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## STUDENT SENATE

### Group rejects minority resolution

Members deny request to make committee permanent and constitutionally recognized

By MARY KATE MALONE  
News Editor

At the Student Senate's final meeting before a new administration takes over April 1, Minority Affairs Ad-hoc Committee (MAC) chair Rhea Boyd made an urgent plea to senators to approve a resolution that would make her committee permanent and constitutionally recognized.

But despite a passionate introduction of her resolution and 45 minutes of debate, the proposal — which called for a permanent Minority Affairs committee and defined the scope and goals of it — was defeated.

The resolution was crafted

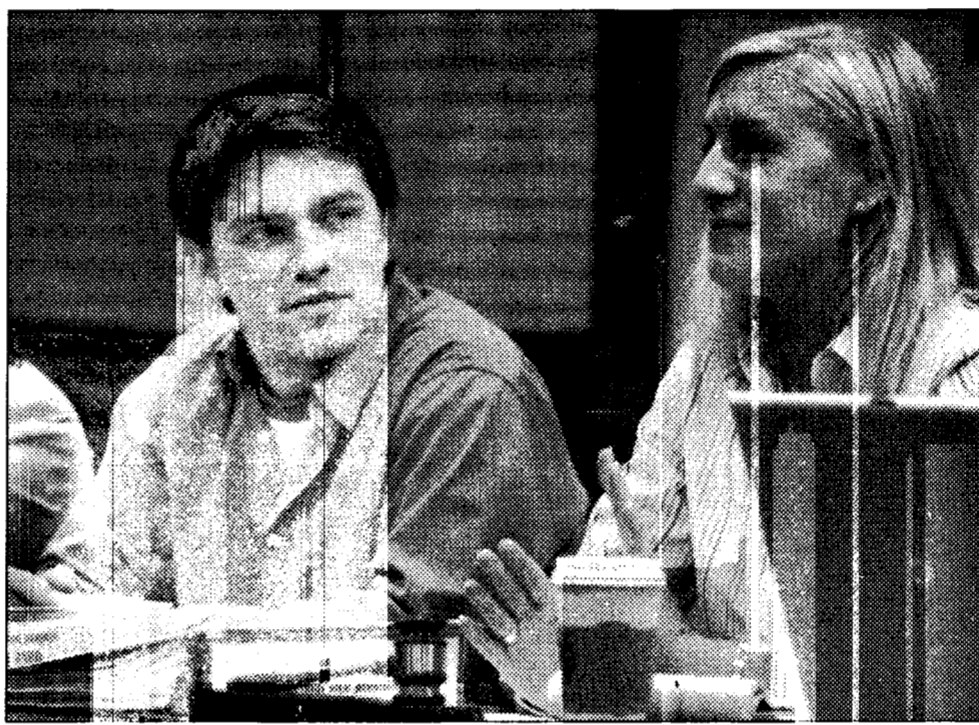
by Boyd, student body president Dave Baron, student body vice president Lizzi Shappell and Diversity Committee chair Sarah Liu. Boyd presented the resolution to Senate despite Baron and Shappell's last-minute decision Tuesday to take it off the Senate's agenda.

"Because I felt uneasy about that decision, I asked Lizzi to place this amendment back on the agenda and I thank her for doing so," Boyd said.

But she failed to win their support.

Though senators agreed minorities must have a permanent voice on policy issues, many felt the resolution was

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JENNIFER KANG/The Observer

Student body president Dave Baron, left, and vice president Lizzi Shappell lead their last Student Senate meeting Wednesday.

## Professor ventures to College

Chinese scholar looks into religion at SMC

By KELLY MEEHAN  
Saint Mary's Editor

Making the drastic transition from Shanghai, a city of 17.7 million people, to Saint Mary's College, an institution comprised of approximately 1,500 women, never fazed Rachel ZHU and her family.

Since arriving on campus in early March, ZHU, her husband Daniel, a published playwright and 3-year-old son, Ivan, have come to love the quietness of their new home in Hayes Lodge — an on campus apartment reserved for College guests — and the unique opportunities the single-sex Catholic school has to offer, she said.

ZHU was chosen by the United Board for Christian Higher Education of Asia to spend a year in the United States studying the methodology of teaching religion on college campuses. She originally intended to spend the entire duration of her time at Yale University, however her plans quickly changed when Kathleen Dolphin, director of



ZHU

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## ND to be part of four-year liberal arts study

Analysis includes tracking 400 students until 2010; 50 will participate in personal interviews

By JOE PIARULLI  
News Writer

Incoming members of the Class of 2010 may find that while they study for their first exams, someone else may be studying them. Beginning next fall, Notre Dame will become one of 18 colleges to take part in a national liberal arts study conducted by the Center of Inquiry in the Liberal Arts at Wabash College.

The study will follow approximately 5,500 students nationwide — 400 at Notre Dame — throughout their four years at college.

According to Dennis Jacobs, vice president and associate provost for undergraduate and international studies, the study will bring a new perspective on education at Notre Dame.

"We're continually, as an institution, trying to assess how we are progressing in all of our academic goals,"

Jacobs said. "What makes this particular collaboration unique and attractive is that it involves a very nationally renowned team of investigators who are ... independent of Notre Dame, and that gives a fresh eye to things."

According to the Center's Web site, the Wabash National Study of Liberal Arts Education has two fundamental goals. First, it aims "to learn what teaching practices, programs, and institutional structures support liberal arts

education" and second, it seeks "to develop faculty-friendly and institutionally-useful methods of assessing liberal arts education."

The focus of the study will be on the development of seven areas — effective reasoning and problem solving, inclination to inquire and life-long learning, integration of learning, intercultural effectiveness, moral reasoning and character, leadership and

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## Professors fight disease in Haiti

Notre Dame faculty members confront elephantiasis in the tropics

By MAUREEN MULLEN  
News Writer

Notre Dame chemistry professor Emil T. Hofman returned Tuesday from a four-day visit in Haiti, where he connected with biology professor Father Thomas Streit to treat native Haitians afflicted with lymphatic filariasis — a disease that progresses into the more commonly known affliction elephantiasis.

Elephantiasis, a horrific and debilitating condition, is a mosquito-borne infection that affects more than 120 million people throughout the tropics. Hofman said the disease causes infectious swelling in the limbs and genitalia of the afflicted if



Photo courtesy of Emil T. Hofman

Notre Dame chemistry professor Emil T. Hofman visits with Haitian citizens during a recent four-day visit to the region.

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## Law clinic counsels off-campus students

By KAREN LANGLEY  
Assistant News Editor

In hopes of clarifying the legal issues involved with off-campus housing, three third-year law students from the Notre Dame Legal Aid Clinic advised nearly 50 student audience members about signing leases and avoiding eviction Wednesday night in 126 DeBartolo Hall.

Off-campus housing became a highly publicized school issue with the passing of an ordinance to South Bend's Disorderly Housing Ordinance during the summer and subsequent eviction proceedings against Notre Dame students in the fall.

The event, organized by student government's Community Relations committee, accomplished one goal of the campaign platform embraced by student body president-elect Lizzi Shappell and vice president-elect Bill Andrichik, who said they would provide legal aid for students.

"I think it's a fantastic first step and a way for [Baron and I] to end this administration and to begin Bill and my administration," Shappell said Monday.

Nick Guzman, chair of the Community Relations committee, said the idea for the program originated over the

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## INSIDE COLUMN

Shoot a bear  
in the face

No, it's not baseball or barbequing. It's not being obese or yelling at poor drivers — America's favorite pastime is shooting bears in the face. Too bad America doesn't know that yet. Fear not loyal bear shooters — I bring the weapon.

Some people go to church or look inside themselves to find the rewards of life. You need travel no farther than an arcade equipped with Big Game Hunter.

Joe Piarulli

News  
Production  
Editor

This glorious digital escapade, complete with two giant orange guns, gives you both a choice of prey and weapon. As all enlightened people know, the greatest combination is bear and slingshot respectively. Yet it's not really about what weapon you choose, it's about shooting the bear as many times as possible while aiming directly between its computer-generated eyes.

This game, if I may stoop as low as to call it such, requires the ability to wait at least three seconds for a bear's face to appear on screen, as well as the critical skill of discerning a cub from an acceptable bear. Be forewarned — if you miss a bear or shoot a cub, you will lose one of your three precious orange hats. Lose all your hats and the unspeakable will happen — you will need to put more quarters in the machine.

No other activity in American history can hope to match the long seconds of hunting adventure — which can occasionally seem like almost an entire minute — or the constant video stimulation of shooting a pompous woodland creature up to 16 times with a slingshot ... in the face.

According to Mike Ippolito, one of the foremost experts in the field of shooting bears in the face, "killing bears makes you feel at one with nature. Yet it's more than shooting a bear in the face, it's shooting that smug 'I own the forest' attitude in the face. You'll notice bears abandon their swagger when you completely obliterate their faces with a slingshot or crossbow."

It's not all trophy bears and perfect shots. Big Game Hunter gives all of life's emotions within seconds of each other. It's like a rollercoaster, but with bears.

Imagine the crippling frustration of firing a well-aimed, semi-paricked shot only to find that you have murdered a helpless cub — a.k.a. objects getting in the way of shooting a monster bear — and lost one of your beloved orange hats, even though that cub probably deserved it for hanging out with all those crazy bears.

Anyone can see that Big Game Hunter is just like real life — you get rewarded for killing furry things that are bigger than you and every time you fail to achieve this goal you lose an orange hat. That's life, my friend, and if you don't know that then you aren't living. Those who are offended — I have encountered others like you.

Once while out bagging some big game (that's technical phrasing) with Mike, a woman walked by and exclaimed, "They're shooting animals!"

Allow me to put this into context. We were in a giant arcade shooting digital bears while the young arcade-goers to our right were shooting people with sniper rifles, and those to our left were using semi-automatic weapons to kill zombies and hostages. Come on, lady.

As you can see, I am quite dangerous with giant orange plastic guns, so I suggest you listen carefully to my demands. I want a Big Game Hunter console installed in my dorm room, or at the very least, in that useless arcade in the basement of LaFortune. I urge you to bring this crucial issue to the attention of University administrators. Together, we can make a difference; we can make America a better place, one bear at a time.

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

## QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD PICK ANY LECTURER TO SPEAK ON CAMPUS, WHO WOULD IT BE?



**Caitlin Buchanan**  
freshman  
Breen-Phillips

"Jon Stewart  
from 'The Daily  
Show.'"



**Ashlee Wright**  
freshman  
Lewis

"Barack  
Obama."



**Molly Dawes**  
sophomore  
Breen-Phillips

"Mickey  
Mouse."



**Jaime Amrhein**  
freshman  
Lewis

"Millard Fuller,  
the founder of  
Habitat for  
Humanity, who  
is actually  
coming to speak  
on April 29."



**Elisa Suarez**  
sophomore  
Cavanaugh

"My mom  
because she's  
one of the  
pillars of the  
Catholic  
Church."



**Caroline Green**  
freshman  
Lewis

"Will Ferrell  
lecturing on  
nutrition,  
particularly the  
four main food  
groups: candy,  
candy canes,  
candy corn and  
syrup."



Ann Kelley/The Observer

Sophomore Bonnie Fullard and senior Wen Liao work at a booth in LaFortune for Notre Dame's Disabilities Awareness Month. Disabilities awareness activist John Kemp spoke about adversity and overcoming obstacles Wednesday in 102 DeBartolo Hall.

## OFFBEAT

Four beautiful words: All  
you can eat

LAS VEGAS — Even in this over-the-top town famed for all-you-can-eat spreads, nobody had ever seen one quite like this: Forty soups, 100 salads and 150 desserts perched upon a 500-foot (152-meter) maze of tables.

It was enough — 510 different dishes in all — to qualify on Tuesday for a Guinness record for the World's Largest Buffet.

"I'm interested in trying some of the desserts now," said tired and hungry Guinness official Nadine Causey, who flew in from London to certify that Las

Vegas Hilton Executive Chef George Bargisen had assembled at least 500 unique offerings to create the new record buffet.

Workaholics struggle to say  
'No' to work

NEW YORK — Sam used to sneak into his office before dawn so no one would know how many extra hours he worked. Charles goes on all-night work binges to meet deadlines, and Susan can't say no to volunteer projects, social clubs, bridge games, choral singing, lectures and classes.

