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Panel discusses sexuality in 'Monologues'

By PETER NINNEMAN
News Writer

Emotional testimonies and conflicting reactions marked the panel discussion following Tuesday's performance of "The Vagina Monologues," which featured an anthropologist, a priest and a theologian examining the issues and goals of the production.

Notre Dame students performed the play Tuesday for the second of three times this week in DeBartolo Hall — a change from last year's DeBartolo Performing Arts Center venue spurred by University President Father John Jenkins' ongoing discussion on academic freedom

and Catholic character.

Anthropology professor Carolyn Nordstrom brought to the panel discussion her personal experiences with victims of rape camps and child trafficking rings on the frontlines of wars.

"I have seen entire towns where every single woman, even children, were raped," Nordstrom said. "I have documented hundreds of cases where peace has been built from dialogues like this."

She said that whenever she has witnessed child trafficking rings or rape camps being busted, she has seen women gathering together to tell their stories, much like what occurs in some

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DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Theology professors Mary Doak, left, and Father Paulinus Odozor and anthropology professor Carolyn Nordstrom speak about sex, religion and violence against women Tuesday.

Shappell, Andrichik celebrate

Officers-elect plan for upcoming term

By MARY KATE MALONE
Assistant News Editor

After dealing four opposing tickets a crushing defeat in the student body presidential and vice presidential general election Monday night, juniors Lizzi Shappell and Bill Andrichik said they will waste no time tackling the "hot-button" issues they believe won them the race.

"It's sinking in more and more," Shappell said Tuesday. "Last night was a bit of a shock. It's starting to be a little more real in my mind. I'm going through all the steps in my head."

"It's inherently more relaxing than it would have been had [the election] gone and all the work we have to do ... but at the same time just trying to enjoy it."

Instead of engaging in three days of whirlwind campaigning leading up to a run-off election, Shappell and Andrichik are basking in the glow of victory and setting their sights on April 1 — when they will assume their positions and begin tackling a lofty list of goals as student body president and vice president.

Asked to describe their administration in one or two words, Andrichik chose "working relationship" and Shappell chose "proactive."

The pair said they want to "hit the ground running" by immediately attacking campaign goals

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Cabs, students clash over practices



DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

City Cab driver Ross Vardaman waits in Main Circle for a pick-up Tuesday. Though dependent on cabs, students have expressed dissatisfaction with some companies' practices.

South Bend attorney Nash ready to address complaints

By KAREN LANGLEY
Assistant News Editor

Bars, bowling alleys, off-campus parties and movie theaters all bring to mind weekends in a college town — but in South Bend, they also inspire thoughts of long waits for overcrowded taxi cabs.

While students may feel at the mercy of cab companies, these same companies are often frustrated by no-show callers and belligerent passengers.

Student dissatisfaction with some common cab company practices has caught the attention of Assistant City Attorney Ann-Carol Nash, who has received numerous complaints from students about cab companies in the South Bend area.

"Notre Dame students are often seen as

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Saint Mary's professor wins CHOICE award

By KATIE KOHLER
News Writer

Saint Mary's political science professor Sean Savage joined an elite group of authors last month, winning the 2005 CHOICE Outstanding Academic Title Award for his 2004 book, "JFK, LBJ and the Democratic Party."

CHOICE, a professional journal used in college libraries across America, announces the annual award in each year's January issue. The journal hon-



Savage

ored fewer than 10 percent of the field of 6,964 titles reviewed, including Savage's work.

"I honestly don't know [how I won]," Savage said of being distinguished from such a large pool.

CHOICE bases its judging criteria on three elements — the evaluation of the overall work, the author's knowledge of the field and the author's previous record of works.

CHOICE described Savage's work as "a richly detailed, comprehensive, and provocative account of presidential party leadership in the turbulent 1960s."

The Journal of American History also offered a strong

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ND graduate presents at festival

By RYAN SYDLIK
News Writer

The Notre Dame Literary Festival brought in a writer more familiar with the University than most when organizers chose Tasha Alexander as one of the event's headliners.

Alexander, who spoke Tuesday night, graduated from Notre Dame in 1992 and is the daughter of two Notre Dame philosophy professors. Writing under a pseudonym — her real name is Tasha Tyska — she is the author of the Victorian era thriller, "And Only to Deceive" (2005).

A first time author, Alexander said she was "incredibly lucky" to get her book published.

After hunting for agents, Alexander found one she liked and e-mailed a copy of the first



PAMELA LOCK/The Observer

Author and Notre Dame alumna Tasha Alexander speaks Tuesday about the process of getting her book published.

few chapters to that agent to create curiosity. An hour later, she received a response asking her to send the rest of the text.

When the time came for the publisher to make an offer, Harper Collins said it would be

delighted to publish her novel. All she had to do, they said, was change her name.

At first, Alexander was unsure about using a pseudonym, but

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INSIDE COLUMN

Please note
the headshot

Hello there. As you turned to the inside page of the The Observer, I bet you couldn't help but notice that I have a picture that goes along with my article. It's okay to be impressed. As you read this article, I would suggest you constantly reference my picture with the corner of your eye to drive home the points I am making.



Adam Fairholm

It's hard to get a picture to go along with your article. Joey Falco, Scott Wagner and Pat Leonard all have pictures with their articles. Their pictures are notably the best I've seen by the way. So Joey, Scott, or Pat, if you are reading this, yours are notably the best I've seen.

But anyways, you've got to go down to The Observer office and they have to take a picture of you.

You've got to have a blank expression that says, "I mean business" and is not inappropriate for re-use. Example: your picture has to work with not only articles like "You Killed My Grandma" or "I Love My Grandma," but also articles like "Your Grandma Killed Me" or "I've Got AIDS."

Which brings me to my next point. Whatever happened to that guy who had a unicycle on campus? Did he graduate or something? He probably graduated.

When you have a picture with your article, there is an aura around your article. A lot of the articles in The Observer don't have pictures, and therefore many don't have auras. Example: If you've got some article in Scene reviewing "Grand Burglary Larceny Rape Booger Challenge Assault 4" for PS2 or PSP or you know, whatever, then I am going to take you a lot more seriously if I can see how serious you are in your picture.

Even if I don't play video games I am going to sit there and consider your opinion and look at your picture. I will say to your picture, "I have listened to what you have to say about 'Grand Burglary Larceny Rape Booger Challenge Assault 4' and I will consider purchasing this item because I see you are serious about this."

Or if you are doing a news story, I can see you are serious about the news. News reporters, I am giving you some advice. The advice is don't smile in your picture, because I want someone serious giving me the news. That way I could stop you in the hallway and say, "Thanks for being serious about that." Or not. You know, whatever.

Many great men in history have had pictures that go along with their articles — or would have, had they gone to Notre Dame and worked for The Observer. I think I'm out of space. That's one of the downsides of having a picture to go along with your article. You run out of spa

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DID YOU DO FOR VALENTINE'S DAY?



Ryan Bravo
junior
Fisher

"Being fine with this kid."



Pat Bowe
junior
Fisher

"Had a no-date date with Kat."



Kat Piscatello
freshman
Welsh Family

"Had a no-date date with Pat."



Tom Hessert
junior
Fisher

"Asked my cousin Jenny to be my valentine, but she said it would be illegal in most states."



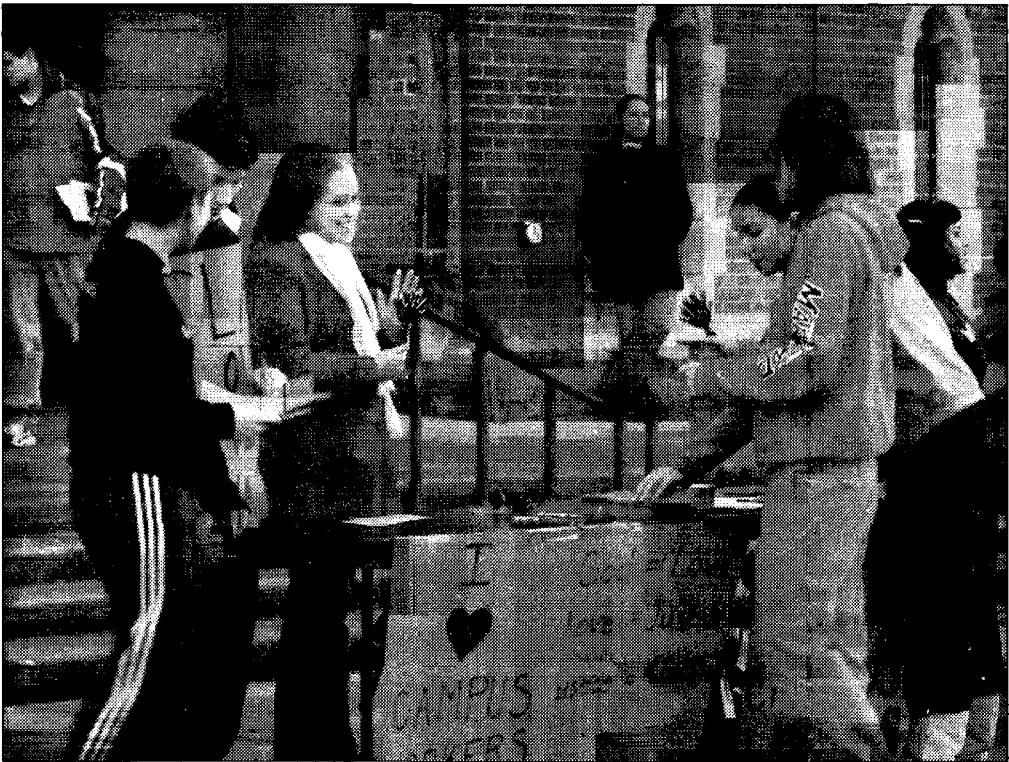
Jenny Heenan
freshman
McGlinn

"Baked cookies for all of Fisher."



Matthew Baca
freshman
Fisher

"Had some Cool Whip with my girlfriend."



PAMELA LOCK/The Observer

From left, Jackie Clark, Nick Kraft, Kamaria Porter and Joe Murphy, members of the Campus Labor Action Project, demonstrate in support of increasing University employees' salaries outside of South Dining Hall Tuesday.

OFFBEAT

Man receives ten-year sentence, promptly marries

WEST CHESTER, Pa. — A man married his bride in a courtroom immediately after he was sentenced to at least a decade in prison.

Cassandre LaFortune, dressed in a white gown, listened to Akram "Ish" Jones enter his Alford plea, then stepped forward to marry him.

When the judge asked her if she knew what she was getting into, Jones interrupted and said, "Your honor, I don't mean to be rude, but she proposed to me."

Jones wore a gray suit, tie and shackles on his wrists and ankles, which sheriff's deputies removed before the wedding Tuesday. After the ceremony, the newlyweds posed for photos with 17 family members in attendance.

'Black Widow' wins grilled cheese eating contest

NEW YORK — A 100-pound woman ate 26 grilled cheese sandwiches in 10 minutes at a New York restaurant, winning the World Grilled Cheese Eating Championship.

Sonya Thomas won

\$8,000 for the contest at the Planet Hollywood restaurant in Times Square on Wednesday but said she was disappointed in her performance.

"I could have done better," she said, adding that she was aiming for 30 sandwiches.

Thomas, who is known as the "Black Widow" on the competitive circuit, says she has a naturally big stomach capacity and heavily soaked her sandwiches in water to make them easier to swallow.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Keith Beauchamp, civil rights activist and filmmaker, will discuss his documentary "The Untold Story of Emmett Louis Till" tonight at 7 p.m. in the Hesburgh Center auditorium.

Poet Rane Arroyo will lecture at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the McKenna Hall Auditorium. The event is cosponsored by the Creative Writing Program and the Institute for Latino Studies as part of the 2006 Literary Festival and is open to the public.

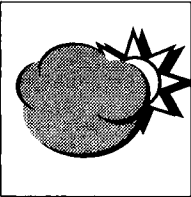
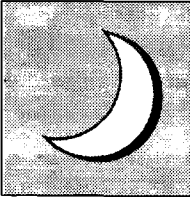
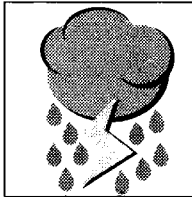
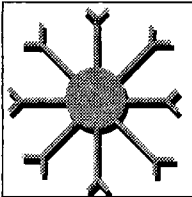
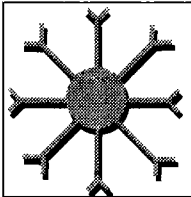
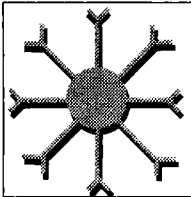
The Notre Dame men's basketball team will take on the University of South Florida at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Joyce Center.

The Saint Mary's psychology department will host a lecture by Notre Dame head football coach Charlie Weis Thursday at 1 p.m. in the Vander Vennet Theatre in the Student Center. Weis will discuss autism and global delays as part of psychology week at the College.

The Saint Mary's College Dance Ensemble Workshop will host its annual performances Friday at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 in O'Laughlin Auditorium. The programs will include ballet, jazz and modern dance.

Black Koffeehouse, a showcase of African American art, literature and music expressed in the Notre Dame community, will take place Friday at 7 p.m. in LaFortune Ballroom.

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Cabs

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easy targets by people who are not as reputable as they should be," she said.

Nash said the complaints include reports of drivers stuffing unsafe numbers of passengers in cabs and charging students excessive and not agreed-upon fares, as well as companies refusing to send students a cab late at night.

"I certainly sympathize with people who want to get from a nightclub to home or campus," she said. "That's the sort of thing I want to work very hard [for] to create a better environment."

South Bend licenses taxis, so the city can take away the licenses of drivers who violate regulations. Nash said she plans to develop amendments to the city ordinance governing cab companies and to improve enforcement of the existing ordinance.

"I'm worried about the quality of the taxi service [students are] receiving," Nash said. "I'm trying to tighten enforcement so students aren't taken advantage of or made to feel unsafe."

While Nash said it is "inappropriate" for a cab company to refuse service late at night, cab company representatives say it is not always possible to send customers a cab in a timely manner on busy weekend nights. Some companies recommend that callers contact another company, while others expect callers to wait for an eventual ride.

"If we can't get [the customers] in a reasonable time, like 30 minutes ... we tell them we don't have cabs available," said Walter Jones, owner of ABC Cab. "Sometimes [customers] don't even get a cab from any company in town."

The problem arises because companies sometimes receive hundred of calls in a few hours, said Jan, a Checker City Cab dispatcher who declined to give her last name.

Given the concentrated demand for cabs, Jan said a lengthy wait is sometimes unavoidable. Though this may be inconvenient, she described a call for a cab as a verbal agreement that is violated if a prospective passenger calls rival companies to see which cab arrives most quickly.

"When you order a cab, you're supposed to be ready for however long it takes," Jan said. "I work for a cab company, and I have waited two hours for a cab."

Jones said students do not understand how frustrating it is to cab companies when the students call multiple companies and take a ride from whichever driver shows up first. When a cab driver "gets a void," as a

no-show customer is called, his time and gas is wasted — a factor that drives up fares.

Senior Sarah Gelwicks said she thinks cabs are convenient, but she has spent time on many nights waiting for a cab to arrive.

"It takes forever," she said. "Either there [are] a lot of people trying to get a cab and not enough [cabs] or you call a cab and someone else takes it."

In any case, the wait is typically longer than the company predicts, Gelwicks said.

"They usually tell you it will be there in 20 minutes, and it gets there after 40 minutes," she said.

When a driver is sent to pick up passengers, the cab often becomes jam-packed with students eager to reach their destination. The law says each passenger must have a seatbelt, but drivers are motivated to collect the fares of additional passengers, while passengers often want to save money with group discount rates and avoid separating from their group of friends.

Sophomore Jimmy Newman has shared numerous cab rides with more passengers than the law would allow, a situation he said was initiated by the cabs' drivers.

"They would just keep packing people in and say an excuse, that it's the last cab of the night," he said. "They'd try to pack tons of people in with no seatbelts."

Jones said it is not uncommon to find small cabs brimming with eight or nine students.

"That's dangerous," he said. "If parents knew that, they'd have a heart attack. If insurance companies knew, they'd have a heart attack and then they'd raise the rates."

When asked how he addresses city regulations like the seatbelt rule, Jones said he can only encourage his drivers not to overload their cabs.

"You don't have full control because you're not in the cab with them," Jones said.

Jan, who formerly worked as a driver, attested to the difficulty of turning down an extra student on a cold South Bend night.

"When I was driving, we had kids begging, 'Please let our friend in,'" she said. "It's hard to turn down a really tiny girl, who could just share a seat, and make her stand out in the cold because her friends are already in the cab."

The subject of cab fares is also marked by miscommunication between students and cab companies. While many students expect to pay \$2 for a short trip, employees of various cab companies stressed that \$2 is usually a flag drop price compounded by a meter rate per mile.

ABC Cab charges an \$8 minimum per party anywhere within a three-mile radius, Jones

said. The company's flag drop, or rate to get into the cab, is \$2 and the per mile rate is \$2. When five or more passengers ride by van, they can travel up to three miles for \$3 per student.

Checker City Cab has a \$7 per party minimum. Like ABC Cab, Checker City Cab charges a \$2 flag drop, followed by \$1.40 per mile, Jan said. A \$1 gas surcharge is also added to the party's meter.

These prices are not always understood by students. Junior Kate Moran said she expects to pay a set fare for short rides.

"Sometimes I think prices can be completely arbitrary," she said. "But normally it's the standard \$2."

Each company has special rates for popular destinations like South Bend Airport.

"I think the economics of cabs is not understood by students," Jones said.

Jones also noted that when an occasional student vomits in a cab, the company is forced to pay an expensive bill to clean the cab's interior.

"It's not unreasonable to expect to make enough money to clean it up," he said.

While Nash expressed concern about cab companies' compliance with city regulations, United Cab driver Bob Hoffman said companies are aware that they must follow the rules.

"The city does keep checking on taxi companies to see how they're operating," he said.

He admitted that some drivers do allow students to "load up" on Friday or Saturday nights, but said the decision is left to students.

"Very, very seldom do we have any problems," Hoffman said. "[The students] are a very good bunch of people to work with."

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Winners

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that cover a wide spectrum of student life issues.

If they deliver on their word, results will be tangible come fall.

Andrichik said he is confident new items will be added to Grab-and-Go when students arrive on campus in August. Three or four additional food choices will be selected based on a student survey to be conducted this semester, he said.

Possible additions include ramen noodles, popcorn and soups, Andrichik said.

And thanks to a \$15 increase in the student activities fee that will take effect next year, three national newspapers will be available daily for free at different points around campus. The College Readership Program was piloted at Notre Dame last year and won positive feedback from students — prompting student government to pursue implementing the program permanently.

But concerns have been raised regarding the number of newspapers that will actually be available each day — estimates hover around 2,000 — since the money allotted for the program will not be enough for each student to get a newspaper.

To counter this, Shappell said she wants to create a recycling system that would encourage students to return their papers to a bin, so that several students can read the same copy.

"But if the [College Readership] Program takes off, we're hoping to seek funding from other resources" to purchase more papers and not have to rely on recycling, Shappell said.

Like her predecessor, current student body president Dave Baron, Shappell said her administration plans to work tirelessly at improving community relations — starting as early as the Feb. 27 meeting of the South Bend Common Council. There, six student speakers will

address the Council to "display that we want to take an active part in city government," Shappell said.

"We want to explain the initiatives we're taking to improve community relations," she said. "Specifically our issues with the new [disorderly house] ordinance [meant to curb student partying] ... and how we believe that with the first offense eviction, the punishment doesn't always fit the crime."

