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AllianceND still seeks club status

Group ready to work together with Council

By MARY KATE MALONE
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Leaders of the unrecognized gay and lesbian student group AllianceND are heartened by the recent restructuring and renaming of the University Standing Committee on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs, but said they will not back down from pursuing club status — a privilege the Office of Student Activities has denied in recent years.

AllianceND and the newly-named Core Council on Gay and Lesbian Student Needs have similar goals — both seek to meet the needs of Notre Dame's gay and lesbian students — but their means of achieving those ends are

quite different.

University officials said the recent changes made to the committee do not necessarily imply the Office of Student Activities will recognize AllianceND when it applies for club status this spring.

"This is not [club] recognition, it really isn't," said Assistant Vice President for Student Affairs Sister Mary Louise Gude. "I don't know if it's a step forward toward recognition or not, but it's certainly a step forward toward better support for gay and lesbian students."

Gude has served as chair of the Committee since the fall of 1998. She hopes the restructuring will lead to increased communication among different gay and lesbian student groups — like AllianceND, Outreach and Feminist Voice — which will all be represented on

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Students "step out of the closet" on South Quad in an event sponsored by AllianceND on Nov. 18, 2004. CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

SMC hosts diversity conference

Event aims to foster leadership potential

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Saint Mary's Editor

Long a buzzword on campus, diversity will once again be the central topic of discussion at Saint Mary's tonight as the Student Diversity Board's (SDB) inaugural Diverse Students Leadership Conference (DSL) gets underway at 8 p.m. with live musical and dance performances in O'Laughlin Auditorium.

The conference will continue Friday with a series of leadership workshops and diversity-related lectures targeted at high school and college students.

The conference is intended to foster leadership potential and to prepare participants to function in a diverse environment, conference chair Claradith Landry said.

"We hope every participant is progressive," Landry said. "We want them to come to the conference perhaps having some kind of underlying prejudice, but even [being conscious of it] ... not then hopefully as you go through each workshop you learn something about yourself, you learn something about your community and about society and about different cultures."

The marquee performer at tonight's entertainment portion of the event is Atlanta-based rapper Eddie "Double E" Clark, who appeared on the UPN show "The Road to Stardom with Missy Elliot." Other acts include Troop ND, Baile Forklorico, the ND/SMC Irish Dance Team and Notre Dame senior Jason Laws' 2j Productions.

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Baron address, club funding mark meeting

Speech hones in on Notre Dame's role

By MADDIE HANNA
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Although he did not always agree with the man he frequently quoted, student body president Dave Baron delivered his final State of the Student Union address Wednesday in a way University President Father John Jenkins likely would have respected — by confronting difficult questions at the heart of Notre Dame's identity.

"Today, we are a center of Catholicism in the United States," Baron said, address-

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Student body president Dave Baron delivers his State of the Student Union speech to senators in LaFortune Wednesday. SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

Senators reject CCC's proposed amendment

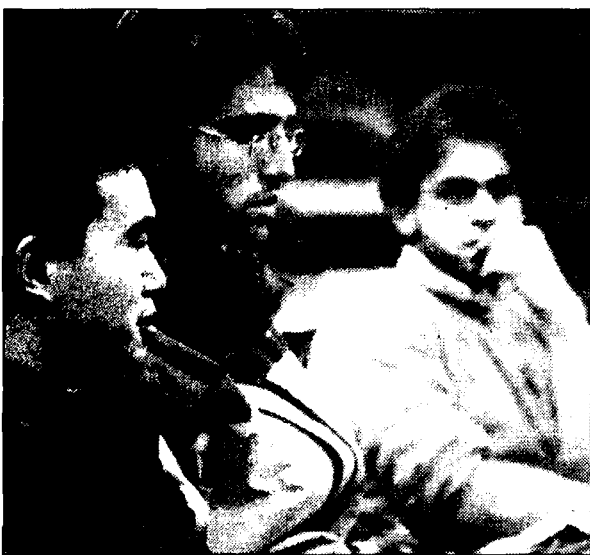
By KAREN LANGLEY
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Student Senate was marked by debate and controversy Wednesday, as senators shot down Club Coordination Council president Beth O'Shaughnessy's plea for an amendment to increase the percentage of funds available to clubs while decreasing funds given to other Student Union organizations.

Under the proposed amendment, clubs would receive 36.75 percent of available funds, as opposed to the current 33 percent allocation. Funds distributed among the remaining Student Union organizations

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Student government invites academic freedom discourse



CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Discussion participants ponder academic freedom issues at the Coleman-Morse lounge Wednesday.

By KATHLEEN McDONNELL
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In preparation for University President Father John Jenkins' impending visit to the Student Senate, student government hosted a discussion on issues surrounding academic freedom Wednesday night.

The event attracted approximately 15 students to the Coleman-Morse lounge in a discussion intended by student government as a way to involve as many student opinions on this issue as possible before its presentation to Jenkins Friday. In his Jan. 24 speech to students, Jenkins called for the entire student body's considera-

tion of issues concerning academic freedom.

"We've already solicited information from each dorm through dorm senators, and this discussion tonight is to include those whose opinions have not yet been heard," said senior Matt Walsh, chairman of the Senate's University Affairs Committee. "Father Jenkins wants to hear how the student body feels."

An e-mail sent to Notre Dame students by student government said the event called for the inclusion of randomly-selected small groups to ensure a diverse spectrum of student views was represented.

Senators said previous dorm-sponsored debates greatly con-

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CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Notre Dame senior Jackie Clark speaks during Wednesday's open forum.

INSIDE COLUMN

Taking a bite out of oral crime

People bite people. It's a fact, folks. Human-to-human biting permeates all realms of society, from domestic disputes to Hollywood cinema to professional boxing — listing all instances would be a mouthful — the problem goes wholly unnoticed by the masses.

Katie Perry and Joe Piarulli

News Writers

On Wednesday, the White Plains, New York man who gnawed off a portion of his girlfriend's cheek — that's a facial cheek, you crazy kids — was sentenced to 15 years in prison after his distraught lover put forth a chilling testimony in court.

He just bit off more than he could chew.

"When I was bitten and my flesh was spat at me, more than my face was damaged," she told members of the jury.

Indeed, the emotional trauma associated with oral assaults is sometimes deeper than the wound itself. Victims of biting incidents are often forever changed by the event, refusing the kiss of a potential mate, or worse, the necessary mouth-to-mouth resuscitation during a time of emergency.

The 1975 thriller "Jaws" instilled a deep-seeded fear in the general public of shark bites. Rabies-infested raccoons, dogs, mosquitoes — these are all things people fear will bite them. Add to that list people.

Mike Tyson — biter.

Hannibal Lecter — biter.

University President Father John Jenkins — probably not a biter.

Forget what your mother told you at your third grade Halloween party. Vampires, in one form or another, exist. And they are chomping at the bit to get a piece of you.

The pervasiveness of human biting might surprise you. The Web site emedicinehealth.com devotes an entire section to such injuries.

"A human bite is generally obvious, but on occasion the victim is unaware — for example, the bite occurred while the victim was drunk — or reluctant to tell others," a Web site description said.

E-medicine Health added that some bites might not be easy to classify as intentional because "there is not a conscious decision on the part of the biter."

No kidding.

The next time you are getting a hickey from a semi-conscious SMC chick at TC, realize that you are a skin-break away from becoming a victim to this brutal and tragic trend.

Just remember, you have a better chance of being bitten by two different people over the course of 24 hours than winning the lottery.

So the next time you're drooling over possible Powerball winnings, keep in mind that someone could be drooling over you.

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CORRECTIONS

In the March 1 issue of The Observer, a news article misquoted business professor Margot O'Brien as stating the Supreme Court struck down a case concerning military recruitment. Although the federal appellate court held that the statute was unconstitutional, the Supreme Court has yet to issue such a ruling. The Observer regrets the error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WOULD YOU WANT TO BE AN RA?



Fernando Gandara

senior
Sorin

"I think I would've been kicked out as an RA."



Heather Frost

sophomore
Pasquerilla West

"Nah, too much."



Jamie McGinnis

freshman
Dillon

"Not really, too much responsibility."



Katie Smith

sophomore
Lyons

"Yes, although being an RA in Lyons won't be as awesome without Sr. Sue."



Mark Quaresima

freshman
Stanford

"No ... I think Honey is doing a great job in Stanford."



SOPHIA BALLON/The Observer

Campus Labor Action Project (CLAP) members pass out fliers and request student signatures for a petition, "Living Wage for All Campus Workers," outside of North Dining Hall Wednesday.

IN BRIEF

The Saint Mary's Book Club will meet today at 6:30 p.m. in the Student Center Lounge to discuss "The Handmaid's Tale" by Margaret Atwood. The book is available in the bookstore.

The opening meeting of the Diverse Student Leadership Conference will take place in O'Laughlin Auditorium today at 8 p.m.

AcoustiCafe will take place at 10 p.m. today in the LaFortune basement.

SMC senior Ashley Peltier will present her senior comprehensive play "Angel: A Nightmare in Two Acts" Friday at 7:30 p.m. in the Little Theater in Moreau Hall. The play is free and open to the public.

The Irish men's basketball team will bid farewell to seniors Saturday, when the team squares off with DePaul in its final home game of the 2005-2006 season. Tip-off is at 4 p.m. at the Joyce Center.

The 2nd annual Holy Cross Mission Lecture, "The Word of God is not Chained: Images for Mission in Cultures," will be presented Sunday at 7:15 p.m. in the Moreau Seminary Auditorium.

John Carr, Director of the Department of Social Development & World Peace, will speak on "Political Responsibility and Religion: Faithful Citizenship in the 2006 Elections" on Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Eck Visitors Center Auditorium.

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

OFFBEAT

'Brown Sugar' off the menu in China

BEIJING — The Rolling Stones will likely follow the beat of China's censors when they offer mainland fans some long-awaited satisfaction with an April concert, promoters said Tuesday.

The veteran British group, who had two shows in China canceled in spring 2003 because of the SARS epidemic, would make its mainland debut in Shanghai on April 8 as part of its "A Bigger Bang" tour, Emma Entertainment said on its Web site (www.emma.cn).

Even before their April 2003 concerts were scuttled, the Stones had run afoul of China's culture commissars.

This time around, the band was ready to steer clear of trouble, a company employee said Tuesday.

Idaho's image becomes a hot potato

SALMON, Idaho — A state lawmaker wants to peel Idaho's standard license plate of the legend "Famous Potatoes" in a battle over whether the lowly spud should symbolize a state whose major export is high technology.

Republican Sen. Hal Bunderson said the slogan no longer has resonance for a state whose population and commerce have undergone a seismic shift in the 46 years since the motto was first stamped on Idaho's license plates.

"Other than as a consumer, the majority of people in Idaho have no connection to 'Famous Potatoes,'" said Bunderson, whose potato proposal will be heard by a state transportation panel today.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 40 LOW 22	HIGH 27 LOW 19	HIGH 35 LOW 25	HIGH 36 LOW 22	HIGH 36 LOW 29	HIGH 33 LOW 25

Howard Hall continues yearly tradition today

By PETER NINNEMAN
News Writer

Howard Hall continues a tradition today with its sixth annual bone marrow drive — an event grounded in beginnings, which still resonate in the heart of the dorm's residents.

The event began in 2000 when 2003 Notre Dame graduate Anne Gurucharri learned her father had been diagnosed with myelodysplastic syndrome — a rare form of leukemia — and would need a bone marrow transplant. Gurucharri was inspired by a drive held by Zahm Hall the year before, and set out to organize her own.

The drive — which will take place from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. today in the Sorin and Dooley rooms on the first floor of Lafortune — came through for the Gurucharri family, as an eligible donor was found within a few months. The transplant allowed Anne's father to continue his battle with cancer long enough to live to see his daughter's graduation the following year.

With the Gurucharri's story in mind, Howard continued to hold the drive. Once again, dorm residents are seeking volunteers from the Notre Dame community for today's event.

In past drives, multiple student donors like the one who helped the Gurucharri family have been contacted for further testing.

Co-commissioner Grace Shen said students have misconceptions about what the drive really

involves.

"I've been trying to tell people to register, and they think they're going to have to actually give bone marrow in LaFortune," she said. "There's a simple blood test and some paperwork. You give less than you would in a blood transplant."

The donor's information is entered into a computerized registry maintained by the National Marrow Donor Program. The database contains about four million possible donors, and allows people in need of a transplant to find a compatible donor, Shen said.

The event aims to recruit people who are not already registered. Donors who have already registered have their name kept in the registry until they are 61.

Shen said about 20 people have signed up already, but approximately 300 donors are expected. Howard will cover the cost of registration for all students.

Shen said organizers e-mailed freshmen and sophomores about the drive, as well as minority students. Compatibility matches are often consistent with shared ethnic backgrounds, she said, and minority patients, who are underrepresented in the national registry.

"I think it's really imperative," she said. "There's a severe shortage [especially for minorities in need of transplants]. I'm glad Howard has this event that allows students to get involved."

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the Council, she said.

"While there is absolutely no talk — at least out of the administration — about [AllianceND] club recognition, once you get people talking to each other and communicating, it's hard to know exactly what will happen," Gude said. "Our gay community will be more effective with the input of all these groups finally being able to talk to each other — having structure in which they can communicate."

The University announced the changes Feb. 24. Instead of six student members, the group will now have eight — one of whom will be a student co-chair. Four administrators will also sit on the Council.

Gude said the restructuring will allow for AllianceND to perhaps seek funding from the Council for certain events.

"What we think will happen is that Alliance might be able to plug in some of its activities and get support from the Core Council depending on what these activities are — they must be within the parameters of Catholic teaching," Gude said.

But AllianceND member Curtis Leighton said this restriction on the Core Council intensifies the need for a student group like AllianceND to be granted club recognition — as well as access to money for staging events that the Core Council would not be allowed to support.

"I worry that the Standing Committee ... can't have the same impact because they're hindered by 'academic freedom'

or any of those types of things," Leighton said.

Still, the change in composition is no doubt an improvement on the current Council setup, said Leighton — who is also the co-chair of Outreach.

"For now at least, the Standing Committee doesn't provide a lot of support or advocacy for gay students on campus," he said. "I hope the new Core Council will do some of that by expanding the membership and having some connection with student organizations."

AllianceND co-coordinator Anna Gomberg said she fears the recent steps might show that the University feels the Core Council will be adequate enough to address gay and lesbian student needs — and that groups like AllianceND do not need recognition. She insists the groups are very different.

"Frankly, AllianceND is more concerned with student needs than a[n] [administrative] student group [like the Core Council]," she said. "The student group is going to be different than an administrative body [because] it is normalized, it's the same as all student groups ... I don't think anything that the Standing Committee would do or restrict would make that different."

AllianceND has applied for and been denied club status each of the last two years. According to a March 22, 2005 article in The Observer, similar proposals have been denied nine times in the last 10 years, with no gay and lesbian student group successfully securing official status.

AllianceND's members sponsor a "Coming Out" closet in the fall, create and distribute

orange "Gay? Fine by Me" T-shirts and often make bold public statements to advance their cause.

The Council, however, is an arm of the University and advises Vice President of Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman on gay and lesbian student needs.

Despite the differences, AllianceND officer Aine Richards is optimistic the measures are a step in the right direction for both groups.

"It just gives me a lot of hope because I think the administration is trying to expand its understanding of the students' needs," Richards said. "I think Alliance is one of those needs, and hopefully [the University] will come to that realization [to recognize us as a club] ... if we continue to do what we're doing — doing our work and keep applying [for club status] hopefully we'll be successful."

Gomberg said she wasn't sure what the mission of the new Council will be, but she believes it has potential to improve communication between gay and lesbian groups on campus.

"As things come together more and the communication increases across all these groups, I think that's generally a very good thing — that they're integrating these groups and encompassing a broader spectrum is a really good thing," Gomberg said.

"We're going to have to wait and see what it ends up looking like ... allowing for more structure and allowing standing committee to involve more people is a step in the right direction."

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Friday's workshop titles include "The Co-optation of the 'N' Word," "Taking Point: A Leadership Approach for Those Who Are or Shortly Will Be in Leadership Positions" and "Implementing Sustained Dialogue on a College Campus: The Process, Obstacles and Benefits." Vice President and Dean of Faculty Pat White will give a speech at the closing Reception at 6:30 p.m.

Conference organizers have been collecting pre-registration forms all week, but students can sign up from 1 to 4 p.m. today in the foyer of the Student Center, co-chair Angeline Johnson said. The workshops are also free, she said.

Co-chair Kimberly Hodges said professors, particularly those in the social work department, have been supportive of the conference. Some are taking their classes to a workshop while others are offering extra credit to those students who attend on their own.

"Having the faculty support is very, very important because if we have Pat White ... on board you can pretty much expect to have all of the faculty with us," Hodges said.

The idea of a diversity conference at Saint Mary's was born a year ago after Landry and Hodges attended the South Western Black Student Leadership Conference at Texas A&M University, Landry said.

Inspired by the leaders they met, the pair intended to launch a similar event at Saint Mary's as board members of the Sisters of Nefertiti, a campus club.

"We wanted to do it under that particular club, but we realized that it would be too much of an event or too big of a responsibility to handle with four people in a club," Landry said.

Shortly thereafter, Landry was elected vice president of SDB. After bouncing ideas off Johnson, president of the Latina group La Fuerza, she decided to push forward with the idea under the auspices of SDB.

Landry and Johnson met every Saturday during spring 2005 to discuss the goals and contents of the conference. In the fall, they assembled a committee of 22 members.

Johnson also attended a leadership conference — the Cool Idealist Conference in Berkeley, Calif. — in March 2005, and the pair used their trips to help design a framework for the DSLC.

"We kind of pooled all our experiences together from going to different kinds of conferences, and we discussed what were the best workshops that we went to and what had the greatest impact on all of us," Johnson said.

The result was a conference that intends to inspire student leadership and prepare participants for a world of people from mixed cultural, religious and economic backgrounds.

"Part of this is preparing people to go into a world that is more diverse than Saint Mary's and preparing them to work in that world," Johnson said. "So we did want a wide range of work shops," Johnson said.

She also wanted to tap on-campus resources in organizing the workshops, Johnson said, so several professors and staff members are among the presenters.

"Considering our budget and the amazing professors we have at this school, we [decided we] might as well look inward and try and find professors who have hosted workshops or who have some kind of interest or expertise in something we want to share with all these students," she said.

While SDB is spending \$3,000 from its own account, the club also received \$1,500 from

Walgreen's, \$1,500 from Saint Mary's Board of Governance and \$3,000 from the Center for Women in Intercultural Leadership (CWIL) to help fund the conference.

The Saint Mary's Admissions Office, one of the conference co-sponsors, has been continuously involved in the planning of the conference. Last semester, Vice President for Enrollment Management Dan Meyer asked members of SDB to help the College in its effort to diversify the student body by extending itself to minority applicants, Landry said. The DSLC was a good opportunity for that outreach, she said, and organizers met with Meyer every week to tailor certain workshops to high school students.