Each one is a member of Workaholics Anonymous

(WA), a 12-step recovery program for compulsive workers based upon the structure of Alcoholics Anonymous. Each one opted to keep their identity secret.

"It's been called the addiction that society applauds," said Mike, a physician and member of WA.

"People brag about it and say, 'I'm a workaholic,'" he said. "But workaholics burn out and then you've lost them or they become very dysfunctional and bitter and cynical in the organization and corrosive."

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

## IN BRIEF

O'Neill Hall will host the "O'Neill Spotlight" — a faceoff with McGlinn — today at 8 p.m. The event will feature singers, comedians and dancers from O'Neill as well as karaoke and free food.

Saint Mary's seniors Emily Fannon, Sinnamon Wolfe, Amanda Caddy and Amber Painter will host a senior comprehensive art gallery opening Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. in the Moreau Art Galleries in the Moreau Center for the Arts. The event is free and the public is welcome to attend.

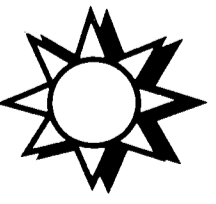
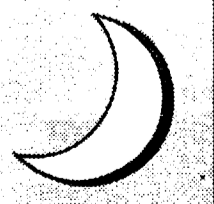
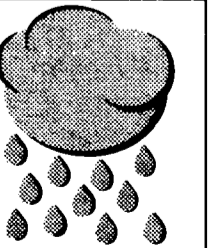

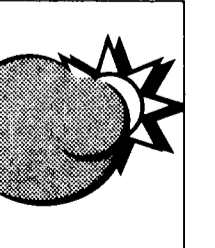
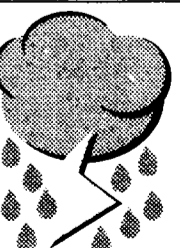
Famed Notre Dame head football coach Lou Holtz will give a lecture on "Catholicism and Competition" Friday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Stepan Center. The event is sponsored by Student Government as part of the Catholic Think Tank of America Lecture Series. Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students must present student ID at the door.

The 2006 Notre Dame student peace conference, "Voices of Today, Changes for Tomorrow," will be held Friday and Saturday in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

The Irish softball team will play Connecticut at 12 p.m. Saturday at Ivy Field.

The No. 11 Irish men's lacrosse team will face-off with Dartmouth at 12 p.m. Sunday at Notre Dame's Moose Krause Stadium.

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

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# Famous montage artist speaks about unique career

*Self-proclaimed 'art criminal' Winston Smith shares selections from his collection, lectures to SMC audience Wednesday*

By LAURA BAUMGARTNER  
News Writer

Winston Smith presented selections from years of work as a montage artist to Saint Mary's College students, professors and community members Wednesday as part of the College's visiting artist lecture series.

More than 30 years ago, Saint Mary's art department chair Bill Sandusky lived with Smith in Florence — but the College professor never believed he would be inviting his former schoolmate to host a presentation at his future place of employment.

"I'm really excited," Sandusky said. "I think this is a great opportunity for the students



Smith

and the community. [Smith] is really incredible — he's a person the current generation can identify with."

A self-proclaimed "art criminal," Smith creates works by cutting pictures out of vintage magazines and publications with razors and glues them together to form his creations. He is also widely known for the political and social commentary he infuses into his art.

"When I was a kid, I realized I could just pass up the drawings. I realized I didn't have to learn to draw to be an artist," Smith said. "I could just rip off other people's work, cut it up and make it my own. We didn't have photocopiers back then like I use now, but it was a big relief."

While Smith has spent years using other people's work to create his own, he said he was still shocked when he came across a poster that someone had designed using pieces from one of his illustrations.

"When I saw it, I went 'Oh man, they ripped me off,' and then I was like, 'What am I saying?' But when you get to the point where someone will rip you off, it's kind of a backhanded compliment," he said.

Smith is connected to the punk rock movement through the numerous album covers he has created for bands over the years. He is also recognized for illustrations he has created for magazines ranging from "The New Yorker" to "Playboy."

"I got started in this field because I have no other marketable skills," Smith said. "I worked as a roadie for bands like Santana and Crosby, Stills and Young in San Francisco for \$2 an hour, and I started to create concert posters for local bands when punk rock started to rear its ugly head."

Smith said his career progressed after he was inspired to invent fake bands and create posters for concerts that were not real. People would show up

at vacant lots expecting to hear a band play, he said.

"Part of my career change was [that] I was being an opportunist," Smith said. "It was my way of trying to get people to cough up money to pay me to make posters for record companies. I would make up stories about bands, and it worked. People would go along with the stories."

Now, Smith said he works mainly out of a studio in his San Francisco apartment and from his rustic ranch in northern California — where he creates art by the light of kerosene lanterns because the ranch has no electricity or running water.

Smith's work environment reflects his views about current society. One of the reasons he said he uses vintage pictures to create his work is to comment on politics, consumerism and other social issues.

"A lot of my work is political or social commentary — it's just my twisted lefty point of view,"

Smith said. "There's all these tiny little things that are added just to see if anyone is paying attention, and some are totally meaningless pictures that can be anything you want."

"Some of the meaning is quite obvious. Some of the meaning is up to the beholder. I don't even mind if people don't like [my work] — it's only a drag when they look at them and say, 'What's the meaning of that?' I'd rather be annoying them."

Smith told numerous anecdotes throughout the presentation about the meaning behind his pieces, ranging from critiques of the United States' involvement in wars, to environmental issues such as the harvesting of the redwood trees in California.

Another reason Smith uses vintage clippings is to avoid copyright problems, but he said this limits the variety of images included in his art.

"I tell people creating my work is like going through a New York City phone book looking for a friend where there is no alphabetical order," Smith said. "But it's what I have to do because I can't work if things are categorized and ordered. I have to sit there and go through all the silly pictures to create my things."

Many of Smith's pieces include stereotypical representations of women from 1940s magazines like "Life."

During the question and answer session following his presentation, associate art professor Krista Hoeffle asked about the reception his pieces would receive being displayed at an all women's college, as they depicted stereotypical imagery of women.

"It's part of the reason I made the pictures," Smith said. "Using women only from the certain time period — [the images are] pretty crass to begin with — they were all about Americana and how everything is bright and wonderful and the future was going to be full of things like flying cars, and to contrast that with the world as we really know it is kind of the comment."

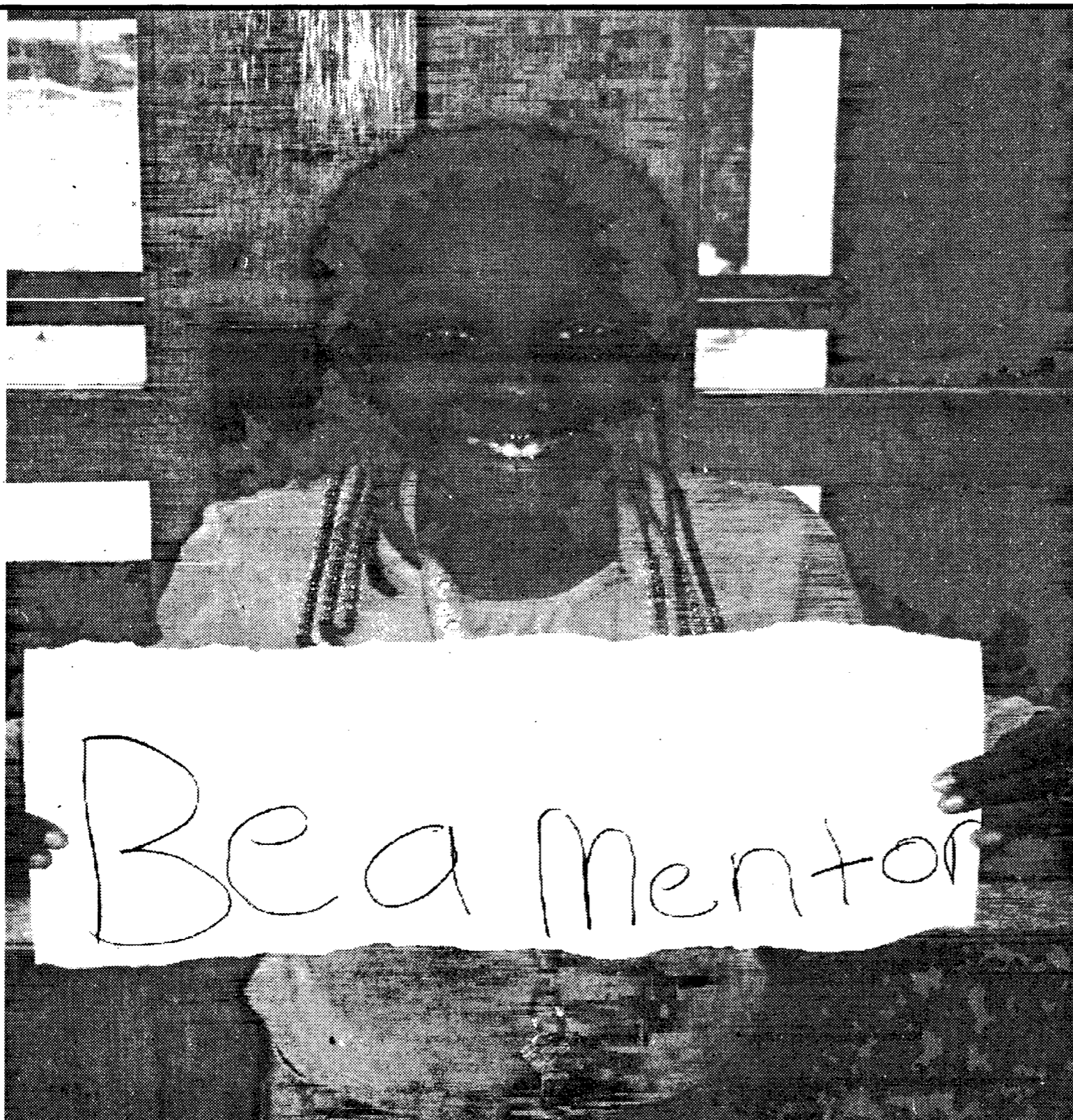
Smith said he used the images because they were not perceived as demeaning at the time.

"It was, 'Oh here's the happy housewife — and that was the social reinforcement for women not to go out and do things,' he said.

Displays of Smith's work will be exhibited at Saint Mary's until Friday, including replicas of pieces like "Strange Bedfellows," which depicts a donkey and an elephant next to each other in a bed filled with money.

"It's a comment on the debate of campaign finance reform between democrats and republicans," Smith said. "They're all the same because they have the same thing in common — greenbacks."

Smith will present his work today in room 232 Moreau at 12:30 p.m. for Saint Mary's art students. The presentation will be open to all members of the public. While at the College, Smith said he welcomes visitors who wish to discuss his work — or anything else. His temporary office is 240 Moreau.



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# Author clarifies her misinterpreted slogan in SMC speech

Harvard professor Laurel Thatcher Ulrich explains and discusses phrase, 'Well-behaved women seldom make history'

By LAURA GLEASON  
News Writer

Harvard professor Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author who coined the phrase, "Well-behaved women seldom make history," clarified the commonly misinterpreted slogan in a lecture at Saint Mary's Wednesday.

Most people understand the quote to mean, "Bad girls have more fun," but Ulrich

said this interpretation is inaccurate.

Ulrich — who famously penned the book, "A Midwife's Tale" — said the ambiguous slogan can only be understood in context. Originally printed in her first scholarly article in 1976, the statement referred to a group of Puritan women in colonial America who submitted to an alarmingly strict moral code of behavior.

This "accidental slogan" was intended to be a reflec-

tion on the way in which "virtuous" women in colonial America were inhibited — and not as an endorsement of "bad" behavior among women, she said.

To the amusement of Ulrich, her misunderstood reflection on the lives of early American women has caught fire in popular culture. The famous words, "Well-behaved women seldom make history," are now plastered on T-shirts, bumper stickers and mugs. They have even been incorporated into the lyrics of a song.

Ulrich jokingly drew attention to her slogan's association with wild, even criminal women. One woman from Denver who had been arrested "at least a dozen times" and was known for indulgent drug use was spotted driving a car with her famous saying on it.

Though she addressed the misinterpretation of her slogan with humor, Ulrich nonetheless made sure to correct the public's misconception of her words. Ulrich focused on the life of Rosa Parks — who she called "the icon of the civil rights movement — to illustrate her point. She asked if Parks was a well-behaved woman.