Shappell and Andrichik also want to enlist the help of the Notre Dame Law School for legal consultation regarding the ordinance.

Students can also expect Student Senate committee meetings to become more visible, since Shappell wants to relocate some meetings to more public locations like residence halls and academic buildings.

"I'm proud of the strides Dave and I have made this year," Shappell said. "But as far as the student apathy question goes, that is a constant battle for students to feel like student government is accessible and working for their day to day needs."

Shappell said having committee meetings "on location" provides "a more personal connection for students and student government."

Shappell and Andrichik also said they will tailor their goals to fit any issues that arise following University President Father John Jenkins' recent addresses on academic freedom and the University's Catholic character.

"Jenkins will be visiting [Student] Senate in a month, but we don't know how much [the issue] will carry over from this administration to the next," Shappell said.

But Shappell hopes to "continue to solicit student opinion" on academic freedom as long as the dialogue and debate persists on campus.

Shappell and Andrichik secured 51.78 percent of the vote in Monday's election, just enough to avoid a run-off election.

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of the skits in "The Vagina Monologues."

"How do they heal? Whether we like it or not, it's by writing plays [like 'The Vagina Monologues'] ... Kids write these plays," Nordstrom said.

Nordstrom requires students in her anthropology classes to write ethnographies of themselves, some of which have dealt with campus rapes perpetrated by both males and females. She said she has had more males than "you would expect" come to talk to her in her office about being sexually violated.

"It really is an unspoken reality," Nordstrom said.

Nordstrom was not the only panelist who brought personal experience to the table. Father Paulinus Odozor, an associate professor of theology, was born and raised in Nigeria — a background that made him aware of the prevalence of crimes against women.

"I can relate to some of the issues [Nordstrom] was talking about," Odozor said. "I saw the kinds of atrocities people commit in wars."

But Odozor differed from Nordstrom in his opinion of the play. One of the things he found problematic stemmed from what he saw as the agenda of the play, reflected in the subtitle of the official script, which states the play's involvement in the worldwide V-Day Campaign — a movement that works to end violence against women.

Campaigns, Odozor said, are organized courses of political action meant to convert people's hearts and minds. In the case of "The Vagina Monologues," Odozor said he was concerned with the values it presented, though he supported its anti-violence goals.

"[In 'The Vagina

Monologues'], sex is little more than genital activity, [there is glorified] sex with adults, [and] sex is something we should feel free to do whenever and with whoever one wants to," he said. "This play should not be viewed as a presumption-less production."

Odozor discussed the view of sexuality in the eyes of the Catholic Church, and said Catholics have a responsibility to stand up against advocates of "sinful" sex.

He said the "Monologues" present a "distorted view of sex that doesn't offer concrete ways to combat sexual injustices."

"We don't need any more one-sided views of sexuality that parts of this play seem to advocate," Odozor said.

This "one-sided propaganda," Odozor said, "cannot go unchallenged in a Catholic university."

Theology professor Mary Doak also brought experience and a different perspective to the panel.

"There are five girls in my family... [so] I always thought the statistics [on sexual violence] must be skewed," Doak said, referring to statistics that about one in three women nationwide is a victim of rape or sexual abuse.

But after receiving tearful phone calls from some of her sisters about sexual violence perpetrated against them, Doak said she has since realized the statistics were accurate.

As a Catholic theologian, Doak said she agreed with Odozor that sexuality is a gift from God. But she also said she

viewed the play as a two-way street that opened up dialogue.

"I would like to challenge the views of the play to promote the ideal of sexuality as a self-giving love, but then the play challenges me to think about how we get there from where we are," Doak said.

Doak also said that people don't "just one day spring up as sexual adults," but instead internalize sexual feelings even during childhood.

After the panelists were finished, they fielded emotional questions and comments about the "Monologues," rape and gender relations at Notre Dame from students and faculty members in the crowd.

Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman, who attended the "Monologues" for

the first time Tuesday, said after the performance and before the panel he was "not too surprised" by the content, but was "really struck by the quality of the acting."

"I wanted to see it as an academic event," said Poorman, who said he attended the play on his own accord. "It seemed to go pretty well [in the DeBartolo classroom setting]."

He said he was looking forward to the second half of Tuesday's event — the panel discussion.

Another panel discussion will take place tonight at 9:15 p.m. in 102 DeBartolo following the third and final 7 p.m. showing of this year's "The Vagina Monologues."

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Mary Doak
theology professor

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she later settled on using her son's first name, Alexander, as her new last name.

Alexander said she had wanted to write since childhood but always had found excuses not to get started.

"I always had this idea that you need a big uninterrupted block of time [to write a book]," she said.

After staying home to raise her first child, Alexander changed her mind and told herself, "If it stinks, well at least I know I tried."

With her newfound motivation, Alexander reflected on her personal interests, such as historical fiction, London, Paris and ancient art. The result was a story about art forgeries.

Alexander created a young, widowed woman as a main character with the intention of reusing the young character in a series of novels. Furthermore, a widowed woman in 1890s England would have the freedom of movement that an unmarried or married woman would not have had at

that time, Alexander said.

When she began as an author, she had "a barely serviceable computer and a three and-a-half year old in the room," she said.

Her busy schedule actually served to motivate her as she wrote, Alexander said.

"It is a lot easier to procrastinate if you have a big block of time," she said.

And the motivation led to enjoyment as she progressed through the novel.

"If you are not having fun writing the book, then you have to change something," she said. "You can't control and agent or a publisher, but you can change your book."

Alexander said it was very satisfying to know a large company was taking her small book very seriously.

After talking about the anxiousness of waiting a year and a half, Alexander told the audience about the joy she received when she finally got the first published copy in the mail.

"I had a hard time believing that it was real," she said.

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Savage

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review of "JFK, LBJ and the Democratic Party."

"Sean Savage's thoroughly researched work offers a new perspective," the journal read. "The reader will be rewarded by a closely argued thesis, some new revelations about JFK and LBJ and an extraordinary collection of rare photographs."

This is not the first time the professor's work has been recognized.

Savage received two other awards for his writing in past years. In 1993, he won the "Emerging Scholar Award" presented by the American Political Science Organization for his book, "Roosevelt, the Party Leader, 1932-1945." In 1997, he won an award for his book, "Truman and the Democratic Party."

"There is a definite satisfaction in seeing your books in bookstores," Savage said. "I do have a Y chromosome. The feeling of validation by your peers and public is something to be proud of."

Savage described the writing experience as one of solitude.

"An author lives several years

in a private world," he said. "Once your works are released, it's natural to wonder how the public will react to it."

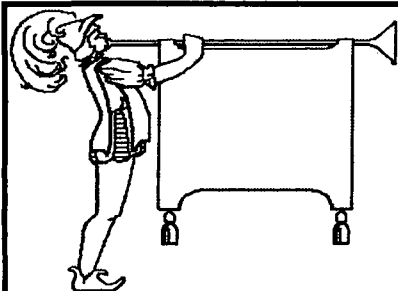
Savage is working on two smaller projects. The first book focuses on the relationship between Kennedy, as a senator, and the geographic area of New England. The other work focuses on the ideological policy changes in the Democratic Party from 1968-1972 on Cold War policy.

Editors and authors alike view Savage's work as a literary and historical success. Thomas Patterson, another author in the field, wrote, "Sean Savage's book is a must read for scholars and students of American politics and history."

Even though Savage may not identify a particular reason for his most recent success, it is clear his colleagues at CHOICE can pinpoint his work's distinguishing characteristics.

"[The book is] a masterful work which sparks an interest in studying the politics of the sixties in a broader context than just presidential personalities," the journal read.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Haiti to review election results

PORT-AU-PRINCE — Haiti's interim government ordered a review of election results Tuesday, hours after the leading presidential candidate — who appeared set to fall short of a first-round victory — claimed the count was marred by "massive fraud" or errors.

The order is the first formal step to investigate possible fraud or irregularities committed during last week's vote and the counting process.

"The government wants to make sure that everything with the process is correct," interim Interior Minister Paul Magloire told The Associated Press.

Earlier in the day, leading presidential candidate Rene Preval promised to contest the results. Preval also urged supporters to protest peacefully a day after at least one pro-Preval demonstrator was killed and followers elsewhere occupied a hotel.

Hussein announces hunger strike

BAGHDAD — After shouts, insults, arguments and walkouts, Saddam Hussein and three of his co-defendants unveiled a new show-stealing tactic Tuesday: They announced in court that they had gone on hunger strike.

Saddam said the strike was called to protest the tough way chief judge Raouf Abdel-Rahman has conducted the court since he took over last month.

"For three days we have been holding a hunger strike protesting against your way of treating us — against you and your masters," the former Iraqi leader said. Their claims could not be independently confirmed.

NATIONAL NEWS

Gov. to limit costs of benefit program

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration is taking steps to limit costs associated with a benefits program for Cold War-era nuclear workers who developed cancer from radiation exposure, according to a White House document.

Republicans and Democrats say they are concerned, with one GOP lawmaker saying he plans to hold hearings.

The document, obtained by The Associated Press, was written by White House budget officials and sent to the Labor Department.

It commends Labor officials for "identifying the potential for a large expansion" of a program aimed at compensating thousands of nuclear workers. Then, it states that the White House will lead an interagency working group to develop ways "to contain growth in the costs of benefits" the program provides.

Guard admits to aiding in jailbreak

CHICAGO — A Cook County Jail guard told investigators he helped six inmates escape over the weekend in an attempt to influence the election for sheriff, an official said Tuesday.

The guard said he was trying to embarrass outgoing county Sheriff Michael Sheahan and his chief of staff, Tom Dart, who is running for sheriff, a law enforcement official with knowledge of the investigation told The Associated Press.

No charges had been filed in the jailbreak. All six inmates have been captured.

Also Tuesday, the Police Department said its officers received a tip about an escape plot at the jail hours before the breakout.

LOCAL NEWS

Road rage bill advances to Senate

INDIANAPOLIS — A bill designed to curb "road rage" by making aggressive driving a specific crime advanced in the Senate on Tuesday with a committee's unanimous endorsement.

The legislation is supported by relatives of two teenagers who were killed after a man allegedly became angry and through aggressive maneuvers caused their vehicle to crash.

"If it stops one person from taking the next step and killing somebody else, then it will be worth it," said Laura Adams, whose sister, 17-year-old Lindsay Thompson of Crawfordsville, was killed in the wreck.

PAKISTAN

Violent cartoon protests escalate

Thousands rampage against Prophet caricatures, torch Western businesses

Associated Press

LAHORE — Thousands rampaged through two cities Tuesday in Pakistan's worst violence against Prophet Muhammad caricatures, burning buildings housing a hotel, banks and a KFC, vandalizing a Citibank and breaking windows at a Holiday Inn and a Pizza Hut.

At least two people were killed in Lahore, where intelligence officials suspected outlawed Islamic militant groups incited the violence to undermine President Gen. Pervez Musharraf's U.S.-allied government.

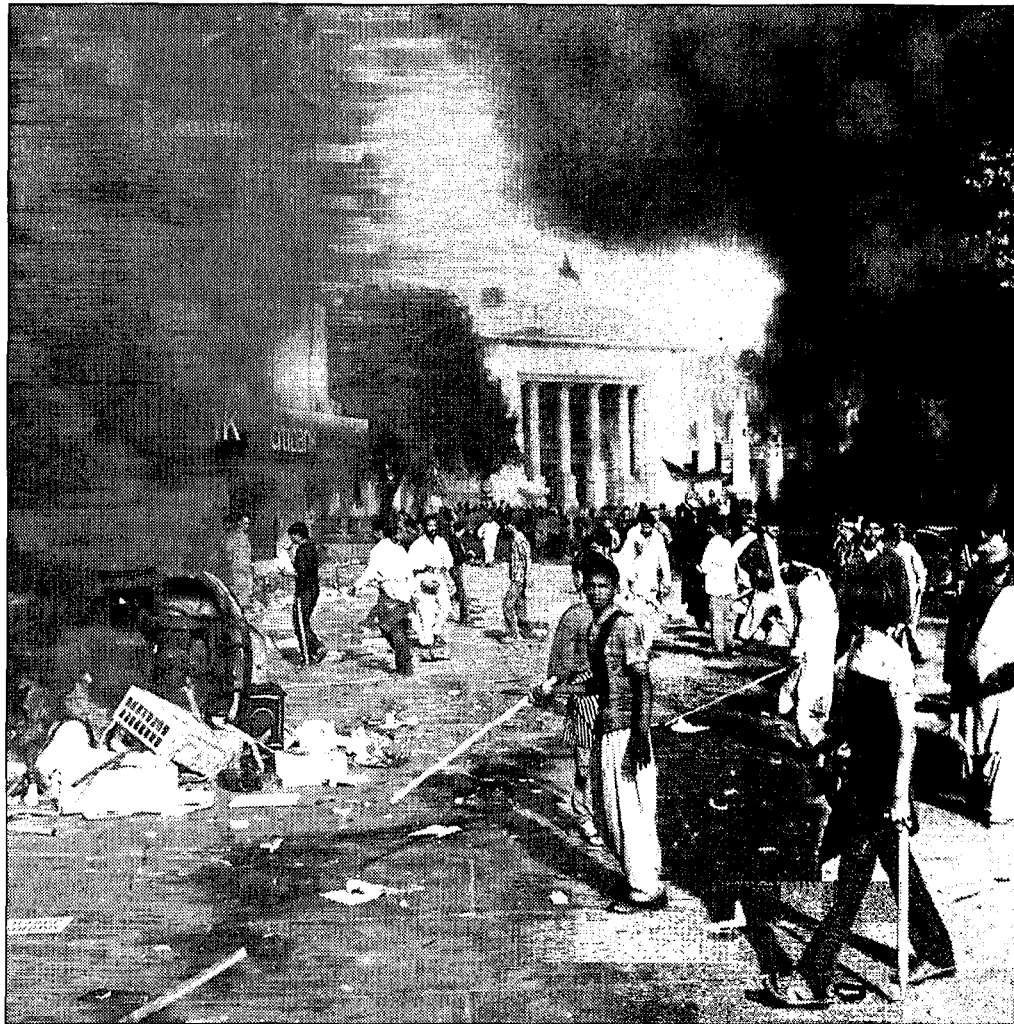
An Associated Press reporter in Lahore saw crowd members who appeared to be orchestrating the attacks, directing protesters — some of whom were carrying containers of kerosene — toward particular targets. The demonstrators also set the provincial government assembly building on fire.

In the capital, Islamabad, hundreds of students stormed through the main entrance of the tightly guarded enclave that houses most foreign embassies, brandishing sticks and throwing stones. They were dispersed with tear gas, and no foreigners were hurt.

The unruly protests and deaths marked an alarming spike in the unrest in Pakistan over the cartoons, which first appeared in a Danish newspaper in September and have been reprinted by other Western newspapers. One cartoon depicts Muhammad wearing a turban shaped as a bomb with an ignited detonator string.

Many in this conservative Islamic country, as across the Muslim world, regard any depiction of the prophet as blasphemous. They reject the newspapers' explanations that the cartoons have news value and represent free speech.

In southern Iraq, Basra's provincial council demanded



Angry Pakistanis gather in a street Tuesday after setting vehicles on fire during a protest against the publication of cartoons in European newspapers depicting Prophet Muhammad.

the withdrawal of Denmark's 530-member military contingent from the region unless the Danish government apologizes for the cartoons — which it refuses to do, saying it has no influence over the media.

The president of the European Commission backed the Danish government's refusal, saying freedom of speech cannot be compromised. "It's better to publish too much than not to have freedom," President Jose Manuel Barroso told Jyllands-Posten, the paper that first published the drawings.

Demonstrations around Asia and the Middle East have subsided in recent days, including in

Afghanistan, where 11 people died in riots last week. But the protests have gathered momentum in Pakistan this week.

In Lahore, the eastern city that is the main commercial hub in prosperous Punjab province, about 15,000 joined the protest organized by a little-known religious group and an Islamic school. The demonstration was also supported by associations representing local traders who shuttered businesses and most markets Tuesday.

Witnesses said a minority of protesters in small groups ran amok down streets lined with old colonial buildings and shopping malls. Television footage showed at least one rioter firing a hand

gun.

Security forces fired live rounds into the air, but failed to stop protesters from setting fire to the Punjab provincial assembly and burning down four buildings housing a hotel, two banks, a KFC restaurant and the office of Norwegian cell phone company, Telenor. Two movie theaters were also torched.

Witnesses said rioters also damaged over 200 cars, dozens of shops — many locally owned — and a large portrait of Musharraf. American brands were targeted. Protesters vandalized a Citibank branch and broke windows at a Holiday Inn hotel, a Pizza Hut and a McDonald's restaurants.

Report: poor disaster preparation

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Government at all levels took an indifferent stance toward disaster preparations after the 2001 terror attacks, leaving the Gulf Coast vulnerable to Hurricane Katrina and contributing to the death and suffering the storm inflicted, a House inquiry concludes.

Finding fault with the White House down to local officials, the 520-page report determined that authorities failed to move quickly to protect people — even when faced with warnings days before the catastrophic storm struck last Aug. 29.

"Passivity did the most damage,"

concluded the report, which was written by a Republican-dominated special House committee and obtained Tuesday night by The Associated Press. "The failure of initiative cost lives, prolonged suffering, and left all Americans justifiably concerned our government is no better prepared to protect its people than it was before 9/11, even if we are."

The hard-hitting report, entitled "A Failure of Initiative," concludes that President Bush could have speeded the response by becoming involved in the crisis earlier. It says he was not receiving guidance from a disaster specialist who would have understood the scope of the storm's destruction.

"Earlier presidential involvement might have resulted in a more effective response," the inquiry concluded.

The inquiry into one of the nation's worst natural disasters looked at everything from the evacuation to the military's role to planning for emergency supplies and in each category found much to criticize.

Typical of the report's unsparing tone, it warned, "The preparation for and response to Hurricane Katrina should disturb all Americans."

The House study is the first to be completed in a series of inquiries by Congress and the Bush administration about the massive failures exposed by Katrina.

LEBANON

Streets swell as citizens remember dead leader

Demonstrations come year after assassination

Associated Press

BEIRUT — It was Rafik Hariri's day in Beirut. Men with children on their shoulders, women waving flags and even the elderly in wheelchairs rallied to remember the assassinated former prime minister credited with rebuilding and freeing Lebanon.

Hundreds of thousands of people — unofficial police estimates put the figure at about 800,000 and organizers at over 1 million — thronged the Lebanese capital in a show of unity reminiscent of the days after Hariri's bombing death a year ago.

Tuesday's demonstration carried a political message: to show that anti-Syrian groups still have the ability to rally the crowds and to demand that President Emile Lahoud, a staunch pro-Syrian, step down.

"Haven't you had enough, Bashar?" read one placard, referring to Syrian President Bashar Assad, whose government many blame for Hariri's killing. In a play on words, another placard read in English: "Assadsin."

Demonstrators came from across the country, carrying red and white Lebanese flags and pictures of the slain former premier. "United, thanks to you," read one banner held by a white-haired woman.

Those who packed downtown Martyrs' Square and went to Hariri's nearby grave included women in Islamic robes and headscarves, elderly leaning on canes, families with babies and young women in tight jeans and designer sunglasses.

"I wanted to be here at whatever cost to show that we are still united and will always be," said 26-year-old Rania Salam, who wore a white cap with the words: "365 days and we are waiting for the truth."

"Those who killed Hariri meant to kill Lebanon, but they failed. A new united Lebanon was born," Samia Baroudy, a 52-year-old Christian, said as she clutched a Lebanese flag.