The conference is proof that Saint Mary's is doing more than just sitting back and talking about diversity, Landry said.

"We want them to see that Saint Mary's is a welcoming environment and that this is a priority for us," Johnson said.

While other SDB events, such as the fall SDB Bonfire and discussion forums, have been successful, they tend to attract the same audience of already-concerned students, Hodges said. She said she hopes this conference will draw individuals who might not consider diversity a big issue.

Despite the past few hectic weeks, Hodges said she is already thinking about conference plans for next year.

Landry said she hopes this year's conference sets a precedent at the College.

"We want to leave a living legacy," she said. "We want to make sure Saint Mary's adopts this ... [and just] takes ownership of it and that this is something they are proud of ... and will continue on for years," Landry said.

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tributed to the low turnout, which made the single discussion group appropriate.

Armed with a handout containing number of intended questions, the group jumped into discussion. While strong viewpoints on both sides of the issue were expressed, students remained respectful and strove to find common ground rather than flare up on points of contention.

One issue up for debate was whether Notre Dame can be both a Catholic institution and a top-20 university. While one student used Harvard as an example of the secularization of a religiously-affiliated school at the top of national standings, many students argued that Notre Dame is a top 20 university because of its Catholicism. Furthermore, they said the concept of high academic quality and a high moral standard are not at all in contention.

"Why is it a question of either or? We can be both," sophomore John Trippi said.

Trippi said a problem arises if Notre Dame becomes too exclusive in its definition of Catholic character or if line-drawing is taken too far.

"If we really want to adhere to Catholic dogma in all areas of the University, there will be a great deal of censoring," he said. "[The Student Union Board], for instance, showed 'Saw II,' 'The 40 Year Old Virgin' and 'Jarhead' this year — all of which are completely against Catholic morality."

The question of line-drawing was a point of contention for the group. With residence halls so crucial to campus life, students questioned the administrative assertion that hall events can be kept free from this debate.

A few students wondered if a

women's hall performance of the "Vagina Monologues" — in a fashion similar to that of Keenan's Revue or Dillon's Pep Rally — would be deemed acceptable by the University.

Those two events in particular, the Keenan Revue and the Dillon Pep Rally, were in the context of one underlying issue of academic freedom — that of sexuality here at Notre Dame. Some students said such events portray women in a less than desirable fashion, but as dorm events it is understood that the jabs are lighthearted ones.

"The Vagina Monologues' did not set out to present a holistic sense of sexuality," senior Jackie Clark said. "Just like in 'Harry Potter' with Lord Voldemort, you have power over something if you can name it — that is the point of the play."

Other students said the play objectifies women and presents sexuality in ways wholly opposed to all for which Notre Dame stands.

The group stood in relative agreement over a middle-ground suggestion offered by junior Jack Calcutt, who said the University should both foster the growth of a Catholic culture and focus on tackling important issues — especially those of homosexuality and female sexuality — at Notre Dame.

"For many onlookers, being associated with Notre Dame is being associated with Catholicism," he said. "We have a lot to contribute to our Catholic culture because Notre Dame is a pretty unique place. There are many people who want us to choose one path or the other, to choose a side."

"I'd like to see what events Jenkins feels would foster Catholic character — especially in light of these critical issues — and that way we could come to some sort of consensus."

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

El Salvador signs free trade pact

SAN SALVADOR — El Salvador on Wednesday became the first Central American nation to join a regional free trade agreement with the United States.

President Tony Saca inaugurated the pact in a ceremony at a food exporting company.

But about 3,000 people marched elsewhere in the capital, San Salvador, to protest the agreement, which they say will hurt local farmers, street vendors and organized labor faced with competition from cheaper goods or with tighter restrictions on sales of goods.

"From this day on we can count on a much larger market for our exported products and services," Saca said. He predicted more jobs and better living conditions for Salvadorans.

Nigerian militants release hostages

WARRI — Militants released six foreign oil workers, including a diabetic Texan celebrating his 69th birthday Wednesday, taken captive last month to press fighters' demands for a greater share of oil revenues generated in this restive southern state.

But three other hostages — two Americans and a Briton — were kept by militants from the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta. A militant spokesman said all "low-value" hostages taken Feb. 18 had been freed.

Those released Wednesday included Macon Hawkins of Kosciusko, Texas; two Egyptians; two Thais; and a Filipino. They were taken to the offices of James Ibori, governor of the Delta State.

Militants handed Hawkins to surprised journalists visiting the fighters in the creeks and waterways of the oil-rich Niger Delta. The reporters took the calm but bedraggled worker to the Nigerian military.

NATIONAL NEWS

Woman denies caging her children

NORWALK, Ohio — The woman accused of locking some of her 11 adopted, special-needs children in cages cried on the witness stand Wednesday as she denied that she and her husband were cruel to his biological children or that he touched a daughter inappropriately.

Sharen and Michael Gravelle have pleaded not guilty to several charges, including child endangerment, in a separate criminal case.

Prosecutors accuse the couple of locking the adopted children in cages to discipline them, and they want Huron County to take permanent custody of the youngsters, who have been in foster care since the enclosed beds were discovered last fall.

Lawmakers hold mine safety hearing

WASHINGTON — House lawmakers pressed mining industry and government officials on Wednesday to explain why miners are going without life-saving technology following a string of accidents that have killed 24 U.S. miners so far this year.

Rep. Charlie Norwood, R-Ga., asked officials with the agency that oversees mine safety why victims of the Jan. 2 accident at West Virginia's Sago mine were unable to communicate with rescuers above ground.

"We sit right down there in Houston and we talk with astronauts on the moon," said Norwood, who chaired the hearing before an Education and the Workforce subcommittee.

LOCAL NEWS

Jurors deliberate in murder case

BOONVILLE — Jurors deliberated into Wednesday night as they spent a second day weighing the case against a former state trooper accused of killing his wife and two children.

The jury, which listened to six weeks of testimony that introduced new evidence against David Camm in his second murder trial, also met for 12 hours Tuesday.

"I think it's good that the jury is really serious about the evidence," said Camm's uncle.

Tape: Bush warned about Katrina

Video shows President, Chertoff clearly told that storm could breach levees

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In dramatic and sometimes agonizing terms, federal disaster officials warned President Bush and his homeland security chief before Hurricane Katrina struck that the storm could breach levees, put lives at risk in New Orleans' Superdome and overwhelm rescuers, according to confidential video footage.

Bush didn't ask a single question during the final briefing before Katrina struck on Aug. 29, but he assured soon-to-be-battered state officials: "We are fully prepared."

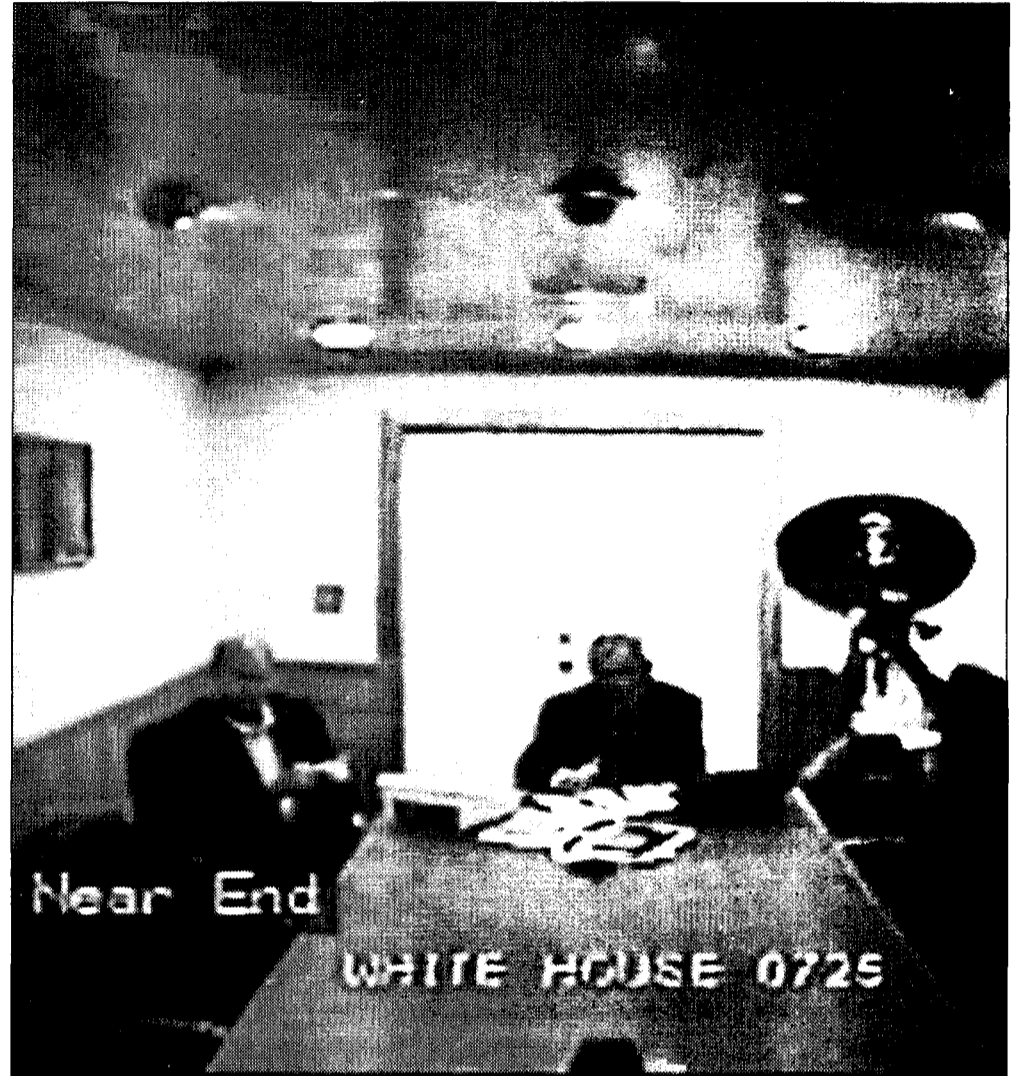
The footage — along with seven days of transcripts of briefings obtained by The Associated Press — show in excruciating detail that while federal officials anticipated the tragedy that unfolded in New Orleans and elsewhere along the Gulf Coast, they were fatally slow to realize they had not mustered enough resources to deal with the unprecedented disaster.

Linked by secure video, Bush expressed a confidence on Aug. 28 that starkly contrasted with the dire warnings his disaster chief and numerous federal, state and local officials provided during the four days before the storm.

A top hurricane expert voiced "grave concerns" about the levees and then-Federal Emergency Management Agency chief Michael Brown told the president and Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff that he feared there weren't enough disaster teams to help evacuees at the Superdome.

"I'm concerned about ... their ability to respond to a catastrophe within a catastrophe," Brown told his bosses the afternoon before Katrina made landfall.

The White House and Homeland Security Department urged the public Wednesday not to read too much into the video footage.



This frame from a secure government video shows President Bush, center, taking part in a video briefing at his Texas ranch the day before Hurricane Katrina struck on Aug. 29, 2005.

"I hope people don't draw conclusions from the president getting a single briefing," presidential spokesman Trent Duffy said, citing a variety of orders and disaster declarations Bush signed before the storm made landfall. "He received multiple briefings from multiple officials, and he was completely engaged at all times."

Homeland Security spokesman Russ Knocke said his department would not release the full set of videotaped briefings, saying most transcripts — though not the videotapes — from the sessions were provided to congressional investigators months ago.

"There's nothing new or insightful on these tapes,"

Knocke said. "We actively participated in the lessons-learned review and we continue to participate in the Senate's review and are working with them on their recommendation."

New Orleans Mayor Ray Nagin, a critic of the administration's Katrina response, had a different take after watching the footage Wednesday afternoon from an AP reporter's camera.

"I have kind a sinking feeling in my gut right now," Nagin said. "I was listening to what people were saying — they didn't know, so therefore it was an issue of a learning curve. You know, from this tape it looks like everybody was fully aware."

Some of the footage and transcripts from briefings

Aug. 25-31 conflicts with the defenses that federal, state and local officials have made in trying to deflect blame and minimize the political fallout from the failed Katrina response:

Homeland Security officials have said the "fog of war" blighted them early on to the magnitude of the disaster. But the video and transcripts show federal and local officials discussed threats clearly, reviewed long-made plans and understood Katrina would wreak devastation of historic proportions. "I'm sure it will be the top 10 or 15 when all is said and done," National Hurricane Center's Max Mayfield warned the day Katrina lashed the Gulf Coast.

CUBA

Migrants hope to return to the U.S.

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO DE PAULA — A group of Cuban migrants who reached a Florida Keys bridge only to be sent back to home, prepared Wednesday to legally travel to the United States after a U.S. judge ruled they could return.

"Clearly there's a God up above," migrant Ernesto Hernandez told AP Television News at his home here. "I am so happy, I haven't eaten or slept."

Though the Cuban government has not made any public statements on the ruling, the 15 men, women and children were hoping they will be allowed

to leave the island.

The migrants filled out applications for Cuban passports and had scheduled a meeting for Monday at the U.S. Interests Section in Havana.

On Tuesday, U.S. District Judge Federico Moreno in Miami ordered U.S. federal officials to "use their best efforts" to help the Cubans return to the United States. Moreno wrote that "those Cuban refugees who reached American soil in early January 2006 were removed to Cuba illegally."

Under the U.S. government's "wet-foot, dry-foot" policy, Cubans who reach U.S. soil are generally allowed to stay,

while those stopped at sea are sent back.

Cuban President Fidel Castro's government has repeatedly expressed its disapproval of the U.S. policy, saying it encourages illegal and dangerous immigration.

That opposition has raised questions about whether the island's communist government would allow them to leave. But so far there has been no word.

The U.S. government said the old bridge in the Florida Keys didn't count as dry land because chunks of the bridge are missing and it no longer connects to U.S. soil.

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ing senators from the podium. "The same questions — 'What does it mean to be Catholic in America?' 'Can a Catholic be an American?' — are asked in an increasingly complex fashion ... This is how we are to be an instrument to do good in the world."

Baron's speech mentioned but did not stress the numerous small — or even large — accomplishments his administration has achieved this year.

Rather, it was an address grounded in conviction and imbued with a genuine concern for Notre Dame — and with Baron's own philosophy; specifically, his stance on the hotbed of campus discussion sparked by Jenkins' Jan. 23 and 24 addresses to faculty and students on academic freedom and Catholic character.

"Father Jenkins demonstrated a principle in his decision-making, that from a multitude of voices, ideas, opinions and perspectives, truth can be identified," Baron said. "I believe that this same principle ... is applicable to the performance of the 'The Vagina Monologues' and the Gay and Lesbian Film [Screenings]. Since Father Jenkins' addresses, individuals have been compelled to examine themselves, listen to others and defend their faith."

"Higher learning has taken place. We, as students, are called to make decisions as we learn. Open dialogue with every viewpoint presented and the influence of the Spirit will guide us to truth."

While Baron said he saw the "Monologues" last year and found some content "clearly inconsistent with Catholic thought," he stressed the value of truth, saying the inconsistencies were realities that Catholics cannot choose to ignore.

"I have faith that my faith will lead me to truth, knowledge and the Will of God," Baron said. "We must do more to be Catholic, not less."

That, Baron said, means "The Vagina Monologues" and the Gay and Lesbian Film Screenings have an important

role to play at Notre Dame — but "are not the only means by which we must discuss the topics of homosexuality and assault."

Last year, Baron said performances of "The Vagina Monologues" at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center brought in \$15,000 for the S-O-S and YWCA organizations in South Bend — a significant chunk of money lost this year when the "Monologues" became a free production in DeBartolo Hall.

"Once again, in this very situation, we are confronted with the question of the role Notre Dame should play in determining how Catholics can go about doing good in the world," Baron said.

He made the distinction between the national YWCA, an openly pro-choice organization, and the South Bend YWCA, an organization without a stated position on abortion.

"Money, raised by Notre Dame students and donated to the local YWCA, would not be used for abortive practices or counseling. It is used to do good that no others are doing."

The heavy discussions

across and beyond campus on academic freedom and Notre Dame's Catholic character make this a "momentous time for the University and, specifically, the Notre Dame student body," Baron said.

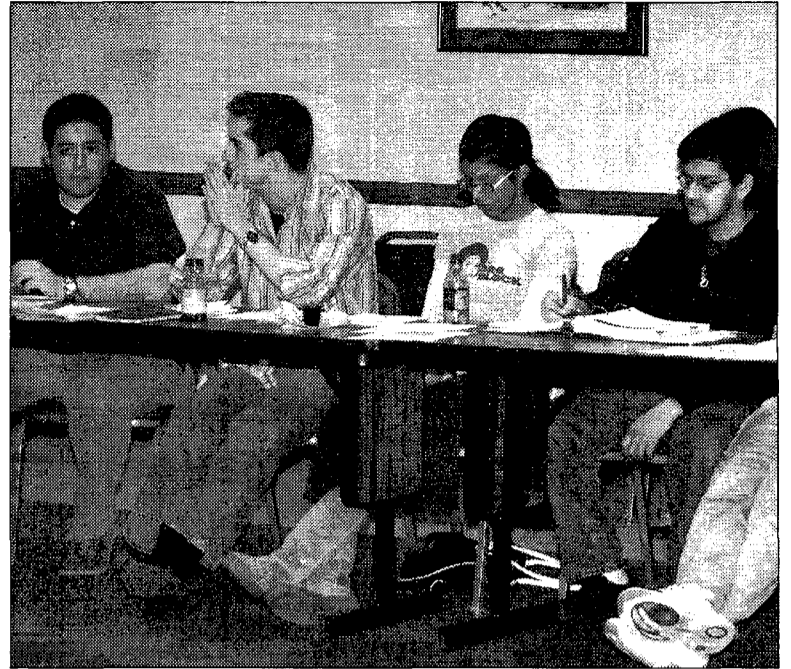
He quoted Jenkins' inaugural address: "If we are afraid to be different from the world, how can we make a difference in the world?"

"We have a role to play that has national and global implications," Baron said. "It is important that student government be a respectable and thoughtful voice, now more than ever."

And there's no one better to lead the Notre Dame student body through this period in the University's history than current student body vice president and president-elect Lizzi Shappell, Baron said.

"Lizzi Shappell is a woman of will, conviction, insight and empathy," Baron said, as Shappell smiled in acknowledgment, hands crossed under her chin.

"Since I met her two years ago, Lizzi has led me on the very issues that I spoke about tonight. She will do the same for 8,000 undergraduates and the entire Notre Dame family."



SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

Senate members listen to Student Body President Dave Baron give his State of the Student Union speech Wednesday.

But for Baron, what it really comes down to is the necessity of doing good and how he, and his administration, worked to fit Notre Dame into the bigger picture.