"The Montgomery, Ala. Bus Company didn't think so," she said.

Ulrich said in terms of morality, Parks was remarkably well-behaved. Though she broke the law, she was morally clean, reliable, courageous and willing to say, "No."

"[Parks'] refusal to obey the law sparked a 361 day-long boycott, put Martin Luther



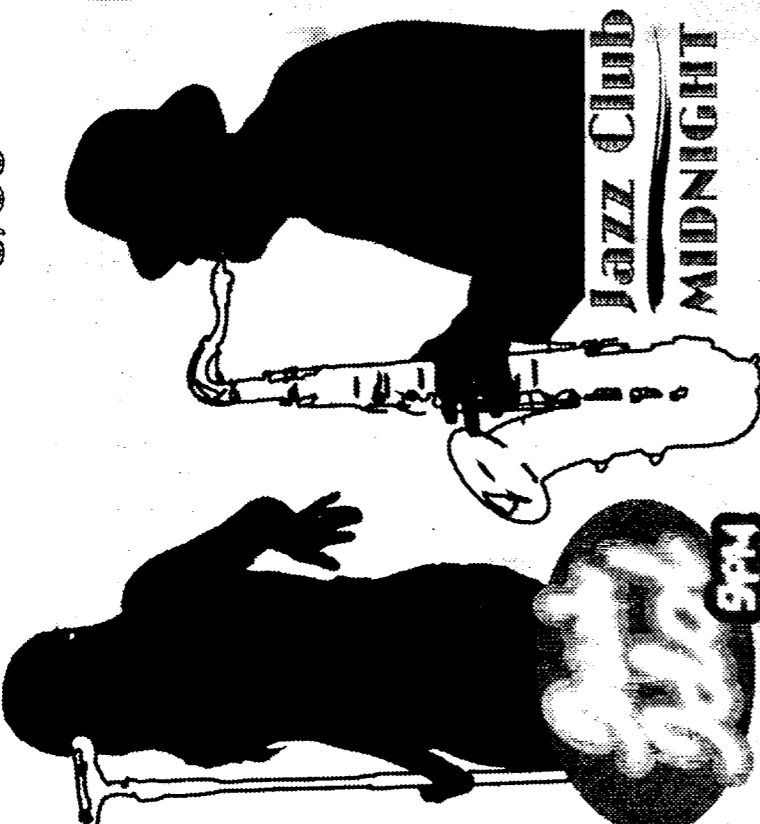
KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer  
Author Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, who wrote "A Midwife's Tale," spoke to a College audience Wednesday about her now-famous quote.

King Jr. in the public eye and led to the historic Supreme Court decision outlawing segregation in public places," she said. "Her good behavior helped to justify her rebellion and win public support for her cause."

Ulrich said it was Parks' good behavior — not bad — that won her a spot in history.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Thousands witness global eclipse

SIDE, Turkey — Thousands of skygazers gathered in an ancient temple of Apollo and let out cheers Wednesday as a total solar eclipse turned day into twilight, casting an eerie blue glow across the sky and the Mediterranean Sea.

NASA astronomers handed out protective glasses to hundreds of Turkish children before the eclipse cut a dark swath across the sky — a band that stretched from Brazil, across West Africa, Turkey and Central Asia, then disappeared at sunset in Mongolia.

The last total solar eclipse was in November 2003, but that was best viewed from sparsely populated Antarctica. Wednesday's eclipse blocked the sun in highly populated areas.

In Ghana, automatic street lamps switched on as the light faded, and authorities sounded emergency whistles in celebration. Schoolchildren and others across the capital, Accra, burst into applause.

### Italy grants Afghan convert asylum

ROME — Italy granted asylum Wednesday to an Afghan who faced the death penalty for converting from Islam to Christianity, and Premier Silvio Berlusconi said the man was in the care of the Interior Ministry after arriving in Italy earlier in the day.

Abdul Rahman "is already in Italy. I think he arrived overnight," Berlusconi said, declining to release more details.

Rahman's jailing in Afghanistan inspired an appeal by Pope Benedict XVI to Afghanistan President Hamid Karzai and efforts by the United Nations to find a country to take him.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Bush blames Iraq crisis on Hussein

WASHINGTON — President Bush said Wednesday that Saddam Hussein, not continued U.S. involvement in Iraq, is responsible for ongoing sectarian violence that is threatening the formation of a democratic government.

In his third speech this month to bolster public support for the war, Bush worked to counter critics who say the U.S. presence in the war-torn nation is fueling the insurgency. Bush said that Saddam was a tyrant and used violence to exacerbate sectarian divisions to keep himself in power, and that as a result, deep tensions persist to this day.

"The enemies of a free Iraq are employing the same tactics Saddam used, killing and terrorizing the Iraqi people in an effort to foment sectarian division," Bush said.

### Officers indicted in taped beating

NEW ORLEANS — Two fired New Orleans police officers and one current officer were indicted Wednesday in the videotaped beating of a retired teacher in the French Quarter last fall.

The Oct. 8 beating of Robert Davis, 64, was caught on video by an Associated Press Television News crew covering the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

The three officers were charged with battery, and other offenses.

Davis spent more than an hour testifying about the beating, which left him lying on the street, hands cuffed and blood flowing from his head and face. Afterward, he told reporters that he still has headaches and back problems and even had to interrupt his testimony to take medicine.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Gary mayor vows to save hospital

GARY, Ind. — Acting Mayor Dozier T. Allen Jr. said he'll fight to keep Gary's only hospital from shutting its doors because of financial losses of nearly \$2 million a month.

During a news conference on Tuesday, Allen said he plans to work with state leaders, lawmakers and administrators at Methodist Hospitals' Northlake Campus to address the budget woes hospital executives predict could force the hospital to close within two years.

Methodist Hospitals administrators announced this month they would cut the number of patient beds in half and eliminate all elective surgeries in an effort to stem the hospital's losses.

## GAZA STRIP

# Abbas swears in Hamas cabinet

*Over half of the newly appointed ministers served time in Israeli prisons*

Associated Press

Gaza Strip — Hamas formally took power Wednesday, with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas swearing in 24 Cabinet ministers, including 14 who served time in Israeli prisons.

Soon after the ceremony Canada announced it was suspending aid to the cash-strapped Palestinian Authority, and other nations were expected to follow suit.

Foreign Affairs Minister Peter MacKay said Canada had no choice but to suspend assistance and decline any contact with the new Hamas Cabinet.

"The stated platform of this government has not addressed the concerns raised by Canada and others concerning nonviolence, the recognition of Israel and acceptance of previous agreements and obligations, including the roadmap for peace," MacKay said.

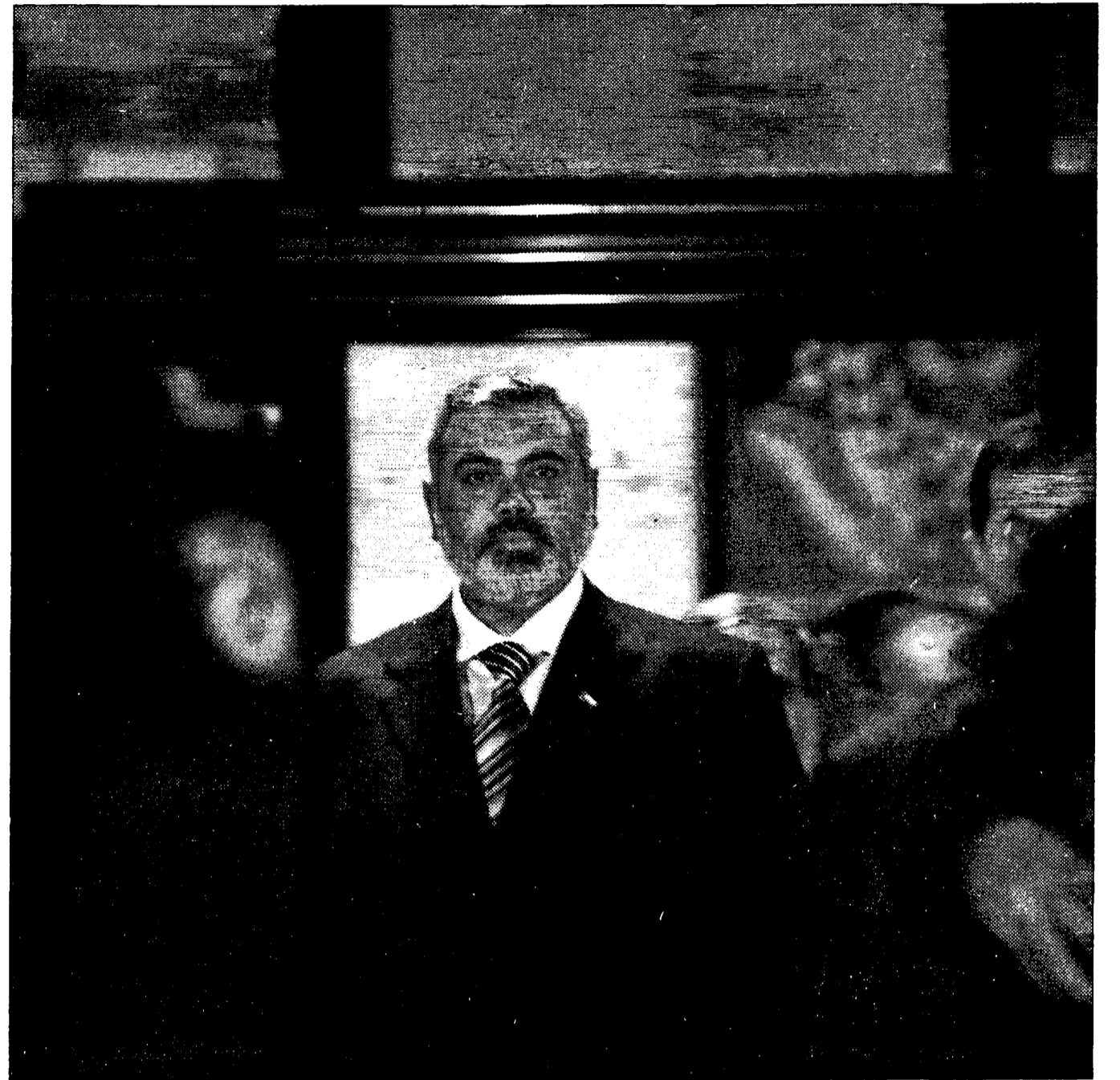
"As a result, Canada will have no contact with the members of the Hamas Cabinet and is suspending assistance to the Palestinian Authority."

However, Ottawa emphasized it would continue giving humanitarian aid to the Palestinian people through U.N. and nongovernment organizations.

U.S. State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said the United States is looking for ways to get humanitarian aid to the Palestinian people, but "we are not going to provide funds to a terrorist organization. And we are not going to provide U.S. funds to a Hamas-led government."

With Hamas now at the helm, the Palestinian government faces a crippling international economic boycott, and may run into immediate difficulties next week when March salaries are to be paid for some 140,000 government employees.

The Palestinian Authority



Palestinian Prime Minister Ismail Haniya is surrounded by police officers as he leaves the offices of leader Mahmoud Abbas after the Cabinet ceremony in Gaza City, Wednesday.

gets a large part of its approximately \$1.9 billion annual budget from overseas sources. Without money from the Arab world, Europe and the United States, a Hamas-led government would be nearly broke.

The newly installed Palestinian Information Minister, Youssef Rizka, called the Canadian action "hasty" and said it "shows obvious bias."

"What we need from the Canadian government is that it ask the Israeli authorities to admit that they are occupying Palestinian land," he told The Associated Press.

Wednesday's swearing-in ceremony came just a day

after Israel's election and drew clear lines of confrontation. Hamas says it will not soften its violent platform and Israel's victorious Kadima Party says if that is the case, Israel will set the borders of a Palestinian state itself, without negotiations, and keep large areas of the West Bank.

Arab leaders, wrapping up an annual summit in the Sudanese capital, Khartoum, rejected any Israeli move to unilaterally draw its borders with a West Bank withdrawal. In a final statement, they renewed a peace offer for Israel — a 2002 initiative that Israel has rejected, promising a peace with

Arab states in return for a withdrawal from all occupied Arab lands.