The throng fell silent at 12:55 p.m. — the time a huge truck bomb — exploded on a downtown street as Hariri's motorcade drove by a year ago, killing him and 20 others. A horn blew three times to symbolize the instant the bomb went off. Then the crowd roared with shouts of "Syria out."

Demonstrators repeatedly shouted the name of Hariri's son and political heir, Saad.

"We tell them (the Syrians) ... remove the symbol of your suppression of Lebanon and its people because the people of Lebanon will not compromise,"

Saad Hariri said, referring to Lahoud. The crowd responded with chants of "with souls, with blood we redeem you, Saad!"

Politicians who rarely leave their homes for fear of assassination showed up to rally the crowds. But in contrast to anti-Syrian protests a year ago, they spoke from behind a bullet-resistant glass panel and then left quickly.

"There can be no stability and no freedom while the symbol of subservience to the Syrian regime remains in Baabda," Druse leader Walid Jumblatt told the crowd, referring to the presidential palace. Of Lahoud, he said: "The terrorist Bashar (Assad) installed you and the valiant Lebanese people will remove you."

In Washington, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice indicated that Lebanon would be better off with a new president.

"I think it's everyone's view that the presidency should be something that looks to the future of Lebanon, not to its past," she said in an interview with the Lebanese Broadcasting Corp. satellite channel.

Buses carried people from the country's remote north, south and east, mainly Sunni Muslims, Christians and Druse. Thousands of troops and police, backed by armored vehicles, provided security and schools were closed for the day. Businesses also shut their doors.

Shiite Muslims — the country's largest single sect — are dominated by pro-Syrian parties Amal and Hezbollah, and Shiites largely stayed away from the demonstration. So did backers of Michel Aoun, an anti-Syrian Christian.

Opponents of Syria are a majority in government and Parliament, but lack the two-thirds majority needed to force out Lahoud.

In a statement, President Bush said "Lebanon has continued to make progress in the year since Mr. Hariri's murder, thanks to the foundation of freedom he laid and the determination of the Lebanese people."

Neither Lahoud nor Syria had any immediate reaction to the gathering. Syria has denied any role in Hariri's killing or the later bombings, and has stalled on cooperation in the U.N. inquiry into Hariri's death.

Syria's troops withdrew from Lebanon in April under international pressure, and the U.N. probe into Hariri's slaying already has implicated top Syrian and allied Lebanese security officials in his death.

Three top Lebanese generals close to Lahoud have been arrested in connection with the slaying.

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IRAQ

British flag burned in rage

Protest follows video depicting soldiers beating and kicking Iraqi youth

Associated Press

BASRA — More than 1,000 protesters burned a British flag Tuesday and the regional administration in Iraq's main southern province severed all ties with British authorities over video footage showing British soldiers allegedly beating and kicking Iraqi youths.

In London, the British Defense Ministry announced the arrest of two more people in connection with the images. Another person — apparently the man who shot the video — was arrested Monday.

Protesters, many of them supporters of radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, marched on the British Consulate in Basra, where they burned a British flag and shouted slogans against the alleged abuse of the youths during a riot Jan. 10, 2004, in the southern city of Amarah.

Protesters held banners reading "No, no to Tony Blair" and "Try the British soldiers involved in this aggression."

With outrage over the video mounting, the governing council for Basra province, which includes Iraq's huge southern oil fields, announced it was cutting all ties with British military and civilian operations in the area, headquarters of Britain's more than 8,000-member military contingent in Iraq.

The Basra police chief, Maj. Gen. Hassan Suwadi, said Iraqi security forces would

cease joint patrols with the British military in the province to protest the alleged abuse. "We condemn the abuse of the British forces and demand the British government to adopt legal procedures as soon as possible to punish its soldiers who carried out the abuse," Suwadi told The Associated Press.

Elsewhere, gunmen killed 11 Shiite farmers north of Baghdad, including eight members of one family, officials said. A U.S. Marine was killed and six coalition personnel were wounded in two attacks in Baghdad.

A homemade bomb exploded near a Baghdad liquor shop on Wednesday, killing three people and wounding two, police said. The motive for the attack was unclear, but stores selling alcohol have been targeted before by religious extremists.

In Amarah, about 100 miles north of Basra, two Iraqis who claimed to have been beaten on the video — Bassem Shaker and Tariq Abdul-Razzak — told reporters they would seek compensation from Britain, which occupied Iraq for decades after the country was established following World War I.

The beatings allegedly occurred during a violent protest in Amarah by hundreds of people demanding jobs. Six people were killed and 11 injured, according to reports at the time.

"I was one of 250 unemployed people demonstrating in the street in 2004, but

when we reached the governor's office we were surprised by the presence of the British forces," Shaker said. "We started throwing stones at them because we believed that they were behind all our misery."

Shaker said British troops "were beating us with fists and batons and were kicking us" before taking the prisoners to a British base "where they also beat us and frightened us with dogs before releasing us before sunset."

He said he didn't report the treatment because he did not believe any officials would deal with their complaints.

"But when we saw this tape and the amount of anger it caused inside and outside Iraq, we decided to come today ... to sue the British forces and compensate us," he said. "Those troops humiliated us and violated our rights to demand jobs."

Relations between the British and the Shiite-dominated provincial administration have been strained in recent weeks after an uptick in attacks on British troops and moves by the British to crack down on Shiite militias that have infiltrated the police and security services.

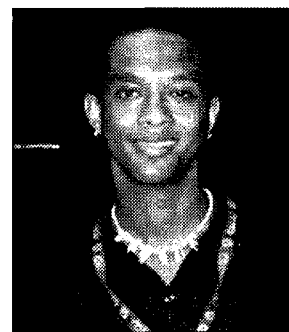
Last month, British troops arrested four police officers, alleging they were involved in militia and criminal activities. Basra authorities had threatened to suspend contacts with the British over the crack-down well before the video was first reported in London's News of the World.

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IN BRIEF

Consumers boost January retail sales

WASHINGTON — Consumers, lured to malls by unusually warm weather and eager to spend their Christmas gift cards, boosted retail sales by a much larger than expected amount in January, with sales outside of autos surging at the fastest pace in six years.

The Commerce Department said Tuesday that retail sales excluding autos were up 2.2 percent in January, the best showing in this category since late 1999. With autos included, retail sales rose by 2.3 percent, the best showing in 20 months. Overall retail sales had risen by a tiny 0.4 percent in December.

The overall increase was more than double what economists had been forecasting. They attributed the strong showing in part to the mildest January in more than a century. This prompted consumers to troop to the stores to redeem the gift cards they had received in December.

Stocks soar with drop in oil prices

NEW YORK — A drop in oil prices below \$60 a barrel sent stocks soaring Tuesday, carrying the Dow Jones industrial average 136 points higher and past 11,000 for the first time in a month. A surge in retail sales added to the market's good mood.

"Oil below \$60 a barrel grabbed folks' attention," said Bob Sitko, who manages more than \$500 million as a lead portfolio manager with USAA Private Investment Management. "When the market decides to pay attention to things is a bit of Rubik's cube, but this is a big deal."

Other analysts attributed some of the rise to sheer momentum, as Wall Street initially had a muted reaction to oil's decline and the pickup in retail sales.

"It's sort of what other people think other people are doing," said Sandy Lincoln, chief market strategist, Wayne Hummer Investments. "You get this momentum buying and it could move the market pretty high, pretty quickly. [But] it could go the other way tomorrow."

The market seemed to shed completely Monday's torpor, when investors sent shares lower as they worried about new Federal Reserve chairman Ben Bernanke's remarks before Congress on Wednesday, his first appearance on Capitol Hill as Fed chairman.

Companies assist in censorship

Internet companies caught between Chinese rules and U.S. demands for free speech

Associated Press

BEIJING — Yahoo Inc., Google Inc. and other U.S. Internet companies under fire for assisting in China's censorship efforts are insisting they must obey Beijing or risk limiting access to their most promising market.

As the companies face congressional hearings in Washington on Wednesday about their role in aiding the communist regime, they are appealing to the U.S. government for help, saying no private business can resist China on its own.

Yet analysts say that even if Washington stepped in to enforce free-speech standards, perhaps by forcing U.S. companies to withdraw their Internet services or equipment from China, the impact would likely be blunted as entrepreneurs from China and other countries move in to fill the void in the rapidly growing market.

Google, Yahoo and other high-tech stalwarts like Microsoft Corp. and Cisco Systems Inc. have been steadily expanding in China, believing it will emerge as an Internet gold mine during the next decade. China already has the world's second-largest Internet population, behind the United States, with more than 100 million people online.

Yahoo already spent \$1 billion for a 40 percent stake in Alibaba.com, China's largest e-commerce site, while Google and Microsoft have been investing heavily in the country.

Meeting the demands of China's government has imposed intangible costs on U.S. Internet companies as they fend off complaints about censoring online search results and shutting down Web logs with sensitive content — actions that critics say violate American



A Tibetan man protests Google in Dharmasala, India Tuesday. Tibetans protested the launch of a censored version of the Google search engine in China.

principles.

It's been a particularly delicate balancing act for Yahoo and Google because they don't want to alienate their core U.S. audience, whose loyalty helps attract the advertising that generates most of their current profits.

Google's corporate mantra, "Don't Be Evil," lost some of its resonance last month when it started a Chinese version of its popular search engine that doesn't provide links to content deemed unacceptable by the government.

Earlier, Microsoft shut down, at Beijing's request, a popular Chinese blog that touches on sensitive topics such as press freedoms. (Microsoft has since vowed to try to still make such blogs available elsewhere in the future even if one

country bans it.)

And Yahoo is accused of providing information that led to the jailing of two of its Chinese e-mail users.

"All U.S. and international firms operating in China face the same dilemma of complying with laws that lack transparency and that can have disturbing consequences inconsistent with our own beliefs," Yahoo spokeswoman Mary Osako said in a statement in which she also sought U.S. government help.

In a statement posted on Google's online journal, senior policy counsel Andrew McLaughlin urged the U.S. government to "treat censorship as a barrier to trade" and to bring up such concerns as part of bilateral diplomatic talks.

U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice on

Tuesday took a step in the direction favored by Yahoo and Google by creating a Global Internet Freedom Task Force.

Activists complain that U.S. Internet companies have already gone beyond their legal obligations in China by selling its government the tools and providing know-how used to monitor Web use, track users and block access to foreign sites run by dissidents and human rights groups.

Julien Pain, who heads Internet research for the Paris-based press freedom group Reporters Without Borders, called on the U.S. Commerce Department to monitor the American companies' contracts with China, "to make sure they don't collaborate on these kinds of human rights abuses."

Moody's cuts Boston Scientific debt

Associated Press

BOSTON — Moody's Investors Service on Monday lowered Boston Scientific Corp.'s long-term debt ratings, citing the debt risks the medical device maker is taking on in its \$27 billion acquisition of Guidant Corp.

The move came three days after another firm, Fitch Ratings, said it expected it would downgrade Boston Scientific's debt ratings if the transaction closes without changes to its current structure.

The credit agencies have been keeping a close eye on Boston Scientific after it won a nearly two-month bidding war with Johnson & Johnson to buy Indianapolis-based Guidant and acquire its business in the fast-growing market for implantable defibrillators.

Boston Scientific expects its debt

load will grow from about \$2 billion to \$9.6 billion once the deal is completed, although the company has said it doesn't believe its debt risks would lead agencies to cut its ratings to a level below investment grade. Such a move would make it harder for Natick-based Boston Scientific to find lenders, and more expensive for it to borrow.

Moody's move lowers its rating of Boston Scientific's debt down one notch from "A3" to "Baa1" — a level that still leaves it with an investment grade rating, but at the eighth-lowest rung among 10 investment-grade rankings.

Moody's said it would keep Boston Scientific under review for another possible downgrade pending the completion of the Guidant deal, which Boston Scientific hopes to close by the end of March. If the deal closes by then without any surprises, Moody's

said it would likely cut Boston Scientific's rating another two notches, to "Baa3" — the lowest investment-grade rating, one notch above junk status on the Moody's scale.

Moody's said Monday's cut of Boston Scientific's long-term debt "is based on our belief that even if the transaction is not completed, the bid for Guidant signals management's willingness to leverage its balance sheet in a manner inconsistent with an A3 rating."

Moody's also cited concerns that a recent warning from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration about quality-control problems at Boston Scientific creates uncertainty about the company's ability to approve new products.

Moody's announced its ratings move shortly before Boston Scientific shares dipped 9 cents to close at \$21.77 on the New York Stock Exchange.

American Dada exhibit to open

National Gallery of Art will host conceptual art form for first time

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Marcel Duchamp's version of the Mona Lisa added a mustache and goatee to the Da Vinci original. Man Ray exhibited a flatiron with a row of tacks glued to the bottom.

Their work was typical of the art-as-rebellion movement they called Dada.

A challenge to both artistic and political establishments of the early 20th century, Dada flourished in New York as well as western Europe.

More than 450 Dada works are getting their first big American exhibit Sunday at the National Gallery of Art.

Dada can mean various things in various languages: "yes, yes" in Russian and Romanian, a hobby horse in French, baby talk for "daddy" in English. The name seems to have been chosen to mean nothing in particular.

Dada's first publicist, Romanian-French poet Tristan Tzara, gave a formula for writing a Dadaist poem: Choose a newspaper story of the right length, cut it up word by word, shake the words in a bag, take them out one by one and arrange them in the order they emerge.

Dada was born in the slaughter of World War I, and it did have a basic motivation: fierce and bitter contempt of the old men who sent young men to kill one another for principles that had little or no meaning to artists. Dadaists said traditional art bore much of the blame for the war, and they did their best to subvert it.

Duchamp, the most prominent of the Dadaists in New York, made both political and artistic points.

On Jan. 23, 1917, President Wilson was still trying to persuade

both sides to a "peace without victory." But the German High Command was preparing an announcement of intensified submarine war. That made it almost inevitable that the United States would join the war on the side of the western allies.

That night Duchamp, with American artist John Sloan and four friends, climbed the Washington Arch at the foot of Fifth Avenue, a Greenwich Village landmark. They took a picnic lunch, several bottles of wine, some red, white and blue balloons and a proclamation.

After drinking a certain amount of the wine and fixing the balloons to the ramparts, five of the conspirators fired off cap pistols and the sixth declaimed the proclamation. It consisted almost entirely of repetitions of the word "whereas" — a typical Dada touch — and ended with declaring Greenwich Village a free and independent state.

A little more than two months later a group of artists, with Duchamp as chairman of their board, met to consider a sculpture called "Fountain," a porcelain urinal Duchamp had bought at a plumbing supplies shop. The committee voted to reject it. Duchamp and photographer Alfred Stieglitz, another member of the board, resigned in protest.

"Fountain" became an ancestor of conceptual art, art based on a concept; found art, objects the artist has just picked up; and "ready-made" art, existing objects the artist just changed a bit, like the doctored Mona Lisa.

"Fountain" and the version of the Mona Lisa are both in the National Gallery show.

It's as if the Dadaists anticipated a quote that the Andy Warhol Foundation attributes to its founder: "Art is what you can get away with."

The exhibit includes work by Duchamp, Man Ray, Francis Picabia, Max Ernst, Hans Arp, Paul Klee and others who became famous for their work among the Dadaists and in other styles. They frequented a kind of salon in the ample apartment of Walter and Louise Arensberg, just off Central Park West. The couple kept a collection of modern art, now in the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and they set up a studio for Duchamp.

One of the habitus was the Baroness Elsa von Freytag-Loringhoven, wife of a German who was a war prisoner in France. She was a precursor of today's performance artists. The catalog for the show describes her as wearing a coal scuttle or wastebasket for a hat and clothes hung with things she found on the street or shoplifted from Woolworth's, including toys, gilded vegetables, tea balls, curtain rings and a battery light rigged as a bustle.

"I cannot figure out what Dadism is," poet Hart Crane wrote to a friend. "But if the baroness is to be a keystone for it — then I think I can possibly know when it is coming and how to avoid it."

"Dada" will be in Washington through May 14. Admission is free. Then it goes to the Museum of Modern Art in New York, May 18 to Sept. 11.

"Art is what you can get away with."

Andy Warhol late artist

'Friends' writer sues for sexual harassment

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — California's top court heard arguments Tuesday in the case of a former assistant on the hit show "Friends" who claims she was subjected to sexual harassment in writing meetings.

Citing free-speech rights, lawyers for the show's producers, Warner Bros. Television Productions, insisted that trash talk during writers' meetings was part of the creative process and, therefore, the studio and its writers not culpable.

"The writers needed to, as part of their jobs, take on taboo subject matter," Warner Bros. attorney Adam Levin told the justices.

"The writers needed to have the freedom and breathing room to explore sexual topics," he explained. "That's what the show dealt with."

The case was initiated in 2000 by Amaani Lyle, now 32. She charged that the raw sexual remarks that peppered work sessions and conversations added up to harassment against women. The state Supreme Court justices will weigh if a lower court's decision to let the case proceed to a jury trial should stand or be disallowed.

Lyle was fired almost six years ago after four months on the job, the producers citing her secretari-

al skills as cause.

Lyle's attorney, Scott Ohara Cummings, said many of the sexual vulgarities had nothing to do with the show. He said one writer drew a vagina during the meetings.

"That's an offensive thing that shouldn't be in the workplace," Cummings said.

Warner Bros. acknowledges that some, but not all, of the sexually explicit talk Lyle alleges did take place, but feels the comments were a vital part of the creative process.

Levin said Lyle had been warned when she was hired that explicit discussions were part of developing the sexually charged NBC comedy about six friends in New York.

Lyle alleged she was offended by repeated references to the actors' sex lives and to the writers' own sexual exploits. She also grew tired, she charged, of repeated profanity, talk about women's breasts and even simulated masturbation allegedly performed during script meetings.

In making the earlier ruling, a state appeals court said the writers' creative process was protected speech, but that Lyle also has a right to try to prove that the vulgarities strayed beyond that creative process and perhaps violated workplace harassment rules.

The Supreme Court has to rule within 90 days.

Nelson sings cowboy song with new tune

Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Country music outlaw Willie Nelson sang "Mamas Don't Let Your Babies Grow Up to Be Cowboys" and "My Heroes Have Always Been Cowboys" more than 25 years ago.

He released a very different sort of cowboy anthem this Valentine's Day.

"Cowboys Are Frequently, Secretly (Fond of Each Other)"

may be the first gay cowboy song by a major recording artist. But it was written long before this year's Oscar-nominated "Brokeback Mountain" made gay cowboys a hot topic.

Available exclusively through iTunes, the song features choppy Tex-Mex style guitar runs and Nelson's deadpan delivery of lines like, "What did you think all them saddles and boots was about?" and "Inside every cowboy there's a lady who'd love to slip out."

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Cheney's companion suffers heart attack

Critics call for vice president to speak on incident

Associated Press

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas — The 78-year-old lawyer wounded by Vice President Dick Cheney in a hunting accident suffered a mild heart attack Tuesday after a shotgun pellet in his chest traveled to his heart, hospital officials said.

Harry Whittington was immediately moved back to the intensive care unit and will be watched for a week to make sure more of the metal pellets do not reach other vital organs. He was reported in stable condition.

Whittington suffered a "silent heart attack" — obstructed blood flow, but without the classic heart-attack symptoms of pain and pressure, according to doctors at Christus Spohn Hospital Corpus Christi Memorial.

The doctors said they decided to treat the situation conservatively and leave the pellet alone rather than operate to remove it. They said they are highly optimistic Whittington will recover and live a healthy life with the pellet in him.

Asked whether the pellet could move farther into his heart and become fatal, hospital officials said that was a hypothetical question they could not answer.

Hospital officials said they were not concerned about the six to 200 other pieces of birdshot that might still be lodged in Whittington's body. Cheney was using 7 1/2 shot from a 28-gauge shotgun. Shotgun pellets are typically made of steel or lead; the pellets in 7 1/2 shot are just under a tenth of an inch in diameter.