"For your time and attention tonight," he said to the senators, "for your efforts in the

past 11 months, for your willingness to be a body of discourse, for your contributions to Notre Dame as a Catholic think tank of America — I thank you."

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Airlines and pilots disagree

Talks with Northwest, Delta employees to renegotiate contract terms fail to yield results

Associated Press

ROMULUS, Mich. — Two of the nation's largest airlines, Delta and Northwest, failed to reach new contract terms with their pilots on Wednesday after marathon negotiations.

Without a deal, Northwest's pilots waited for a judge to rule on whether that carrier could throw out their union contract and impose its own terms. In Delta's case, arbitrators will decide that issue after a hearing set to begin March 13.

Northwest Airlines Corp. did reach a tentative agreement with flight attendants on Wednesday, the day a New York bankruptcy court had set as a deadline.

The same judge, Allan Gropper, could rule at any time on Northwest's request to reject its pilot contract. It wasn't clear when that would happen, but Northwest said a ruling was expected "in the near future."

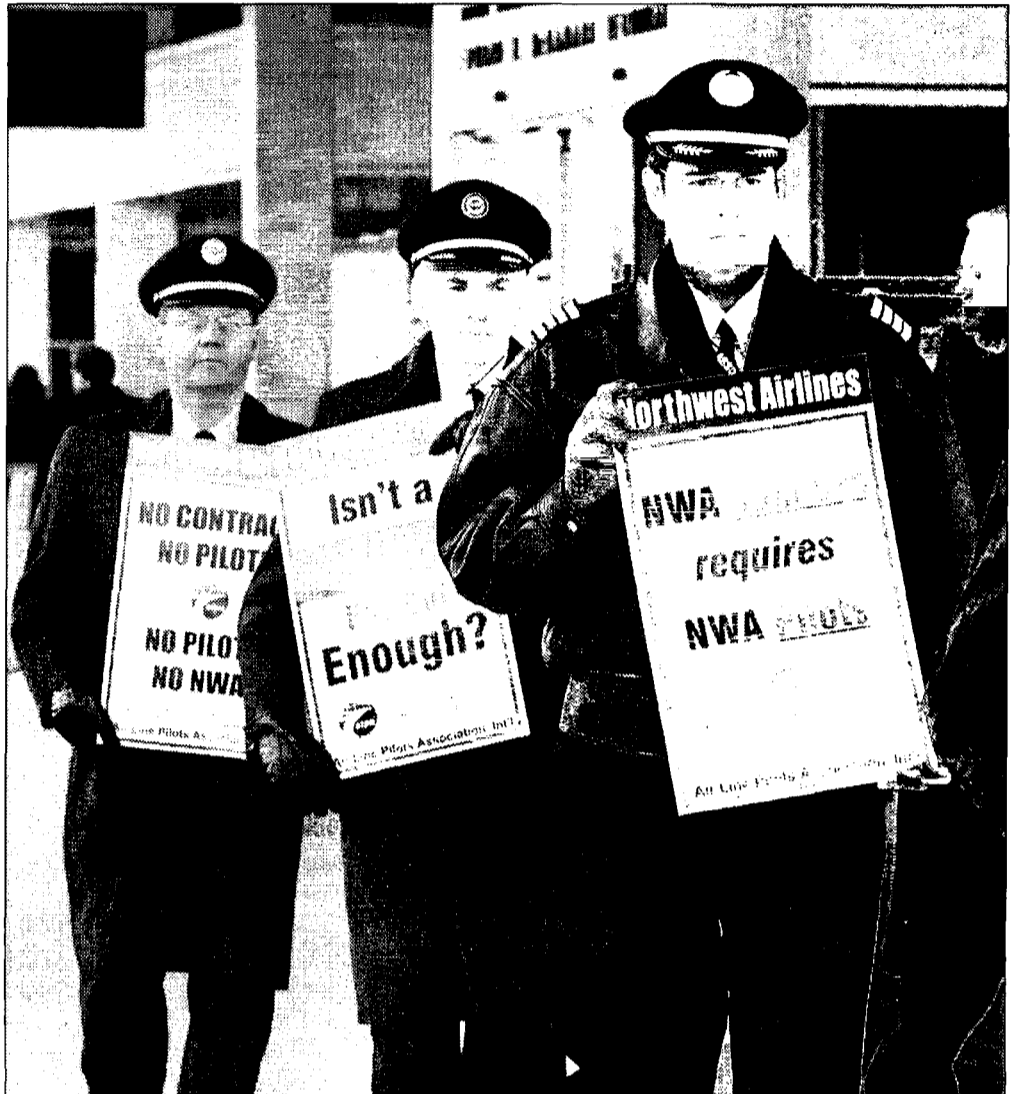
Delta Air Lines Inc. and Northwest, the nation's third- and fourth-largest airlines, have said they need long-term pay cuts so they can emerge from bankruptcy protection. Both filed for Chapter 11 protection in New York on Sept. 14.

Attorneys were set to meet with the judge Wednesday night in New York, said Wade Blaufuss, a spokesman for the Northwest branch of the Air Line Pilots Association.

Absent a ruling, the law appeared to give Northwest the right to impose its terms on pilots. Blaufuss said the union doesn't believe Northwest could do that.

But some experts disagreed. Minneapolis bankruptcy attorney George Singer said he believes Northwest could impose its terms after Wednesday if the judge doesn't rule. But he said it wouldn't be productive.

"That would strike me as something that wouldn't



Northwest Airlines pilots stage an informational demonstration at the Detroit Metropolitan Airport in Romulus, Mich. Tuesday.

foster ongoing negotiations," he said. "I don't see as a practical matter that it would play out that way."

More than 92 percent of Northwest pilots voted to authorize a strike if the airline imposes its terms on them. Northwest said a strike would be illegal and that it would seek an immediate injunction to stop one. Delta's pilot union has threatened a strike, too, though members have not voted on one.

A prolonged pilots' strike could be enough to sink either airline. Atlanta-based Delta has described a strike as "murder-suicide." Deadlines like those Wednesday have prompted wage-cut deals in other air-

line bankruptcies.

Delta said in a memo circulated among employees Wednesday that it has offered to increase its pilots pay 1 1/2 percent at the end of 2008 and another 1 1/2 percent in 2009. Delta is now offering its pilots a \$330 million note instead of \$300 million if it terminates the pilots defined benefit pension plan. The pilots are asking for a \$1 billion note.

Delta also said it has offered its pilots equity in the company once it emerges from bankruptcy. Its memo didn't say how much.

The arbitrators will hold two weeks of hearings at a downtown Washington

hotel starting March 13 to decide whether to grant Delta's request to throw out its contract with its pilots so the airline can impose up to \$325 million in cuts unilaterally. The union is currently offering about \$115 million in average annual concessions.

Nothing precludes the sides from continuing to negotiate up to and through the hearings.

The two sides agreed to arbitration instead of letting the bankruptcy court make the decision.

In late 2004 pilots agreed to a five-year deal that cut pay and benefits by \$1 billion annually. It included an immediate 32.5 percent pay cut.

IN BRIEF

Boston Scientific delays Guidant deal

BOSTON — Boston Scientific Corp. said Wednesday its \$27 billion acquisition of medical device maker Guidant Corp. will be delayed about a week, which would cost the company about \$4.5 million per day in interest payments.

Boston Scientific had sought to finish the deal by the end of March. But in a regulatory filing, the company said it now expects its Guidant acquisition "to occur during the week of April 3, 2006."

The delay will trigger interest payments that Boston Scientific has agreed to pay Guidant shareholders if the deal wasn't concluded by a self-imposed March 31 deadline.

Boston Scientific spokesman Paul Donovan declined to discuss a specific reason for the delay, which was disclosed in a brief mention in its 144-page annual filing.

Boston Scientific had stuck by its initial end-of-March goal since late January, when it won a pricey bidding war with Johnson & Johnson to buy Guidant, based in Indianapolis.

Stocks rise on consumer spending

NEW YORK — Stocks rebounded Wednesday as reports of a surge in consumer spending and improving health in the manufacturing sector restored investors' confidence in the economy.

Stocks regained some of the ground lost in Tuesday's sharp drop after the Commerce Department said personal spending shot up by 0.9 percent in January, the strongest gain in six months. Incomes rose by a solid 0.7 percent, the best showing since September, with the gains attributed to a variety of factors including cost-of-living adjustments for Social Security benefits and the new prescription drug benefit for Medicare recipients. Still, spending gains outpaced income increases.

Strong data from the manufacturing sector bolstered investors' moods, with the Institute for Supply Management, a private research group, reporting that manufacturing expanded at a faster-than-expected rate in February.

Investors shrugged off the slowest gain in the construction sector in seven months. Construction spending rose by a tiny 0.2 percent in January, the latest indication in a stream of recent data showing a cooling housing sector.

Ex-Enron CFO to testify next week

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Andrew Fastow, the former Enron Corp. chief financial officer who admitted he engineered schemes to hide company debt and inflate profits for years, will testify next week in the fraud and conspiracy trial of his former bosses, company founder Kenneth Lay and former Chief Executive Jeffrey Skilling.

Prosecutors told U.S. District Judge Sim Lake on Wednesday that Fastow was expected to testify next week against Lay and Skilling in a much-anticipated faceoff between the defendants and the man credited with devising the financial strategies that helped fuel the company's swift December 2001 descent into bank-

ruptcy proceedings.

But Fastow isn't the only worry for the defense. David Delainey, a former high-ranking trading and retail energy executive testified Wednesday that he, Skilling and others lied about the company's financial health as part of a conspiracy to defraud investors.

Delainey has been the government's strongest witness so far, describing the collusion among Enron executives, including Skilling, to make the company look healthier than it was.

Fastow will make his first public statements about his admitted crimes at Enron, and his testimony could be devastating to his former bosses' insistence that they did nothing

wrong and no fraud occurred at the company.

Prosecutors contend Lay and Skilling repeatedly lied about Enron's financial health even though they knew that fraudulent accounting propped up the company before it sought bankruptcy protection. Until he reached a plea deal with prosecutors in January 2004, Fastow was the highest-ranking ex-Enron executive indicted in the Justice Department's investigation into Enron's collapse.

A month later Skilling was indicted, followed by Lay in July 2004.

Lay has repeatedly skewered Fastow as a crook who betrayed his trust by stealing from the company that made them all multimillionaires.

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would be decreased from 65.25 percent to 63.25 percent, and the fund for co-sponsorship between clubs and Student Union groups would be eliminated.

If passed, the amendment would allocate clubs \$44,100 of the funds newly available from a student activities fees increase, while only \$9,502.86 would go to all other student organizations — including SUB, Student Government, Hall President's Council, the four Class Councils, Senior Week, Off-Campus Council, Judicial Council and Club Coordination Council. The Council of Representatives Collaboration Fund would also be entirely eliminated.

O'Shaughnessy's sincerity was apparent, as she pleaded with senators to "stand up for what [you] believe in" and stressed the importance of clubs to the Notre Dame experience.

Siegfried senator Ben Gunty questioned the necessity of the amendment, citing personal experience with the availability of club funds.

"I was part of [Student International Business Council (SBIC)] and applied for funding, and got it extremely quickly," he said. "I don't understand why we need even more money [for clubs]."

O'Shaughnessy said the SIBC proposal was "fantastic," but said clubs still "deserve [more money] for their great contributions to student life."

Academic Affairs Committee chairman Chris Harris acknowledged O'Shaughnessy's ideals, but questioned the specifics of the amendment.

"What I am questioning is the fairness of the proposal," he said. "I don't know how I can personally justify giving \$44,100 of the student fee increase to the clubs and giving everyone else \$9,500."

While senators expressed respect for O'Shaughnessy's attempts to garner support, not a single vote was cast in favor of the amendment.

The Senate also voted on —

and ultimately passed — a motion approving a letter the Diversity Committee will send to all hall rectors this week asking their dorms to hang a rainbow flag imprinted with "The Spirit of Inclusion" from March 20 through March 24.

A part of the committee's Stand Against Hate campaign, the flag-hanging — intended to stimulate casual discussion throughout campus — will be part of a program that will include discussion panels and Stall Note explanations.

Farley Hall senator Carol Hendrickson expressed hesitation over the flag's appearance.

"My concern is people will just assume it [is] a flag for gay and lesbian issues," she said. "There needs to be some sort of information that the 'Spirit of Inclusion' is not just about that."

Minority Affairs Committee chair Rhea Boyd countered Hendrickson, asserting the validity of a symbol which could inspire incomplete interpretation.

"If people assume it's for gay and lesbian issues, so what," she said. "If it's about a group who obviously isn't included at Notre Dame, more power to the poster."

Though Badin senator and Diversity Committee member Erin Hankins said rectors could not be forced to hang the flags, O'Neill senator Steve Tortorello warned dorms might still feel imposed upon.

The idea of the flag stirred universal negative feelings in O'Neill's Hall Council, Tortorello said, citing hall staff members who felt hanging the flag would suggest a "celebration of a lifestyle."

"Everyone from the staff to the presidents to the representatives felt imposed upon," he said.

Community relations committee chair Nick Guzman supported the flag's controversial appearance, noting that only an attention-grabbing device would stimulate conversation about the issue.

"The fact that it's going to ruffle feathers is exactly the point of the flag," Guzman said.

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SERBIA

Prime minister of Kosovo abdicates

Associated Press

PRISTINA — Kosovo Prime Minister Bajram Kosumi resigned on Wednesday, days after the start of crucial talks on whether the province will gain full independence or remain part of Serbia.

His nominated replacement, Lt. Gen. Agim Ceku, heads the civil emergency organization that ethnic Albanians view as the core of their future army.

Ceku sided with Croatia's army in their fight against Serbs during the breakup of Yugoslavia in the early 1990s. Serbian officials have accused him of committing war crimes against civilians and have issued a warrant for his arrest. Ceku, 44, denies any wrongdoing.

He became the commander of

the now-disbanded Kosovo Liberation Army, the guerrilla force that fought Serb troops during the province's 1998-1999 war.

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan last month offered a grim assessment of Kosovo's progress toward stability, saying in a report that the region had fallen behind in efforts to create a multiethnic and democratic society.

Annan's report to the U.N. Security Council said there had been little headway in efforts to achieve a series of benchmarks including the rights of minorities, ending corruption and the return of refugees.

Serbian leaders in Belgrade want to keep at least some control over the province, which has been a de-facto U.N. protectorate since the end of the war.

IRAQ

Saddam admits role in Shiite trials

Former Iraqi leader says 148 executions imply no crime on his part

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — "Where is the crime? Where is the crime?"

So said a defiant Saddam Hussein at the end of Wednesday's hearing in a trial that could send him to the gallows.

In a dramatic speech, the former Iraqi leader told the court that he ordered the trial of 148 Shiites who were eventually executed in the 1980s. He also acknowledged ordering the confiscation and flattening of their palm groves and farms in the town of Dujail.

But he insisted he had the right to do so because the Shiites of Dujail were suspected of trying to assassinate him.

"If trying a suspect accused of shooting at a head of state — no matter what his name is — is considered a crime, then you have the head of state in your hands," Saddam told the judges. "Try him."

The bold testimony came a day after prosecutors presented the most direct evidence against him in the four-month trial: a 1984 presidential decree approving the death sentences for the 148, with a signature said to be Saddam's.

Saddam did not admit or deny approving their executions, but stated outright that he was solely responsible for their prosecution, adding that his seven co-defendants should be released.

"If the chief figure makes things easy for you by saying he was the one responsible, then why are you going after these people?" he said.

The deaths of the Shiites are one of the main charges against the defendants, who could face execution by hanging — the same fate as most of the 148 — if convicted.

They are on trial also for torture and imprisonment of the Shiites, as well as the razing of their farmlands, in a crackdown launched after a July 8, 1982 assassination attempt against Saddam in Dujail.

The prosecution has argued the imprisonment and executions were illegal, saying the 148 were sentenced to death in an "imaginary trial" before Saddam's Revolutionary Court where the defendants did not even appear.

The crackdown, they argue, went far beyond the actual attackers. They have presented documents that show entire families — including women and children as young as 3 months old — were arrested, tortured and held for years. Those executed included at least 10 juveniles, one as young as 11, according to the documents.

The five judges will be able to take Saddam's confession into account when they rule in the case. It will be up to them to decide whether Saddam's

actions were illegal, since there is no jury. After Wednesday's session, the trial was adjourned to March 12.

The often turbulent trial has become more orderly in the past two sessions under the tough new chief judge, Raouf Abdel-Rahman, who broke a defense team boycott and clamped down on outbursts, shouted insults and arguments by Saddam and other defendants.

The discipline could boost the trial's credibility, which U.S. and Iraqi officials hope will encourage Iraq's sharply divided Shiites and Sunnis to accept the verdict. But outside the courtroom, those divisions have become only bloodier. Nearly 100 people have been killed in the past two days in sectarian violence.

The trial is also beginning to tackle the core of the case against the defendants, as prosecutors presented a series of documents — memos, decrees and reports from Saddam's office and the Mukhabarat intelligence agency — detailing the bureaucracy behind the crackdown.

On Wednesday, the prosecution played an audiotape of Saddam discussing the razing of the Dujail farms with a Baath Party official in the early 1990s and showed satellite photos of the flattened land.

Chief prosecutor Jaafar al-Moussawi showed the court handwritten letters allegedly sent by three of the defendants days after the assassination attempt, informing on Dujail families linked to the Dawa Party, a Shiite opposition militia accused in the attack.



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Report: Hispanics must adjust better

Education programs could help integration

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Millions of Hispanics come to America looking for jobs and educations, but remaining here seems to be bad for their health.

The longer Hispanics are here, the more likely they are to become obese, to develop diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease. And Hispanics born here have even higher rates of those illnesses, a new government report shows.

The analysis of immigrants' health by the federal Centers for Disease Control comes on the heels of a report calling for more educational programs for Hispanics, who are expected to increase to nearly one-fourth of the country's population in coming years.

"Failure to close Hispanics' education and language gap risks compromising their ability to both contribute to and share in national prosperity," cautions the study by the National Research Council, an arm of the National Academy of Sciences.

Marta Tienda, a sociology professor at Princeton University and head of the panel that wrote the National Academies report, said Hispanics are scattering across the nation and "transforming their new destinations even as we evolve as a nation."

"We are in the midst of the Hispanic moment," she said at a briefing. But, she added, there are two ominous trends for Hispanics — worsening health status and increased risk of family disruption.

The report, also released Wednesday, promptly documented her health concerns.

It found that 22.0 percent of Hispanics who have been in the country five years or more are obese, compared to 16.1 percent who have been here for less than five years.

High blood pressure climbs from 13.4 percent for newer arrivals to 19.8 percent for those here longer. As they stay longer than five years, diabetes rates rise from 6.9 percent to 7.5 percent and heart disease increases from 3.5 percent to 5.4 percent.