Israeli officials said it is very unlikely acting Prime Minister Ehud Olmert will create a "Hamas bypass" and negotiate directly with the moderate Abbas as long as Hamas refuses to change. Abbas, leader of the defeated Fatah Party, was elected separately and wields considerable power.

Israel suspended tens of millions of dollars in monthly tax transfers to the Palestinian Authority after the Hamas victory, and Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Mark Regev said the Israeli Cabinet would decide on additional sanctions next week.

# Stores refuse to stock magazine

Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — Borders and Waldenbooks stores will not stock the April-May issue of Free Inquiry magazine because it contains cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad that provoked deadly protests among Muslims in several countries.

"For us, the safety and security of our customers and employees is a top priority, and we believe that carrying this issue could challenge that priority," Borders Group Inc. spokeswoman Beth Bingham said Wednesday.

The magazine, published by the Council for Secular Humanism in suburban Amherst, includes four of the draw-

ings that originally appeared in a Danish newspaper in September, including one depicting Muhammad wearing a bomb-shaped turban with a lit fuse.

Islamic tradition bars depiction of Muhammad to prevent idol worship, which is strictly prohibited.

"What is at stake is the precious right of freedom of expression," said Paul Kurtz, editor-in-chief of Free Inquiry. "Cartoons often provide an important form of political satire ... To refuse to distribute a publication because of fear of vigilante violence is to undermine freedom of press — so vital for our democracy."

Bingham said the decision was made

before the magazine arrived at the company's stores. Borders Group, based in Ann Arbor, Mich., operates more than 475 Borders and 650 Waldenbooks stores in the United States, though not all regularly carry the magazine.

"We absolutely respect our customers' right to choose what they wish to read and buy and we support the First Amendment," Bingham said. "And we absolutely support the rights of Free Inquiry to publish the cartoons. We've just chosen not to carry this particular issue in our stores."

The cartoons, which were reprinted in European and American papers in January and February, sparked a wave of protests around the Islamic world.

## Scholar

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the Center for Spirituality and Religious Studies, learned ZHU was making the trip to America.

"When I found out she was offered this opportunity, it indicated to me that [the United Board for Christian Higher Education of Asia] recognized her leadership skills and academic ability," Dolphin said, who was informed of ZHU's abroad plans from two friends who regularly teach at Fudan University in Shanghai, where she is a professor.

As one of only four female faculty members in Fudan's religious studies and philosophy programs, spending time in an all female environment proved especially significant for ZHU.

"There is one very important impression I get here," she said. "All China is like one big machine, but here everyone is very gentle, humanistic and very thoughtful."

ZHU began her year abroad at Yale in September 2005, where the University then allowed her to complete a portion of her term at Saint Mary's. ZHU audits courses and regularly interacts with students at the College.

"It is a very good experience to study Catholicism for many years, and it is good to study at a Catholic school," she said.

ZHU serves as the assistant director responsible for planning the religious studies program at Fudan, where she works to collect curriculum, arrange conferences, initiate search committees and grant proposals.

ZHU said she could not help but notice the drastic difference between courses at the College compared to those at her university in Shanghai.

"Most [Saint Mary's] students have a relative background different to my stu-

dents back in China," she said. "Most [Fudan students] have an anti-religious attitude ... I worry if I teach in a certain way I am evangelizing them."

The students at Saint Mary's are more open to various religious ideas and enjoy discussing faith in their everyday lives, ZHU said.

"They really reflect on issues that deeply affect their lives — even those that do so subconsciously," she said.

ZHU said she hopes to incorporate these tactics into her courses at Fudan, and has realized "interpersonal engagement is much more important in the classroom than sitting down and writing."

Dolphin said ZHU's learning exchange is not one-sided. The College community's awareness and knowledge of Catholicism in China continues to grow and other worldly issues from ZHU and her family, she said.

"Having ZHU and her family here has been delightful," Dolphin said. "I have even learned a little bit of Chinese."

Dolphin was able to invite ZHU to campus through the continuation of a grant that allows her to host a diverse group of resident scholars through 2008.

"[My family and I] come from a very big city, so we enjoy the quietness of campus and the friendliness of people," ZHU said. "It is a very small college and all people seem to have a very close relationship. I am very impressed."

ZHU will return to Yale in early May and complete her abroad studies in June. She said she will miss the College, its people and her time spent here.

"My husband and I have been to many big American cities ... but we like it here the best," she said.

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## Study

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well-being.

The study will provide the University with comparative data showing how Notre Dame performs in relation to other colleges.

"When something shows up you want to say, 'Well is that typical, is that characteristic?' When you have a large enough pool you can answer that question," Jacobs said.

Notre Dame was also selected to spotlight 50 students at the University who will be interviewed periodically as part of the study. Those members of the Class of 2010 will likely be chosen during the first several months they are on campus — likely based in part on the information that comes back from the initial survey, Jacobs said.

"What we're really interested in is, what is the value added by a Notre Dame education, what is the transformative effect of the ... experiences that we design into the curriculum as well as the co-curricular activities?," Jacobs said.

Such co-curricular activities would include international studies and undergraduate research — activities in which the University invests time, energy and resources.

"I think what this study will help us understand is in what ways [those activities] add value," Jacobs said.

Students involved in the study will not be forced into doing anything differently than other students on campus, Jacobs said.

"We picked a large enough sample — 400 — that these students will just, in a sense, scatter across the University

and do what they'll do," he said. "The kinds of experiences they'll choose to do will be varied, which is good."

Jacobs said the unpredictable nature of students' choices will be one of the defining points of the study.

"We would love to sample all of our academic majors, but that

may not happen," he said. "In the end, hopefully, mostly all of [the students] will graduate, so we'll have some end point to all of this, but along the way they will have taken different paths."

According to Jacobs, this longitudinal study will be significantly more helpful than previous one-time studies. Senior surveys, which ask students to reflect on past experiences, may not capture the crucial moments of their lives at Notre Dame, he said.

Jacobs said while there will be some commonalities — many of the students being studied will travel abroad, as 54 percent of Notre Dame undergraduates choose to do so — the results of the study are unforeseeable due to individual endeavors including participation in student government and internships.

"That mosaic of experiences will undoubtedly affect their development in different ways," he said. "I want to keep an open mind. I don't want to predict, but I imagine that because [the study is] looking at seven different dimensions to liberal arts education that [Notre Dame will] have certain strengths,

but we'll also have some shortcomings."

Jacobs said these shortcomings may be relative to other schools, and may be rather unexpected.

"This is more of a listening exercise ... the students will have opportunities over the years to tell their story, and by listening with a set of independent ears — not from Notre Dame — we may hear about things that we thought were some of our strong points that might not be so strong," he said.

Ideally, Jacobs said, the study will not interfere with students' lives, and will

take note of how liberal arts at Notre Dame affect students in terms of their civic engagements, ethical frameworks and passion for learning. Feedback on such topics will provide the University with more self-indicative information than ever before.

"We don't want the study in any way to limit or perturb [students'] experience at Notre Dame — we just want to capture it. We want to document the kinds of experiences they're having," he said.

The conclusions of the study may not be perfect when the study is finished, but the information will be valuable, Jacobs said.

"It's not just an answer in the end where we either pat ourselves on the back or not, it's a study that gives us the kind of feedback to make programmatic improvements," he said.

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INTEL CP (INTC)	+1.23	+0.24	19.82
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NASDAQ 100 TR (QQQQ)	+1.90	+0.78	41.92

Treasuries	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
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13-WEEK BILL	+0.22	-0.10	45.27
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5-YEAR NOTE	+1.81	+0.85	47.73

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## IN BRIEF

### Guidant detects quality problems

INDIANAPOLIS — Guidant Corp. won't sell its stock of Xience V drug-coated stents because some of the products failed to meet the company's manufacturing standards, the medical device maker said Wednesday.

The Indianapolis-based company also will stop enrolling patients in a clinical trial for the Xience V Everolimus stent and have delayed the European debut of the product until the third quarter. Company executives had hoped to start selling the stent in the second quarter after European regulators approved it in January. The stent is not on the market in the U.S.

Stents are wire mesh tubes that prop open diseased arteries; the drug coating keeps tissue from growing through the mesh.

The company said the quality assurance problems affected a small part of its Xience V inventory. The exact number of those affected was not immediately available.

"I think we are committed to providing the highest-quality products for the treatment of heart disease," John Capek, president of the company's vascular intervention division, said in a statement.

### Stocks rebound as investors return

NEW YORK — Wall Street rallied back Wednesday as investors scared off by the Federal Reserve's assessment of the economy in the previous session regained their confidence and bid stocks higher. The Nasdaq composite index reached a five-year high as investors focused on technology and smaller company stocks.

The advance reflects investors' overall optimism about the economy and corporate earnings, although many remain concerned that rising borrowing and energy costs could weigh on both, analysts said.

"I think after yesterday's sell-off, when we turned off the lights and came back in the morning, we got a chance to say, 'You know what? We've overdone it here,'" said Arthur Hogan, chief market analyst at Jefferies & Co.

Stocks sold off sharply Tuesday, pulling the Dow Jones industrials down 95 points, after the Fed suggested more interest rate hikes would be needed to head off inflationary pressures. The Fed's comments accompanied its decision to raise its benchmark rate a quarter percentage point to 4.75 percent.

## BELGIUM

# E.U. warns about antitrust laws

Competition Commission investigates the unreleased Microsoft Vista system

Associated Press

BRUSSELS — Microsoft Corp.'s new Vista operating system is still months away from hitting the market, but the European Union already has concerns the software could break antitrust rules.

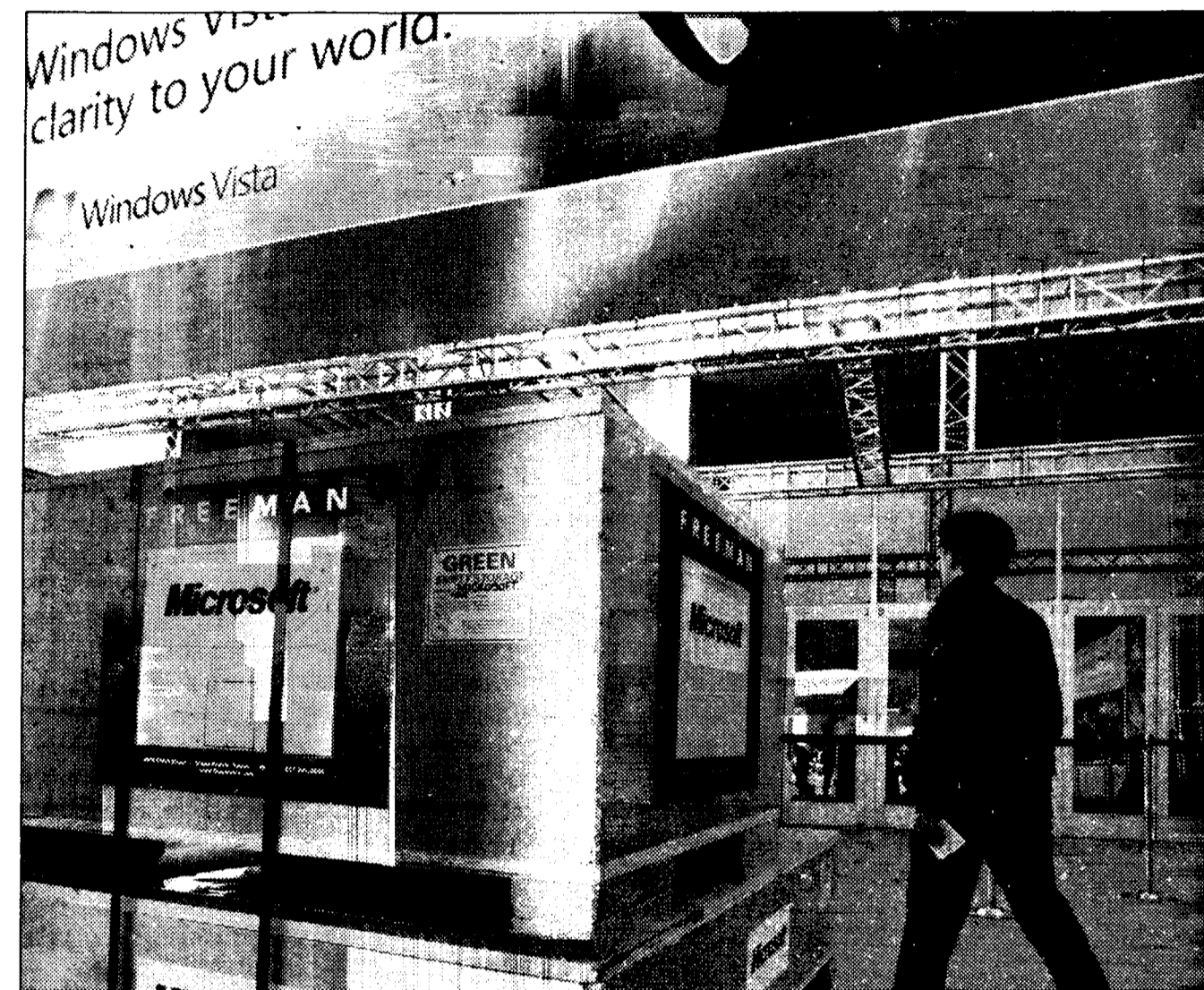
EU Competition Commissioner Neelie Kroes has written to Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer to outline concerns that Vista's new functions will mean customers will not be offered a real choice on software packages, EU spokesman Jonathan Todd said Wednesday.