Cheney watched the news conference where doctors described Whittington's complications. Then the vice president called him, wished him well and asked if there was anything that he needed.

"The vice president said that he stood ready to assist. Mr. Whittington's spirits were good, but obviously his situation deserves the careful monitoring that his doctors are providing," the vice president's office said in a statement.

Cheney, an experienced hunter, has not spoken publicly about the accident, which took place Saturday night while the vice president was aiming for a quail. Critics of the Bush administration called for more answers from Cheney himself.

Whittington has said through hospital officials that he does not want to comment on the shooting. A young man at Whittington's Austin home who identified himself as his grandson said Tuesday he did not have time to talk to a reporter and closed the door.

The furor over the accident and the White House delay in making it public are "part of the secretive nature of this administration," said Senate

Democratic Leader Harry Reid of Nevada. "I think it's time the American people heard from the vice president."

Before hospital officials announced details of Whittington's condition, the hunting accident had produced a raft of Cheney jokes on late-night television.

"I think Cheney is starting to lose it," Jay Leno said. "After he shot the guy he screamed, 'Anyone else want to call domestic wiretapping illegal?!'"

On Tuesday morning, the White House spokesman briefly joined in the merriment, joking that the orange school colors of the visiting University of Texas championship football team should not be mistaken for hunters' safety gear.

"The orange that they're wearing is not because they're concerned that the vice president may be there," press secretary Scott McClellan said. "That's why I'm wearing it."

Hospital officials said they knew that Whittington had some birdshot near his heart and that there was a chance it could move closer since scar tissue had not had time to harden and hold the pellet in place.

After Whittington developed an irregular heartbeat, doctors performed a cardiac catheterization, in which a thin, flexible tube is inserted into the heart, to diagnose his condition, said Peter Banko, the administrator at the hospital.

The shot was either touching or embedded in the heart muscle near the top chambers, called the atria, officials said. Two things resulted:

◆ It caused inflammation that pushed on the heart in a way to temporarily block blood flow, what the doctors called a "silent heart attack." This is not a traditional heart attack where an artery is blocked. They said Whittington's arteries, in fact, were healthy.

◆ It irritated the atria, caused an irregular heartbeat known as atrial fibrillation, which is not immediately life-threatening. But it must be treated because it can spur blood clots to form. Most cases can be corrected with medication.

White House physicians helped advise on the course of treatment, hospital officials said.

Texas officials said the shooting was an accident and no charges were brought against the vice president.

A Texas Parks and Wildlife Department report issued Monday said Whittington was retrieving a downed bird and stepped out of the hunting line he was sharing with Cheney. "Another covey was flushed and Cheney swung on a bird and fired, striking Whittington in the face, neck and chest at approximately 30 yards," the report said.

Public OK with school curriculum

Government calls for increased rigor, amount of math, science content

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — If improving science and math education is suddenly a national priority, someone apparently forgot to tell the parents and the students.

In a new poll, 57 percent of parents say "things are fine" with the amount of math and science being taught in their child's public school. High school parents seem particularly content — 70 percent of them say their child gets the right amount of science and math.

Students aren't too worried, either, according to the poll released Tuesday by Public Agenda, a public opinion research group that tracks education trends.

Only half of children in grades six to 12 say that understanding sciences and having strong math skills are essential for them to succeed in life after high school.

This is not what the people in charge of the country want to hear.

Congressional leaders, governors, corporate executives, top scientists — all of them have urgently called for schools to raise the rigor and amount of math and science taught in school. In his State of the Union address, President Bush made the matter a national priority.

Yet where public officials and employers see slipping production in the sciences as a threat to the nation's economy, parents and students don't share that urgency. Such a disconnect could undercut the national push for more science and math.

"There's energy and leadership at the top, but there is a task to be done in getting parents and kids to understand

some of the ideas," said Jean Johnson, executive president of Public Agenda. "You can do a lot from the top, but you can't do everything. Schools are local. The leadership needs to reach out and help the public understand the challenge."

In theory, parents and students say, more math and science education is a good thing.

For example, 62 percent of parents say it is crucial for most of today's students to learn high-level math, like advanced algebra and calculus.

The story changes, though, when parents talk specifically about their kids' schools, and when the children relay their own experiences.

Students put a lack of science and math near the bottom of problems they see at school.

They are much more worried about bad language, cheating or the pressure for good grades.

Most parents, meanwhile, say their kids are getting a better education than they did. Only 32 percent of parents say their child's school should teach more math and science.

If anything, parents are less worried about math and science these days — not more.

In 1994, 52 percent of parents considered a lack of math and science in their local schools to be a serious problem. Now, only 32 percent say the same thing. During that time, states ramped up standards and testing, which seems to have affected parents'

views.

"They are assuming schools are providing enough. That's the part that is problematic," said Susan Traiman, who oversees education and work force policy for the Business Roundtable, an association of chief executive officers from major U.S. corporations.

Her group leads a coalition of businesses that has launched a public relations campaign, hoping to give math and science the same urgency it had during the Cold War space race. But to reach parents, Traiman said,

"The leadership needs to reach out and help the public understand the challenge."

Jean Johnson
executive president
Public Agenda

local leaders must talk up the subject at community events.

"We have to get beyond talking to people who have the same mind-set of business leaders and public officials," she said.

The poll results came as the Education Depart-

ment released a study reaffirming that students who take rigorous high school courses are more likely to earn a bachelor's degree.

Making high school more challenging is a big part of Bush's agenda. Employers and college professors say huge numbers of high school graduates do not show up with enough skills.

Yet here, too, parents have quite a different perspective, the new poll finds.

A total of 69 percent say their children will finish high school with the skills needed to succeed in college, and 61 percent say their kids will be ready for the work world.

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Happy belated birthday, Darwin

In case you missed it, Sunday was the 197th birthday of Charles Darwin. In hundreds of churches across the nation fides et ratio-minded Christians gathered in a spirited, if frustrated, attempt to remind the rest of America that sound science and religion cannot be enemies (unless, of course, you claim that the creator is a liar) and that Reason is traditionally another name for Christ. As one Atlanta pastor told her listeners, "A faith that requires you to close your mind in order to believe is not much of a faith at all."

It is a startling — or perhaps troubling — fact that approximately half of all Americans will not accept the plausible and foundational principle of evolution by natural selection, no matter what argument or proof is given for it. Those rejecting this principle, though they generally give many rather childish and ignorant excuses for their reluctance — once the words monkey, skull or dinosaur have been used, you know that the argument has been lost — nonetheless float comfortably in their sea of outright contradiction merely because their opposition is religious in origin.

We should, I suppose, be grateful that this type of bizarre attitude is presently only with regard to evolution in the present day. Certainly if the attitude were, for example, to take hold in the arena of public health, it would be appropriate to panic.

You have probably figured out by now that I take a very dim view of scriptural literalism, which happens to be one of the causes of this particular problem. Augustine of Hippo was reading Genesis as a metaphor by the

fourth century. His predecessors had already taken major steps toward developing a system for weeding out inconsistent passages, which today allows us to write away Paul's misogyny and Joshua's genocide and to locate in the Bible the kernel of complementary ideas that have become Christianity. This flexible, and almost unique, attitude toward its holy books, together with an early embrace of science, is perhaps the single greatest strength of the Christian religion. In this context, I regard scriptural literalism as unthinking at best and religious suicide at worst.

I draw your attention to the issue of evolution in America because it is indicative of the growth of a particularly nasty type of thought in the modern world. This type of thought, which goes by many names, but is often referred to (somewhat confusingly) as fundamentalism, manifests itself broadly as the notion that classical Western liberalism, free speech, gender equality, specific scientific truths and/or religious tolerance, are incompatible with the tenants of a given religion and that they should consequently be eradicated.

There are both Christian and Islamic fundamentalists in the world today (whom some people have recently taken to calling Christianists and Islamists, respectively.) Each of these groups speaks with increasing strength, political power and occasionally violence. If only for this fact, the rise of fundamentalism in our world should be troubling to many.

Keeping in mind the historical Catholic understanding of the union of faith and reason, of science and theology and of the tradition of liberalism granted to empirical enquiry (Galileo being very much an anomaly), we should also realize that fundamentalist assumptions are antithetical to the core of Christian tradition that gave rise to Notre Dame. Therefore, Notre Dame must, if it is

not to be self-contradictory, be an opposition force to these assumptions.

To put it another way, the very purpose of a Catholic university is to stand as living proof that the ideals of Western scholarship, freedom and science are not incompatible with an orthodox world view, but that they two are wholly complementary. Further, the very purpose of an American Catholic university is to show, not only that the principle of Western scholarship can be married to orthodoxy, but that the principle of American liberalism, republicanism, democracy and equality can be as well.

At its very best, Notre Dame is a living model for the rest of the world, in particular those places and peoples infected with fundamentalism, that reason, freedom, equality and orthodoxy can coexist without pain, contradiction or compromise to any of them, and that, in truth, all of them are the better for this mixture. To fail to be this example to the fundamentalists, to in any way compromise the principles that glue us together in the Western tradition, is to failure in the mission of the University.

The world is watching, because Notre Dame is a unique mixture in the modern world and has a the difficult task of walking the lines others avoid because they lack the tradition, the desire or the courage to do so. It is a task that we must not fail at, because fundamentalist thought, and its rejection of our foundation, is rising, and the cost of failure — I fear — would be great.

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Lance Gallop

Tidewater Blues

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Vote solicitation went too far

In the aftermath of the recent student body election, I was greatly disappointed by the behavior of many of the candidates and their supporters. I received around six different e-mails from people supporting the various candidates. I also received four private messages on facebook. Worst of all, two of the messages on facebook came from the same person, and they each endorsed different candidates. They were also sent out within one minute of each other. This immediately invoked my suspicion.

This leads me to believe that either ad-ware software was used to produce these mass mailings remotely or that someone stole this person's password to do so. Since I know the person who "sent" the messages, I doubt he had anything to do with mailing them. These activities are highly dubious. Furthermore, the messages I received were from three of the five tickets.

That is not the whole story. There were flyers everywhere, some of them without the proper student activities authorization for display. One ticket's team even went into unlocked rooms around campus and put flyers

on people's desks. This gross disregard for personal privacy drove me away from voting for that particular candidate.

Of the five tickets, only the obvious joke ticket which did nothing to even try to win, avoided using these tactics. It is a sad statement to democracy when student government elections can not even be run without campaign improprieties. Sadly enough, this strategy works. I know a lot about each ticket because of this intrusive campaigning. So who knows what will happen? In a few years, maybe Dick Cheney will be spamming my inbox telling me to vote for him too. Well at least I'll be able to put that into my junk mail folder alongside all those herbal Viagra ads I keep getting.

God bless America.

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a little more effort, and what
seemed hopeless failure may turn
to glorious success."

Elbert Hubbard
American philosopher

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

An ideal worth striving for

One part of University President John Jenkins' address on academic freedom and Catholic character that has largely been overlooked is also one of the most challenging and consequential. Jenkins lauded the "scholarly temperament" as one of the highest ideals of the University of Notre Dame, a quality which he described as "a Socratic conviction about one's ignorance, and a corresponding willingness to entertain questions and various answers to them." He went on to note that such a temperament "demands an appreciation of the complexities in any area of reality, high standards of inquiry and inference, a reluctance to settle for the current synthesis, and a resistance to a premature closure of questions."

This should be a serious provocation to each member of our community, as it poses a far greater challenge to the character of this university than does his proposal to adopt more carefully defined limits on the sponsorship of certain events. Taken as seriously as it deserves, and as seriously as I believe it was intended, it is an invitation for us to strive to be a great university, a Catholic university and a much freer community than many of us have imagined to be possible or worth striving for.

Jenkins' words indicate a university which is intensely concerned with a thirst for a true understanding of reality in all of its dimensions and thus, one not settling for half-truths, one continually searching and questioning, one not content with any reduction of our desire to understand things and to grasp their meaning and their interrelation. To this end, Jenkins correctly insisted that, "It is the nurturing of this scholarly temperament that deserves, and indeed demands, academic freedom." That is a much firmer foundation for academic freedom than any based only on thin notions of unrestrained individual interests, because it demands of us that academic freedom be engaged in a deep, uncompromising and inexhaustible quest to comprehend the nature, significance and interconnectedness of all things.

From this perspective, merely the tolerance of diverse views on campus without any authentic engagement of our humanity in its capacity for criticism and judgment is virtually irrelevant to the mission and identity of a great university. If that is what is meant by academic freedom, it is almost trivial and much too uninteresting to the serious questions of our lives to warrant a deep commitment. In fact,

an uncritical free-for-all can be worse than insignificant, because it encourages the opposite of freedom: the subjection of our reason to the whims of intellectual fashion; sentimentalism and moralism (whether of the right or of the left); or mere inculcation upon our students of the opinions of others (and the power, money and self-interest behind them). That is why Jenkins was right to affirm that, "Our greatest contribution as intellectuals and scholars . . . consists rather in the cultivation in ourselves and in our students of this scholarly temperament in a world that is often uncomfortable with uncertainties, questions and new perspectives."

But then what is the place of Notre Dame's Catholic identity in this insistence on the freedom of our reason to reach always onward? The intellectual and moral tradition in which we are situated provides a sustained, complex and deep grappling with the mystery of human life and the universe around us, but one that is mostly ignored, and sometimes systematically excluded, from the intellectual life of most elite universities today. Notre Dame can't be a great and Catholic university without a pervasive and serious attempt to propose this tradition as an explanatory hypothesis for understanding the things that we study and teach and for ordering the way we ought to live as a community. To be very clear: in the context of study, teaching and research the Christian tradition is a proposal, not a shield from inquiry or an obstacle to knowledge, but an invitation to verify something, to test it through sincere criticism (in the original, literal sense of "separating" or "evaluating") and thus to arrive at a more mature appropriation of its value. It is an understanding of Catholic character reflective of a dynamic life, not of formal and sterile doctrine. The scholarly temperament in its encounter with tradition is an opening up of reason, not a closure of discussion. This is what I understand to be the real weight — and the attractiveness — of Jenkins' appeal.

Only against the background of those broad premises can we reasonably con-

sider the relationship between academic freedom at Notre Dame and a controversial campus event such as "The Vagina Monologues." Its sponsors' goal of raising awareness of violence against women is necessary and urgent — as Jenkins himself acknowledged. The play purports to serve this laudable end by presenting monologues of women talking about their sexual experiences, which aim to provoke us with their explicit images and language.

The issue isn't — or really shouldn't be — only that some might be shocked by the assertive use of the word "vagina" or that others find the behavior described offensive to their moral sensibilities. The more fundamental problems are, first, that the aggressively ideological manner in which it is

pushed as a piece of advocacy, including its ritualistic regularity every year, does not remotely foster the ideal of deep inquiry and critical reflection characteristic of the scholarly temperament, but rather blatantly undermines it.

And second, in substance the play seems to reduce the meaning and value of women's lives to their sexual experiences and organs, reinforcing a perspective on the human person that is itself fundamentally a form of violence. In its radically reduced understanding of and love for human dignity in all its richness, the play thus shares the same root as every violation of human rights, including in particular the many grave violations of the human rights of women throughout the world today.

The problem of academic freedom in this case therefore has to do not simply with the presence of the play on campus, but more with the failure to take it up and understand it in any seriously critical way, especially in a manner that might expose and question its violent reduction of the person through a vigorous, genuine engagement of the Christian intellectual and moral tradition. That tradition proposes to us instead that the immeasurable worth of the human person is rooted in our direct and total dependence on God, evident to us through the mystery of the Word made flesh. Only in this relationship of my "I" with that infinite "You"

can my freedom be assured in every circumstance and from every injustice, power or ideology. The event of that encounter is what gave birth to this University, named after the woman who lived her freedom and dignity more fully than anyone else in all of history. This is the history that Jenkins is asking us to remember and to make a vital part of Notre Dame's character today, so that we might seek a true education of our hearts and minds in the fullest possible freedom.

Which is the more ambitious, more demanding and more exalted view of academic freedom, education and research: one that is satisfied with a complacent welcoming of every diminished or demeaning view of our rationality and our humanity that may be given by the prevailing conventions of the world; or one that insists uncompromisingly on the scholarly temperament and urges us not to settle for anything that fails to correspond adequately to the ultimate value and meaning of our lives?

The greatness and promise of the University of Notre Dame consists in striving toward the latter as its goal. It pushes our research to be both broader and deeper. It impels our teaching to be more dedicated to the good of our students in friendship rather than giving in to boredom or the temptation to indoctrination. It urges students always to look for reasons and to remain open to those answers that can more fully satisfy their deepest yearnings for truth, justice, beauty and happiness.

Because so much more is at stake here than in many conventional platitudes about academic freedom, the core of Jenkins' vision proposes a heightening of the dramatic meaning of freedom for this community and for higher education in general, not a restriction of it. Of course, resolution of the practical implications of this vision will certainly not be without some missteps or controversy, because the risks of human judgment and thus the limitations of human frailty are necessarily in play.

But this vision does provide a tension toward (as in "tending to" or "reaching out to") an ideal that makes it possible to start again every day, despite every mistake or disagreement. It is a challenge to us as scholars, teachers and students — a challenge that can make Notre Dame truly worth dedicating ourselves to with passion and expectation.

Paolo Carrozza
associate professor of law
Feb. 14

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The nature of 'Catholic character'

Notre Dame history professor Brad Gregory finds that his academic freedom has been enhanced by a move from Stanford University to Notre Dame. Philosophy professor John O'Callaghan reminds his colleague professor Fritz Warfield that while the Department of Philosophy at Notre Dame can host an annual meeting of the American Catholic Philosophical Association, providing the necessary facilities for daily mass, etc., our sister department at the University of Michigan does not enjoy such freedom.

I honestly mean no offense to anyone when I say that Gregory and O'Callaghan are exactly right about something. Gregory is freer to do many of the things he wants to do as a professor at Notre Dame. O'Callaghan enjoys the prospect of return visits to campus by the American Catholic Philosophical Association.

But just where's the scoreboard keeping tally in the all-out contest among the Sweet Sixteen contenders for the title of "the freest university of them all?" Does anyone know how to keep score in this game? Is this game worth the candle? Does this

issue help us promote both academic freedom and Catholic character at Notre Dame? The discussion about academic freedom and Catholic character is not about who's number one.

It's got to focus on Catholic character, because I think most consenting adults understand that the best way to destroy honesty, trust and friendship in an academic community is to bestow more academic freedom on the defenders of a particular position than is granted its critics. Academic freedom ought to be a no-brainer. But Catholic character? Sounds like a topic for a 400-level course to me.

But we've got to get a few things straight before we think about a syllabus for that course. Since we all share a moral obligation to be as intelligent as possible, we must all understand this course will not be Marketing 401. We're not talking about the University as a brand; we're not thinking about the logo or which actors' names can run above the title.

To the extent that this issue merits all the attention it's getting, "Catholic character" must refer to the quality of a Notre Dame education, specifically — since no one argues that "The Vagina

Monologues" or the [former] Queer Film Festival are vehicles for increasing familiarity with traditional Catholicism or the doctrines of the Church — the quality of moral education at this University, and, most particularly, moral education about sexuality. Presumably the official Catholic view on sexual morality is not trivially true, a matter of obvious first principles; principles never to be disputed nor proved. But if that teaching has the status of a theorem cluster, complex propositions following reasonably from first principles, then as it is the business of some to use every possible means to prove that theorem cluster, it must be the business of others to contest it, by all reasonable means, including those appealing powerfully to the emotions. That, I propose, is what "Catholic character" requires at a university.