And Hispanic immigrants are among those least likely to have health insurance.

Among Hispanics born in this country, 29.8 percent are obese, 24.5 percent report high blood pressure, 10.8 percent are diabetic and 7.6 percent have heart disease.

Among the native-born U.S. population overall, 22.9 percent are obese, 24.3 percent have high blood pressure, 6.1 percent are diabetic and 7.6 percent have heart disease.

The one positive note, smoking declines from 15.3 percent to 13.8 percent among Hispanics here more than five years. Some 20.1 percent of U.S.-born Hispanics smoke, as do 24.0 percent of the overall population.

"We are in the midst of the Hispanic moment."

Marta Tienda
sociology professor
Princeton University

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NYC police alarmed over student's death

Brutal murder shocks family, investigators

Associated Press

NEW YORK — She was a young graduate student who died in a gruesome way: raped, strangled and left on the side of a remote road in Brooklyn. Beige-colored packing tape masked her entire face. A sock was stuffed in her mouth.

The stark contrast between the promising life of 24-year-old Imette St. Guillen and her ghastly slaying last weekend — and the mystery surrounding her final hours — perplexed and alarmed investigators, who fear her killer may strike again.

St. Guillen had been set to graduate this semester from John Jay College of Criminal Justice in Manhattan. She graduated with honors from George Washington University in Washington.

"She was kind, she was loving and she wouldn't hurt anyone," her mother, Maureen, said Tuesday outside her home.

Investigators theorize the killer was a stranger who lured St. Guillen out of The Falls, the lower Manhattan bar where she was last seen early Saturday. But no suspects have been identified.

Later Saturday, authorities received an anonymous 911 call from a man who gave the location of St. Guillen's body — and nothing more. Police traced the call to a public phone at a diner about a mile from where the body was discovered in a patch of weeds, and six miles from where she was last seen alive.

Investigators have tried to locate the caller, thinking he may have been involved in the crime and called out of remorse. They also have caravanned motels and hotels, believing the fitted, king-size floral bedspread wrapped around the body could have come from one of the establishments. So far, neither lead has panned out.

St. Guillen's family has appealed for the public's help in finding the killer.

"She was a beautiful girl, I mean beautiful inside also," her mother said.

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Why celebrity is like Oakland

Legend has it that the gods offered Achilles a choice between a long, undistinguished life and a short, glorious one. Achilles judged a premature death an acceptable price for the immortality of fame.

If fame is the recognition of great achievement, then there is no mystery to its appeal. It's only natural that the baseball player should dream of securing a place in the Hall of Fame or the aspiring writer should dream of winning a Pulitzer Prize. By honoring excellence we encourage excellence; the fact that the desire for fame leads many astray (be it through the use of performance-enhancing drugs, plagiarism or the fabrication of scientific results) is regrettable, but no reason not to honor genuine accomplishment.

Fame is something quite different from celebrity, although some who achieve fame also become celebrities as a result. Celebrity is about always being in the public view, and is measured in cameras. It's no accident that film and television actors, who are used to working in front of cameras, are the most prominent celebrities.

There are some obvious appeals to being a celebrity; there is the money, of course, and the access to the most exclusive — and hence glamorous — restaurants and parties. These benefits are real enough, but they alone would hardly be worth the effort of attaining and maintaining celebrity status. One does not climb Everest for the view.

Life under the spotlight is obviously so demanding that it would not make any sense to submit to continual public scrutiny merely as a means of getting to the best Hollywood pool parties. Celebrity is sought not as a means to an end, but as an end in itself; for the celebrity, life in the spotlight is not a burden, it's the whole point.

Warren Beatty once said of Madonna, "She doesn't even want to live off-camera,

much less talk." It sometimes looks like the press are always intruding into celebrities' private lives, but Beatty's remark suggests that those who survive and flourish as celebrities neither have nor want private lives. As Gertrude Stein once said of Oakland, there is no "there" there.

In the past I have mocked some of the political pronouncements made by film actors who have somehow come to believe that they have not just a right but a duty to use their prominence to share their geopolitical insights with the general public. Most of the commentary deserves the response that Wolfgang Pauli is said to have given to a particularly egregious paper submitted for publication in a physics journal: "This isn't right. This isn't even wrong."

I won't belabor the point — these days the only people who still believe celebrities have something to contribute to political debate are other celebrities — except to mention my theory that as a means to break a person's mind, sycophancy is second only to physical torture. The quickest way to drive a man crazy without laying a finger on him is to give him an entourage.

Celebrity seems to me a far worse deal than fame, but I can still see the appeal even if I do not feel it. What I cannot understand is the desire many people have to appear on television regardless of the circumstance. Reality television seems devoted to finding out just how much people are willing to humiliate themselves to appear on screen.

I'd like to propose a bold and wholly unverifiable theory about why this is: We have become Berkeleian Idealists. This form of idealism, named after the Irish philosopher George Berkeley, holds that the world is composed not of mind-independent material objects, but of ideas, and it is in the essence of ideas to be perceived by someone. As Berkeley put it "esse est percipi": To be is to be perceived.

Contrary to popular belief, philosophers don't actually spend their time debating the question "If a tree falls in a forest and there is no one there to hear it, does it make a sound?" but if we did, the Berkeleian Idealist would hold that with-

out an observer, not only is there no sound, there is no tree either.

This view has rather less bizarre implications when combined with belief in God (Berkeley himself was an Anglican Bishop, at a time when holding that office was still a fairly reliable indication of belief in God). An eternal, all-seeing God secures the permanence of trees and other objects that might otherwise pop out of existence when we aren't looking.

Medieval cathedrals are often decorated with gargoyles and other ornaments positioned so far above the ground that once in place there is no way that they would have been visible to the naked eye. But the craftsman still worked on them as if their details would have been subject to close inspection, because God would see them. As the poet Henry Wadsworth Longfellow put it:

"In the elder days of art,
Builders wrought with greatest care
Each minute and unseen part,
For the gods are everywhere."

In the absence of a God to pay attention to these things, there is a corresponding increase in the constant need for the recognition of others. Hence perhaps the somewhat compulsive relationship so many of us have with instant messenger, e-mail and our cellphones, and hence also our deep unease with the experience of solitude. It is often said that a university education should teach us to be good citizens. I'd agree if only I believed that those doing the educating knew how to make good citizens, but while we're making wish lists let me add an item that doesn't get mentioned nearly so often as good citizenship but is just as important: A university education should teach us how to be alone.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Consider vegetarianism for Lent

This Lent, we can play a significant role in alleviating the suffering of the voiceless. From labor in the fields to confinement in the factories, the process by which our food came to settle on our dinner plate involved much suffering. It is one thing to silently condemn suffering, but faithful stewardship requires more. Therefore, I challenge Notre Dame students, faculty and clergy to try vegetarianism for Lent.

The decision to give up meat or to consume less animal products is consistent with Christ's ministry for the weak and oppressed.

Today, more than ever, animals are deserving of this special compassion. Factory farms, where the majority of meat and dairy come from, involve severe confinement and painful slaughter for billions of animals. This inhumane treatment of animals is a perversion of Christ's peaceable kingdom where "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them" (Isaiah 11:6). This passage, along with numerous other biblical references to animals, suggests that we ought not to ignore animals as we work towards living in the spirit of Christ. The way of compassion and mercy can and should

translate into our own time. To ignore it is falling short of our human potential to honor God's creation.

Jesus, in his life of service and healing, forgave the outcasts of society. With a similar respect for all of God's creation, we can allow farm animals into our sphere of compassion. The question should not be "Why can't we eat animals?" but rather, "Do we need to eat animals for our survival?" Human beings are not perfect, but any step towards living more compassionately is significant progress.

The overall message of Christ's life can inform the challenges that we face today. As theologian Andrew Linzey points out, "To opt for a vegetarian lifestyle is to take one practical step towards living in peace with the rest of creation." To assist you with this goal, I highly recommend visiting www.veg4lent.org, a site wholly dedicated to this spiritual journey.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting.
So ... get on your way."

Theodore Seuss Geisel
children's author

Giving up for Lent

I just talked to a friend who, for Lent, plans to give away one thing each day. He will examine his material goods and then, every day of Lent, let go of something. Now this may be easy for the first week or so.

Kate Barrett

FaithPoint

Extra pair of pants, no big deal; those shoes I never wore, won't miss 'em. After a bit, however, it seems that my friend's Lenten discipline will become more, rather than less, difficult to maintain. It's not like giving up, say, coffee, where (after the headaches go away) you just sort of get used to its temporary absence. By the time he gets into the final couple weeks of Lent, he will certainly have exhausted his supply of that which he doesn't mind giving away, and his gifts (which are now permanently, rather than temporarily, absent) will be hitting a little closer to home.

It strikes me, though, that for the very reason that giving your stuff away would get harder and harder, it's a great metaphor for how to spend Lent. Shouldn't we all strive to keep stripping away all that separates our hearts from God's love, the closer we get to Jesus' death and transforming resurrection? Maybe I can feel just as secure with seven pairs of pants as with eight, or with one fewer pair of shoes, but what happens when what I have left is my really, really favorite sweatshirt? Does it become time to skip a day of giving? Whatever we wrap around us, literally or figuratively, that makes us feel safe, or cool, or powerful, or smart, or daring, can also be the very thing that holds us back from facing just our plain-old-unadorned-possibly-even-inadequate selves. This same "stuff" can become our reason for neglecting our relationship with God, because in the lit-

tle corners of our lives where the "stuff" isn't, we know that God may be calling us to unwrap these layers of protection. Do we look to accumulate possessions, or prestige, or popularity, or expertise in a certain area, out of concern for (or pride about) what others think of us? Ought we not be more concerned over what God thinks of us?

At what point do we recoil from what Christ calls us to "give up" in order to follow him with all our heart? It's probably not at the point where we meet chocolate, or beer, or TV or video games. We strip down in a lot of ways during Lent — our churches and chapels look more bare and the music of our worship becomes more solemn and stark; we give things up and try to spend more time in prayer; we may eat more simply in order to donate the overflow of our food budget to the hungry. Perhaps our stripping down and

giving up, however, needs to be directly focused at how we can hear more clearly God's intentions for our lives.

Forty days isn't such a long time. For many of us, finding 40 things to give away wouldn't even force us to dip too deeply into our favored possessions. These next 40 days, however, could be powerful, transforming ones if we allow ourselves to become ourselves — without any of the layers of protective adornments we usually carry with us. Our mothers were right when they told us, "Just be yourself!" God loves us and will bless us; we just have to be ourselves.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Notre Dame basketball needs full support

My letter is in response to the March 1 letter to the editor of my fellow alumnus, John Chute.

Let me start out by saying I completely agree with him that Notre Dame should set a standard of excellence in all things. It was that desire for excellence that led to the changes University President Father John Jenkins and Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves made in football after the 2004 season, and it's a policy as much a part of Notre Dame as the Golden Dome. Let me also say that a four- to six-win season in the Big East is not up to anyone's level of expectation, so the results of the 2005-06 men's basketball season at Notre Dame is certainly cause for concern.

But a commitment to excellence must be a two-way street, and I put it to Chute and The Observer's readership that Notre Dame is not living up to its end of the bargain.

John cites Duke as a model worthy of emulation in building a basketball program, and I agree it is the "gold standard." But Duke just spent tens of millions of dollars upgrading what John called "mediocre practice facilities" by building a state-of-the-art practice and meeting complex for its basketball players. This means the Duke basketball program, a top-notch program with every recruiting advantage you could imagine, felt it needed top-flight facilities to compete in recruiting.

Notre Dame football is the same — 11 National Championships, seven

Heisman Trophy winners, a national television contract and the best fan-base in the country (if not the world) provides huge advantages and should be very attractive to high school athletes. Yet we just spent tens of millions of dollars to build the Gug. The Notre Dame football program, a top-notch program with every recruiting advantage you could imagine, felt it needed top-flight facilities to compete in recruiting.

In the 40 years since the Joyce Center opened, every other non-football sport on campus has received a major financial infusion, whether it be via fully funding scholarships to the maximum level allowed by the NCAA, building new facilities for playing and/or practicing, or both. The Eck Tennis Pavilion was built in the last 20 years. The baseball stadium is less than 10 years old. The football program, in the last 20 years, has received two state-of-the-art practice facilities (first Loftus and now the Gug) and had a full renovation of its stadium.

No one denies football rules the roost at Notre Dame, but three major projects in 20 years while basketball receives nothing seems, to me, to be unreasonable, especially in light of the fact that the basketball programs outperformed the football program on the field over the last 10 years. When a recruit visits campus and sees the opulence of the Gug and then the spartan confines of the Pit, what impression

should we expect that recruit to create in his or her mind? What message is Notre Dame sending to recruits (and to potential quality coaching replacements, if that's where your interest lies)?

In his letter, John says that his employer gave him the financial support up front while expecting him within a given time period to prove himself worthy of that funding. I suggest that Notre Dame has not done the same for Mike Brey (or Muffet McGraw, for that matter), expecting quality performance while not providing the same level of excellence in support, either in facilities or in academic oversight.

For example, Notre Dame recently lost out on a recruit to Georgetown. This recruit, named after a former Irish basketball great, came on campus for an official visit, but left without a scholarship offer. Why? His SAT score was short of the limit for an early offer — a limit, I'm led to understand, that does not restrain the football staff. Georgetown saw no reason to use such a ridiculous standard, so that player will be suiting up for John Thompson III in 2007.

Dominic James will most likely be the Rookie of the Year in the Big East for Marquette. He was an Irish recruiting target as well. But as of spring of 2004, he had yet to take the SAT, so his scholarship offer was conditional. Like Georgetown, Marquette didn't have a problem with James' circumstance, so he's now dropping 18 points on the

Irish in the Joyce Center instead of for them.

A wise man I know once said, "Where Notre Dame has directed its intellectual and financial resources, success has invariably followed," and I believe that to be an excellent mantra. Right now in basketball, Notre Dame is doing neither. Mike Brey was promised facilities improvement when he arrived at Notre Dame six years ago, and the floor of the Joyce Center is still held down by duct tape while their practice gym would be considered low quality for a YMCA. As I noted earlier, whether on purpose or not, Notre Dame is making a statement about how it regards and supports basketball by not addressing these problems.

In his letter, John asked why the Notre Dame administration has "treated the men's basketball program like the infirmed little sibling, as if unable to meet the standards to which everyone else in the family is held." The answer is simple — the other programs he listed have been given the administration's full attention and support. When Notre Dame does this for the basketball program, I'll be comfortable demanding the top-10 finishes and Sweet 16 appearances John has asked for. Until then, as far as I'm concerned, the ball is in Notre Dame's court.

Michael Coffey
 alumnus
 Class of 1991
 March 1

Basketball team isn't 'the worst'

I'm writing in response to John Chute's March 1 letter to the editor.

If one were going to take the time to write a scathing letter of such length, I would assume he would do some fact-checking.

First, to claim that this is the worst season since Notre Dame joined the Big East 14 seasons ago is factually wrong on several fronts. We played our first Big East conference game in 1995. That same season we went 4-14 in conference, with some staggering blowouts. I know; I was a freshman with season tickets in the pullout bleachers directly behind the hoop. Also of note from that 1995 season were students showing up in UConn jerseys and openly cheering for the other team.

I'm going to assume that Chute, like much of the Notre Dame community, didn't pay attention to basketball that year, because he obviously doesn't realize how poorly we played that first year. To compare this current season to 1995, no one could say we are hurtling toward our "worst record in 14 mostly mediocre seasons in the Big East." It hasn't been 14 seasons, and we have played much worse than this year.

We all admit that this season has been tough and heartbreaking, and at the end of the day, results are all that matters. And this year, we have fallen short

of those results. Accountability begins at the top, and this is something I'm sure Coach Mike Brey recognizes.

However, I'd ask Chute one other question about his diatribe against our program and staff: Until this year, name all the coaches who finished the Big East regular season at or above .500 from the 2000-2001 season through the 2004-2005 season. The list is pretty short, and doesn't include some HOF coaches currently in the Big East, yet our own coach is there.

Chute, don't let the disappointment of the past two seasons cloud your judgment. We are all disappointed, and we should expect more, as I'm sure the team and staff expect more. But don't use patently false statements and hyperbole to bolster your argument. The truth is simple. While we haven't been a member of the conference elite, we haven't been a bottom dweller (as we were in the initial 1995 season), either.

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CD REVIEWS

Former student band gains popularity

By BOB COSTA
Scene Critic

Notre Dame is not exactly known for its music scene. With limited local venues besides AcoustiCafe for campus bands to play, most fade away by graduation. But that was never the case for Umphrey's McGee, an exceedingly popular rock band that formed at Notre Dame in December of 1997.

Led on vocals and guitar by Brendan Bayliss — the son of longtime men's tennis coach Bobby Bayliss — Umphrey's McGee has certainly evolved. The group once known for headlining downtown South Bend's State Theater and Mishawaka pubs became a rock band that has headlined the Bonnaroo Music Festival, played with Phil Lesh of the Grateful Dead and released 2004's "Anchor Drops," a critically acclaimed studio album that featured the Jammy Award winning song "In the Kitchen." To say that Umphrey's McGee has solidified itself as one of the best bands to emerge from Notre Dame in

decades is an understatement.

The band's new album, "Safety In Numbers," is a tour de force. Songs like "Passing," which evokes a plethora of images of both loss and life, propel the collection of 11 songs into each listener's psyche. No longer just a "jam-band" that hooks listeners with its dynamic live shows, Umphrey's McGee has obviously invested itself in the studio creation of its songs as sonic structures built upon more than three-chords, verse and melody. All six members of the band, from keyboardist Joel Cummins to drummer Kris Myers, leave their own marks on each song — allowing the album to have a complex tone yet approachable accessibility.

Produced by the band and its longtime live sound coordinator Kevin Browning (of the Browning cinema family), "Safety In Numbers" is ambitious from start to finish. It moves beyond Umphrey's McGee's muscular live rock performance into intimate acoustic numbers surrounded by an eclectic euphony of guitar effects, soaring vocals and passionate band interplay.

More King Crimson, Beck and Allman Brothers than Phish, Umphrey's McGee is pushing the jam-band genre into a new direction that deviates from its comfortable Deadhead past. The band can jam for hours on end — for proof listen to its recent live DVD release "W r a p p e d Around Chicago:



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Umphrey's McGee formed as a student band at Notre Dame in 1997. The band's new studio release, "Safety in Numbers," takes its performances to a new level.

New Years at the Riv" — but it can also contain itself to a point that is about the simple relationship between the words of Bayliss and the intelligent riffs of lead guitarist Jake Cinninger.

The album begins with the meandering rock song "Believe the Lie," featuring Bayliss emotionally singing about the plastic nature of modern society where "If you believe in every lie / You're never free to walk away." That track segues into the richly introspective acoustic song "Rocker," a song in memory of the life of the band's friend Brian Schultz, who was killed by a drunk driver a year ago.