"We're concerned about the possibility that the next Vista operating system will include various elements which are currently available separately either from Microsoft or other companies," he told reporters.

He highlighted Vista's integrated Internet search, digital rights management used to protect copyrights and software that would create fixed-document formats comparable to Adobe's pdf.

He said Kroes' letter to Ballmer came after Microsoft asked regulators to set out any possible antitrust problems with Vista, stressing that it was not the start of any formal probe into the new operating system.

"We assume that Microsoft has its own interests at heart. It wants to launch another product without having to worry about the [European] Commission instituting various actions under antitrust law," he said. "The commission's concern is that computer manufacturers or consumers might be prevented from having a prop-



Microsoft Corp.'s Windows Vista operating system banner is seen outside the International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas Wednesday.

er choice between different software packages."

Windows Vista is Microsoft's first major update to the company's flagship operating system since Windows XP was released in late 2001.

Microsoft said it could not comment on the contents of the letter because it had not received it. It said consumers were free to use a wide range of competitor products and Vista was designed to respect the choices that consumers make.

"Keeping the industry and regulators informed of our product development plans has been, and will remain, a priority," it said in a statement. "We have

worked hard to include partners and competitors in our planning so they can build products and services that work with Windows Vista."

Vista's ability to work with rival products also comes under EU scrutiny. "There is also the possibility that we won't have all the necessary technical information so that competitors will be able to make a product that is compatible with Vista," Todd said.

Microsoft announced last week that the consumer version of Vista will be delayed again, until early next year, further extending the long gap between major Windows releases. A ver-

sion for large business customers is due out in November.

Any investigation into Vista would be separate from Microsoft's ongoing legal challenge to a 2004 antitrust ruling and fine. That EU ruling found the company guilty of abusing antitrust rules by squeezing rival media players out of the market and holding back technical information that would help software developers make products that worked with Windows.

Last month, a group of Microsoft rivals filed a complaint with EU regulators, alleging its business practices threatened to deny real choice among competing software products.

# Whirlpool-Maytag merger approved

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Antitrust regulators on Wednesday approved Whirlpool Corp.'s proposed \$1.79 billion purchase of Maytag Corp., saying the merger would not reduce competition substantially.

The existence of strong rivals and the cost savings the new company would generate indicate "this transaction is not likely to harm consumer welfare," the Justice Department said.

An investigation by the department's Antitrust Division found that an effort by the new company to raise prices on its washers and dryers "likely would be unsuccessful" because at least five other companies are well-established in U.S. markets.

Those competitors include the Sears brand Kenmore, General Electric and Frigidaire. The Justice Department also concluded that LG and Samsung and other foreign manufacturers

have quickly established themselves in recent years.

"LG, Samsung and other foreign manufacturers could increase their imports to the U.S.," the department said in a statement. "Existing U.S. manufacturers have excess capacity and could increase their production."

The government also concluded that large retailers including Sears, Lowe's, The Home Depot and Best Buy have alternatives available to help them resist any attempt by the combined company to raise prices.

The cost savings and other efficiencies gained by the merger should also benefit consumers, the department said.

The companies had agreed not to close the transaction before Thursday.

Some analysts and antitrust lawyers had expected the Justice Department to object to the deal. The merger would create a company producing half of the dishwashers in the United

States and more than 70 percent of the clothes washers and dryers.

Such a rise in market concentration has typically drawn a challenge from the government.

Whirlpool, based in Benton Harbor, Mich., is the largest appliance manufacturer in the United States.

Maytag, based in Newton, Iowa, is number three, behind GE Consumer products.

The antitrust division has been reviewing the proposed merger since September. The companies announced that they had signed a definitive merger agreement in August.

The government asked for more time to review the merger last month, prompting wide speculation that it was preparing to challenge the deal.

Whirlpool offered to pay \$21 a share for Maytag. Including the assumption of \$977 million of Maytag debt, the entire deal is valued at about \$2.7 billion.

# Haiti

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it goes untreated. Hofman and Notre Dame's presence in Haiti can be attributed to Streit, who became involved with the study and treatment of elephantiasis after he accepted a postdoctoral position with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. While posted in Haiti, Streit conducted research on the nature of the disease. He established the University's Haiti Program after joining the Notre Dame faculty in 1997. In 1999, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation awarded Notre Dame a \$5.2 million grant to build facilities and offer program support for the elimination of filariasis in Haiti. Hofman said Streit spends on average eight months a year in the region, and he has recently focused part of the program's efforts on the AIDS epidemic in Haiti. Hofman's own involvement in the program began last August after he traveled on a "reconnaissance trip" to Haiti, he said. He first learned of the University's efforts in the region when Streit was invited to campus as the keynote speaker in the Emil T. Hofman lecture series — an annual lecture series dedicated to Hofman and his many years of teaching at Notre Dame. "Father Streit was to give the lecture this fall, and as I learned more and more about the program in Haiti, I decided

I wanted to go and experience it," Hofman said. And so he did. Hofman said he "went against all of the cautionary warnings that [he] received because of all the perceived conditions in Haiti." "The Haitian people generally are very, very fine people despite the conditions in which they live," he said. "Most of the very violent crime is from drug lords from Columbia using Haiti as traffic center." Hofman said his first visit to Haiti last fall sparked an idea that gave his most recent trip an even greater purpose. "While I was there [in August], the idea occurred to me to involve as many of my former students as possible in the project," he said. Hofman — who first began teaching at Notre Dame in the 1950s — said he has taught an estimated 32,000 students. Of those former students, two are noble prizewinners, a handful are university leaders and thousands are doctors, engineers and scientists. "The way I hope to get [students] involved is first of all by encouraging them to make reconnaissance visits of their own," Hofman said. Hofman said he hopes student trips might dispel some of the misunderstandings and fear people have about Haiti. Hofman said reconnaissance visits could also offer an opportunity to learn more about filariasis and AIDS from the resident doctors who live in Streit's compound. "I encourage [students] to then make a more lengthy commitment to stay for some future time so that they can

provide for the healthcare of the patients," Hofman said, while stressing the particular need for internists, urologists and medical technicians in the region. Upon returning from his most recent trip, Hofman said he saw more people and had even more interaction with patients than before. "I'm more convinced that our people [at Notre Dame] will want to participate in this worthwhile project," he said. Preparations have been made by Streit and the University to serve the needs of any alumni who were inspired by Hofman. One former student has already made a reconnaissance visit — and many more expressed interest, he said. "If an 85-year old invalid like myself can make two of these reconnaissance trips, certainly healthy young adults not yet out of their sixties imbued with all of the Notre Dame spirit of Christian charity should want to involve themselves in this great work," Hofman said. Hofman said the presence of elephantiasis in Haiti is tragic because, at its beginnings, the disease is relatively simple to treat and cure. As it progresses, however, treatment becomes less successful. Proper medical care and preventive knowledge is simply not available for much of the population, and so elephantiasis continues to be an overwhelming health problem in Haiti, he said. Contact Maureen Mullen at mmullen1@nd.edu

# Clinic

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summer and was further prompted by the autumn evictions of Notre Dame students at Turtle Creek. "We hope to inform students so that they are better prepared to move off campus," Guzman said. "Originally, we thought we would bring attorneys to campus to discuss these issues, but we decided having a law student perspective would be better received by undergrads." The Legal Aid Clinic, directed by professor Bob Jones, is Notre Dame Law School's teaching clinic and provides poverty-law assistance and legal education under the supervision of law school faculty members. Jones said the student presenters first met with Guzman and the Community Relations committee a month ago. "I was glad so many people came," Jones said. "There

were some good questions. Hopefully, people are more educated about approaching off-campus rentals." Freshman Kristen Dold, who plans to move off-campus junior year, said the seminar helped increase students' knowledge of their options in cases of housing problems. "It's good to be aware," she said. "There are a lot of grey areas." Dold said students also wanted to hear more about issues of criminal law, such as specifics of students' options in situations involving alcohol violations. Sophomore Chris Schwarber, who will move off-campus next year, said he found information about the Disorderly House Ordinance and its amendment particularly relevant. "[The presentation] was also good regarding the procedural part [of evictions]," he said. "I didn't know much about that."

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# Senate

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hastily crafted without enough discussion as to how best define the MAC's purpose, especially in relation to the already-permanent Diversity Committee.

Boyd said her committee needed to become permanent immediately — or risk losing its footing once a new administration and new senators take over April 1.

"The fact that this is the first year minority members of the student body had had an undiluted and uncompromised voice in the Student Senate is reprehensible and to make those students wait another year to have that voice be considered important enough to warrant its own committee is equally unacceptable," she said.

Boyd's chief concern was making her committee permanent — any other changes regarding its name or specific purpose could be made later, she said.

"If this Student Senate administration does not understand that minority students need a separate voice now, there is no guarantee that you will understand that we need a separate voice an year from now, and by then it may be too late," Boyd said.

Boyd's statement drew sharp responses from student body president Dave Baron and student body vice president Lizzi Shappell — who both vehemently maintained that diversity issues have been a cornerstone of their administration from the start.

"To be completely frank, I am offended by the implication that this isn't at the fore-

front of my concerns ... if there is one thing I would pledge, it is that before I leave here there will be a permanent means for minority student voice on policy issues," Shappell said.

For senators, the issue was not if MAC deserved constitutional recognition — but when such measures should be taken. Community Relations committee chair Nick Guzman said more time was needed to "see how Minority Affairs is going to have a permanent place."

"I wonder if we make something permanent how different it would be to change in the future," Guzman said. "... I also don't think it's big problem for them to become permanent in five days. As soon as you (Boyd) leave, the same issue can be brought to Senate."

Diversity Committee chair Sarah Liu said more time was necessary to create lasting, effective constitutional changes regarding MAC and the Diversity Committee. She admitted her committee has lacked clear direction or purpose this year.

"It's important for [the Diversity Committee and MAC] to work together," Liu said. "We're not trying to compete for resources attention ... Minority Affairs is not the problem here, it's Diversity Committee that doesn't have a clear goal."

But Boyd insisted the two committees are very different — and since MAC knows its goals, it should be granted permanent status — regardless of the lack of direction of the Diversity Committee.

"Our fate right now is too much tied to what happens to the Diversity Committee," Boyd said. "Who knows when they'll know [what their

exact goals should be] and MAC is just hanging out in the air... that's what it feels like to me."

O'Neill senator Steve Tortorello was wary of passing a resolution while knowing further changes would be made to it in the future.

"If we're going to revise everything eventually, let's get it all into its place and do it like a Band-Aid, do it all at once," he said. "The answer can't come from a room of 60 people. The answer can come from four or five people sitting down in board room outside the Senate and hammering out this amendment."

Tortorello then moved for a vote to give the resolution back to committee for further work, but senators defeated the motion and discussion continued.

Shappell said she supported sending the resolution back to the committee so that they "will have more time to sit down and talk it out and see what the best options are."

"I can pretty much guarantee — being a part of the administration next year — it won't go away," Shappell said. "It will be here."

Keough senator Rob Lindley said changes to the Constitution must be made prudently, or it risks losing its integrity.

"If there's anything I'm growing leery of it's amending the constitution on a regular basis," Lindley said. "There's something about going in and saying we've done this, we're set in stone and then go back and say 'Well, we forgot about this and we change it again.'"