A disputable point, I hope.

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MOVIE REVIEWS

Uneven thriller bolstered by Pierce Brosnan

By GARY HOTZE
Scene Critic

Seeing a film starring Pierce Brosnan as a hit man has certain expectations that come with it. But rest assured "The Matador," directed and written by Richard Shephard, will meet none of them — and that's not necessarily a bad thing.

While it fails at being a real thriller — as many of the previews suggested it would be — it does succeed, at least partially, as a satirical dark comedy. In the end, "The Matador" is an ironic buddy flick and comedy-drama. Ultimately, it's really the story of the strange friendship that arises from a happenstance meeting in a Mexico City bar.

Brosnan and Greg Kinnear play the two unlikely associates. Julian Noble (Brosnan) is a far-from-noble hit man whose aging career is often marked with frequent intoxication and sexual engagements with prostitutes and young women. Danny Wright (Kinnear) is a morally straight-laced fellow who married his high-school sweetheart. At the film's start, Danny has fallen into financial trouble and is trying to

find a way out.

Each man finds himself in Mexico City in pursuit of career opportunities. For Julian, it's a corporately motivated big hit from his handler, Mr. Randy (Phillip Baker Hall). For Danny, it's a last-ditch effort to land a deal with a Mexican firm that will solve his financial troubles. Their chance meeting at first goes awry as a crassly drunken Julian makes a joke out of the situation that killed Danny's son.

Complications arise in Danny's deal, which leaves him stranded in the hotel a couple more days. This is enough time for Julian — suddenly lonely after he realizes it's his birthday — to seek redemption and friendship. He takes Danny to the bullfights and confides in him with his unseemly occupation, dubbing himself a "facilitator of fatalities." Julian must of course prove this to Danny, and it is only a

matter of time before Julian asks Danny to help as partner of sorts. The ensuing interplay between the two men drives most of the narrative.

But the motion doesn't last long. The story stalls quite often. While

the exchanges between these two characters provide a lot of quirky dark comedy, towards the latter half of the film, scenes slowly grow more



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Danny Wright (Greg Kinnear), left, and Julian Noble (Pierce Brosnan) form an unlikely friendship in Richard Shepard's comedy-drama-thriller "The Matador."

dialogue-heavy. The thriller aspect of the film never really takes hold. "The Matador" in no way seems to know where it is going, which kills the film's momentum toward the end.

The performances by Brosnan and Hope Davis — as Danny's devoted wife, Bean — keep the flawed movie from completely submerging before arriving at a disordered destination following a somewhat lackluster finale.

For this and its many other flaws, "The Matador" is a good but not great film. But it is easily Brosnan's best performance to date. He strikes a note

as the margarita-soaked and ever-aging hit man, in contrast to his drab performance in the lackluster "After the Sunset."

And if nothing else, no one who has seen "The Matador" will ever view Brosnan, the former debonair James Bond, the same way again. He provides one of the few truly classic moments in the film — the sight of him as he prances through a busy hotel lobby, grasping a beer and clad only in a black Speedo and boots, is unforgettable.

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Director: Richard Shepard
Writer: Richard Shepard
Starring: Pierce Brosnan, Greg Kinnear, Hope Davis and Philip Baker Hall

Timeless message drives 'Glory Road'

By COURTNEY WILSON
Scene Critic

These days, it is unlikely that anyone would question the talent, influence or place of black athletes in competitive basketball. In the 1960s, however, small-minded and racist thinking was still commonplace.

While "Glory Road" replicates the same predictable formula as previous Disney sports movies, its message resonates nonetheless.

"Glory Road" tells the story of how Coach Don Haskins (Josh Lucas) made basketball history by turning around Texas Western University's (Texas University at El Paso) program by changing the makeup of the school's basketball team. He eventually played an all-black starting lineup in the NCAA Championship in 1966 against a white Kentucky team. Haskins, after leaving his job as a girl's high school basketball coach, is determined to make a winning team despite the lack of name recognition needed to recruit top players.

Desperate, but nonetheless keeping an open mind, Haskins recruits a team full of black players who, based solely on color, are unwanted by other colleges.

Facing opposition from all sides, Lucas plays Haskins' fierce yet controlled character impressively. Haskins is tough on his players, demanding discipline both on and off

the court. Hostile opposition from crowds and local racists are set off by Haskins' stern and unwavering father-like image and powerful locker room speeches. What the movie fails to make clear, however, is whether or not Haskins is working to make a statement by pushing his black athletes to the forefront, or whether his actions were merely a coincidental way to win basketball games. Audiences will have to assume both if they are emotionally invested in the story. Whether he did so or not, his place in basketball history will forever be respected.

Haskins and his team are forced to overcome all of the obstacles that come with an integrated team traveling through racist southern cities in the 1960s. The film depicts little violence on the actual campus of Texas Western, saving its most dramatic scenes for the hatred and humiliation faced on the road.

Of course, it would be almost impossible not to compare "Glory Road" to numerous other Disney sports movies, most obviously "Remember the

Titans." Recall the story of a black coach who integrates a high school football team. While some points in the movie are predictable and obviously formulated, there is one important difference. "Remember the Titans," unlike its basketball counterpart, focuses mainly on the relationship between the black and white players.



Director: James Gartner
Writer: Christopher Cleveland
Starring: Josh Lucas, Derek Luke, Mehcad Brooks and Emily Deschanel



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Don Haskins (Josh Lucas) is the head coach of the Texas Western basketball team during the 1960s in James Gartner's "Glory Road," based on a true story.

"Glory Road," however, focuses largely on the success and emotion of each game on the road to the championship. For this reason, it might be assumed that the plot is aimed at a younger, more sports-enthused audience. But the story is no less inspirational.

The best part of the movie comes at the very end, during the credits, with a tribute to Haskins and the entire 1966 Texas Miners team. Clips from the real game and a synopsis of each

player's continued success are encouraging.

Now more than ever, the inspiring story of Texas Western University's team and its 1966 NCAA Championship will continue to be recognized as the most influential game in college basketball history. If nothing else, watch "Glory Road" for its uplifting spirit and positive message.

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By SEAN SWEANY
Scene Writer

As the Olympic Games at Torino kick into high gear this week, headlines are filling quickly with updates from the Italian Alps.

For some, the abundance of coverage is pure bliss, but others actively look forward to the closing ceremonies of the cold-weather sports. The magic of Hollywood can provide a simple alternative for both those awaiting the next piece of coverage and for anyone hoping for warmer weather. Various films use the competitive zeal of the winter Olympics as a backdrop, but only a select handful appear ageless and continue to enthral audiences regardless of the season.

D2: The Mighty Ducks (1994)

Quack. Quack. Quack. This popular chant, made famous by the first "Mighty Ducks" movie, echoes the same goofy sentimentality in this second film of the Disney franchise.

Emilio Estevez returns as Gordon Bombay, a minor league hockey hopeful who must return to coach the Minnesota Mighty Ducks after suffering an injury. The Ducks are invited to a teenage version of the Olympics — the Junior Goodwill Games — in Los Angeles, Calif.

Branded as Team USA, the group is quickly overwhelmed with the hype and glamour of Los Angeles. Much like the first film, both the coach and the team lose focus before rallying around each other at the end of the movie to beat the bigger and meaner Iceland squad.

There are many reasons why this should be a bad film. The plot is predictable and laughable, the acting ranges between the B-grade talents of Emilio Estevez and Joshua Jackson ("Dawson's Creek") and the hockey presented in the movie is horribly fake. Nevertheless, "D2" has found a deserved place in the hearts of many viewers.

As expected with a Disney film, the message is positive and conveyed in an interesting format. Any youth aspiring to play hockey is undoubtedly aware of the "Knucklepuck" and "The Flying V," two moves immortalized in the "Mighty Ducks" series.

Additionally, the dramatic theme song helps make the movie memorable, especially during the final shootout scene, when the Ducks win victory over

Iceland wearing the same uniforms the NHL's Anaheim Mighty Ducks wear.

While cheesy and simple, "D2: The Mighty Ducks" is a film that resonates and recalls childhood. Tied to the Olympics at least somewhat, it is a film worth viewing to get in the spirit of international hockey competition.

Cool Runnings (1993)

"Cool Runnings" falls in the same genre as "D2" — another feel-good, inspirational family movie from Disney. Inspired by a true story, the film relates the trials of the 1988 Jamaican bobsled team, which struggled against the odds to simply train and compete in the Winter Olympics at Calgary.

The story begins with Jamaican track runner Derice Bannock (Leon Robinson, "Oz"), who falls victim to an accidental tripping incident, disqualifying him from representing the Jamaican team at the Olympics.

In his desire to compete, Bannock decides to organize a bobsled team since one does not exist in Jamaica. In spite of the fact that there is no snow in Jamaica and little time remains before the Olympics, he fields three other men for a team and finds a coach in Irving Blitzer (John Candy, "Home Alone").

Publicly disgraced when he had a gold medal taken away for cheating, Blitzer is another misfit who joins the group. Thanks to the acting of Candy and the other members of the bobsled team, there is enough comedy to carry the movie through to its completion.

The team faces much hardship and scrutiny from outsiders because of its appearance and actions once at the Olympics. Their looks, reggae music and unconventional style draw derision and make them stick out like sore thumbs in the cold weather of Canada — until they begin to perform well and amaze the world.

This is an entertaining movie that accomplishes what it sets out to do — tell a story about personal courage in a fun, lighthearted manner. The late Candy turns in an emotional, inspired performance that highlights his diversity as an actor.

The various bobsled scenes provide enjoyable action, including a funny run

down the hills of Jamaica. "Cool Runnings" is another enjoyable Winter Olympics movie that tells of the unending perseverance of the human heart.

Miracle (2004)

The 1980 "Miracle on Ice" — the U.S. men's hockey victory over Russia — is documented in the film "Miracle." The movie stars Kurt Russell ("Backdraft") as Herb Brooks, the legendary coach of the team of college players against the Russian juggernaut at the Lake Placid Olympic games. During the Cold War, when the threat of a possible nuclear showdown between the United States and Russia loomed overhead, the world watched as the two countries battled on the ice.

This excellent film manages to capture the mood of the time while detailing the training and play of the Olympic team. The scenario of a young team facing a perennial powerhouse and winning is the inspiration for many sports movies, including the Mighty Ducks series, but this version is the precedent from which the other movies draw their ideas.

The hockey in "Miracle" is real, as director Gavin O'Connor cast actual hockey players as his actors. Unique cameras and microphones were used in production to capture the sights and sounds of the hockey scenes filmed for the movie. This credibility makes the movie enjoyable for serious hockey fans and those looking for a relaxing watch.

As the Americans make their way through the Olympics, coming from behind to beat every team they play, the showdown with Russia in the semi-finals takes the world stage.

Russell turns in a spectacular performance as a stern, caring, plaid-wearing head coach who must lead his team to victory amidst many distractions.

The historic game against Russia is tense and exciting, capped with the famous Al Michaels question at the final buzzer, "Do you believe in miracles? Yes!"

Overall, "Miracle" is well done and presents both the spirit of Olympic competition and a feel-good success story.

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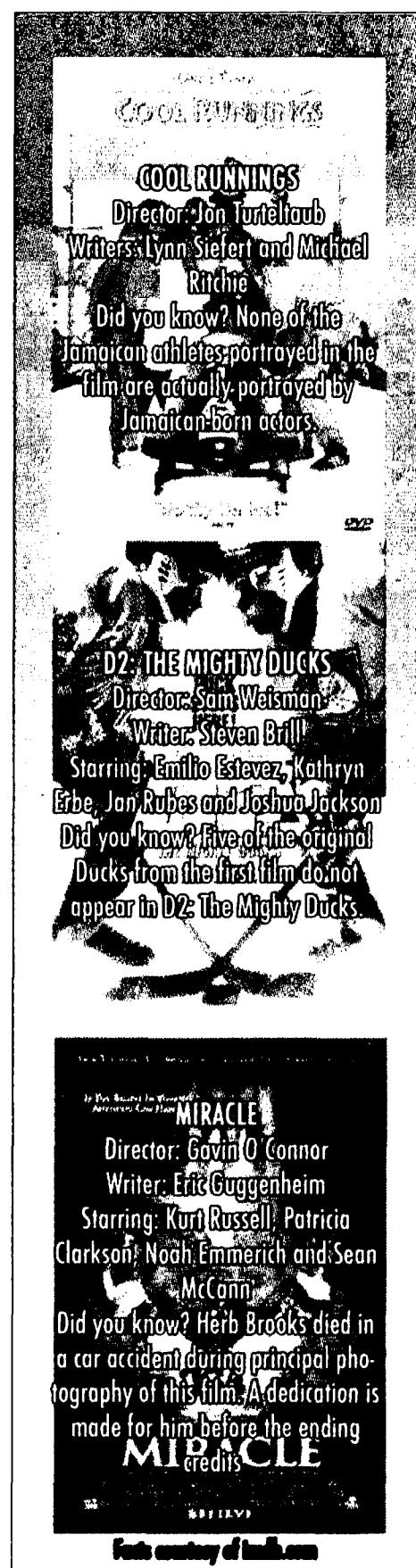


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"D2: The Mighty Ducks," the highly successful sequel to "The Mighty Ducks," follows the USA hockey team as it competes in the Junior Goodwill Games.



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Herb Brooks (Kurt Russell), center, sketches a play in 2004's "Miracle." The film follows the underdog 1980 gold medal U.S. Olympic hockey team.

DPAC SPOTLIGHT

Not quite saved, but still good enough

By TOPHER MAHONEY
Scene Critic

Alice Wu's "Saving Face," one of the movies in last week's "Gay and Lesbian Film: Filmmakers, Narratives, Spectatorships" series, takes a look at the intersecting lives of Chinese Americans living in New York City.

Written and directed by first-timer Wu, "Saving Face" mainly follows the story of a young lady named Wil, a surgery resident who falls in love with Vivian, a ballet dancer. Vivian is also the daughter of the chief of surgery at Wil's hospital. This spurs Wil to keep the illicit relationship secret from her extremely tightly knit, traditional and conservative Chinese community.

In a concurrent plot line, Wil's middle-aged widowed mother becomes pregnant and refuses to reveal the father's identity. This leads Wil's grandfather to disown her unless she can find a husband. With no place to go, Wil's mother moves in with Wil, and hijinks ensue.

Alice Wu's script keeps things bouncy throughout by mixing different plots. The film is part mystery (who is the baby's father?) and part romance with sort of an unfamiliar, foreign aspect.

The Chinese immigrant milieu nevertheless is set in the every-city, New York.

"Saving Face" is also a coming-of-age story. But the direction tends to be unimaginative and of little consequence.

Wil's mother is the most interesting character. She's a hypocrite. As a victim of love's mischance, which brings shame upon her family, Wil's mother should understand Wil's predicament as a fellow community outsider. But her only response to Wil's sexual orientation is to ignore it — thus perpetuating the unspoken hostile attitude towards Wil's sexuality.

Wil's mother also starts the film as someone who's never really set foot outside her Chinese immigrant neighborhood. She has never lived by herself. She has race anxieties, and, most importantly, she's never dated before, complicating

her urgent search for a husband. But Vivian and Wil make a fairly uninteresting pair. Wil is the wide-eyed novice in the rites of love. She never leaves that gee-whiz act behind, nor does Wil's love ever get complicated, which means the possibility for conflict remains unexplored.

As a simply drawn polar opposite, Vivian seems to just breeze in out of nowhere, already certain of her attrac-



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Alice Wu's "Saving Face," a film about being a lesbian Chinese-American, was screened this past weekend as part of the gay and lesbian film screenings.

tion to Wil and of Wil's attraction to her. Equally uncomplicated is their falling-out — it just sort of happens.

The time they spend during the relationship is insignificant. As a romantic plot, it almost falls secondary to the subplot involving Wil's mother's dating habits. Wil, for a surgery resident, seems to have both an unusual amount of time on her hands.

Also implausible is the large amount of energy she seems willing to expend on things that a closeted lesbian would find pointless, such as weekly dances at the Chinese social club, which functions as a stand-in for the stereotypically conservative Chinese community as a

whole. Both of them have their own versions of generic young Asian-American parental issues, the perennial fodder for drama in films of this sort.

But that might be the rub. This is a film that was featured in the gay and lesbian film event. Normalization of the relationship between Vivian and Wil to the point at which it felt dull and familiar was probably an ideological victory in of itself.

Either that, or Wu was afraid to push buttons in what was clearly intended to be a mainstream romantic movie.

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DVD REVIEW

Hard-hitting boxing film comes to DVD

By MOLLY GRIFFIN
Assistant Scene Editor

Much like the inspiration for its title, "Cinderella Man" is a familiar story. It explores the common sports film cliché of the underdog triumphing over seemingly insurmountable odds to find victory.

While it doesn't necessarily add anything new to the genre, it is an entertaining movie. It has a great cast and an intriguing real-life story, and in spite of some overly sentimental moments, it emerges as an engaging movie.

"Cinderella Man" follows Jim Braddock (Russell Crowe), a once successful boxer whose career suffers due to injuries and the onset of the Great Depression. He and his wife Mae (Renee Zellweger) must cope with the encroachment of poverty, and Jim must deal with being unable to box the way he used to. Through some hard work and lucky breaks, Jim — with the help and support of Joe Gould (Paul Giamatti), his manager — reclaims his boxing career. He faces his greatest challenge, both as a boxer and a family man, when he is called to face heavyweight champion Max Baer (Craig Bierko), who has built an imposing reputation for previously killing a man in the ring.

The movie is based on a true story, and as far as biographies goes, it does a good job of selecting the most salient part of Jim Braddock's life in terms of interest. While the subject matter itself is interesting, director Ron Howard paces the film too slowly and it would have benefited from some trimming.

The greatest strength of "Cinderella Man" is its high-caliber cast, and the actors all do a fantastic job with their respective parts. Crowe is a convincing actor both on and off the canvas, and he is particularly effective at portraying both the pain and resilience of boxing through just his expressions and physical movements.

While Zellweger isn't given a great deal to work with and has a number of painfully cheesy lines in the film, she does a good job playing the equally nervous and supportive wife of a boxer. Giamatti's character, like Zellweger's, isn't particularly meaty, but he does a great job as a supportive manager and friend.

The boxing scenes are extremely well choreographed and gut-wrenchingly effective in portraying the sheer physical pain of boxing.

Scenes outside of the boxing realm suffer, mostly because of the heavy-handed sentimentality that pervades them. Not all of the scenes are overly emotional, but a few, such as when Mae tells Jim that he is "the champion of my heart," are cringe-worthy.