Umphrey's McGee has been touring constantly since its members graduated from Notre Dame in the late 1990s. Just a few months after the group's first gig in 1998, the band released its own CD, the cleverly titled live album "Greatest Hits, Volume III." The group's first major studio album, "Local Band Does OK," won Umphrey's the raves of rock critics across the country. It is understandable why Rolling Stone

magazine calls Umphrey's McGee "the leading contenders for Phish's jam-smear crown." The band's music has an indelible energy that has infected listeners from South Bend to Amsterdam.

"Safety In Numbers" has a decidedly inward approach to its subject matter, most notably on "Rocker" and the powerful "Words." At first listen, one may think that Umphrey's McGee makes each song too much of a labyrinth, with crescendos hidden among melodies and sporadic notes. "Safety In Numbers" features a guest performance by sax sensation Joshua Redman and even a cameo by veteran rocker Huey Lewis on the upbeat anthem "Women, Wine and Song."

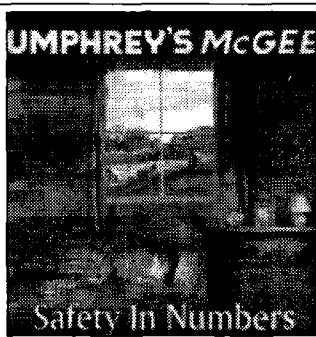
If listeners love music that takes chances, has the spirit of Frank Zappa and builds harmonies upon crunching guitar solos and passionate lyricism, then Umphrey's McGee's "Safety In Numbers" should undoubtedly be in their collection.

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Safety in Numbers

Umphrey's McGee

Sci Fidelity Records



Recommended tracks: 'Believe the Lie,' 'Rocker,' 'Women, Wine and Song' and 'Safety in Numbers'

Saint Etienne surprises with U.S. label success

By JOE LATTAL
Scene Critic

Electronic indie vets can still learn new tricks.

You might see rappers wear basketball jerseys or rock stars in the stands at a baseball game, but no one tops Saint Etienne in their dedication to pro sports. A presence since the late '80s when electro pop ruled the clubs, Saint Etienne is named after its favorite French football club, AS Saint-Etienne.

But whether you call it football or soccer, the group's new album, "Tales From Turnpike House," has perched itself in the top 25 of the college radio chart for a month — and deservedly so. "Tales" features delicately packaged electronic dance and pop songwriting courtesy of Bob Stanley and Pete Wiggs, with Sarah

Cracknell's soft and mature vocals as a petite bow on top. All three-band members started out as music journalists, and they showcase their experience and knowledge in the electronic genres throughout "Tales."

Saint Etienne has mastered the art of a successful electronic indie album, combining dance rhythms, elegant production, a friendly pop atmosphere and an element of sincerity in each track.

Some songs, such as the sultry "Dream Lover," have more of an Air or Dean & Britta breezy delivery. Bass walks behind keyboards and soft percussion with brief interludes of seductive flutes and guitars here and there. Other tracks, like the personal "Milk Bottle Symphony," deliver a sprinting bassline and more of a typical electronic indie feeling, comparable to Postal Service's "Give Up." Other tracks stand out with less emphasis on electronic production, such as the opener "Side Streets" about avoiding the spotlight, which sounds more like a Belle and Sebastian song.

But the highlights of the album are the dance tracks, without a doubt. "A Good Thing" takes you straight to the discotheque with a dance pop groove



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Saint Etienne, which is made up of Pete Wiggs, left, Sarah Cracknell and Bob Stanley, are named after their favorite French football club.

similar to Kylie Minogue or Goldfrapp. The track features a triumphant riff of keys, bass and electronic percussion that moves the song forward like a good plot.

In "I'm Falling" the mechanical rhythm produced from the synths and electronic percussion melts into Cracknell's tender voice. Showing off their mastery of different songwriting styles, Saint Etienne don't waste a single track on their gem of an album. "Tales" is the first CD to come around in a long time to maintain an innocent attitude but also elements of excitement and euphoria.

Listeners might not recognize Saint Etienne as Brit-pop veterans immediately, since they have yet to achieve mainstream popularity in America. Yet the class and maturity of their delivery make it clear that this group of former music journalists is the real deal, even if they

take their name from a French football team that's near the basement in the standings.

Unlike AS Saint Etienne's current season, "Tales" is full of elation and bravado with touches of charm and glamour. Any pop music fan that has the energy to dance can appreciate Saint Etienne. Even though it's still early, "Tales" is a serious contender for album of the year.

At the beginning of the year, it was surprising Saint Etienne, British vets who released their latest record on an American hipster jazz label, would land in the ranks of Cat Power, Jenny Lewis or even The Strokes on the college music charts. But after just one listen, it's no surprise how Saint Etienne have achieved so much success with "Tales."

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Tales from Turnpike House

Saint Etienne

Savoy Jazz



Recommended tracks: 'I'm Falling,' 'Tales,' 'A Good Thing,' 'Milk Bottle Symphony' and 'Dream Lover'

SNITE SPOTLIGHT

Monumental temple exhibit on display at Snite

By SEAN SWEANY
Scene Writer

A majority of people envision ancient Greek temples as massive structures, like the Parthenon in Athens, surrounded by stone columns with many decorations carved into the stone on all sides of the building. What most people do not realize is that monumental structures like the Parthenon have their roots in a much older temple without stone columns and carvings, the temple of Zeus and Hera at Corinth, Greece. This temple, which was the first monumental temple in ancient Greece, is the subject of the exhibition "The Genesis of Monumental Architecture in Greece: The Corinth Project" at the Snite Museum of Art.

This exhibition, headed by Notre Dame professor Robin Rhodes, presents the architecture of the 670 B.C. temple and the means of reconstructing it. He and a team of Notre Dame architecture students began studying the remains of this ancient temple in Greece in 1995. After many years of measuring, examining and piecing together the remnants, Rhodes and his team developed a means to reconstruct how the temple might have looked. The culmination of this is set out in the "Corinth Project" exhibit.

Rhodes' aim in the exhibit was to "create an architecture exhibit that was architecture." He did not want his exhibit to merely display ancient Greek architecture, but he intended it to show visitors how to perform the tasks of recreating the architecture.

As visitors enter, they see simple fragments of stone blocks piled in a seemingly random order. These stones are literally the "building blocks" of the temple and were used to construct the wall. Directly next to these is a massive, nearly to scale partial recreation of what the temple wall would have looked like. A video shows how new blocks are formed in a process called "vacuum forming." This process creates plastic replicas that look exact-

ly like real blocks but weigh much less. This reconstruction allows visitors to see and appreciate the effort that goes into monumental architecture.

The other monumental aspect of the Corinth temple on display at the "Corinth Project" is the intricate system of interlocking roof tiles. After viewing several displays illustrating the nature and design of the tiles, visitors get to experience firsthand how Rhodes and his team were able to recreate the terra cotta tiles using modern methods. A video shows the process in real time, as actual tiles the team made are put together to show what a real roof

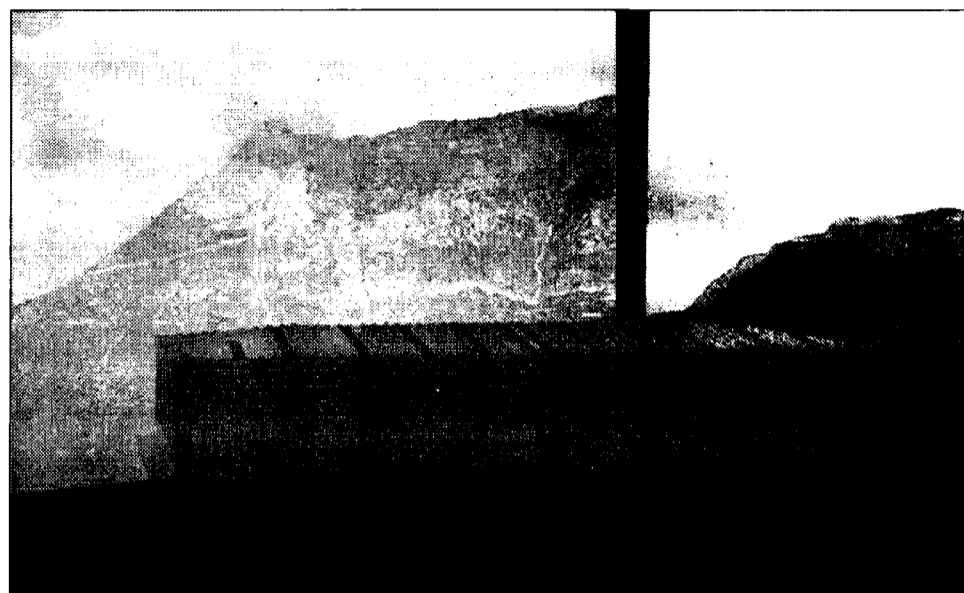
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A new exhibit at the Snite Museum showcases professor Robin Rhodes and his students' reconstruction of the ancient Greek temple of Corinth.

would have looked like.

After examining the various aspects of the architecture, an interactive computer station allows one to visualize how the elements of the roof and the walls come together to form the entire temple. Finally, the entire temple is on display in the form of a 1:25 scale model.

This amazing model is accurate down to the smallest detail and is surrounded by three screens that continually depict landscapes of Greece filmed by Rhodes. Rhodes says that this is one of the most important aspects of the exhibit because visitors come to understand the "placement of this temple in the landscape for which it was constructed."

The panorama, enhanced by the

sounds of bird songs, depicts beautiful scenes of the Greek countryside and affords visitors with a sense of appreciation for the total environment of the temple at Corinth.

"The Corinth Project" is one of those rare museum exhibits that allows visitors to learn more about a topic in a hands on, instructive manner that is fun at the same time. A trip to the Snite Museum to learn more about monumental architecture at the ancient temple at Corinth is well worth it.

"The Genesis of Monumental Architecture in Greece: The Corinth Project" continues through March 21 at the Snite Museum of Art. Admission is free.

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DPAC SPOTLIGHT

Famed Irish performers pay second visit to Notre Dame

By SEAN SWEANY
Scene Writer

Since 1962, traditional Irish musicians The Chieftains have been performing for audiences around the world, including Pope John Paul II. Tonight, the group will play in the Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Center for the Performing Arts (DPAC) for the second consecutive year. A highlight of last year's DPAC season, the 2006 concert promises to be more of the same.

Irish musician Paddy Moloney formed The Chieftains from several of the top folk musicians in Ireland. The group performed together occasionally until 1975, when its members began playing together full time. Since then, band members have come and gone, but The Chieftains have continued to push the boundaries of Irish music with their rich and varied melodies.

Using traditional Irish instruments including the Uilleann pipes, tin whistle, flute fiddle and a special drum called a bodhrán, The Chieftains have promoted the appeal of Celtic music worldwide. The band's lively Irish music is often mixed with influences of Spanish and Bluegrass music to create a distinctive, energetic melody that emerges in each of its 41 albums.

During their four decades together, The Chieftains have received numerous awards and accolades — including six Grammy awards, the distinction of

being named Ireland's Musical Ambassadors and a performance in front of 135,000,000 people during the Pope's visit to Ireland in 1979. Additionally, The Chieftains have collaborated with many of the world's top musicians, including Willie Nelson, Van Morrison and Mick Jagger.

This world-renowned band is playing at Notre Dame in large part because of the efforts of DPAC executive director John Haynes. Haynes arranged the concerts for both last year and this year and believes that The Chieftains "should play at Notre Dame every year for as long as possible." Last year's concert was immensely popular and this year's looks to be no different, as tickets sold out within three days of the sale date.

As a special treat during the concert, The Chieftains will be performing jointly with the University's Symphony Orchestra.

The Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Daniel Stowe, is comprised of more than 60 undergraduates, graduate students and faculty. The Symphony Orchestra performs several concerts on campus each year and traveled to California last winter for several well received performances.

The opportunity for The Chieftains and the University Symphony Orchestra to play together was again facilitated by Haynes when he heard that Moloney had created several orchestral compositions that he was eager to perform in concert. The availability of the



Photo courtesy of cultureculture.net

The Chieftains formed in 1962 when Paddy Maloney brought together some of the best Irish folk musicians of the time. The group will perform tonight at the DPAC.

University Symphony Orchestra and its relatively low cost compared to other Symphony orchestras made the joint production possible.

The two groups will play together again at a St. Patrick's Day concert in New York City's prestigious Carnegie Hall in two weeks.

"The Chieftains and the Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra at Carnegie Hall on St. Patrick's Day — that phrase speaks for itself," Haynes said.

For those who will be in New York City for St. Patrick's Day, tickets are still

available for the joint performance.

Tonight, the two groups plan to play a variety of other songs in addition to Maloney's orchestral compositions. The Chieftains also like surprises, and the appearance of Irish dancers is not uncommon at their toe-tapping concerts. What is for certain is that The Chieftains and the Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra will create an electric Celtic atmosphere in the Leighton Concert Hall for all to enjoy.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Florida State upsets Duke in front of restless home crowd

Premature court storming by fans leads to two technical foul shots, delays demise of Duke's perfect conference season

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida State beat No. 1 Duke for the second time in three years and the latest win had quite an ending.

Alexander Johnson's basket with just over a minute left broke the game's final tie and the Seminoles went on to a 79-74 victory over the Blue Devils. The fans stormed the court with the Seminoles leading 77-72 and 1.7 seconds left on the clock. The game was delayed several minutes until the floor could be cleared and Duke was awarded two free throws on a technical foul against Florida State for its players leaving the bench area.

J.J. Redick, who led Duke with 30 points, made the foul shots to make it a three-point game, but Al Thornton, who was fouled as the premature celebration began, made two free throws for the final margin.

The loss ended the run at an unbeaten Atlantic Coast Conference season for Duke (27-2, 14-1).

No. 2 Connecticut 66, South Florida 53

TAMPA, Fla. — Josh Boone scored 17 points and Denham Brown added 16, helping Connecticut overcome cold shooting to hold off South Florida for coach Jim Calhoun's 729th career win.

UConn (26-2, 13-2 Big East) squandered most of a double-digit lead built by scoring the first 18 points of the game. The Huskies avoided a total collapse with Boone delivering a key basket to help them pull away after South Florida (6-22, 0-15) pulled within 45-42 midway through the second half.

The victory moved Calhoun ahead of Norm Stewart into a tie with Jerry Tarkanian for 14th on the career victories list. South Florida has lost a school-record 17 straight game and remained winless in its first season in the Big East.

No. 4 Villanova 65, St. John's 52

VILLANOVA, Pa. — Randy Foye and Allan Ray put on one final show for the home crowd.

Foye scored 14 straight points for Villanova and finished with 21, and Ray shook off a sprained knee to score 15 in the Wildcats' win over St. John's.

Two of the most instrumental players in returning the Wildcats (23-3, 13-2 Big East)

to the nation's elite, Foye and Ray took turns carrying the scoring load in each half of their final home game.

The Red Storm (12-14, 5-10) hung tight most of the game, still within single digits with 6 1/2 minutes left, but simply didn't have enough to keep pace with the Wildcats. Eugene Lawrence and Lamont Hamilton each scored 15 points for the Red Storm.

Texas A&M 46, No. 6 Texas 43

COLLEGE STATION, Texas — Acie Law made a 3-pointer at the buzzer to give Texas A&M a victory over Texas.

The Aggies, who won their sixth straight, got a chance for the upset when Texas' P.J. Tucker, apparently unaware of the time on the shot clock, dribbled around as it expired with 5.9 seconds left.

The Longhorns intentionally fouled Law and after a timeout, he got the inbounds pass and pulled up for a long 3 which swished as the buzzer sounded, sending a number of A&M fans onto the court.

It was the second straight year the Aggies (19-7, 9-6) beat the Longhorns (24-5, 12-3) at home. They beat then-No. 9 Texas 74-63 last year.

No. 7 George Washington 89, St. Bonaventure 78

OLEAN, N.Y. — Danilo Pinnock and Maureece Rice teamed to key a 13-point run that helped George Washington extend the nation's longest winning streak to 17 games.

It wasn't easy. The Colonials (25-1, 15-0 Atlantic 10) needed to overcome a resilient Bonnies team which led by as many six points midway through the second half, and didn't relinquish the lead until there was 6:31 left.

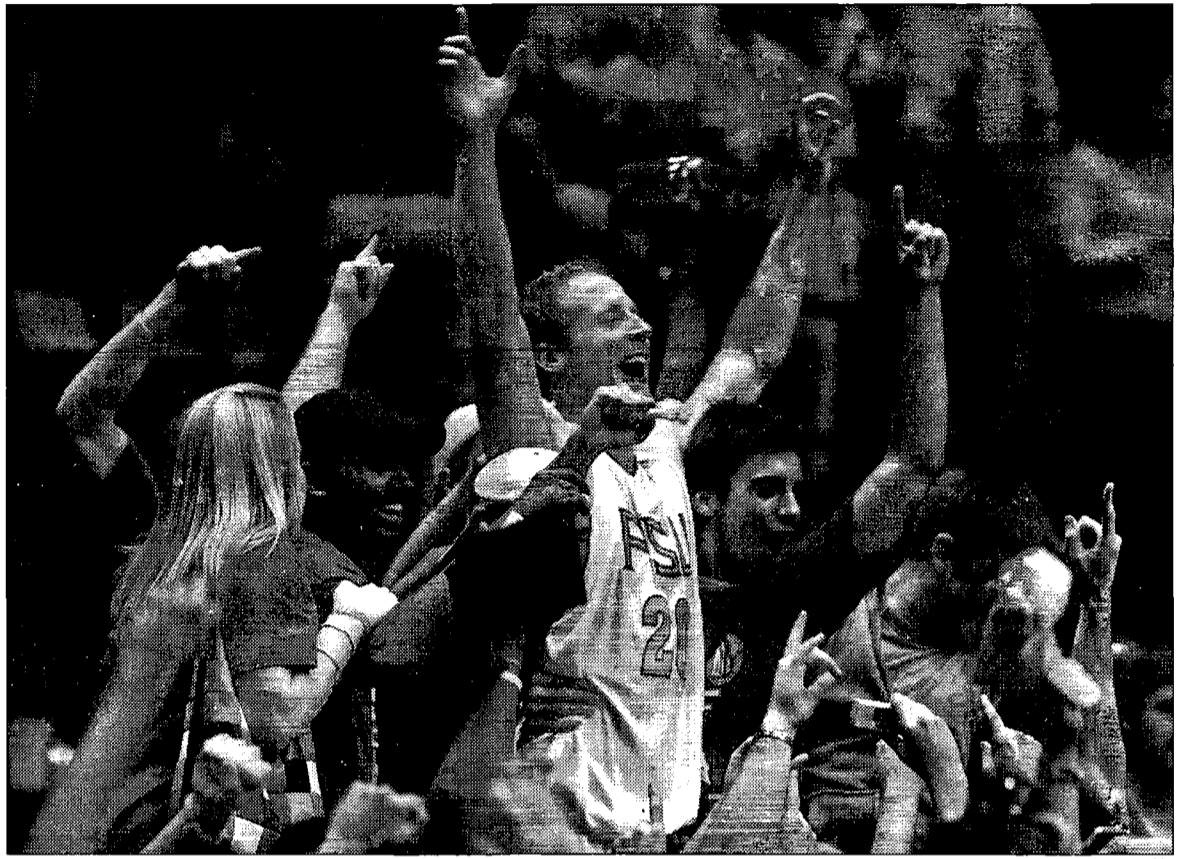
George Washington needs only to beat Charlotte in its regular-season finale on Saturday to become only the fourth A-10 school — and first since Saint Joseph's in 2003-04 — to go undefeated in conference play.