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## MEXICO

# President Bush visits Cancun for meetings

Associated Press

CANCUN, Mexico — President Bush began a trip Wednesday intended to strengthen ties with Mexico and Canada on issues like terrorism, trade and problems along the long borders the United States shares with its neighbors.

Bush said he was concerned that a "protectionist tendency and isolationist tendency" could emerge among the three countries and make cooperation more difficult, particularly in the face of economic challenges from countries like China. In an interview with Canadian television, he said the strong relationship with Mexico and Canada needs to be further strengthened.

The president arrived in Cancun Wednesday evening to an understated welcome from just a few local officials gathered at the bottom of Air Force One's stairs. Bush is meeting Thursday and Friday with Mexican President Vicente Fox and Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

While thousands of U.S. students lounge on the beach in this spring break spot, Bush, Fox and Harper will grapple with issues like trade, terrorism and border and immigration problems.

The student crowds are smaller this year with the beachfront still rebounding from last year's Hurricane Wilma, and Mexican officials are no doubt hoping the international attention from the summit will help boost tourism again.

"Cancun will be the eyes of the

world," said cab driver Luciano Salgado Campos as he drove past downed trees lining the road from the airport to the beachfront resorts. "President Bush will be able to see how much progress has been made already."

Fox's government has spent millions to rebuild the beaches and dredge sand from the ocean floor to replace what was swept away in October, when Wilma brought winds reaching 150 mph. Many hotels still are closed.

The three leaders will gather at the Fiesta Americana Condesa on Thursday and Friday. By Tuesday, police had already set up roadblocks around the perimeter and security forces patrolled from the air and water.

Bush plans to spend less than 48 hours in Cancun, squeezing in bilateral and group meetings and a visit to the Mayan ruins at Chichen Itza — a rare cultural detour for the president who normally keeps a tight diplomatic schedule on foreign visits.

Before climbing aboard Air Force One to fly here, Bush joked that no one would see him in a skimpy bathing suit at this beach resort. "No Speedo suit here. Thankfully," he told an audience after a speech in Washington.

With a debate over border security raging at home, Bush is using the summit to try to strengthen ties with leaders of America's northern and southern neighbors who have their own concerns about the flow of people and goods with the United States.

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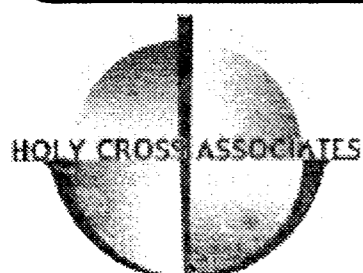
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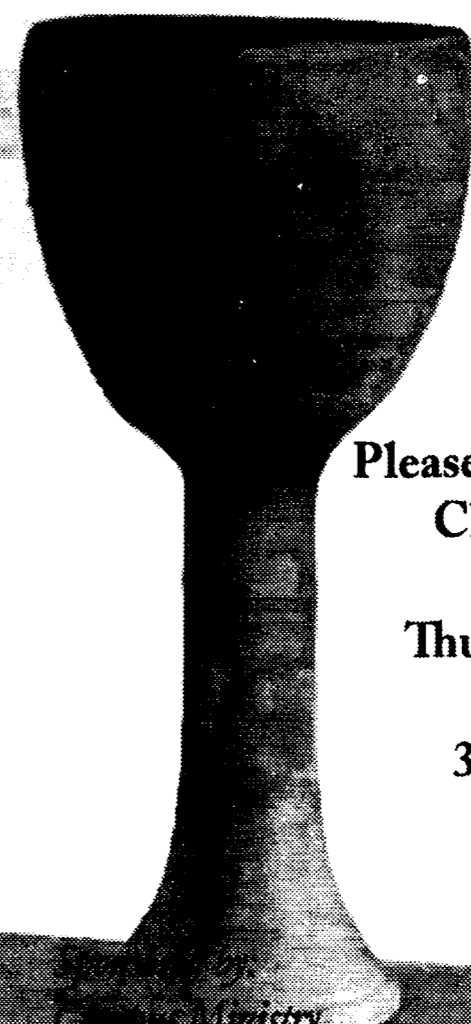


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# FAITH POINT

Thursday, March 30, 2006

Sunday Scriptures

Fifth Sunday of Lent

1st	2nd	Gospel
Jeremiah	Hebrews	John
31:31-34	5:7-9	12:20-33

## Catholic Q&A

Do the terms "Catholic Church" and "Roman Catholic Church" denote the same thing? Are there other Catholic Churches besides the Roman Catholic Church?

In the USA, the only Catholic Church that most people are familiar with is the Roman Catholic Church. Indeed, the vast majority of the world's billion-plus Catholics are Catholics of the Roman or Latin Rite. A "Rite" is a particular church tradition of how one celebrates the same seven Sacraments instituted by Christ. Most Catholics at ND have been raised celebrating the Latin Rite liturgy, and this is the way all Masses are celebrated on campus. However, this is by no means the only way of celebrating the liturgy in the Church. Within the Catholic Church, there are over 30 different rites currently recognized by Rome and in regular use throughout the world. Each of these rites expresses the unique way that the Catholic Faith was celebrated among the various people, languages, and cultures the Apostles encountered as they first spread Christ's message throughout Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. The same Christian truths "were clothed in the symbols and trappings of the particular people, so that the rituals conveyed the desired spiritual meaning to that culture. In this way the Church becomes all things to all men (1 Cor. 9:22)" (Colin Donovan, Catholic Rites and Churches).

One needs not travel far to experience other rites within the Catholic Church. Right here in South Bend, we have a community of Ukrainian Catholics that celebrates the Byzantine Rite of the Catholic Church. Another community of Syrian, Egyptian, and Greek Catholics, the ancestors of whom would have been first evangelized by the Apostle James, celebrates the Melkite Rite. Each of these communities is united in Full Communion with the Pope, and shares the same Catholic Faith regarding all seven Sacraments. Catholics of any rite can participate fully in the liturgy of any other rite, including receiving Holy Communion. However, the liturgies of these various churches may appear very foreign to the average American Roman Catholic, and may include other languages, customs, iconography and liturgical decor, and norms for receiving the Sacraments.

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

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Stations of the Cross  
7:15 PM, Basilica

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Through Sunday

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Saturday 4/1

Saturday Mass  
10 AM, CoMo Chapel

Saturday Vigil Mass  
5 PM, Basilica

Sunday 4/2

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

Lenten Vespers  
7:15 PM, Basilica

Rejoice! Mass  
9 PM, CoMo Chapel

Monday 4/3

Eucharistic Adoration  
11 AM - 9 PM, Mon-Thurs  
CoMo Chapel

Tuesday 4/4

Four:7 Catholic Fellowship  
"The Call of the Good Shepherd:  
Hearing God's Call in Daily Life",  
by Amy Schlatterbeck  
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LIVE IT!!

Ben  
Wilson



Ben Wilson's qualifications for this week's "Live It" installment can be measured in a unique way; by miles. Ben, a senior Philosophy Major and Theology and Anthropology minor, spent this past summer farther away than most summer internships take college students. By virtue of a Kellogg Internship, Ben spent his summer in Uganda. Ben's ministry there was two-fold. His primary task was teaching English to Ugandan students at a vocational school. On top of that, Ben used a grant that he received to start a store to raise money for the school. Ben's faith and desire to minister carried him over 7,000 miles away from South Bend, Indiana.

As some readers may or may not know, I am not a Ugandan school child. I was lucky enough to meet Ben through his stellar work as a Campus Ministry student assistant. While Ben's ministries are different here at Notre Dame, our community benefits from his gifts and talents just like the children he served in Uganda.

Ben's skills as an accomplished guitarist are on display at a veritable litany of ministry venues. Ben, a resident of Sorin College, plays guitar for Sorin College's Sunday liturgy as well as with the Celebration Choir. Any students who are participating in this weekend's NDE will also witness Ben's combination of skill and faith. This weekend, the Sacred Heart Parish Center will resound with the smooth, praising musical stylings of Mr. Wilson. The last of Ben's activities that I have space to mention is something any student can enjoy on any Tuesday night. Just head over to the Log Chapel at 10pm and witness Ben's crazy skills as he leads the choir at the spirit-filled Log Chapel Mass. Ben, in both the little and the large ways, you have ministered to those in need and spread the good news. Thank you.

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# Mine survivor returning home

*McCloy expected to be released Thursday*

Associated Press

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — The sole survivor of the Sago Mine disaster is expected to be released from a rehabilitation hospital and return home Thursday after more than two months of therapy, a family spokeswoman said Tuesday.

Randal McCloy Jr.'s doctors have scheduled a news conference for Thursday morning to discuss his case, Aly Goodwin Gregg said.

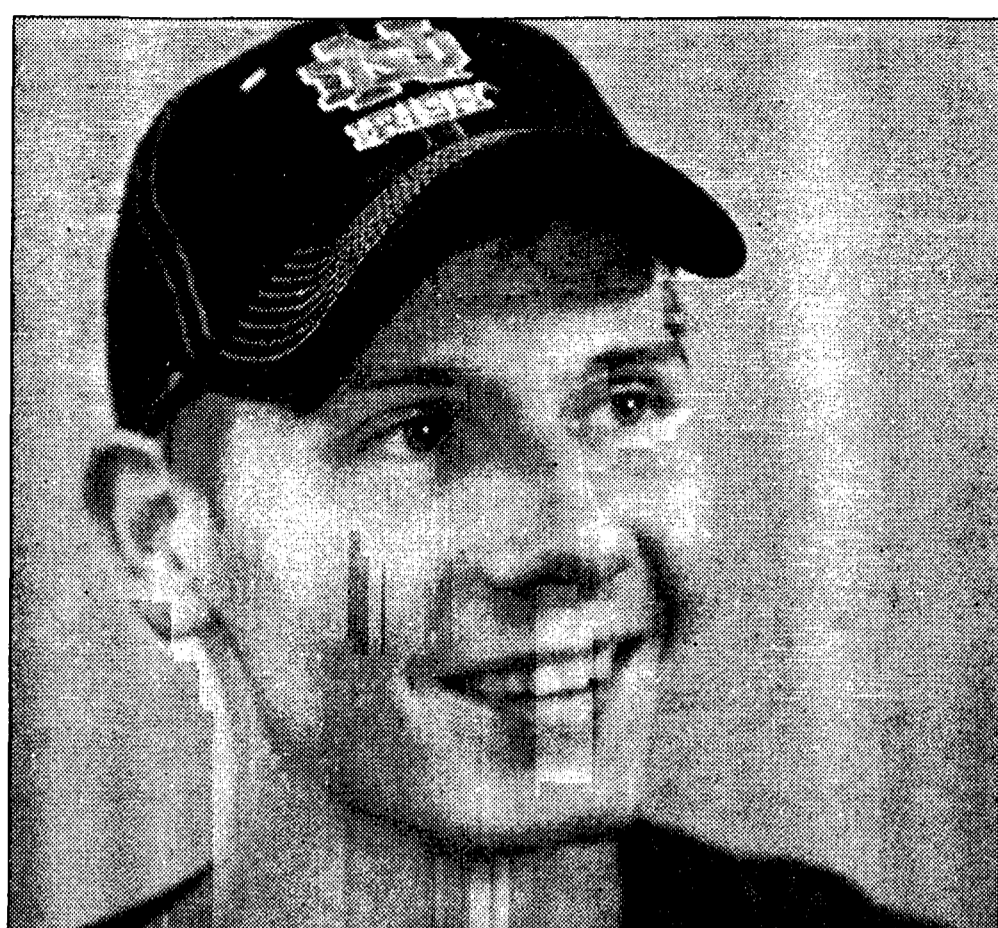
"He's been looking forward to going home and he's very, very close to that point now," Gregg said.

"Being in his own space again is what he's looking forward to and what the family is looking forward to."

The 26-year-old coal miner has been at a rehab facility in Morgantown since Jan. 26, recovering from brain damage and other injuries. Earlier, he was treated at hospitals in Morgantown and Pittsburgh.

McCloy was taken to his home in Simpson, a 45-minute drive from Morgantown, for a visit March 14, the first time he had been there since the Jan. 2 explosion that injured him and killed 12 co-workers.