The extras included on the DVD focus primarily on the historical background of the film and its production. The short featurette entitled

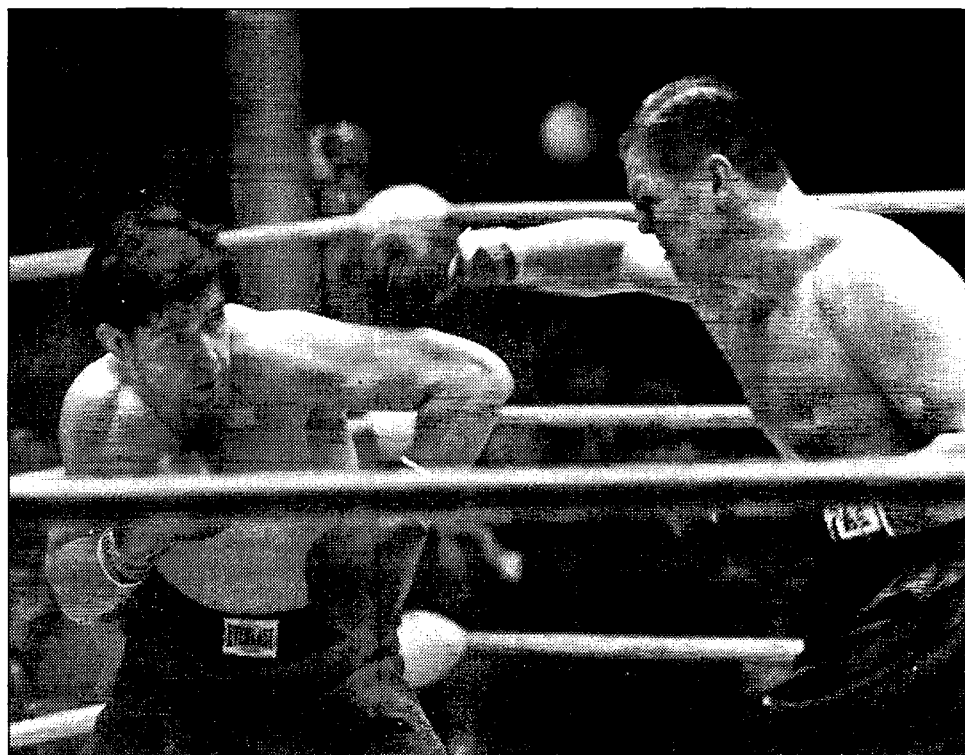


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Jim Braddock (Russell Crowe), left, is the subject of Ron Howard's "Cinderella Man," a film about the former Heavyweight Champion who overcame the odds.

"Ringside Seats" provides historical footage from the Braddock-Baer fight in 1935, and "Friends and Family Behind the Legend" features interviews with people who knew Braddock. "For the Record: A History in Boxing" provides a look at the accuracy of the boxing scenes in the film.

There are also a number of deleted scenes that come with optional commentary from Howard, as well as a short featurette entitled "A Filmmaking Journey," which chronicles how the film itself was made. The featurette "The

Fight Card" details how the cast got involved with the movie.

"Cinderella Man" is far from perfect, but much like the film's protagonist, it manages to overcome its difficulties with determination and persistence. While it is a familiar story, the great cast and loving direction of Howard make it an enjoyable experience, and the extras add historical context to an already strong film.

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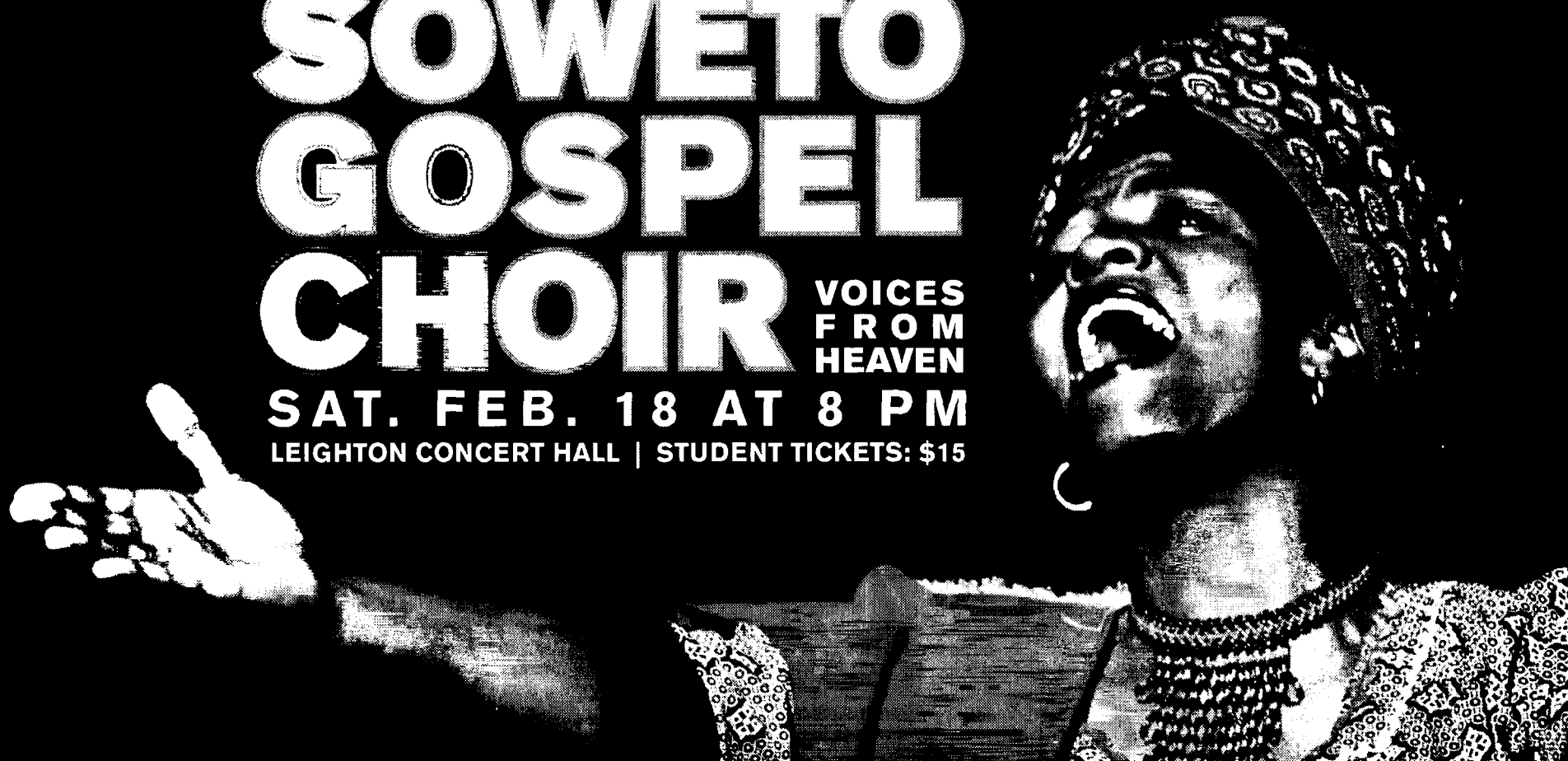
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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Seton Hall drops No. 11 West Virginia in win

Duke's Redick eclipses NCAA career 3-point record in blowout win

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — What 42-point loss?

The Seton Hall players had trouble remembering what happened last Saturday against top-ranked Connecticut after their 71-64 victory over No. 11 West Virginia on Tuesday night.

"That's the type of team we are," Pirates center Grant Billmeier said. "We weren't going to sit around and feel bad. We had a chance against another Top 25 team and we took advantage of it."

Kelly Whitney had 21 points and 12 rebounds and Brian Laing added a career-high 19 points for the Pirates (16-7, 7-4 Big East), who had won six straight before the 99-57 loss to Connecticut last weekend.

"We weren't going to let one game make us forget we had won six in a row," Laing said. "This was another big game and now, this one is even bigger."

Kevin Pittsnogle had 24 points for the Mountaineers (18-6, 9-2), who had won four of five and host Connecticut on Saturday.

"We're all trying to get as many wins as possible and they took a major step with the win tonight," West Virginia coach John Beilein said. "I thought they played tremendous defense on us. We couldn't make shots the way we normally do."

Seton Hall entered the game last in the Big East in shooting percentage (41.7), but the Pirates shredded the Mountaineers inside, scoring 44 points in the paint. Seton Hall shot 49.1 percent (27-for-55) for the game, a number even more impressive since the Pirates went 2-for-15 from 3-point range in beating West Virginia for the fourth straight time at Continental Airlines Arena.

The Pirates' starting frontline was 18-for-25 from the field with Whitney going 6-for-10, Laing 8-for-11 and Billmeier 4-for-4.

West Virginia entered the game 15th in the 16-team Big East in field goal percentage defense (43.9) and Seton Hall certainly took advantage.

"Going inside was something we focused on the last two days in practice," Whitney said. "I felt like I let the team down against Connecticut and my teammates got me the ball inside as much as possible tonight and this bounce back was huge."

The Pirates opened the second half with an 11-3 run to go up 48-34 on a free throw by

Whitney with 14:22 to play.

The Mountaineers were down 50-38 when they finally started hitting 3-pointers. Pittsnogle had two 3s and Darris Nichols had one in an 11-4 run that brought them within 54-49 with 9:20 to play.

Laing, whose previous best was 15 points this season against Marist, then started a 7-2 run with an alley-oop dunk and capped it with a 3 with 3 seconds left on the shot clock, making it 61-51 with 6:02 to go.

"I was just being aggressive and got open shots so I stepped up and made them," Laing said. "We're really doing well and we got another big win against a ranked team."

West Virginia cut the lead to six points four times but the Pirates answered each time. Pittsnogle's 3 with 7.7 seconds left made it 69-64 and Whitney made two free throws with 1.5 seconds left.

The Mountaineers finished 8-for-32 from 3-point range and shot 37.7 percent overall (23-for-61). They are second in the NCAA, averaging 10 3s per game.

"We know that they're going to play good defense. We call it the New Jersey defense, the strong, tough defense," Beilein said. "We knew that they were going to play that way."

It was the fifth time this season, and the second in the last 19 games, that Laing reached double figures and the third time this season Billmeier had 10 or more. Seton Hall is 3-3 this season against ranked teams, having beaten Syracuse and North Carolina State on the road.

"In order for us to be consistently good, we have to defend and rebound. Then we can take the game to another level," Seton Hall coach Louis Orr said. "UConn was just one loss. We don't give up 99 points in a game. That isn't what we do. There's a song that says 'I fall down, I get back up.' Well, we might have fallen down, but we got back up. This team doesn't quit. I've never coached any team like this."

This was West Virginia's third straight game on the road. The Mountaineers lost at Pittsburgh and beat Georgetown in their previous two games.

Duke 93, Wake Forest 70

J.J. Redick needed two 3-pointers to break the NCAA career record. For the top scorer in Division I, it wasn't much of a challenge.

The Duke senior made those necessary shots and added two more on his way to 33 points, helping the second-ranked Blue Devils run away from Wake Forest Tuesday night to remain

undefeated in the Atlantic Coast Conference.

Freshman Josh McRoberts had 12 of his 16 points in the first half and Sheldon Williams also scored 16 for Duke (24-1, 12-0 ACC), which is in position to reclaim the No. 1 ranking in The Associated Press poll next week following Connecticut's loss to Villanova on Monday night. Of course, the Blue Devils still must beat Miami later this week.

The Demon Deacons (13-12, 1-10) lost their seventh conference game in a row. Justin Gray led them with 18 points, while Eric Williams added 17 points and 13 rebounds.

The story of this game was Redick. He got two 3-pointers in the first 12 1/2 minutes to give him 414 for his career to pass the mark previously held by Curtis Staples, who had 413 at Virginia from 1994-98. Staples was in attendance and presented Redick with a game ball in a ceremony following the game.

Redick's first long-range shot came nearly 7 minutes after the opening tip-off, when he burned defender Cameron Stanley with a step-back jumper. The next trip, Redick lofted a perfect lob pass to McRoberts for a dunk, and added another assist on the ensuing possession when the duo hooked up again for another jam by McRoberts.

The second one led to a three-point play, and Sean Dockery stepped out beyond the arc a few seconds later to give Duke a 26-11 lead. It was an 11-point game a few minutes later when Redick got the record.

Using a screen by Lee Melchionni to lose Justin Gray, he took a pass from DeMarcus Nelson for an open catch-and-shoot from the wing. The ball swished through, setting off a raucous celebration by the Cameron Crazies.

Redick wasn't done yet. He went to the other end and got a steal, which led to a three-point play and a 34-17 advantage. He had to sit through a media timeout before converting his free throw, and when he returned to the line, the crowd chanted, "All-time leader!" as his record was announced.

He didn't acknowledge the applause but did take time to accept congratulations from Dockery and Nelson. The free throw was a mere formality for Redick, and he finished the first half with 18 points.

Even better, Redick passed Virginia's Bryant Stith for fourth on the ACC career scoring list, and he remained on pace to pass Dickie Hemric at the top of the list. He had 2,587 for Wake Forest, and Redick now trails by 60 points with five games remaining in the regular season.



Duke guard Josh McRoberts dunks in the Blue Devils' 93-70 drubbing of Wake Forest Tuesday.

The Blue Devils led by 14 at the break before Wake Forest briefly rallied. A tip-in by Kevin Swinton made it 54-43 before Duke responded with a 12-2 run — completed with a layup from Redick — and the Deacons never recovered.

Memphis 80, Southern Miss 41

Rodney Carney scored 15 points and Kareem Cooper had 13 points and 13 rebounds to help No. 3 Memphis rout Southern Mississippi on Tuesday night for its 12th straight victory.

Darius Washington and Shawne Williams had 11 points each for Memphis (23-2, 9-0 Conference USA), and Robert Dozier finished with 10 points, hitting all three of his shots from the field and all four free throws.

Courtney Beasley scored 15 points for Southern Mississippi (8-17, 2-8) and David Cornwell added 10. The Golden Eagles shot 28 percent in losing for the eighth time in their last nine games.

Memphis led 34-10 at the half, the lowest total for a Memphis opponent in a half this season. The Golden Eagles scored two points in the first 10 minutes and failed to score in the final 7 minutes.

With Tigers defenders denying passes and pressuring the ball, Southern Mississippi shot 15 percent from the field in the first half and had 13 turnovers.

Memphis had its own problems in the half, committing nine turnovers and missing 10 of its first 13 shots. That hindered the Tigers from building the lead to double digits until midway through the half. Memphis scored the last 15 points of the half.

Things just didn't get better for

Southern Mississippi in the second half, with Memphis using a 14-3 run to make it 57-21.

Texas 90, Baylor 63

Inside and out, No. 6 Texas had everything working against Baylor on Tuesday night.

LaMarcus Aldridge scored 23 points and grabbed 12 rebounds and Texas coasted past Baylor, continuing what has been an easy run through most of the Big 12 schedule.

P.J. Tucker scored 21 points and Brad Buckman had 12 points and 11 boards for the Longhorns (22-3, 10-1 Big 12), who are off to their best start in conference play.

The Longhorns have hardly been challenged at home in the Big 12 this season, winning six league games by an average of 25 points. Texas has a one-game lead over Kansas, with the Jayhawks coming to Austin on Feb. 25.

"We know it's near the end of the Big 12 and these are the games that really count for us," Tucker said. "These are the games you've got to go out and have the killer mentality."

Aaron Bruce scored 15 to lead Baylor (2-9, 2-9), which has lost 17 in a row against Texas.

The last time Texas and Baylor met, Daniel Gibson dominated Baylor with a career-high 37 points in a 66-47 win, picking up the Longhorns with nine 3-pointers against a zone defense packed in under the basket.

He didn't need to do it again. Tucker, Buckman and Aldridge scored almost at will as Texas built a 24-point lead by halftime. Tucker had 12 points by halftime after being held to just two points — on his last shot in the final seconds — in the first meeting.

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There is no theory of evolution, just a list of creatures Chuck Norris allows to live.

Jordan, you deserve the University an apology for your weekend.

Michael Maus is bad at floorhockey.

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NBA Standings

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	pct.	GB
New Jersey	27-22	.551	-
Philadelphia	24-26	.480	3.5
Boston	20-31	.392	8
Toronto	20-32	.385	8.5
New York	14-37	.275	14

Eastern Conference, Central Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Detroit	41-9	.820	-
Cleveland	30-21	.588	11.5
Indiana	25-23	.521	15
Milwaukee	26-24	.520	15
Chicago	22-28	.440	19

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Miami	31-20	.608	-
Washington	26-24	.520	4.5
Orlando	19-30	.388	11
Atlanta	15-34	.306	15
Charlotte	14-39	.264	18

Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Denver	28-25	.528	-
Utah	25-27	.481	2.5
Minnesota	22-29	.431	5
Seattle	20-31	.392	7
Portland	18-32	.360	8.5

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Phoenix	33-17	.660	-
LA Clippers	30-19	.612	2.5
LA Lakers	26-25	.510	7.5
Golden State	23-28	.451	10.5
Sacramento	23-28	.451	10.5

Western Conference, Southwest Division

team	record	pct.	GB
San Antonio	40-11	.784	-
Dallas	40-11	.784	-
New Orleans	28-23	.549	12
Memphis	28-23	.549	12
Houston	21-30	.412	19

Men's College Basketball Big East Conference

team	conf.	overall	pct.
Villanova	10-1	20-2	.909
West Virginia	9-1	18-5	.783
Connecticut	9-2	22-2	.917
Georgetown	8-3	17-5	.773
Pittsburgh	8-3	19-3	.864
Seton Hall	6-4	15-7	.682
Marquette	6-5	15-9	.625
Syracuse	5-5	17-7	.708
Cincinnati	5-6	16-9	.640
Providence	4-6	11-10	.524
Rutgers	4-7	14-10	.583
Louisville	4-7	16-8	.667
St. John's	3-8	10-12	.455
NOTRE DAME	2-8	11-10	.524
DePaul	2-9	9-13	.409
South Florida	0-10	6-17	.261

WINTER OLYMPICS - TURIN



American teammates mob Ted Ligety, center, after Ligety won the gold medal Tuesday in the Men's Combined at the Turin 2006 Winter Olympic Games in Sestriere Colle, Italy.

Ligety shocks Alpine field to capture gold

Associated Press

SESTRIERE, Italy — Not that long ago, Ted Ligety was everything Bode Miller is not: unknown, unsponsored, unaccomplished.

Now, thanks both to his own clean, aggressive skiing and errors by Miller and other favorites, Ligety is an Olympic champion.

Miller still is not. "It's great to be where I am," the 21-year-old Ligety said, his voice hoarse, "but it's unexpected, that's for sure."

Never before a competitor at a Winter Games,

never before a winner of any major race, Ligety produced two spectacular slalom runs to pull out the combined event Tuesday night, only the fourth time in Olympic history an American man has collected a gold medal in Alpine skiing.

A few hours before, it appeared Miller might win that medal. Fastest in the downhill portion of the three-leg event, he was disqualified after straddling a gate in the first slalom.

In 32nd place following the afternoon downhill, Ligety took a star turn

under the floodlights during the evening slalom. He was as consistent as a metronome, rocking smoothly back and forth, back and forth, smacking away gates with his orange gloves and black shin guards.

"You've just got to get in the starting gate," Ligety said, "and throw down whatever you've got."

When he finished his final run, the day's fastest at 43.84 seconds, the youngster nicknamed "Ligety Split" raised his hands and took a well-deserved bow.

Still, Ligety had to wait

to celebrate.

First, Ivica Kostelic of Croatia finished a half-second shy.

Then, World Cup slalom champion Benjamin Raich of Austria went off-course about 30 seconds into his run.

That was it. U.S. skiers Steven Nyman and Scott Macartney ran over to tackle Ligety, and the trio of teammates rolled in the snow. Ligety took a victory ride on the others' shoulders, waving a U.S. flag.

"It's a great day, especially with Bode skiing out," Macartney said. "Ted stepped up."

IN BRIEF

Rose-Hulman hires second-youngest NCAA coach

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — Steve Englehart has been promoted to head football coach of Rose-Hulman, becoming the second-youngest coach in NCAA football.

The 28-year-old Englehart had been the offensive coordinator since 2003 and was quarterback coach in 2002. The youngest coach is Brian Galvaletz of Principia College, Ill., who is six months younger than Englehart.

Rose-Hulman was 5-5 last season under Ted Karras Jr., who resigned to accept the Marian, Ind., head coaching position. Marian, a private school of about 1,300 students, will become Indiana's 21st football-playing college in 2007.

Englehart played high school football for Terre Haute North and college football at Indiana State.

Rose-Hulman went 14-16 in the three seasons after his promotion to offensive coordinator.