Michael Lee had 18 points for St. Bonaventure (8-18, 2-13).

No. 9 Ohio State 56, Northwestern 53

EVANSTON, Ill. — Terence Dials scored 18 points and Ron Lewis drove for a layup in the closing seconds to help Ohio State clinch at least a share of the Big Ten championship.

The Buckeyes (22-4, 11-4), who lead No. 10 Illinois by a game in the standings, could



Florida State's Andrew Wilson celebrates with the crowd on the court after the Seminoles beat Duke, 79-74, Wednesday in Tallahassee, Fla. A premature first celebration stopped play with 1.7 seconds left and resulted in a technical foul against the Seminoles.

win the title outright with a victory over Purdue on Sunday.

Kentucky 80, No. 11 Tennessee 78

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Randolph Morris scored 22 points and Rajon Rondo added 16 and Kentucky held on to beat Tennessee.

The Wildcats (19-10, 9-6 Southeastern Conference) avenged the Volunteers' win in Lexington last month that snapped an eight-game losing streak in the series.

The Wildcats, still battling Florida for the East's No. 2 seed for the SEC tournament, shuffled the lineup since the teams' last meeting.

C.J. Watson, JaJuan Smith and Chris Lofton each scored 15 points for the Vols (20-6, 11-4).

No. 13 North Carolina 99, Virginia 54

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — David Noel had 19 of his career-high 26 points in the first half of the final home game of his career. Reyshawn Terry added 17 points and North Carolina rolled past Virginia.

With the victory, the Tar Heels (20-6, 11-4) clinched a tie for second place in the Atlantic Coast Conference and reached 20 victories for the 33rd time in

36 seasons. Tyler Hansbrough finished with 13 points and Marcus Ginyard scored 10 as North Carolina won for the ninth time in 10 games.

This one turned into a rout early, and the final margin was the largest in the 95-year history of the rivalry. The Cavaliers (14-12, 7-8) had their final lead at 7-5 and the last of three ties came when Hansbrough converted two free throws on the ensuing possession.

No. 17 Florida 77, Georgia 66

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Joakim Noah had a career-high 37 points and 11 rebounds to help Florida snap a three-game losing streak.

Noah scored on layups, dunks, putbacks, even a baseline drive. He was 19-of-22 from the free throw line, breaking Neal Walk's school record for free throws made. Walk made 18 in 1968.

Mike Mercer scored 16 points for the Bulldogs, who have lost five of six.

No. 18 Kansas 75, Colorado 54

LAWRENCE, Kan. — Mario Chalmers hit two key 3-pointers in the second half and Kansas beat Colorado to move back into a tie with Texas for first place in the Big 12.

The Jayhawks (21-7, 12-3), who have beaten Colorado 34 times in their last 35 meetings, had their 10-game winning streak snapped on Saturday in an 80-55 loss at Texas. But Texas A&M upset the Longhorns 46-43 at the same time Kansas was beating the Buffs.

Kansas ends its regular season at Kansas State on Saturday, while Texas hosts Oklahoma on Sunday.

No. 23 Iowa 65, Penn State 38

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Mike Henderson scored 16 points and Erek Hansen added 15 to help Iowa snap a two-game losing streak.

Iowa (21-8, 10-5 Big Ten) took control midway through the first half and led by double digits the rest of the way. With the win, the Hawkeyes clinched a first-round bye for the Big Ten tournament and moved one step closer to its first undefeated season at home since 1965-66.

The Hawkeyes, who are 16-0 at home for the first time in school history, finish up the regular season by hosting Wisconsin on Saturday.

Iowa buried any hopes the Nittany Lions (14-13, 6-10) had for a comeback by opening the second half with an 11-0 run.

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The elephant is the only mammal that can't jump

There is a country named Nauru. People from Nauru are Nauruan. Nauruan is the only nationality in the world that is a palindrome. How bout that

To all outward appearances it would be a leather bound edition of the Count of Monte Cristo by Alexander Dumas...but it wouldn't be. It would be...the lockbox.

AROUND THE NATION

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NHL

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	OTL	points
NY Rangers	35-15	8	78
Philadelphia	33-16	9	75
New Jersey	30-22	6	66
NY Islanders	25-27	4	54
Pittsburgh	14-34	11	39

Eastern Conference, Northeast Division

team	record	OTL	points
Ottawa	37-14	5	79
Buffalo	36-15	5	77
Montreal	26-22	8	60
Toronto	27-25	5	59
Boston	24-24	10	58

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	OTL	points
Carolina	39-14	4	82
Tampa Bay	32-22	4	68
Atlanta	26-26	6	58
Florida	22-27	8	52
Washington	19-32	5	43

Western Conference, Central Division

team	record	OTL	points
Detroit	39-13	5	83
Nashville	34-18	6	74
Columbus	23-33	2	48
Chicago	18-31	8	44
St. Louis	16-31	9	41

Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	OTL	points
Calgary	33-17	7	73
Vancouver	33-21	5	71
Colorado	32-21	6	70
Edmonton	30-20	8	68
Minnesota	29-25	5	63

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	OTL	points
Dallas	38-17	3	79
Los Angeles	32-23	5	69
Anaheim	27-19	11	65
San Jose	27-21	8	62
Phoenix	27-28	4	58

CCHA Hockey

	team	conf.	overall
1	Miami	20-6-2	23-7-4
2	Michigan State	14-7-7	20-10-8
3	Michigan	13-10-5	18-13-5
4	Northern Michigan	14-12-2	20-14-2
4	Nebraska-Omaha	12-10-6	18-12-6
6	Lake Superior	11-12-5	15-12-7
6	Farris State	10-11-7	15-13-8
8	NOTRE DAME	11-13-4	15-14-5
8	Alaska-Fairbanks	11-13-4	13-17-4
10	Ohio State	11-14-3	15-17-5
11	Western Michigan	7-16-5	8-22-6
12	Bowling Green	8-18-2	13-21-2

NFL



Forrest Lucas, co-owner of Lucas Oil Products, smiles with friends and family members during a press conference Wednesday. Lucas' company secured the naming rights to a stadium that will be built for the Indianapolis Colts.

Name finalized for new Indy stadium

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — To the booming strains of rock music, the Indianapolis Colts announced Wednesday that Lucas Oil Products Inc. had won the right to name the team's new home field Lucas Oil Stadium — news the company's CEO jokingly called the "worst-kept secret in the world."

Forrest Lucas said he had hoped to keep a lid on the news that his California-based company had reached a 20-year sponsorship deal with the Colts worth \$121.5 million.

The deal includes the naming rights for the 63,000-seat, retractable-roof stadium, set to open in 2008.

As it turned out, word had leaked out two days earlier, derailing Lucas' plans.

"Boy was this the worst-kept secret in the world," Lucas said, generating laughter in the crowd that turned out. Lucas, who was born and grew up in southern Indiana, said he was delighted that his company had won the right to name the stadium for the NFL team in his home state.

He said Colts fans will

get used to the name of the new \$500 million stadium, which will replace the RCA Dome, where the Colts have played since the team moved from Baltimore in 1984. The new stadium is scheduled to open in time for the 2008 NFL season.

"I know a lot of people are saying, 'Lucas Oil — that doesn't roll off your mouth very good, Lucas Oil Stadium,'" he said, smiling. "But after you do it a few times it will."

Under the 20-year agreement filed with the Marion County Capital Improvement Board, Lucas will pay an average of \$6.1 million a year starting in

2008. RCA currently pays \$1.3 million a year for the naming rights to the RCA Dome. Lucas, 64, recounted his humble beginnings during his short speech, saying he was "born kind of poor," the son of a bricklayer.

A former truck driver, he said he worked hard to open a small trucking company before starting Lucas Oil Products in 1989.

The Corona, Calif.-based company has grown into a leading maker of heavy-duty and high performance lubricants used in the trucking industry and auto racing.

around the dial

NBA

Cleveland at Chicago, 7 p.m., TNT

MEN'S NCAA BASKETBALL

Wisconsin at Michigan, 7 p.m., ESPN

Syracuse at DePaul, 9 p.m., ESPN2

Memphis at UAB, 9 p.m., ESPN2

Charleston Southern at Coastal Carolina, 9:30 p.m., ESPNU

IN BRIEF

Bonds to star in ESPN2 reality series

Barry Bonds' reality TV show chronicling the slugger during his pursuit of Hank Aaron's career home run record will debut April 4 on ESPN2, the network announced Wednesday.

The show, titled "Bonds on Bonds" and produced by Mike Tollin and Brian Robbins, will offer a weekly behind-the-scenes look at Bonds and the San Francisco Giants throughout the season. Bonds, who turns 42 in July, enters 2006 with 708 homers, seven shy of passing Babe Ruth and 48 from breaking Aaron's mark.

"It was over 10 years ago when Mike Tollin interviewed me for the Hank Aaron documentary and I said at the time that no one will ever get close to 755," Bonds said in a statement. "At the age of 42 to finally have a chance to catch legends like Babe and Hank is really a mind-blowing honor."

Crosby refuses to criticize Team Canada

Sidney Crosby's only regret about the Olympics is he won't be able to play in them for another four years, not that he was passed over for the just-concluded Winter Games.

The Penguins' rookie star declined again Wednesday to criticize Team Canada officials for bypassing him despite the Canadians' poor showing in Turin, Italy, where they failed to reach the semifinals four years after winning the gold in Salt Lake City.

"When I watched the first game, it was tough because I think that was the time I realized it's probably going to be another four years before I had the opportunity," Crosby said.

"After that, I just became a fan. I was pulling for them and I wanted them to do well."

"It's unfortunate it didn't, but I said before Canada had a lot of expectations and they're not going to win gold every time."

Guerrero will not play in World Baseball Classic

Vladimir Guerrero pulled out of the World Baseball Classic on Wednesday, saying he will not play for the Dominican Republic because of the recent deaths of his three cousins.

Fernando Guerrero, 26, Salvadore Carmona, 25, and Henry Guerrero, 23, were killed in a car accident last weekend while driving from Don Gregorio to San Cristobal in the Dominican Republic.

Guerrero took Monday and Tuesday off from spring training drills with the Los Angeles Angels after learning of their deaths. He said Wednesday at Angels camp that he was very close to his cousins and he would not be able to focus enough on baseball to represent his country in the WBC.

"I feel mentally that I cannot go out there and play and compete for my country," Guerrero said.

NFL

League owners, players talk revenue sharing

Teams fear cap limits; begin to dump high-priced veteran players

Associated Press

NEW YORK — NFL owners will try Thursday to find labor peace before the start of free agency, hoping to avoid the mass dumping of veterans for salary-cap reasons.

The owners will meet in New York, looking to reach an agreement with the players' union that could add \$10 million to \$15 million to a 2006 salary cap that currently is projected at about \$95 million. Without it, some teams could be forced into wholesale cuts to get beneath the cap by midnight. Free agency starts Friday.

Three days of talks between the league and the NFL Players Association to extend the agreement that runs out in 2008 ended Tuesday with the sides far apart on the percentage of league revenues earmarked for players. Gene Upshaw, the union's executive director, said the league is offering to 56.2 percent of its total revenue for the players, almost four points lower than the union's.

"Our number has to start with a six," Upshaw said.

But beyond the numbers is an issue that has divided the owners for two years — revenue sharing among the teams.

Under the current system, some teams make far more than others in ancillary income, ranging from local radio rights to stadium naming rights and advertising. The lower revenue teams say that forces them to commit as much as 70 percent of that money to the players while teams with more outside money contribute far less, giving the high-revenue teams more available cash for upfront bonuses to free agents.

The NFL said in a statement after talks broke off that revenue sharing won't be discussed at Thursday's meeting.

Still, it is bound to come up during a meeting that on the

surface is considered a strategy session to determine the owners' next move. Labor negotiations often have a way of being moved forward by deadlines, and revenue sharing is considered a critical part of the formula.

Under the current agreement, 2006 is scheduled to be the last year with a salary cap. An uncapped year in 2007 means new rules that will force teams and agents to change their plans this year and could keep a lot of teams out of the free-agent market entirely.

"It might mean that no rookies get signed because no one is sure of the long-term ramifications," said Tom Condon, the agent for a number of the game's top players.

Even more urgent are salary-cap ramifications for many teams, which anticipated a labor agreement and planned for a much bigger ceiling. Washington, for example, could be as much as \$25 million over the salary cap after signings over the past few years that anticipated a salary cap figure well over \$100 million.

The ramifications of a lower than anticipated cap were evident Wednesday, when some high-priced veterans were cut. Among them were defensive end Trevor Pryce and running back Mike Anderson of Denver, the team's leading rusher last season. Denver also cut tight end Jeb Putzier.

Buffalo, meanwhile, released defensive tackle Sam Adams and Carolina released three veterans: running back Stephen Davis, defensive tackle Brentson Buckner and kicker returner Rod Smart, "He Hate Me" of old XFL days.

Miami cut left tackle Damion McIntosh, saving \$3.8 million against the cut. The Dolphins are a prime example of a team that needs a new labor agreement: They are estimated to be about \$9 million over a \$95 million cap, but would be under it if the agreement is reached.

Other teams seem ready for whatever happens.

"We're in pretty good shape," New York Giants general manager Ernie Accorsi said.

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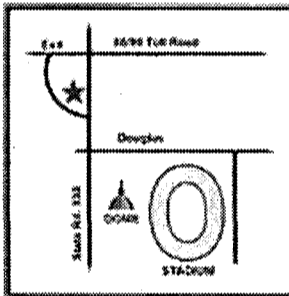
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NCAA SPORTS

NCAA identifies 65 schools violating academic standards

Notre Dame included in eight schools that earned superior marks

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Teams at 65 schools — including Texas, Tennessee and West Virginia — failed to meet the NCAA's new academic standards and now face the loss of scholarships for their poor grades.

But don't look for any of the biggest names in football or basketball on the list released Wednesday by the NCAA of those lagging behind in the classroom.

The only school in the six

biggest conferences to be sanctioned in football or men's basketball, the primary money-makers for most athletic departments, was DePaul of the Big East. It could lose one scholarship in men's basketball next year.

Nationwide, 99 teams could lose scholarships as early as next fall. The new academic points system requires each team to meet minimum requirements or face the potential loss of scholarship money when academically ineligible athletes leave school. No school can lose more than 10 percent of its

scholarships. And if the ineligible scholarship athlete stays in school, the NCAA will not take

the scholarship away from the athlete's team.

Sacramento State had the most teams affected (six) and could face the loss of as many as 2.3 scholarships in football. Prairie View A&M in Texas was among the hardest hit schools. As many as 10 athletes in five sports could lose scholarship money, including 5.3 scholarships in football alone.

The NCAA also released a list of schools that consistently outperformed its baseline standards. Among those were Brown, Harvard, Yale, Notre Dame, the three U.S. military academies and William and Mary, North Carolina and Illinois, the two teams that reached last year's NCAA men's basketball championship game, were both among the top 10 percent academically in that sport.

Overall, NCAA officials were pleased with the improvement made since last year when

about 6 percent of sports teams made the list. Fewer than 2 percent of teams were penalized this year.

"We want people to know that if you're going to play our games, you're going to be a student," NCAA president Myles Brand said.

Brand said a statistical adjustment, similar to the margin of error in public opinion polls, helped some schools avoid the list. Kevin Lennon, the NCAA's vice president of membership services, said 63 schools also received waivers based primarily on their institutional mission statement; 16 were rejected.

The NCAA may not be so forgiving in the future when the statistical adjustment is phased out and repeat offenders become subject to harsher penalties such as postseason bans and the loss of tournament money. Some university officials hope that sends an even stronger message.

"Obviously, if you received a penalty in this round, you need to find out what's wrong," said Walter Harrison, president of the University of Hartford.

"Those institutions need to get

better and get better quick because those adjustments will get smaller and eventually go away."

Football teams fared the worst, followed by baseball and men's basketball. Nine women's programs were sanctioned, compared with 90 men's teams.

Six schools — Florida A&M, Jacksonville State, Murray State in Kentucky, Nicholls State in Louisiana, Tennessee-Chatanooga and Tennessee-Martin — all received the maximum penalty in Division I-AA football, 6.3 scholarships.

"Scholarship reductions in any sport are not easy to accept," said Hawaii athletic director Herman Frazier, whose school could lose five scholarships in football and one in baseball. "I have spoken to the coaches of both sports involved and impressed on them a need for improvement to avoid these scholarship reductions in the future."

Only seven teams in the six power conferences — Atlantic Coast Conference, Big East, Big Ten, Big 12, Southeastern Conference and Pac-10 — were sanctioned.

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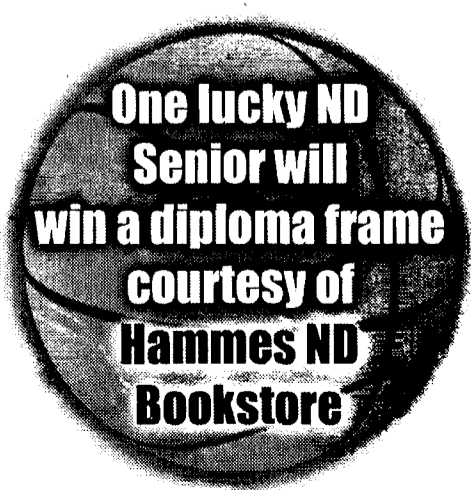


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essential ingredient to a defense that allowed 94 goals last year, the second-fewest in Notre Dame history.

"There's more pressure," said Kemp. "Everyone's looking at you to play solid and be a leader back there. And in the position I play I have to be a leader — the quarterback of the defense."

Kemp earned that trust last year by leading the nation with a .652 save percentage and being named a second team All-Great Western Lacrosse League selection and GWL Rookie of the Year.

"I've grown into that role. Last year I had to gain the trust of the upperclassmen."

Accolades aside, Corrigan feels the team's trust in Kemp as a leader emanates from the presence he has in the net.

"He's just a very poised kid," he said. "He doesn't get rattled if he lets one in or makes a great save. He stays in there and looks to make the next play. He's back there taking care of his job."