Gregg said McCloy will continue to receive therapy



Randal McCloy, Jr. smiles at the Mountainview Regional Rehabilitation Hospital in Morgantown, W. Va., Wednesday.

for some time at home. She said his wife Anna, who has been staying at a hotel in Morgantown since the disaster, will be his primary caretaker.

McCloy and his co-workers entered the Sago Mine to resume production after a holiday shutdown when the explosion trapped them. It took more than 40 hours for rescue teams to reach the men, and by then, most had died of carbon monoxide poisoning.

McCloy was carried out

with brain, kidney, lung, liver and heart damage on Jan. 4 and remained in a coma for weeks.

He has since regained most of his movement, and is eating and breathing on his own.

While he also has been speaking, doctors have said it may be three to six months before he's able to carry on a normal conversation.

Gregg said she did not know how much McCloy remembers about the explosion.

# Moussaoui lied about plot, prosecutors say

*FBI ignored Sept. 11 leads, defense argues*

Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Prosecutors said al-Qaida conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui killed Americans on Sept. 11, 2001, by lying to federal agents weeks earlier to keep the plot secret. Defense attorneys called him an "al-Qaida hanger-on" who only dreamed he had a role in the worst terrorist attack in the nation's history.

Summarizing 10 days of testimony in a tumultuous sentencing trial, lawyers painted sharply divergent views of whether the 37-year-old Frenchman was responsible for any of the nearly 3,000 deaths on Sept. 11. Then a jury of nine men and three women retired to decide whether he should be eligible for the death penalty.

They went home after an hour of deliberations.

Prosecutor David Raskin told the jurors they could be sure of Moussaoui's lethal intent "because he admitted it right here in this courtroom" in bombshell testimony Monday. Defense attorney Edward MacMahon countered that Moussaoui had told "a plethora of lies to aggrandize himself. You can't believe anything this man says."

MacMahon said FBI headquarters refused to investigate what one "tremendous" field agent dis-

covered about Moussaoui after his Aug. 16, 2001, arrest at a Minnesota flight training school. Agents also ignored far better leads about the Sept. 11 plotters during the summer of 2001, he said.

"There's no evidence the government would have behaved any differently than it actually did no matter what Moussaoui said or what he did," MacMahon said.

On rebuttal, prosecutor David Novak responded, "We're not here to tell you FBI headquarters did a good job." But he said the verdict form does not ask jurors to "grade the FBI (or) ... grade the CIA."

"All Moussaoui had to do is say, 'I'm al-Qaida,'" Novak argued. The prosecutors said they had showed that if Moussaoui had confessed, when he was arrested, to the facts he admitted when pleading guilty four years later, the FBI would have identified 11 of the 19 hijackers within weeks and the Federal Aviation Administration would have kept them off airplanes.

Moussaoui watched the closing arguments impassively but shouted "Victory to Moussaoui! God curse America!" after the judge and jury had left for a brief recess.

If this jury unanimously decides Moussaoui is eligible for the death penalty, it will reconvene to hear more testimony about whether he actually deserves to be executed. Their only other choice is life in prison without possibility of release. That second phase would be a forum for aggravating and mitigating evidence about his role, including the testimony of families of Sept. 11 victims.

An unresolved issue is what would happen if the jury is unable to agree on death-penalty eligibility. Defense attorneys say that should lead to an automatic life sentence; prosecutors argue it should result in a mistrial, which would allow them to retry Moussaoui with another jury. Judge Leonie Brinkema has appeared to favor the defense view on this but has not ruled.

Moussaoui's dramatic courtroom testimony Monday — that he was supposed to hijack a fifth jetliner on Sept. 11 along with would-be shoe bomber Richard Reid and fly it into the White House — was a major focus of the closing arguments.

MacMahon read the jury what Moussaoui said last April when he pleaded guilty to six conspiracy counts and signed a confession. "Point out a single paragraph where it says I'm part of 9/11," Moussaoui told the court at that time. "Everybody knows I'm not 9/11 material." Moussaoui said then that his plot was different; he was to fly into the White House later if the U.S. did not release radical Egyptian cleric Omar Abdel Rahman, imprisoned for other terrorist crimes.

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## AFGHANISTAN

## Taliban militants kill two soldiers at base

*Militant actions bring death total to 223*

Associated Press

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — Taliban militants launched a rare attack on a coalition base in southern Afghanistan Wednesday, killing an American and a Canadian soldier and sparking fierce U.S.-led retaliation that left 32 insurgents dead in the bloodiest fighting in months.

The attack came a day after at least 10 people were killed in two separate roadside bombings and reflected a growing intensity of militant assaults after the Taliban warned of a renewed offensive this year.

"Over the last five or six weeks there have been various proven attacks mainly at night by the Taliban on that base, but I think it is fair to say this is the largest we have seen thus far," British spokesman Col. Chris Vernon told reporters in Kandahar.

The battle began hours after Taliban insurgents ambushed an Afghan supply convoy as it returned to the remote forward operating base late Tuesday, killing eight Afghan soldiers, Vernon said.

U.S. and British warplanes and helicopters were called in to provide air support and a Canadian quick reaction force was sent from Kandahar to the base, where a small contingent of American and Canadian soldiers are stationed with Afghan troops in the Sangin district of the volatile Helmand province.

Early Wednesday, the base came under a "significant Taliban attack," during which the Canadian and American soldiers were killed, Vernon said. At least five coalition troops were wounded, including three Canadians and an American, officials said.

Twelve Taliban militants also died in the fighting, while 20 others were killed after coalition aircraft and artillery fire forced them to flee into the desert.

The U.S. military said two compounds at a Taliban base were destroyed after the discovery of large caches of weapons, bombs and ammunition. All were blown up, "causing multiple secondary explosions and destroying the compound and all enemy military equipment inside," the military said.

"The capturing of these two compounds with boots on the ground produced significant intelligence and allows us to continue to put pressure on the enemy," U.S. Brig. Gen. Anthony J. Tata added.

The U.S. military did not release the name of the slain American soldier, but the dead Canadian was identified as Pvt. Robert Costall of the 1st Battalion of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, based in Edmonton, Alberta.

The 22-year-old Canadian was a new father who went to Afghanistan to "make a difference," said his aunt, Colleen McBain.

The American's death brought to 223 the number of U.S. service members killed in

and around Afghanistan since the ouster of the Taliban in 2001. Twelve Canadians have been killed in the turbulent country since 2002, according to the Canadian Press news agency.

In other violence, suspected Taliban rebels attacked a police checkpoint in Kandahar late Tuesday, killing two officers and wounding four, police commander Abdul Nazik said, adding that insurgents had tried to occupy the post but were forced to flee.

Another suspected Taliban militant was killed in southern Afghanistan's Zabul province when a bomb he was planting on a roadside exploded prematurely, police chief Ghulam Nabi Malakhail said.

Also Tuesday, a roadside bomb killed six Afghan soldiers on a road in Helmand province, and four private security workers — a Namibian and three Afghans — were killed elsewhere in the south in attacks blamed on Taliban rebels.

Police said they also foiled an attempted suicide attack in Kandahar, pursuing two suspected bombers who eventually blew themselves up but caused no other casualties.

Fighting has spiked in southern Afghanistan in the past year, leaving swaths of it off-limits to aid workers and raising concerns for the country's fragile democracy.

Helmand also is Afghanistan's main opium poppy-growing region and fears of widespread violence have risen since an aggressive poppy eradication campaign started in recent weeks.

Rugged mountains in the province are popular hiding places for Taliban rebels, many of whom are believed to slip back and forth across the province's largely ungarded border with Pakistan.

More than 3,000 British troops are readying to take control of the volatile area.

## IRAQ

## Organized crime rising in Iraq

Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Fourteen shot at a trading company. At least 90 kidnapped at other businesses. Bodies dumped nightly, bound hand and foot, some tortured. A new brand of violence — a deadly mix of organized crime and sectarian murder — is tearing at Iraq.

Its origins are murky. But the savagery has turned March into a pivotal month in the three-year war — a month of gruesome news, mixed with some good. A sharp decline in American deaths appears to be the payoff for handing more duties to the Iraqi army, leaving U.S. forces less exposed to attack.

At the same time, there has been the rise in the slayings of civilian Iraqis, the reasons for which are hard to find.

Not so many weeks ago, this was a conflict with straightforward, if brutal, terms. Sunni insurgents and al-Qaida terrorists used car bombs, roadside bombs, suicide bomb belts and sniper rifles to target U.S. troops, Iraqi soldiers, police and civilians — mainly Shiites, the newly ascendent majority after years of Saddam Hussein's oppression.

Those groups still operate and still kill. But their war has been dwarfed by the shadowy and incipient terror stalking the capital of Baghdad and its adjoining provinces.

Or perhaps — as some Iraq officials believe — the insurgents simply switched their targets, moving from American and Iraqi troops to targeting businesses and Iraqi civilians as a way to cause chaos or to fund their terror work.

Either way, the staggering shift makes it difficult to predict how the U.S. military will or can react to the new climate of violence, and what it might mean for hopes to begin a troop pullout this summer.

Bombs still rattle the capital and elsewhere, but far less regularly. U.S. helicopters still thunder through the sky, darting here and there and raising a racket that disturbs sleep and sends packs of wild dogs into a howling nighttime frenzy.

The tanks in the streets these

days aren't American, by and large, but old Russian T-72s driven by Iraqi soldiers. Faces at military checkpoints are increasingly Iraqi.

As of Wednesday, 27 U.S. military personnel had died in March — the lowest monthly American death count since February 2004 and the second-lowest of the war, according to an Associated Press count.

Coincidental with the sharp drop in American deaths was the huge rise in the number of execution-style killings among Iraqis. Since the beginning of the month, at least 385 people — an average of more than 13 a day — have been found slain, the apparent victims of sectarian hatred and settling of old scores

after a Shiite shrine was bombed Feb. 22.

The count climbs to at least 486 when the last six days of February are added, according to figures compiled from daily AP reports based on police accounts.

Also since the start of March, gunmen — mostly masked, many wearing police uniforms — have stormed at least six Baghdad businesses. On Wednesday, eight people were killed at the al-Ibtikar trading company when they were lined up against a wall and shot, and six others were wounded. At least 90 workers have been kidnapped and tens of thousands of dollars stolen in the five other assaults.



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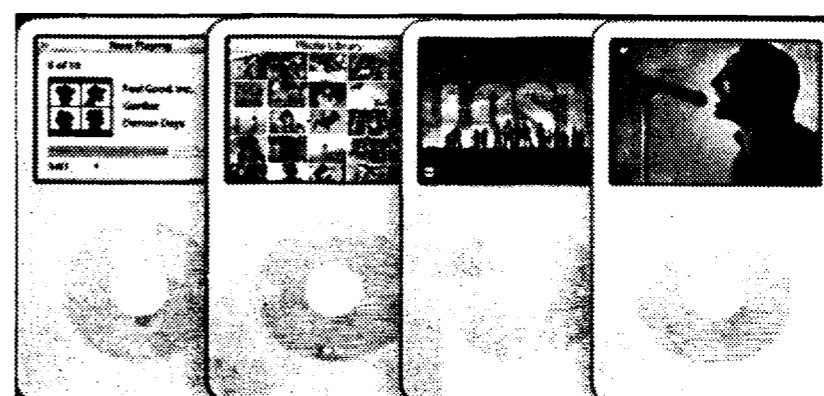


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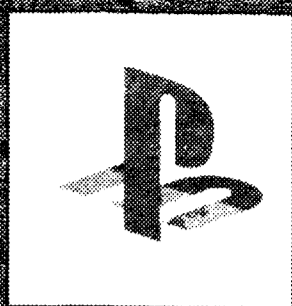
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# State law could have larger impact

A New York Times editorial predicts that a new South Dakota law, banning virtually all abortions, will "jump-start a whole new era of abortion battles." The law, House Bill (HB) 1215, affirms that "life begins at the time of conception" and prohibits abortion as the only way to "fully protect" the mother as well as her unborn child. Let's examine why the Times' prediction is probably accurate.

HB 1215 exempts a "physician who performs a medical procedure ... to prevent the death of a pregnant mother." The physician is required to "make reasonable medical efforts ... to preserve both the life of the mother and the life of her unborn child." Medical treatment causing "accidental or unintentional injury or death to the unborn child is not a violation" of HB 1215. Also, HB 1215 exempts the mother from any penalty for abortion.