Plushenko positions himself for Olympic gold

TURIN, Italy — Evgeni Plushenko's biggest fan Tuesday night was his closest competitor — U.S. champion Johnny Weir.

Weir marveled at the 90.66 points the Russian star put up in the Olympic men's short program. Plushenko's personal best gave him more than a 10-point lead over the three-time U.S. champ, a massive gap.

"It's wild. I didn't think anyone would get above 80.00," Weir said.

Plushenko soared far beyond it and pretty much put the gold medal in his pocket, even if he wouldn't say so.

"It's a lot of pressure right now, guys, come on," Plushenko said. "Nothing happened. I just skated today perfect and did my job."

Plushenko, winner of three world titles, was Weir's pick for gold before the Olympics began and Weir still doesn't think there's much of a chance he'll lose in Thursday night's free skate.

Radmanovic, Wilcox pack bags for new destinations

SEATTLE — The Seattle SuperSonics traded forward Vladimir Radmanovic to the Los Angeles Clippers for Chris Wilcox on Tuesday.

Radmanovic, who will be a free agent after the season, has struggled for the past month despite being put in the starting lineup after new coach Bob Hill took over on Jan. 3.

Radmanovic, who turned down a \$42 million, six-year deal with the Sonics before the season and signed a one-year tender instead, is averaging 9.3 points — down from the 11.8 he averaged last season. Because he signed a one-year tender, Radmanovic had the right to block the trade.

Wilcox's production also has dwindled, even with the Clippers challenging for the Pacific Division lead. The 6-foot-10 forward is playing only 13 minutes per game and averaging 4.5 points.

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WINTER OLYMPICS — TURIN

USA slices Kiwis with win

U.S. men's curling team having strong showing at games

Associated Press

PINEROLO, Italy — The U.S. men are hogging wins in Olympic curling. If they keep this up, they might start getting as much attention as the American women.

Pete Fenson's team picked up a 10-4 victory over New Zealand in eight ends on Tuesday, wrapping things up two frames early a day after a last-rock loss to Finland.

"I still say we're playing pretty well," American vice-skip Shawn Rojeski said. "Unfortunately, yesterday we

missed the last shot of the day."

The Americans' next game is against host Italy, where curling is usually associated with fusilli. Throw in Wednesday's game against the winless Germans, and Fenson's team (2-1) probably needs to steal just one or two more victories in its other four games to reach the medal round.

The U.S. women, meanwhile, fell to 0-3 with an 11-5 loss to Canada on Tuesday morning, followed by a 6-5 loss to Japan later in the day. The American women, who started with two of their toughest opponents, need to win at least five of their remaining seven games to qualify for the medal round.

So did sisters Cassie and

Jamie Johnson deserve all of their pre-Olympic ink?

"Of course they should get the attention," men's lead John Shuster said. "They're coming off a silver medal at the worlds."

Neither team wants the attention for itself as much as for the hacks, hammers and hog lines beloved by curlers but befuddling to a country that doesn't know those terms refer to the push-off blocks, the last stone and the red lines that divide up a curling sheet.

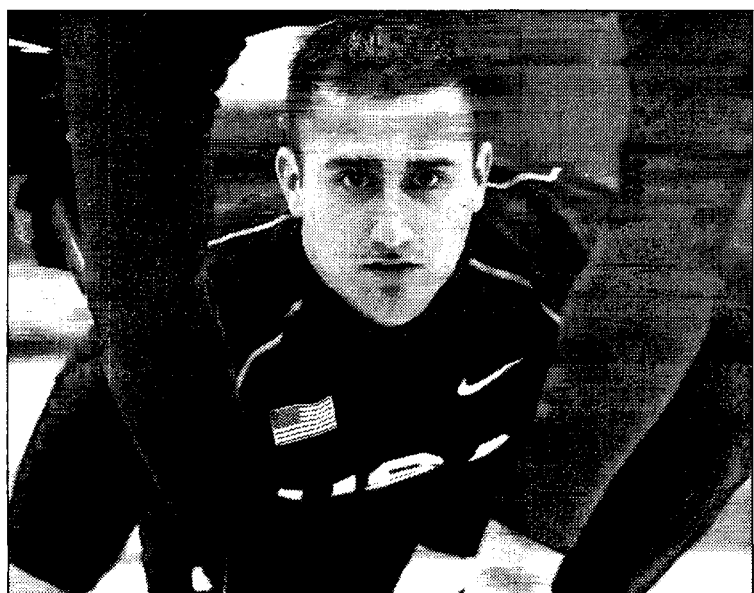
"As long as curling's getting the promotion it's getting, that's really good for the sport," Rojeski said. "Whether it's our team or their team, I don't think it matters."

New Zealand went scoreless for five straight ends despite having the last rock — a big advantage, called the hammer — in four of them.

In the third, the Kiwis (0-3) tried to sneak a rock through a couple of blockers and nicked one of them. The Americans overcame the hammer — think of it like a tennis player breaking serve — for the first of three times in a four-end span.

New Zealand managed to snap the slump in the seventh, but in the eighth Fenson kept clearing them out of the target zone and scored three. Kiwi skip, or captain, Sean Becker shook hands to concede.

A regulation curling match has 10 ends, or innings, but a team usually concedes when it doesn't have enough rocks to catch up.



AP
America's Joe Polo concentrates as he releases the stone in Tuesday's 10-4 win over New Zealand.

WINTER OLYMPICS — TURIN

Great One focuses on Team Canada's future

Associated Press

TURIN, Italy — Wayne Gretzky said he didn't do it. Again.

He said his own troubles won't affect Canada's supposedly good-as-gold Olympic hockey team. Repeating himself there, too.

Looking tired and drawn, Gretzky arrived at the Olympics with Team Canada on Tuesday, recapping what he's said for days but is vowing not to talk about anymore: that he placed no wagers with a betting ring allegedly run by one of his best friends and possibly patronized by his wife.

"As I said seven days ago, it doesn't involve me," Gretzky said. "I've said it for seven days, it's over and done with."

But where he said it — at the Olympic games — was different. So was the size of the audience. His press conference was televised live throughout Canada, where the NHL's all-time leading scorer is a trusted, respected cultural icon.

Now, like it or not, Gretzky understands his problems could immerse others should Canada not live up to its own immense expectations in a tournament it won in 2002 and is expected to win again.

"If we don't win the gold medal obviously I'll get blamed, but I've been blamed for losses before. It's not going to change my life," said Gretzky, who as Canada's executive director is effectively the team's general manager.

No matter what happens, the Phoenix Coyotes coach said he

won't discuss again at Turin the gambling ring alleged to be run by one of assistant coaches and longtime friends, Rick Tocchet.

"Quite frankly, this is the last time I'm going to talk about it," said Gretzky, the NHL's all-time scoring leader and arguably Canada's most revered citizen. "I've stood forward each and every day, and I'll talk hockey all day long, take any questions about the hockey team or the Olympic games. But, quite frankly, it's over and done with."

Gretzky was accompanied to Turin by wife Janet Jones, who is alleged to have placed bets with the gambling ring. Also making the trip was Gretzky's father, Walter, who darted around the press conference room looking for a good vantage point as his son talked.

Not that the elder Gretzky heard anything different — Gretzky repeated much of what he said at a pre-Olympics news conference Monday in suburban Toronto.

There, Gretzky repeated he did not place any wagers with any betting ring and there was no reason for him to leave his job with the Olympic team. Canada's players have fully supported him, and several said the investigation will not be a distraction as they try to repeat as gold medalists.

"We're thinking about what athletes have to think about, and focus on the job at hand," Canada coach Pat Quinn said. "They have to put things aside, and whatever that distraction may be, that's exactly what they expect of themselves and we're all going to move forward."

"As I said seven days ago, it doesn't involve me."

Wayne Gretzky
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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Wright signs seven-year extension with 'Nova

Coach led Wildcats to best Big East start in program history

Associated Press

VILLANOVA, Pa. — Jay Wright received one heck of a reward for knocking off the No. 1 team in the country.

One day after his fourth-ranked Wildcats beat Connecticut, Villanova on Tuesday gave Wright a seven-year contract extension through the 2012-13 season that gives him many more chances to beat a No. 1 — and maybe even take

his team to the coveted spot himself.

"The timing of this is incredible," Wright said, smiling. "I know it looks like we really planned this well."

It was an incredible 24 hours for Wright after the Wildcats (20-2, 10-1 Big East) beat the Huskies 69-64 Monday night, their first victory over a top-ranked team in nearly 11 years.

Wright and Villanova athletic director Vince Nicastro had talked about an extension since spring after the Wildcats returned to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1999. The timing of the announcement was purely coin-

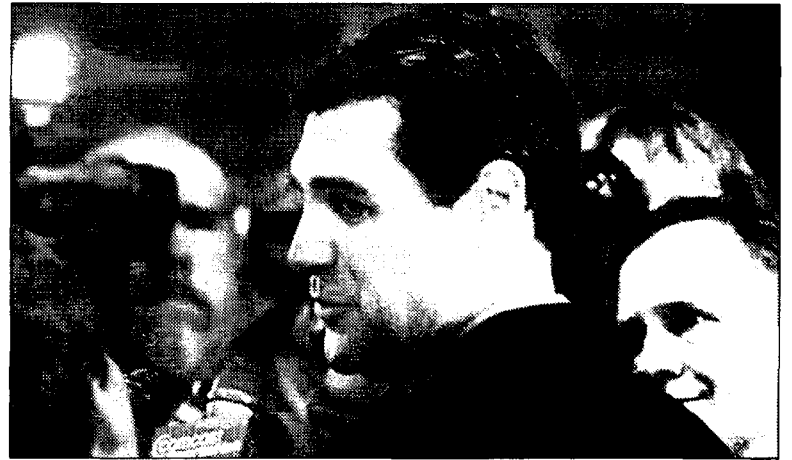
cidental, since the new deal couldn't be approved until the board of trustees meeting Tuesday morning.

Still, it's two memorable days for Wright in what has already been a remarkable season.

The Wildcats raced to their best start in conference history and have their sights set on a No. 1 seed in this year's tournament. They've done it with a unique four-guard starting lineup that was born out of necessity when star forward Curtis Sumpter was lost with a torn ACL.

"We're right where we wanted to be right now," Wright said. "Honestly, I didn't think it would take this long. God had other plans. We had some struggles."

Hired in 2001 to replace Steve Lappas, the Wildcats went to the NIT in Wright's first three seasons. Parts of two seasons were severely derailed because of a phone-card scandal that forced



Villanova head basketball coach Jay Wright talks with reporters on Tuesday after signing a seven-year contract extension.

the Wildcats to field a seven-man team and greatly underachieve, including a 15-16 mark in 2002-03.

The 44-year-old Wright banked Villanova's turnaround on this year's highly recruited

senior class of Allan Ray, Randy Foye, Jason Fraser and Sumpter. They all played major roles in the renaissance the past two seasons, even if injuries have only rarely allowed them on the court at the same time.

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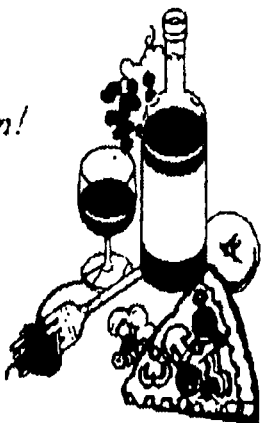
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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Indiana's Davis will ride out Hoosier problems

Hoosiers have lost five of last six games

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Mike Davis doesn't plan to resign, quit or leave Indiana any time soon.

After fueling speculation Monday that his tenure with the Hoosiers might be shortlived, Davis said in interviews Tuesday that he appreciated the opportunity to coach one of the nation's top basketball programs.

"I'm not quitting. I'm going to coach the remainder of the season," he said during an interview with The Sporting News Radio. "We're right there at making the tournament; we're right there. Now someone has to lose for us to have a chance to win the con-

ference championship, but everything is right there."

Tuesday's Hoosiers practice was closed to reporters. The school released quotes from Davis afterward — but referred to his comments Monday during the Big Ten's weekly conference call with each of the league's coaches.

Questions about Davis' future have increased with the Hoosiers (13-8, 5-5 Big Ten) losing five of their last six games and dropping out of The Associated Press Top 25 this week for the first time this season.

As the team boarded a plane in Bloomington to travel to Penn

State for Wednesday's game, Davis told Indianapolis television station WTHR that he could not comment on whether he would return next season but that he believed IU should be one of the country's premier programs.

"If that means me being here or not being here, I have no problem with that," Davis said.

After a promising 10-2 start, this season has turned sour for Davis, who has gone 109-75 since he replaced the fired Bob Knight in September 2000. While he coached IU to the 2002 NCAA championship game, the Hoosiers went 29-29 over the

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Mike Davis
Indiana head coach

past two seasons, missing the NCAA tournament both years.

Davis wants his team to concentrate on winning as Indiana has six regular-season games remaining before the Big Ten tournament.

"It's just too much emphasis on Mike Davis. It's just too much emphasis on every press conference. It's just too much emphasis on where he's going to be at next year," Davis said in the radio interview. "It's been six years now. So it's time for everybody to get on the same page and just pull for these young men."

When Davis was asked Monday to explain why Hoosiers fans have embraced him tepidly, Davis suggested it was because he wasn't an Indiana alum.

On talk radio and on Internet sites, many fans speculated that

meant Davis had already determined his future would likely be elsewhere. Not so, Davis said Tuesday.

"I appreciate this opportunity; it's a blessing for me," he said. "If I say some things out of line, if I say some things people don't agree with, I'm not the first one to do that."

Davis missed Saturday's 70-67 loss to Iowa, the Hoosiers' first Big Ten home loss of the season, because of flu-like symptoms. Davis attended Tuesday's practice, departed with the team for Penn State and was expected to coach the Hoosiers on Wednesday.

The question now is whether the Hoosiers can end their slump in time to save their coach's job — something even Davis can't answer yet.

SNOWBOARDCROSS

American injured in debut sport

Associated Press

SAUZE D'OULX, Italy — The rough-and-tumble sport of snowboardcross claimed its first Olympic victim before the opening race was even run when American Jayson Hale tore up his knee during a practice session Tuesday.

Hale was running alone, not four-wide as is typical in competition, when he got too much air on a late jump and landed awkwardly.

He was taken to a medical center in Sestriere. Dr. Jim Sterling, the U.S. Olympic Committee's chief medical officer, said Hale tore his anterior cruciate ligament and suffered significant bone bruising around the knee.

"He is comfortable and stable," Sterling said.

Hale returned to the athletes' village in Bardonecchia, where the snowboarding events are held. He is expected to decide in

the next few days whether he wants to remain in Italy for the remainder of the games or go home.

He was not immediately available for comment.

His spot on the U.S. team is expected to be taken by Graham Watanabe, an alternate who traveled to Italy to serve as a wax technician for his friends on the team, but now will likely find himself racing in the Olympics.

The USOC and U.S. Ski and Snowboard were preparing to submit Watanabe's name as an injury replacement. Barring any surprises, Watanabe will race for the United States on Thursday when snowboardcross makes its Olympic debut.

In the final rounds of snowboardcross, four riders race down the motocross-type course, taking big jumps and vying for the fastest line down the slope. The top two in each heat advance to the next round until a winner is decided.

"It's definitely a little crazy,"

American rider Jason Smith said last week. "You're going down course as fast as you can with three other guys. That's got to be a little crazy. But we're all professionals, we've all been doing this a long time. We know the risks involved."

There are also timed qualifying heats in which riders go alone. Much of training is about trying to find the fastest line down the mountain, which is what Hale was trying to do when he wrecked.

The 20-year-old from Sierraville, Calif., tore up the same knee last March, shortly after finishing third in the 2005 World Championships.

Hale returned in September and had a pair of top-five finishes in World Cup events this season, squeezing onto the Olympic team at the last moment. He was ranked 13th in the world coming into the Olympics, behind American teammates Nate Holland, Seth Wescott and Smith.

NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Missouri to look into Snyder's resignation

Associated Press

The University of Missouri will investigate the circumstances that led to Quinn Snyder's sudden resignation as men's basketball coach last week.

Snyder stepped down Friday, a day after vowing to finish his seventh season with the Tigers. A report in the Kansas City Star said athletic director Mike Alden sent his special assistant, Gary Link, to inform Snyder that he would not be retained.

Link has had no comment about his role in Snyder's resignation. Alden has said he asked Link to "gauge how he's doing," but not to inform Snyder that he was a lame duck. Link did not return phone calls Tuesday.

University spokesman Joe Moore said Tuesday that Elson Floyd, Missouri systems president, asked Chancellor Brady

Deaton to investigate the situation. Chad Moller, the school's sports information director, also confirmed the decision to "take a look at the course of the events."

"Dr. Floyd did ask Chancellor Deaton to look into some questions regarding events surrounding coach Snyder's decision to depart," Moore said.

Missouri won its first game without Snyder on Sunday, ending a six-game losing streak behind interim coach Melvin Watkins. The Tigers are 11-11 overall and 4-7 in the Big 12 with five regular-season games remaining.

Snyder was scheduled to make his first public comments since his departure at a news conference later Tuesday in Columbia, Mo. His lawyer, Wally Bley, said the former coach had been awaiting a signed settlement agreement.

A copy of that settlement, posted on the university's Web site Tuesday evening, shows the coach will receive at least \$574,000. Snyder had two years remaining on a contract that paid him \$195,000 annually.

"If you were involved in this, wouldn't you want this to be signed, sealed and delivered?" Bley said. "We've got to have the deal done. I've got to see this in writing."

Bley also represented former Missouri point guard Ricky Clemons, whose troubles off the court in part led to Snyder's downfall after leading the school to the NCAA tournament his first four seasons.

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a roll.

"We've had a lot of freshmen mature during this season and that has led us to win a lot more games," senior captain and guard Bridget Boyce said. "We've become a lot tougher mentally, and I don't think we could have won without it."

The first matchup against Albion also boosted the Belles' mental toughness, Boyce said.

Boyce said Saint Mary's showed in that game it could win as the underdog in a close game — and without one of its main contributors, point guard

Bridget Lipke.

In order to complete the season sweep against the Britons, Saint Mary's will have to stop Albion guard Jaime Fornetti, who has scored in double digits in four of the last five games.

Saint Mary's also must force the Britons to keep the ball on the perimeter and take lower percentage shots.

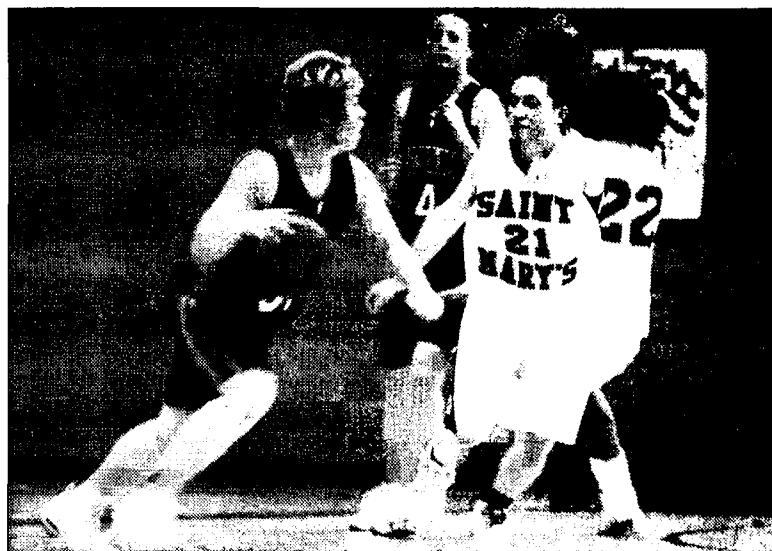
Senior forward Shelly Bender said the game is very important to the Belles, as it could lead to a first-round home game in the

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Bridget Boyce
Belles guard

a potential to host a team in the playoffs, and are really looking forward to it."

