. That was the key to the game," Arizona State coach Charli Turner Thorne said. "Our top shooters were aggressive."

Notre Dame's Jacqueline Batteast, Big East Player-of-the-Year, ended her collegiate career with 20 points on 8-of-19 shooting and eight rebounds.

Seeing the season hanging in the balance, Megan Duffy put the Irish on her back, keeping them in the game when nothing else was working offensively. The junior scored 20 of her 24 points in the second half — draining 3-pointers, driving to the basket and getting to the foul line where she made 9-of-10 overall.

But each time the Irish tried to make a run — they got as close as four points — the Sun Devils had an answer.

Arizona State made the defensive stops the Irish couldn't, and the reason McGraw cited for defensive futility frustrated her.

"We looked tired mentally," she said. "I don't know what that was. You have to dig down and play harder. That's what was so disappointing."

The win sends Arizona State to its first Sweet 16 since 1983. Prior to this year's NCAA tournament, the Sun Devils had never won two games in the same NCAA tournament. The Sun Devils are hosting the regionals this weekend and await the winner of tonight's game between No. 1 seed North Carolina and No. 8 George Washington.

"It was a hard fought battle," Thorne said. "I'm really pleased and proud of my team for its toughness and sticking with things."

"We're happy to be going home."

The Sun Devils came out quickly, scoring on three of their first four possessions, and jumped out to a 7-0 lead.

Then the Irish defense buckled down. Notre Dame's 2-3 zone kept the Sun Devils frustrated as the Irish went on a 27-7 run during the next 13:58 to build a 13-point lead with 3:47 remaining in the half. Batteast led the Irish with 10 points during that stretch, but she continued her NCAA tournament struggles and looked frustrated while never getting into a good offensive flow.

Notre Dame looked poised to take a double-digit advantage into the locker room, but Arizona State closed the half on a 9-1 run. Betsy Boardman drilled a 3-pointer at the end of

the half — the first Arizona State 3-pointer since its opening basket — sending the Sun Devils into the locker room down 28-23 and with all the momentum they would need for a second-half run to the Sweet 16.

## Notes:

◆ Freshman Charel Allen injured her left knee when she was fouled on a breakaway with 14:23 remaining in the second half. Allen had to be helped off the court.

McGraw said after the game that Allen tore her anterior cruciate ligament.

Allen, named to the Big East all-freshman team on March 4, came into Monday night's game averaging 7.9 points and 4.3 rebounds per game.

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Arizona State's Amy Denson, left, leans past Jacqueline Batteast in the first half of their second-round NCAA tournament game.

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  - 5 "What's the \_\_\_ that can happen?"
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  - 14 Ending with hard or soft
  - 15 Baker who sang "Sweet Love," 1986
  - 16 Shed one's skin
  - 17 Many a homecoming attendee
  - 18 Work over, as a ship
  - 19 Fat of the lamb
  - 20 "Draw one," in diner slang
  - 23 Wildebeest
  - 24 English dog
  - 25 Straight from the garden
  - 27 Rewrites
  - 30 Broken arms may go in them
  - 33 Foul callers
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- 1 \_\_\_ plane (military craft)
  - 2 Comparison shopper's quest
  - 3 Blow one's top
  - 4 Channel surfers' gadgets
  - 5 Violation of the Geneva Convention
  - 6 "\_\_\_ Clock Jump" (1930's hit)
  - 7 Jazz phrase
  - 8 Not flexible
  - 9 Idaho produce, informally
  - 10 Ambulance inits.
  - 11 "Life preservers," in diner slang
  - 12 Secluded valley
  - 13 "\_\_\_, Brute?"
  - 21 Gave dinner
  - 22 Moray catcher
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## ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Finished in Fresno

*Irish bow out of 2005 NCAA tournament in the second round*

By MATT LOZAR  
Senior Staff Writer

FRESNO, Calif. — A promising season came to an end Monday night when Notre Dame's strength became a liability.