Corrigan knew he caught himself a player when he plucked Kemp out of Potomac, Md., where Kemp, the team's MVP, captained Georgetown Prep to a 22-1 record and No. 1 national ranking by Inside Lacrosse magazine. But with 18 seasons of experience in recruiting and developing Irish athletes, Corrigan knows the gap between high school and college competition, and he says he could not have

asked for the better performance by a freshman goalie.

"Now we knew he was very talented and going to be a good goalie," he said. "But you don't expect that. He's been everything and more than we thought he could be."

Corrigan credits Kemp's fundamentals as the key to succeeding so early in his college career.

"Technically he's very sound," he said. "His positioning and footwork are textbook ... He's competitive as the dickens."

Corrigan is appreciative of Kemp's older brother C.J., an "outstanding goalie" at Fairfield (Conn.) University who now plays in the Major League Lacrosse circuit, and credits him with being instructive resource for Joey.

Kemp is in his second year protecting the net for an Irish team looking to an improved defense to stimulate a post-season birth. And the sophomore sensation hopes to fill those shoes — and the net — and be a defensive catalyst. Kemp's plan this year is as fundamentally sound as his game is — don't let as many balls by.

"Last year we were around a nine or 10 [goals against average]," he said. "This year it'd be great to be around six. You won't lose many games when you're giving up around six every game."

His ambitions, if they come true, would give the Irish an outstanding record. Last year the Irish scored at least six goals themselves all but once.

While Notre Dame tallied eight goals in last week's season opener, Kemp and compa-

ny held No. 14 Penn State to four, the lowest allowed since a 12-2 triumph over Air Force two years ago.

Kemp, however, was disappointed.

"We actually should've given up two," he said. "They scored two off failed clearings."

According to Kemp, most of the credit for limiting Nittany Lion scoring opportunities last week goes to an overall improved team defense that punished attackmen and kept them from reaching the net.

"Last year we had to try to have a physical game," he said. "This year, it comes kind of natural."

By uncluttering Kemp's workspace, he has been able to flourish.

"It's a great help to have four great defensemen," he said. "I'm seeing shots. I know where they're coming from. It's a lot easier for me to save those shots."

Corrigan simplified Kemp's success to great goaltending.

"Everything that does or does not go in has to go by him," he said. "He made the saves he should have had and some he shouldn't. Whenever you get great goaltending, [the goalie] steals some. We've gotten used to Joey doing that."

Driscoll sure has. "Knowing we have Joey back ... takes a little pressure off me," he said. "He's been awesome since the second he stepped in the cage."

It is hard to imagine that was only a year ago.

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Foote

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the Bobcats.

"Ohio always considers us a rival," Foote said. "The past couple years they've always played us hard, wanting to win."

Foote set Notre Dame's single game scoring record Sunday, tallying nine goals and two assists for 11 points.

"To be honest I didn't even realize how many goals I had scored until the end of the game," Foote said. "My teammates just set me up nicely and I just shot and scored. I think that it was a great feeling because our team played so well together that day."

Beyond Foote's performance, the freshman class made an impressive debut. Rookie Jillian Byers also set a Notre Dame record as she notched five goals and two assist — giving her the freshman scoring record.

"Our freshmen are awesome," Foote said. "We had the number one recruiting class in the country and it shows. They are great contributors on and off the field and we couldn't have gotten a better group of girls. I am so proud and impressed by all of them."

With scorers already emerging, Notre Dame matches up favorably with the struggling Bobcats, as the Irish hope to implement a smothering

offensive and defensive game plan.

"We must come out tomorrow play a full sixty minute game without stupid mistakes," said Foote. "This is our first home game, so everyone will be excited. Offensively, we can definitely beat them in a fast break. Defensively, we hope to implement an aggressive attack to force turnovers."

Though the Irish have had a strong start, they are careful not to get overconfident so early in the season.

"It is evident from the past two games all the hard work is paying off," Foote said. "We still know, however, that it's only two games and we have so much more to improve. Everyone is willing to sac-

rific at all times." With two wins already, this year's squad is likely to improve on the record of the 2005 team that finished 3-12. Foote, for one, is hoping the strong start will carry on throughout the season.

"I made school history doing what I love on a field in 70 degree weather, what could be better than that?" Foote said. "But I really hope our team wins [the national championship]. A ring on my finger would be more fulfilling than scoring goals."

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rebounds and became the main Irish scoring option when Quinn and guard Colin Falls (six points, 2-of-7 shooting) could not get open. He also secured five offensive rebounds and kept several possessions alive with tips or rebounds.

"It was just one of those things where you know you have to get this win, so I just started attacking the basket aggressively," Francis said. "Then I think that energy rubbed off on everyone else."

The Irish also switched in-and-out of zone and man defenses throughout the game to rattle the Friars' shooters. Providence freshman guard

Sharaud Curry led all scorers with 25 points, but Notre Dame succeeded in keying on Providence guard Donnie McGrath and prevented him from getting more than a few open looks.

McGrath, who entered the game with a team-high 15.4 points per game scoring average in conference play, played all 40 minutes but scored just nine points on 3-of-13 shooting, replicating an equally frustrating 3-of-12 shooting effort in Providence's 92-77 loss to Notre Dame at the Joyce Center Jan. 14.

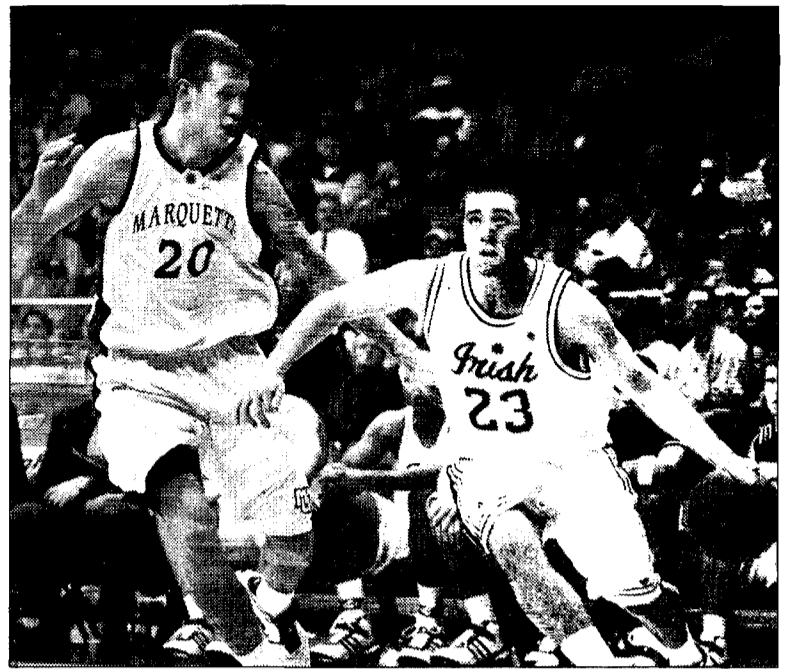
"Coach Brey wanted us to switch back from zone to man, man to zone, and that was real effective," Francis said. "They were hot early, but they weren't shooting like that all game

because of our defense."

Quinn did not explode for 31 points on 11-of-14 shooting as he did Jan. 14 against the Friars, but he deferred to teammates in the teams' second meeting.

Once Francis scored with 8:45 remaining in the first half to give Notre Dame a 19-18 advantage, Providence could not regain the lead until forward Geoff McDermott hit 1-of-2 foul shots at the 7:05 mark of the second half to put the Friars up, 60-59.

But Notre Dame answered the threat with a 9-0 run sparked by two Francis free throws. Francis completed the run with a bucket to make the score 68-60 with about four minutes to go. And though Providence center Herbert Hill converted an old-fashioned 3-point play to cut the lead to 68-63, Carter, Quinn, Falls and freshman guard Kyle McAlarney (11 points, 3-of-4 3-pointers) made key baskets and



Irish freshman Kyle McAlarney, right, drives past Marquette forward Steve Novak in an 80-72 Notre Dame loss on Feb. 25.

foul shots down the stretch to fend off the Friars, who inched to five points with a minute-and-a-half remaining but could not get closer.

Notre Dame takes a 10-9 all-time series lead against Providence with the victory.

Carter, who played only four minutes against the Friars Jan. 14, filled Quinn's scorer's role in the first half by dropping 13 points in the first 20 minutes. He made 5-of-7 field goals, including 2-of-4 3-pointers, in that stretch.

Both teams got off to sluggish overall starts, though Providence prevailed in the early minutes. With the Irish in man-to-man defense, the Friars found lanes to drive and kick, opening a 5-0 lead early and a 10-5 advantage (4-of-7 shooting) at 15:25.

Providence's Curry scored 16 points in the half to lead all scorers.

But Cornett hit 1-of-2 free throws, and then Notre Dame switched to a match-up zone, forcing three Providence turnovers in the next four minutes.

McGrath hit a 3-pointer with 14 minutes remaining to give the Friars a 13-6 lead, but the Irish went on a 9-0 run, sparked by consecutive Carter baskets and four points from Rob Kurz to take a 15-13 lead at 11:33.

Neither team could miss just minutes later.

Beginning with a McAlarney 3-pointer to make the score 22-18 Irish, Notre Dame and Providence combined to hit five straight 3-point baskets, with McAlarney hitting a second from deep to give his team a 28-24 lead.

That was part of a stretch in which Notre Dame made eight field goals on eight consecutive possessions, unfazed by the Senior Night atmosphere of the Dunkin Donuts Center.

"With the amount of places we've played, it wasn't a very intimidating atmosphere," Francis said. "We've played in much more hostile environments, but they still had the advantage playing on their home floor. They were in the same position as us."

The teams traded baskets and Quinn sank his first basket with 1:52 to give the Irish a ten-point lead, and Providence scored the final six points of the half — including a Curry lay up off a McGrath steal, when Quinn turned the ball over as Notre Dame held for the last shot.

Notre Dame led 42-38 at the half.

Notes:

ESPN The Magazine has named Quinn to its Men's Basketball University Division Academic All-America First Team, making Quinn the seventh player in the history of Notre Dame men's basketball to earn Academic All-America honors.

Quinn is the first Irish men's basketball player since Pat Garrity (Orlando Magic) to earn the award. Garrity earned the honor in both 1997 and 1998.

Notre Dame is the only school to have a men's and women's player (point guard Megan Duffy) honored as Academic All-Americans this year.

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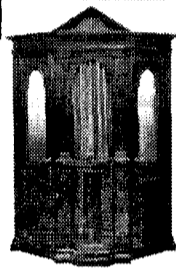
Sunday Scriptures

First Sunday in Lent

1st	2nd	Gospel
Genesis 9:8-15	1 Peter 3:18-22	Mark 1:12-15

Catholic Q&A

How often should I go to Confession?



The Church does not offer any definite frequency that one must receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, except to say that one who has attained the age of reason (normally, age seven) is "bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious [mortal] sins at least once a year" (CCC 1457). (Keep in mind that this is not so much a recommendation for action as it is a bare minimum for membership, as the Church also requires us to receive Holy Communion *at least once a year*, but of course the majority of practicing Catholics receive it much more frequently.) The Catechism goes on to state that, "Anyone who is aware of having committed a mortal sin must not receive Holy Communion, even if he experiences deep contrition [sorrow for sin], without having first received sacramental absolution" (1457). If he does, one may be even worse off, as he "eats and drinks judgment on himself" (1 Cor 11:29).

By the term "serious sins," the Church is referring to especially grave sins, also known as *mortal* sins, which are those that "destroys charity [love] in the heart of man by a grave violation of God's law; it turns man away from God" (CCC 1855). Scripture provides many lists of sins that might well qualify as serious: "fornication, impurity, licentiousness [lacking moral discipline or restraint, especially in sexual matters], idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, anger, selfishness, dissension, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and the like" (Gal 5:19-21).

While not explicitly necessary, the Church also sees the value in confessing lesser *venial* sins regularly as well, that we might all be continually encouraged to grow in holiness by following after Jesus Christ in all things. However, this must be balanced well to avoid the tendency towards *scrupulosity*, where one tries to find sin in oneself even when there is none to find. If you have questions regarding what is sin and what is not, a solid confessor should help you discern what truly does need to be confessed.

A good rule of thumb that I try to follow is to receive the Sacrament of Confession about once a month, or whenever I feel in my heart that I have done something for which I especially need to seek forgiveness from God.

Schedule of Confessions in the Basilica

- 11:00-11:30am (M-F)
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Keep an eye out for other Lenten opportunities to receive the Sacrament at the Basilica or in your Residence Hall!

Send questions to Brett Perkins: Perkins.26@nd.edu!

What's Up?

TONIGHT 3/2

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Friday 3/3

Eucharistic Adoration
12 PM - 5 PM, Basilica Lady Chapel

Stations of the Cross
7:15 PM, Basilica

Saturday 3/4

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5 PM, Basilica

Sunday 3/5

Sunday Masses
10:00 AM & 11:45 AM, Basilica

Lenten Vespers
7:15 PM, Basilica

Rejoice! Mass
9 PM, CoMo Chapel

Monday 3/6

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Mark
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If you asked Mark Vilardo about his contributions to Notre Dame, his response would probably consist of a mixture of him talking about being the Captain of the Siegfried Hall Bowling team, and a rambling dissertation on why Buffalo, NY is the best city in the world. Luckily for everyone reading this, Mark is not the author, and now I can focus on all the real service Mark does for the Notre Dame community. Mark's commitment to service starts where he lives, in Siegfried Hall. As a senior, Mark is a Resident Assistant and cornerstone of the Siegfried Hall community. Mark's commitment to Siegfried cannot be shown any more clearly than through last weekend, when Mark was in charge of running the Siegfried Hall Retreat. That Mark sacrificed a whole weekend, on top of all of his normal RA duties, to minister to his brother Ramblers shows the true nature of his character. Although the activities already described would certainly warrant Mark to be featured as an example of faith, he is active in ministering in many other ways as well.

Mark approaches his involvement with Campus Ministry with the same zeal he serves Siegfried Hall. Mark has been a leader on retreat teams that have helped to run both Sophomore Road Trip as well as NDE #88. Both of these retreats serve as great ways for students to grow in their faith, and Mark has been an integral part of both retreat endeavors. Mark finds time to participate in all of this in the midst of his Major in Finance, membership in the Glee Club and participation in other service organizations.

Luckily for Campus Ministry, we have booked Mark to help with one more activity. Mark will help lead a Night of Reflection for the new RAs selected for next year. The new RAs will certainly benefit from Mark's example, as well as his encyclopedic knowledge of all things related to Buffalo. Mark, Campus Ministry owes a heartfelt debt of gratitude to you for all of your help. When you graduate and move back home, Notre Dame's loss will certainly be Buffalo's gain.

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USA SOCCER

U.S. team weathers Poland

Dempsey's goal good enough to squeak out victory in snowstorm

Associated Press

KAISERSLAUTERN, Germany — The last time Clint Dempsey played in a snowstorm, the match was reduced to a penalty-kick shootout rather than going the full 90 minutes.

That was in Texas when he was playing club soccer.

On Wednesday night, Dempsey and the U.S. team defied the elements and beat Poland 1-0 in a World Cup tuneup played in blizzard conditions.

In a scene more befitting Lambeau Field than a soccer field, Dempsey scored the only goal off a misplay by Poland's goalie in the 48th minute.

"I never played in a game

when that much snow came in at the same time," Dempsey said. "I never saw little flurries turn into big snow like that.

"The ball kept bouncing around here and there."

It bounced perfectly on Dempsey's fortuitous goal. Eddie Lewis made a superb long pass from the left wing into the penalty area. Goalkeeper Artur Boruc, who entered to start the second half, tried to punch it away. Instead, the ball deflected off the head of U.S. forward Taylor Twellman directly to Dempsey.

All Twellman's teammate with the New England Revolution had to do was head it into a gaping net.

"The defender thought the goalie was going to get it, and it caused him to hesitate a bit. And I was able to get behind him and get one in the back of the net," Dempsey said.

"He apologized for his mis-

take, but that's not enough," Poland coach Pawel Janas said of Boruc. "You need to concentrate more."

The next time the United States plays at Fritz-Walter-Stadion, it probably will be 50 degrees warmer, with no sign of snow and a frosty wind.

By the midpoint of the second half, the swirling snow made heading the ball an adventure and trying to make cuts a dangerous proposition. In the final minutes, referee Thorsten Kinhofer even went to a yellow ball so it would contrast against the white blanket on the field.

"I'm not sure the snow was an advantage for anybody," U.S. coach Bruce Arena said. "We have been training in California, our domestic players, for seven weeks."

And they certainly didn't see any California weather out there Wednesday.

The conditions controlled play more than either team.

MLB

Ramirez shows at Red Sox camp, as expected

Outfielder shy about future with Red Sox

Associated Press

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Manny Ramirez showed up for work Wednesday like other 9-to-5ers, an employee paid to do his job even if he might prefer to move to another company — or team.

There were some glaring differences, though.

The Boston Red Sox left fielder arrived at spring training with his agents and others in a pair of luxury vehicles: one copper, one silver. He sported dark orange dreadlocks and was on the baseball field for only an hour. He showed up, with the team's approval, one day after the mandatory reporting date.

The slugger declined several

opportunities to say he's happy to still be with the team after he asked to be traded following last season.

"I'm here. I'm here," Ramirez said when asked if he's happy to be with Boston.

He also said he wouldn't entertain questions about past trade rumors or play for the Dominican Republic in the World Baseball Classic this month.

"My main focus," he said, "is getting prepared for the season to help Boston win. ... I'm not ready, so I'm not going to go out there and make a fool of myself."

Ramirez isn't expected to play in Thursday night's exhibition opener against Minnesota, but manager Terry Francona didn't expect him to be out of the lineup for long.

Ramirez's agent, Greg Genske, made it clear his client might not exercise his 10-5 rights (10 years in the majors and five with the same team) to refuse a trade.

"I wouldn't say that," Genske said when asked if Ramirez has no intention of leaving the Red Sox. "I'd say he's kept an open mind."

Ramirez, who reportedly wanted more privacy than he has in Boston, said Wednesday he liked the attention.

"I get paid to play baseball and no [matter] where I go and play, I've still got to go and perform even if I like it or not," he said.

That wasn't exactly embracing his current team.

"I'm fine. I'm fine," he said. "I guess a lot of people want me to be back and that's why I'm here."

Ramirez is due to make \$19 million in 2006, the sixth year of his eight-year, \$160 million contract.

After the 2003 season, the Red Sox placed him on waivers in an effort to relieve themselves of his expensive contract but found no takers and tried to trade him for Alex Rodriguez. Last season, Ramirez took off the last two games before the trade deadline July 31 while the team explored possible deals.

During the offseason, the Red Sox talked with Baltimore and the New York Mets, among others, about trades involving Ramirez.