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CHELSEA GULLING/The Observer

Belles guard Bridget Lipke defends a Kalamazoo player during Saint Mary's 57-54 victory Feb. 11.

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said.

Last year, the Irish earned a hard-fought 4-3 victory in East Lansing.

"Their courts are pretty fast and we've always had trouble playing there," Bayliss said. "We're certainly more comfortable playing them here."

Bayliss and associate head

coach Todd Doeblen took advantage of the depth in the Irish lineup this weekend, trying new variations throughout singles and doubles.

The results were clear: two 6-1 victories and a 7-0 shutout to cap off the weekend against Bradley.

"I think it was more of a

team effort," Bayliss said. "Just looking at the scores, different people struggled a little bit to win their matches in one match, but then played much better in a different one."

The team has exhibited strong play throughout the lineup, including the top two positions.

"I am very aware of who [the Spartans] have and what their tendencies are."

Bobby Bayliss
Irish coach

"Sheeva [Parbhu] and Stephen [Bass] have to carry the load at one and two," Bayliss said. "They alternated positions over the weekend, they both found ways to win when they didn't always have their 'A' game."

The rest of the lineup wasn't far behind.

"Brett [Helgeson] and Barry [King] and even Ryan [Keckley] have played at close to the same level," he said. "I thought Eric played a strong match against Wisconsin, fin-

ishing the match on a much more aggressive note than it started ... [and] Ryan Keckley continued his dominance down low in the lineup."

Changes in the doubles lineup have also been effective.

"Andrew Roth's really been a sparkplug for us at third doubles," Bayliss said.

The Irish hope to continue their strong performance today against the Spartans.

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MLB

Francona enjoys time with daughter after his knee surgery

Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla. — An excited Terry Francona watched his third baseman get off to an impressive start with a new team: four hits in eight at-bats plus three walks and two RBIs in three games.

"I was like, in tears," he said, and they weren't for Mike Lowell, Boston's new third baseman.

They were for his daughter, Alyssa, a North Carolina freshman who played last weekend in a softball tournament in Miami.

It was a welcomed change for the Red Sox manager, who lost center fielder Johnny Damon and GM Theo Epstein (temporarily) during a hectic offseason.

Francona also lost his knee. He had his right knee replaced nearly three months ago — the 10th operation on that knee and

19th on both knees combined. The surgery was done about six weeks after the Red Sox were swept in the AL division series by the Chicago White Sox and three weeks after Epstein

stepped down.

Not long after Epstein's departure, Damon signed with the New York Yankees. Just one month after that, Epstein returned as GM, but so far the

Red Sox have tried but failed to honor trade requests by Manny Ramirez and David Wells.

Francona took it all in stride, hobbled though that stride may be.

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have come just before schedule lulls. The Irish beat Providence 92-77 on Jan. 14 for their first conference win, moving to 1-3 at the time. But after six days of rest, they lost consecutive games to Marquette, Georgetown, Villanova, West Virginia and Louisville.

South Florida — new to the conference this season — is the only winless team in the Big East, but the Bulls lost to the Hoyas, Wildcats and Cardinals by only three points each. The Georgetown and Louisville losses were on the road, as well.

"I think they really like to play on the road more than at home," Brey said. "They really, fearlessly, go on the road. They'll be excited to play here."

Notre Dame is coming off a 90-63 blowout of the same Rutgers team that won 91-84 Sunday over Marquette — a team that beat the Irish by two points on a buzzer-beater Jan. 20. The Big East produces such parity.

Irish senior forward Torin Francis was named to the Big East Weekly Honor Roll for the third time this season after scoring 21 points and grabbing seven rebounds against the Scarlet Knights. He combined with senior forward Rick

Cornett (14 points, seven rebounds) in that game to dominate the inside on both ends of the court — a performance Brey hopes to replicate Wednesday.

"[South Florida] really, physically, get[s] after you defensively," Brey said. "They're pretty straightforward with how they play. They're a talented group. I know they haven't had the best of luck finishing games, but we can't feel sorry for them."

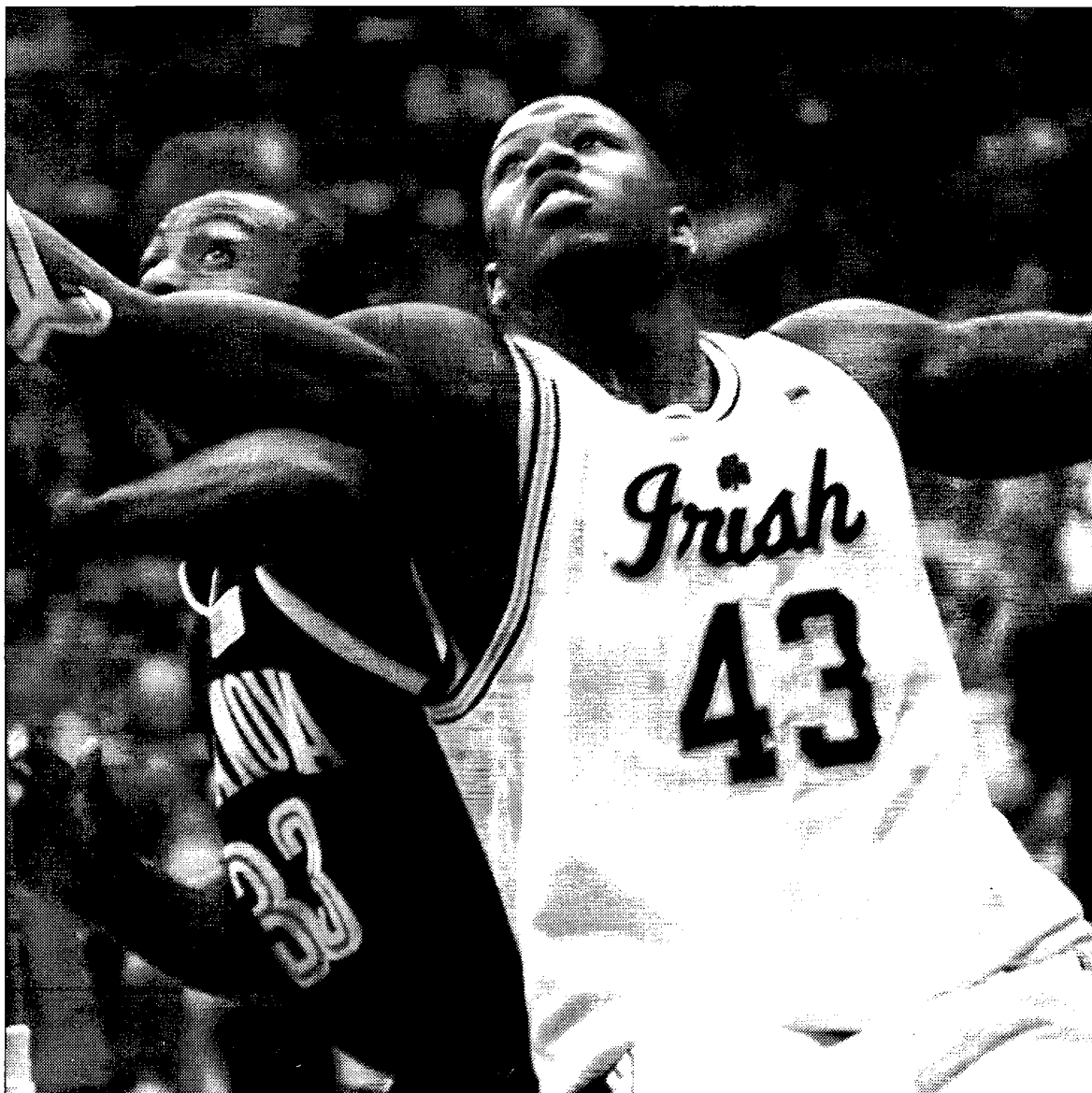
Notre Dame is 9-4 at home this season but only 2-3 in Big East games at the Joyce Center. The Irish have five games remaining, including tonight's test, to make up ground on teams ahead of them for the final spots in the 12-team Big East tournament field.

Providence (4-6), Rutgers (4-7), Louisville (4-7), St. John's (3-7), DePaul (2-9) and Notre Dame are all at the bottom of the pack. And if Marquette (6-5), Syracuse (5-5) and Cincinnati (5-6) hold their spots at Nos. 7, 8 and 9, that will leave just three openings.

Three other Big East games take place tonight, all with certain or possible implications for Notre Dame postseason hopes.

Pittsburgh plays at Providence, Cincinnati visits Syracuse and St. John's goes on the road against Rutgers, with all games beginning at 7:30 p.m.

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KIRSTEN HOELMER/The Observer

Irish guard Russell Carter boxes out Villanova forward Dante Cunningham for a rebound during Notre Dame's 72-70 loss to the Wildcats Jan. 28. The Irish host South Florida tonight at 7:30 p.m.

Michigan

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The last time Notre Dame faced this Big Ten foe was in last year's match when the Irish claimed the 7-0 victory — one of only two shutouts Michigan suffered last season. Today, the Irish are hoping to use their three nationally ranked doubles teams to their advantage to follow up on last year's success.

"No other team in the country has all three of their doubles teams ranked," junior Christian Thompson said. "[Coach Jay Louderback] said he'd be shocked if we gave up any doubles points this season."

The No. 1 ranked Thompson twins are hoping to lead the team in trying to dominate their opponents as well rebounding from their first loss of the season. The duo fell to North Carolina's Sara

Anundsen and Jenna Long 8-3 last weekend.

"Last week Catrina and I struggled mentally," Christian Thompson said. "We just didn't take advantage of the break points and that is what hurt us. But we have two other great doubles teams that we can count on to pull through."

Following the Thompson sisters are the No. 35-ranked pair of sophomore Brook Buck and freshman Kelcy Tefft. Playing at No. 3 for the Irish and ranked No. 45 in the country is the pairing of seniors Kiki Stastny and captain Lauren Connelly.

In singles, playing at No. 1 for the team is No. 24-ranked Catrina Thompson, who shares the most wins on the team this season with Stastny at 13.

Following at No. 2 is Christian Thompson who is coming off an impressive 4-6, 6-3, 6-4 win over No. 46-ranked Caitlin Collins. That victory clinched the win for the Irish over the Tar Heels

Saturday.

Buck is playing at No. 3, followed by Tefft, Stastny and freshman Katie Potts at No. 6.

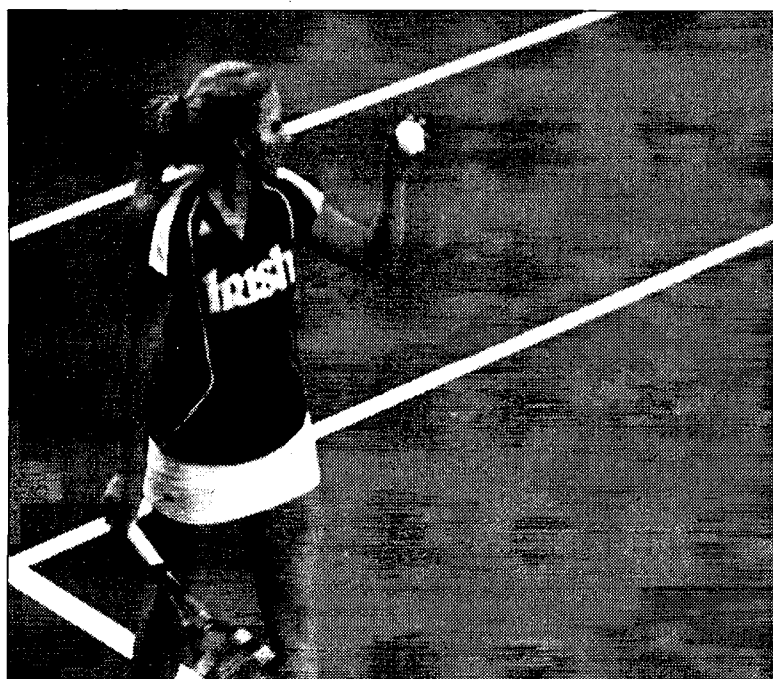
"Katie has had a great start this season. Her wins at Wake Forest and North Carolina

have really helped the team get off to the great start we've had," Catrina Thompson said. "We are definitely going to need her in today's match."

Following the match against Michigan, the Irish will return

back home to compete against Tennessee and Harvard Saturday and Sunday, respectively.

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Irish All-American Catrina Thompson prepares to deliver a serve during Notre Dame's Jan. 28 win over Ohio State.

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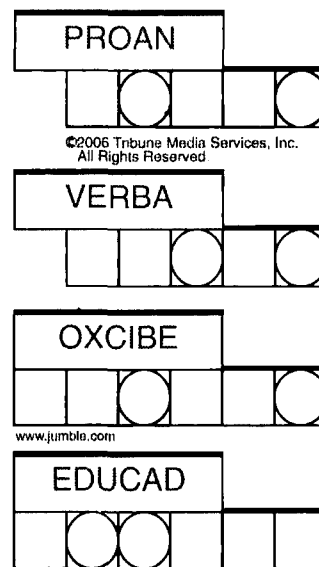
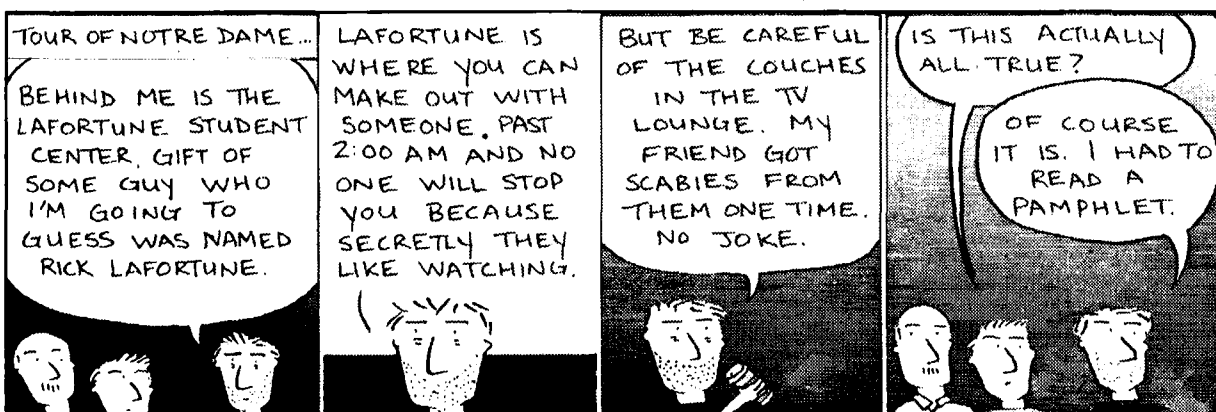
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LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't limit yourself. You shouldn't be backing away from the things you want to do. Put more time and effort into making things at home more comfortable for you both mentally and physically. Be honest about the way you feel. 3 stars

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A job interview or change will turn out in your favor. Follow your dreams. 4 stars
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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Crunch time

Irish look to tame the Bulls in crucial conference contest

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

The last time Notre Dame received this long a break in Big East play, it returned to lose five straight games. But the team stayed alive for postseason eligibility by beating Rutgers Feb. 8.

The Irish (11-10, 2-8 Big East) have had a week off leading up to tonight's 7:30 p.m. tipoff with South Florida (6-17, 0-10) at the Joyce Center. Entering the season's final stretch, they know repeating such a losing streak would leave them watching the Big East tournament from their home televisions in mid-March.

"Everybody wants the opportunity, no matter what you do in the regular season, to get to your league tournament," Irish head coach Mike Brey said at a press conference in the Joyce Center Monday. "But we knew the rules [of qualification]. We knew the ground rules before we started this thing, so you deal with it."

Notre Dame's only two conference wins

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Irish forward Torin Francis dribbles in the post against Rutgers' Byron Jones during Notre Dame's 90-63 win over the Scarlet Knights Feb. 8.

KIRSTEN HOELMER/The Observer

ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Michigan poses test for team

Notre Dame rallies with the Wolverines in Ann Arbor today

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

Coming off the team's biggest win in five years, Notre Dame looks to continue its success in a matchup with a long-time rival.

The Irish are putting their current season's undefeated record — and 10-1 record in their past 11 meetings with the Wolverines



Louderback

— on the line today at 4 p.m. in Ann Arbor, Mich., four days after toppling No. 10 North Carolina.

Notre Dame has dominated the series in the past decade, but this season the Wolverines are coming into the contest with momentum. Michigan is entering the match after upsetting No. 31 Maryland 4-3 in a come-from-behind win on the road last week.

But the Irish are looking to prevent any possibility of their winning streak being snapped. "We have had a lot of success against them in the past and are off to a great start this season," junior Catrina Thompson said. "But we don't want to overlook any of our opponents."

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SMC BASKETBALL

Belles seek tenth league win against Albion

A Saint Mary's victory would mark the first double-digit win total in program history

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

The Belles are trying to reach .500 for just the second time this season tonight at Albion College (15-8, 7-7 MIAA).

The only other time Saint Mary's (11-12, 9-5 MIAA) had an even record was after a 65-

61 win over Franklin in the team's second game of the season. The Belles lost their next four games.

But with their recent stretch of six wins in their last eight games, the Belles are serious contenders going into the MIAA tournament, boasting a 9-5 record in conference play and a guaranteed finish of no less than fourth place. What's

more, a win tonight would give the Belles their first 10-win season since joining the MIAA in 1997.

Saint Mary's is confident going into this game, especially after its first encounter with Albion. In a last minute thriller on Jan. 18, the Belles upset Albion, then 12-4, in a showcase of sophomore guard Allison Kessler's talents.

The 55-51 win instilled the team with a surge of confidence and helped the Belles recognize they had players who could carry the team on their backs.

And after showing its toughness in three close victories over the next three weeks, the team enters tonight's game on

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MEN'S TENNIS

Irish will host Spartans at Eck

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

The Irish look to wrap up their longest homestand of the season with a 4-0 record at 4 p.m. today as they face Michigan State at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

The No. 31 Irish improved to 5-4 with three straight victories at home over the weekend.

"I think everybody was tired Sunday with two matches, and the day off was good," head coach Bobby Bayliss said. "I think we're ready to go."

The Spartans are tied for No. 75 nationally and boast a 4-4 record coming into today's match.

"I'm very aware of who they have and what their tendencies are," Bayliss said.

Michigan State has a strong doubles team, including Nick

Rinks and Adam Monich, who have lost only one match this season — to Ball State's Joe Epkey and Matt Baccarani, ranked No. 4 nationally.

Rinks is also a dangerous singles player.

"He was in the final four players [of the 2005 ITA Midwest Regional Championships] so we know he's a good player," Bayliss

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JENNIFER KANG/The Observer

Andrew Roth returns a serve during Notre Dame's victory over Wisconsin Feb. 12. The Irish face Michigan State today.

SPORTS AT A GLANCE

NCAA BASKETBALL

A day after his team upset the No. 1 Huskies, Villanova coach Jay Wright signed a seven-year extension with the Wildcats.

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The University of Missouri initiated an investigation of the abrupt resignation of coach Quinn Snyder.

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The United States curling team set the tone for the rest of the tournament with a dominating win over New Zealand.

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Hockey great Wayne Gretzky arrived in Turin for the Olympics amid speculation about his involvement in a gambling ring.

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Ted Ligety won Olympic gold in the Men's Combined Tuesday after Bode Miller was disqualified.

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After losing to West Virginia by 42 earlier this season, Seton Hall upset the Mountaineers 71-64 Tuesday.

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