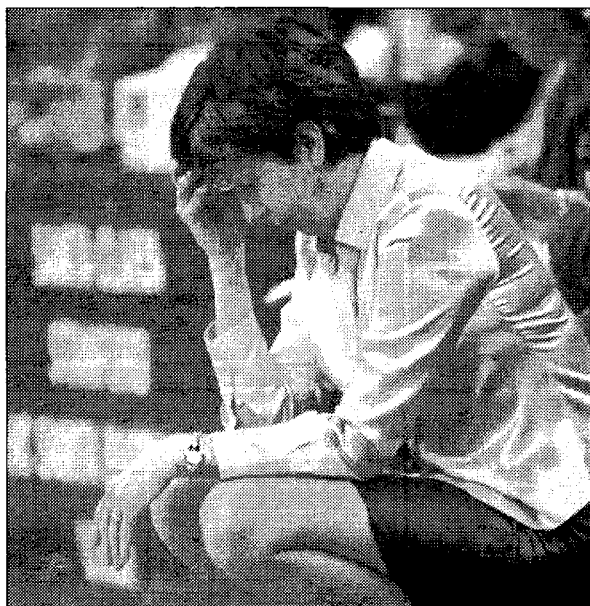
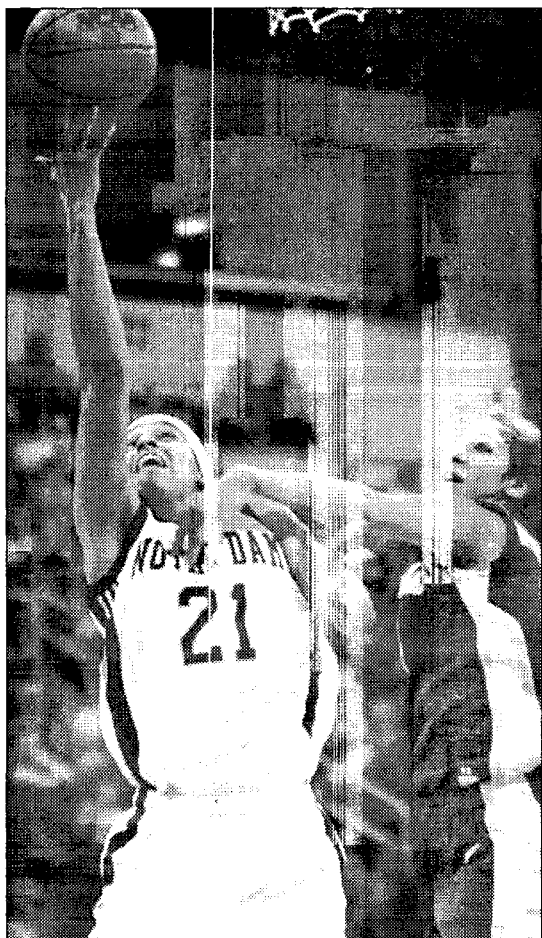
After building a 27-14 first-half lead, the Irish (27-6) couldn't stop Arizona State (24-9), losing 70-61 in the second round of the NCAA tournament at the Save Mart Center at Fresno State University.

The Irish do not advance to the Sweet 16 for the first time since 2002.

"They jumped out to a quick [7-0] start, but we settled in," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "I thought we lost the game at the end of the first half and beginning of the second half."

"During that stretch, we couldn't do anything right."

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*Above, Irish coach Muffet McGraw looks dejected in the second half. At left, Jacqueline Batteast shoots a lay-up in the first half.*

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*Second-round loss an abrupt end to potential-filled tourney run*

FRESNO, Calif. — Notre Dame's season began its slow death as the first half buzzer sounded with the Irish up five in their second round NCAA tournament game against

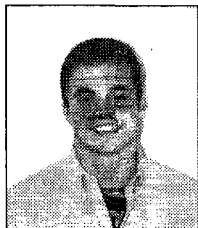
Arizona State on Monday.

That's when the Sun Devils Betsy Boardman drained a 3-pointer, cutting Notre Dame's 27-14 advantage to

28-23. Arizona State had the momentum and didn't look back.

The Irish couldn't find any traction after that shot, struggling against a Sun Devil squad that suddenly grabbed every rebound, drained every key basket and controlled every loose ball. After

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Joe Hettler

Senior Staff Writer

## ND WOMEN'S SWIMMING

# Carroll, Perry-Eaton named All-Americans

By MIKE TENNANT  
Sports Writer

Add two more Irish All-Americans to the list.