"I think Manny knows that we have made a good faith effort to meet his ... request," Jed Hoyer, co-general manager at the time, said on Jan. 12. "We haven't found a deal that works for us."

Genske wouldn't say directly that Ramirez had asked to be traded.

"I think it's been mischaracterized all along," he said. "Over the last few years it's a situation where the Red Sox have wanted to pursue trade alternatives just to kind of see what's out there, and Manny has always been willing to participate in those kind of talks and he'd be willing to keep an open mind and cooperate if the Red Sox decide that they want to have trade discussions."

The team gave Ramirez permission to report on March 1, six days after the first full-squad workout. Genske said Ramirez wasn't fined for reporting after Feb. 28. Ramirez said he didn't want to change his offseason training program by reporting for the first workout.

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Tennis

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"It's pretty timely that we're going to a doubles tournament because it looks like we could use the work," he said after the match.

Stephen Bass and Santiago Montoya are playing at No. 43 and scheduled to play Rice's Rodrigo Gabriel and Jason Mok today at

1:45 p.m.

Bass has been steady for the Irish this season, ranked at No. 17 in the national singles standings. Montoya is a strong player who has not seen much time on the courts this season, but Bayliss is confident in his ability to compete at this tournament's high level.

Eric Langenkamp and Andrew Roth, set at No. 52, will be facing UCSD's Kazari Negishi and Ramesh S. Thonadpu at 2:15 p.m. today.

Roth has been part of several doubles pairings this season, notably with Brett Helgeson in Notre Dame's lone relative bright spot in doubles against Ohio State. The freshmen battled together in an 8-6 loss to Devin Mullings and Chris Klingemann at third doubles in what Bayliss called "by far our strongest match."

Langenkamp has also been a strong doubles player for the Irish, usually playing in first and second

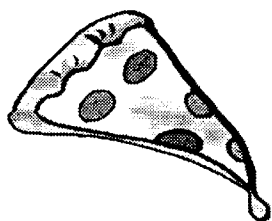
doubles.

Ryan Keckley and Barry King, one of the strongest Irish duos and playing at No. 76, had a first-round bye and will play Friday at 9:45 a.m. The two juniors have been a highlight for the Irish this season, defeating the then-No. 1 nationally ranked doubles team Ross Wilson and Scott Green in a 4-3 loss at North Carolina in February. The two could not repeat the performance, however, falling to the No. 1

pair in a lopsided loss at the Eck Tennis Pavilion Feb. 26. Although the performance was disappointing, the team took the hit in stride — Ross and Wilson have won three ITA Grand Slam tournament events while playing together.

A first-round bye also went to Helgeson and Sheeva Parbhu, who play Friday at 10:15.

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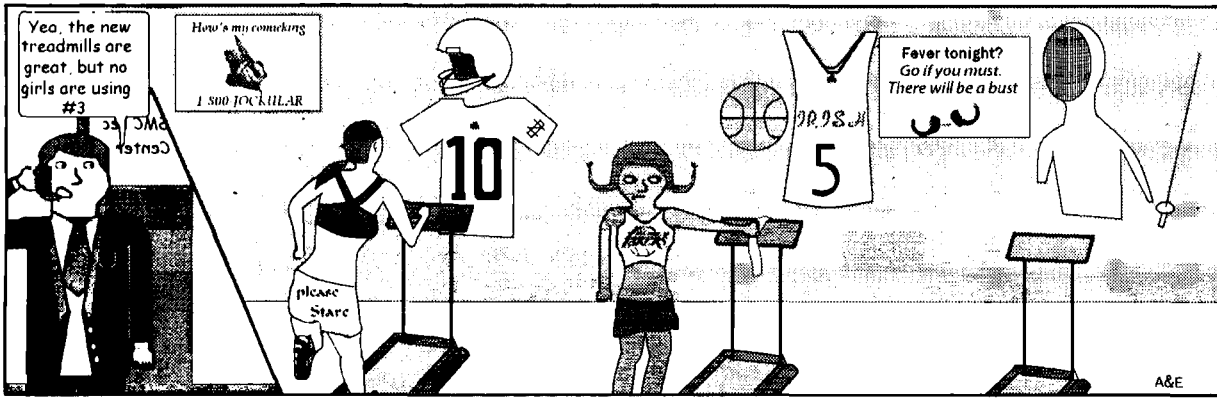
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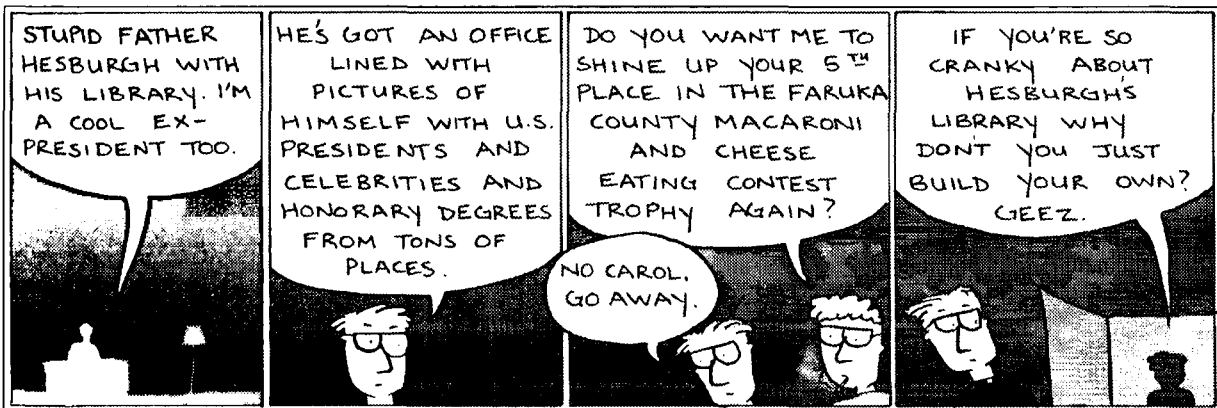
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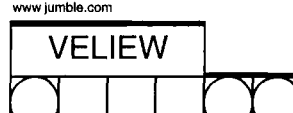
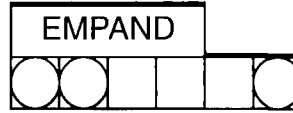


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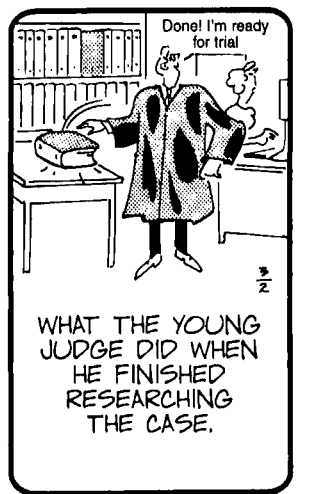
Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Ans: ○ ○ ○ ○ ○ THE "○ ○ ○ ○ ○"

Yesterday's Jumbles: OUTDO SAUTE LIMBER FESTAL
 Answer: What the hangman killed between assignments — LOTS OF TIME

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



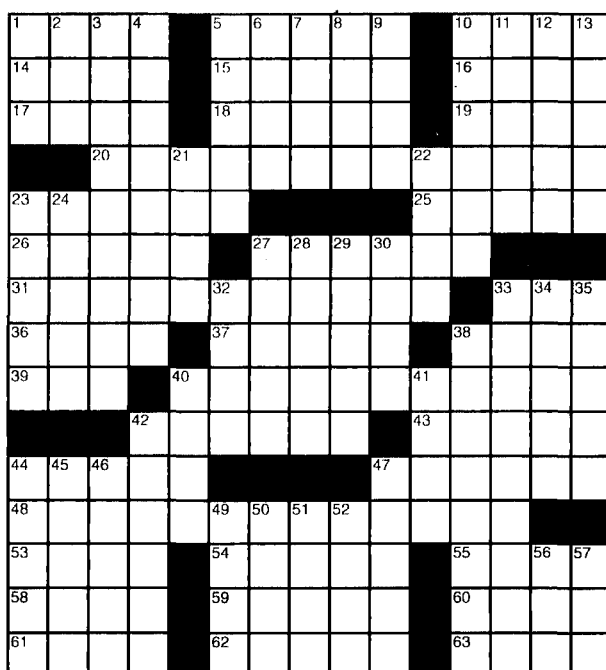
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

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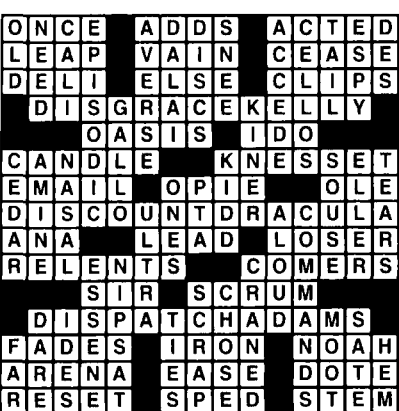
WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS**
- 1 Weapon in U.S./Russ. negotiations
 - 5 Something picked up in a locker room
 - 10 "Joy of Cooking" author Rombauer
 - 14 Nickelodeon's "the Explorer"
 - 15 Mischievous one
 - 16 Us and them, maybe
 - 17 Weaved
 - 18 Mountain resort
 - 19 "___, old chap"
 - 20 Not jump in too eagerly/Where the best sales promoter shops?
 - 23 Not out
 - 25 You hardly have to study for it
 - 26 Finger wagger's cry
 - 27 Late S.N.L. actor
 - 31 At times/Actress Sykes's halt to putting on weight?
 - 33 Copy
 - 36 Flair
 - 37 You have to study for them
 - 38 Way down
 - 39 Principe's father
 - 40 Increase business/Run into little dog's liquor?
 - 42 Some hockey scenes
 - 43 Olds model
 - 44 "That was devilish of me"
 - 47 Certain discrimination
- DOWN**
- 1 Fingers
 - 2 Lift
 - 3 Flick
 - 4 Zone alternative
 - 5 Like a fifth wheel
 - 6 Add moisture
 - 7 Brief display?
 - 8 Stead
 - 9 It starts on a Wednesday
 - 10 Polite speech introduction
 - 11 Parks and others
 - 12 Farinaceous
 - 13 Sanctuaries
 - 21 "You got that!"
 - 22 Witnessed
 - 23 Ed of "Roots"
 - 24 Oarlock
 - 27 Telecommuni-cator's request
 - 28 Wide open
 - 29 Renaissance philosopher Petrus ___
 - 30 Beth for Bess, e.g.
 - 32 It might follow a cut
 - 33 Unhurriedly
 - 34 Equals
 - 35 ___ salt
 - 38 Check addition?
 - 40 Quick, in trade names
 - 41 Tale
 - 42 Like Batman and Robin
 - 44 Golfer Hale
 - 45 Poland Spring's home
 - 46 Pig out
 - 47 Change
 - 49 Breather
 - 50 Show pleasure
 - 51 Aid's partner
 - 52 Be generous
 - 56 Tore
 - 57 Org. with a Sixth Man Award



Puzzle by Joe DiPietro 1/19/06 (No. 0119)

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Jensen Ackles, 28; Nik Kershaw, 48; Ron Howard, 52; Harry Belafonte, 79

Happy Birthday: Don't leave anything important in someone else's care. Take the initiative and do things yourself. You can make money and even develop something unusual that will be regarded as brilliant by your peers. Let go of the things in the past that are eating away at you and holding you back. Your numbers are 5, 10, 18, 26, 27, 43

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Do whatever is necessary to bring in more cash. Your commitment to finishing something or beginning something new that you feel has potential will bring the results you want. Talks will be productive. 3 stars
TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Taking charge will be the key to getting what you want. An opportunity will open through a partnership you are considering. Prepare to start whatever process is required. Say what you think and you will gain approval.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You won't get the help you need so don't waste time asking. Don't share your ideas with others. Keep your thoughts to yourself and you will avoid opposition. Getting along with others may be difficult for you today.***
CANCER (June 21-July 22): Accept any invitation that will take you on a trip either mentally or physically. What you learn or experience today will be stimulating and inspiring and will affect the way you do things in the future.****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You have to become a little more serious about your financial situation. Money can be made through property or an unusual investment. Good advice will come your way if you listen to someone with more experience.***
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't back down because someone is being a bully. Don't retaliate. Move forward doing your own thing regardless of what others think. Honesty, patience and the ability to listen will help you sort through the issues.***
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Focus on health and happiness and you will feel good about yourself and your future. Implement a program that includes exercise, diet and relaxation. You need to get back on track physically.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Bring some of your old creative ideas back into play. You may have been a little ahead of yourself in the past but now you should be able to develop and prosper. You will feel great satisfaction.****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Take things one step at a time and don't make promises to someone for whom you feel sorry. By making inexpensive, minor alterations you can satisfy many of the problems you face at home. Avoid arguments.***
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Time is on your side so use it to your advantage. Get to know someone better before you talk about your own life and desires. You will attract someone who is interested in you in more ways than one.****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Consider what's happened in the past before you jump into something that could easily be a repeat performance. Find a new way to raise your income and you will feel better about your future. Consider a slight modification to an old idea and it will probably take off.****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Change has been a major factor in your life for some time but today it can bring about prosperous results. Satisfying your own needs will spark your imagination and get you moving down the right path.***

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MEN'S BASKETBALL

Irish ruin Friars' Senior Night in road win

Notre Dame defeats Providence in do-or-die Big East matchup

By PAT LEONARD
Sports Writer

Chris Quinn did not score Wednesday night until 1:52 remained in the first half. But unlike in its 80-72 loss to Marquette Friday, Notre Dame was able to find production elsewhere.

Behind 21 points from guard Russell Carter and 18 from forward Torin Francis, Notre Dame knocked off Providence 82-75 Wednesday night at the Dunkin Donuts Center, despite its star player's slow start.

Quinn finished with 19 points

after scoring only three the whole first half. And the Irish (14-12, 5-10 Big East) now need only one more win on Saturday (DePaul, Joyce Center, 4 p.m.) to earn a berth in the conference tournament beginning March 8 in New York City.

Providence (12-14, 5-10) needed the win just as badly but could not get it done, even though it had the home court and Senior Night on its side.

"They wanted this win almost as much as we did," Francis said in a phone interview with The Observer following the game. "But I don't think they wanted it more."

Notre Dame shot 49 percent from the field and out-rebounded Providence 36-26. Francis grabbed a game-high 12

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KIRSTEN HOLMER/The Observer

Irish forward Rick Cornett looks to pass during an 80-72 Notre Dame loss to Marquette on Saturday. Notre Dame defeated Providence, 82-75, Wednesday at the Dunkin Donuts Center.

MEN'S TENNIS

Pairs travel to doubles tourney

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

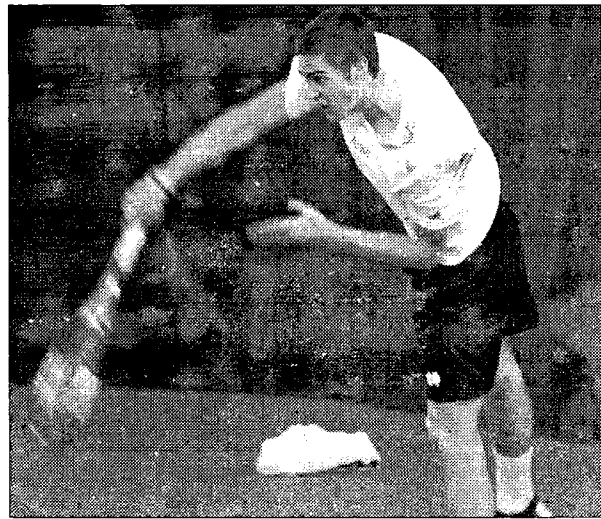
After an inconsistent performance in doubles against Ohio State Feb. 24, the Irish head to California for the Pacific Coast Doubles Tournament, open to all levels of tennis players.

The tournament is held annually at the La Jolla Beach and Tennis Club, located in La Jolla, California.

In their most recent outing, the Irish were swept in doubles by Ohio State. The Buckeyes dominated first and second doubles, winning both sets 8-2 and taking the third set 8-6.

Although Notre Dame would rally to win the match 5-2 in an upset of their Midwest rival, the doubles performance concerned coach Bobby Bayliss.

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PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Brett Helgeson serves during a match against Michigan State on Feb. 15. The Irish won 7-0.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish hope to continue hot streak against Ohio

By CHRIS WILLIAMS
Sports Writer

Riding a wave of momentum after emotional victories over California and Stanford, the No. 17 Irish (2-0) host Ohio (1-2) today at 4:30 p.m.

A revamped offense and a strong recruiting class created buzz in the offseason and two convincing wins over top programs have the Irish feeling confident.

"We really wanted to win, and we wanted to forget last season," senior attack Crysti Foote said. "The Cal game was

a great win because the whole team got to contribute and it was a great way to open the season. The Stanford game was intense, but I think it was good for us to see that we can come back in any game and any circumstance, and it came down to heart."

Against Stanford, the Irish twice overcame 5-point deficits, eventually winning 12-11 in triple overtime. Though Notre Dame has performed well in its early season games, it is not overlooking

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Sophomore netminder has solid start to year

By TIM DOUGHERTY
Sports Writer

As the Irish prepare to face No. 8 Cornell Saturday, they remember last year's dramatic 11-10 loss to the Big Red. But no one recalls the drama quite like sophomore goaltender Joey Kemp.

A freshman at the time, Kemp entered the season's second game armed with only five minutes of collegiate experience

at the end a 14-6 win over Penn State in the season opener. Down by three goals with 3:26 left in the third quarter Irish coach Kevin Corrigan needed a change, and he called upon a fresh Kemp to replace senior starter Stewart Crosland. The switch nearly worked, as the Irish had a good look at the net in the final seconds but could not capitalize.

As a wide-eyed freshman, Kemp credited this year's co-

captain, defenseman D.J. Driscoll, for welcoming him to the team.

"D.J. called a quick huddle to bring me in," he said. "It made me more comfortable. The leadership on the team defense made it a lot easier for me to step in."

A lot has changed since then. No longer a newcomer, Kemp emerged from the game as a full-time starter and an

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GEOFF MATTESON/The Observer

Notre Dame goalie Joey Kemp stands in goal during a 14-13 win over Air Force on April 10, 2005.

SPORTS
AT A GLANCE

SOCCER

USA 1, Poland 0
Clint Dempsey scores lone goal in game during blizzard.

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MLB

Manny Ramirez reports to Red Sox training camp.

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NCAA SPORTS

NCAA levies sanctions against 65 teams for failing to meet academic standards.

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NFL

Owners and players will meet for revenue sharing discussion today.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Florida State 79, No. 1 Duke 74
Crowd storms court 1.7 seconds early as Blue Devils' perfect ACC record falls.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

Texas A&M 46, No. 6 Texas 43
Acie Law scores 3-point buzzer beater to give Aggies the victory.

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