Sophomore swimmer Katie Carroll and fifth-year senior diver Meghan Perry-Eaton both earned All-American honors this weekend at the NCAA Championships at Purdue University. Led by its two stars, Notre Dame finished the weekend with 32 points and a 22nd place team finish, the third highest in Notre Dame history.

Perry-Eaton ended a historic diving career at the University by taking fifth place off the one-meter springboard, earning her All-American honors. She also finished a career-best 15th off the three-meter board, earning honorable mention All-American status in the event.

"I knew it was my last outing and I wanted to be happy with it no matter what," she said.

This was the second year in a row that Perry-Eaton was

named an All-American, finishing third in one-meter action last season.

"I really wanted to be in the top three at least," the five-time Big East Champion said. "But All American is a pretty neat thing to say."

In the pool, Carroll finished sixth in the 400-yard individual medley, earning her All-American status. Her time of 4:13.56 broke her own school yards record and put her nine seconds behind the champion, Auburn's Kristy Coventry, a gold medalist in the Athens Olympics.

It was also the second-best performance ever by an Irish swimmer in the NCAA Championship meet, behind only Carrie Nixon's fourth place finish in the 2000 50-yard freestyle.

Carroll was seeded 19th going into the event and became the fifth Irish swimmer ever to earn All-American honors. She was an honorable mention All-American last year after a

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## BASEBALL

# Irish host 'Cats in home opener

*Future Big East foe begins Frank Eck Stadium schedule*

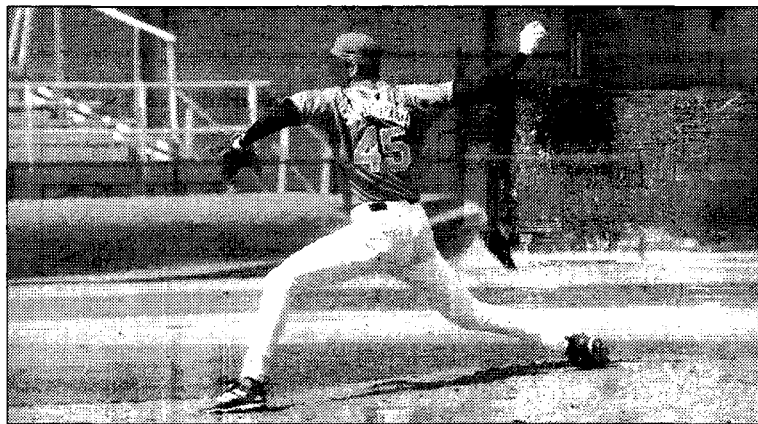
By TOM DORWART  
Sports Writer

For the first time this season, the Irish will sprint to their respective spots on the natural grass at Frank Eck Stadium when they take on the Cincinnati Bearcats (8-8) tonight at 5 p.m.

Which nine players will make that first sprint, however, is up for debate. There are 29 players on the Notre Dame roster, and coach Paul Mainieri has gone to his bench often already.

"I'm just debating a lot of things right now — what the best way to go into this week would be," he said. "Certainly we need to make some changes, because we just did not play good baseball this weekend at Evansville, so I just got to look at the big picture here and make a decision on who we want to go with."

"I just feel that we might need to shake things up this week and give some other



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Notre Dame pitcher Jeff Samardzija throws a pitch against Villanova April 9, 2004. The Irish will play their home opener against Cincinnati today.

guys a chance."

The Irish are happy to be home after finishing 7-9 in the first 16 games of the young season.

"I can't even describe how good it is to be home after being on the road for five straight weekends — our first sixteen games of the year on the road," Mainieri said. "We'll finally get a chance to play at home where traditionally we've played very well. Hopefully it's going to be just what the doctor ordered. We just need to settle in a little

bit, play well at home and get things going in the right direction."

The meeting with the Bearcats marks the first game of a seven-game home stand for the Irish. This weekend, the Irish open Big East Conference play with double-headers against Georgetown on Thursday and Seton Hall on Saturday.

Cincinnati is coming off a winless effort in three games against Conference USA foe

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Thompson may play against Purdue

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Summitt goes for win record

Legendary Tennessee coach looks for win No. 880 Tuesday.

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