HB 1215 rejects the failed incremental strategy of proposing restrictions that nibble at the edges of legalized abortion without ever challenging the essential holding of Roe v. Wade that the unborn child is not a "person" entitled to the right to life protected by the Fourteenth Amendment. The Court said in Roe that if the unborn child is a "person," the case for abortion "collapses." The Court, in Roe and since, has declined to decide whether the unborn child is a human being. Its ruling that, whether or not he is human, he is not a person is equivalent to a ruling that an acknowledged human being is a nonperson. That principle, that innocent human

beings can be defined as nonpersons and subjected to execution at the discretion of others, is the principle of the Supreme Court's 1857 Dred Scott case which said that slaves were property rather than persons. It is also the principle that underlay the Nazi depersonalization of the Jews.

In Brown v. Board of Education, the Supreme Court insisted on considering public school segregation in light of present (1954) realities rather than as if it were still 1868, when the Fourteenth Amendment was adopted, or 1896, when Plessy v. Ferguson decreed the "separate but equal" doctrine. Now, 33 years after Roe, the evidence is compelling beyond any doubt that the victim of abortion is human, and that abortion is harmful to the mother and society as well as to her unborn child. HB 1215 will confront the Court with the reality of abortion in a way that even a Supreme Court Justice will find hard to evade.

Some criticize HB 1215 because it does not allow abortion where the unborn child is conceived as a result of rape or incest. Pope John Paul II said in Evangelium Vitae that a pro-life legislator could legitimately vote for an imperfect law in some circumstances. But there is no justification for pro-life advocates themselves to propose laws that validate the depersonalization of human beings. If an innocent human being is legally subject to execution because of the identity of his father as a rapist or as a close relative, he is legally a nonperson. HB 1215 invites the Court to decide whether the law can ever authorize the depersonalization and execution of the innocent.

An unnoticed feature of HB 1215 is its assertion that, under the Constitution of South Dakota, "a pregnant mother and her unborn child" have a right to "due

process of law" and "a natural and inalienable right to life." The Supreme Court has recognized "the authority of the State ... to adopt in its own Constitution individual liberties more expansive than those conferred by the Federal Constitution" Pruneyard Shopping Center v. Robbins (1980). HB 1215 provides to unborn human beings greater protections under South Dakota law than are provided by the Supreme Court under the Fourteenth Amendment. As an assertion of the reserved power of the State to define, as a matter of state law, the meaning of its own Bill of Rights, HB 1215 affirms the federalism embodied in the structure of the United States Constitution as well as in the Tenth Amendment. The Supreme Court has never ruled on this question of whether a state can apply to the unborn child the rule that a state can use its law to protect rights beyond the extent to which they are protected by the United States Constitution. This could be the most important aspect of HB 1215.

HB 1215 adopts the approach taken by Abraham Lincoln on the Dred Scott case, which denied the personhood of slaves. In his Chicago debate with Stephen A. Douglas, Lincoln said: "If I were in Congress, and a vote should come up on a question whether slavery should be prohibited in a new territory, in spite of that Dred Scott decision, I would vote that it should. ... Somebody has to reverse that decision ... and we mean to reverse it, and we mean to do it peaceably."

*Prof. Emeritus Rice is on the Law School faculty. His column appears every other Thursday.*

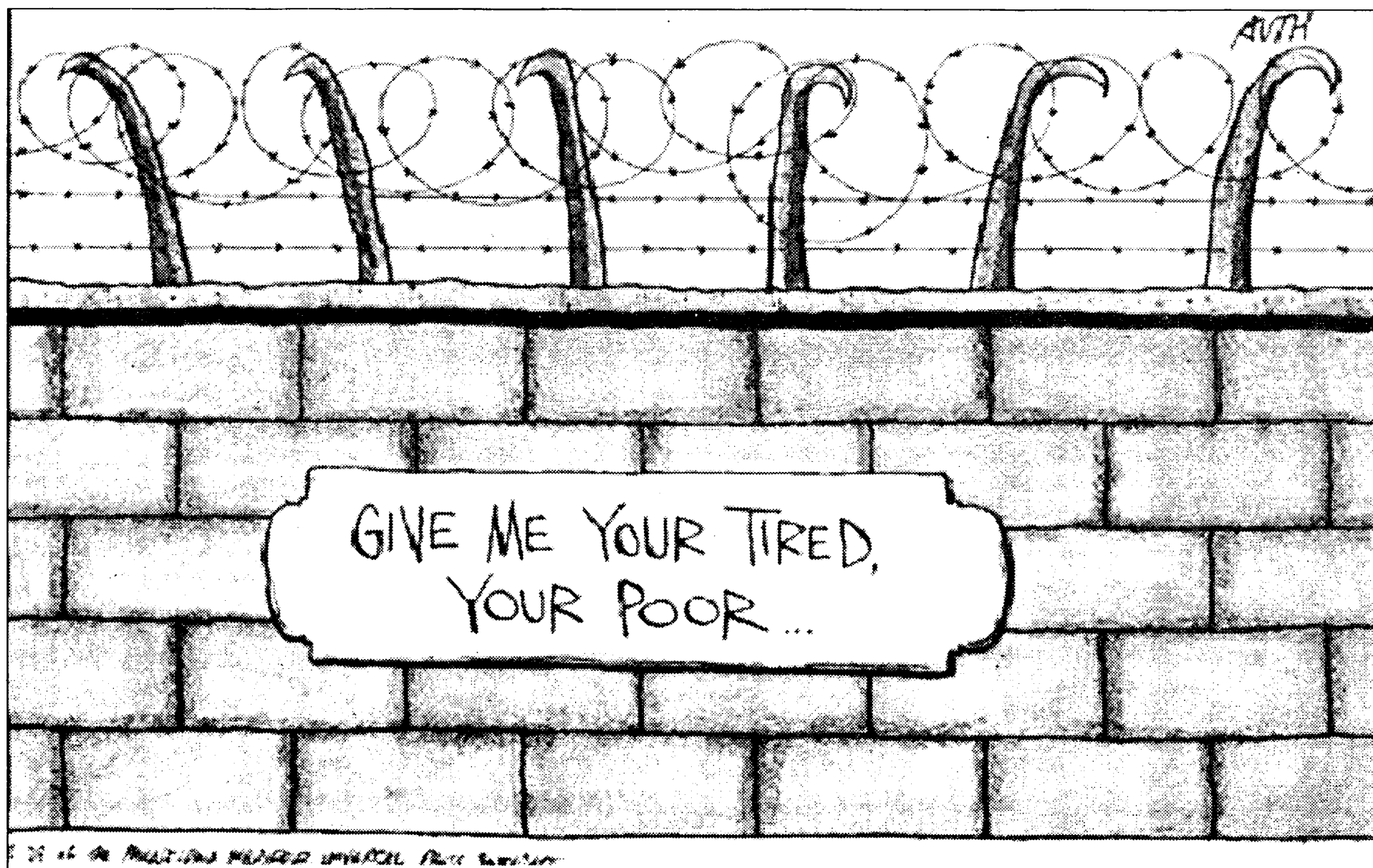
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Charles Rice

*Right or Wrong?*

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Anna Louise Strong  
American Journalist

## Life through Jesus' death

Have you ever thought about how strange it was that Jesus wept at Lazarus' tomb just before he raised Lazarus from the dead? OK, maybe you haven't, but think about it. The raising of Lazarus (John 11:1-45) is this Sunday's gospel, so you'll have another chance this week-end too. Hadn't

**Kate Barrett**

*FaithPoint*

Jesus sort of already planned to bring Lazarus back to life? Why, when he saw Mary and Martha and the others in tears, did he not right away reassure them that he could take care of their beloved Lazarus? Well, the gospel never tells us, but perhaps as part of our prayer this week we might wonder about that. Could Jesus have been looking ahead with apprehension toward his own death? Were his tears for all the other deaths that take place somewhere every day?

The readings for our daily liturgies seem to push us to think more and more about death in these remaining days and weeks of Lent. We are to prepare ourselves for what we call the Paschal Mystery of Christ

— the events surrounding his passion, death and resurrection. And although we have the gift of knowing that Easter comes, imagine the grief of Mary and of Jesus' disciples and friends on that first Good Friday, knowing only death, not remembering or comprehending Jesus' predictions that he would rise again. Even God the Father must have felt overwhelming sorrow; after all, no matter that Jesus would rise from the dead on Sunday, he was really, truly and absolutely dead on Friday and Saturday. The author Michael Dubruel writes in his excellent book "The Power of the Cross," "The darkness that covered the earth on that first Good Friday points, I believe, to the grief of God at the death of his Son. Though Jesus would rise on the third day, the first day was one of horror, pain and utter grief for all creation."

We have each experienced death in some way or another in our lives, whether through the death of someone we loved deeply and intimately, or the deaths of large groups of people though natural disaster, acts of

terror or war or some other instance of the loss of a loved one or acquaintance. We ought perhaps to reflect on these losses during this last part of Lent, not in some kind of morbid fascination, but as a way to treasure and appreciate the saving death of Christ which we'll celebrate soon. Every hope that death extinguishes, every loss that death brings to the forefront of our minds and hearts, every moment of overwhelming grief we feel we cannot escape, all are restored and brought to newness of life by Jesus' redemptive death on the cross.

In our culture, we spend a lot of time (and money) trying to avoid getting older, or at least looking older. Old age reminds us of the inevitability of death. We know well, however, that death can occur at any age and at any time. What we tend to call "untimely" deaths come to college students, young parents, middle-aged people and to unborn and infant babies. Perhaps a greater attention to death will bring us not only a renewed gratitude for Christ's painful, humiliating and "untimely" death, but also a deeper awareness of the short and

fragile nature of our own lives and those of the people we care about. It's something to think about whenever we're making choices about how to spend the gift of time that God has given us. Do I use my time on myself or others? Does most of my time go towards building up myself, either professionally or personally, or towards others who need my love, attention or help? How much do I focus, during my time on earth, on building up God's kingdom?

Reflection on and prayer about death can be a way to clarify how we want to live life, and a reminder that every present moment and every hope we have for the future is a gift from God. The person of Jesus, once dead, is alive and in our midst; he is very real, and ready to change our lives if we but welcome him in.

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### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## 'Irish' copyrighted

We have been reluctant to engage in the argument about the Fighting Irish moniker so far, not because we don't care and don't feel that it is racist, but because we think this fight is futile. The issue is money. Notre Dame licensed products, which have the phrase "Fighting Irish," or a picture of the leprechaun, sell more than any other school apparel in the country. Do you think that Notre Dame has any intention of scuttling a million dollar industry because some whiney immigrants feel upset that they aren't being portrayed in the best light? As two of those immigrants, let us tell you about our run-in with the Notre Dame licensing department, and why it led us to believe the answer is no.

A member of our lab was leaving, so we wanted to make him a T-shirt as a going away present. We designed a "Scientist Leprechaun" that had no resemblance to the Notre Dame Leprechaun and drew him to be wearing a lab coat and goggles.

We sent the image to a local T-shirt printing company to have the T-shirt made. The company owner told us he needed to check with the Notre Dame licensing department. A lady from the department phoned us and flat out said we couldn't have our image printed, despite the fact that we promised a maximum of three were to be made and none were to be sold. We also tried to point out that Notre Dame's license covers the ND leprechaun, not every Leprechaun! We called the company owner back and told him that the design was distinct from the one copyrighted by Notre Dame, but he didn't want to annoy Notre Dame and wouldn't make our T-shirts.

We have looked up Notre Dame's licenses. Our leprechaun was not in violation of their copyright, but they are such a behemoth in this area that small local businesses are afraid of upsetting them. We were even more irked to learn that Notre Dame has copyrighted the actual word "Irish" in any context. That means that we, as Irish-born immigrants, cannot make something with the word "Irish."

So what is our point? Do we resent being forbidden to print a symbol of our country? Yes. Do we worry that we owe Notre Dame's licensing department money for every time we used the "I'm Irish" chat-up line? Well, we're not paying them even if we do. Do we yearn to lay out that annoying leprechaun every time we see him bouncing around like an idiot at sporting events? Well, who doesn't? But we realize that all our frustration with the portrayal of our country won't make a difference. The images of Leprechauns and fighting Irish are negative stereotypes and by their very definition are racist but Notre Dame makes too much money and, as my experience has shown, is way too protective of their logos to let a few disgruntled students stand in their way. After all, they didn't let being wrong stand in their way of stopping us making a gift for our friend.

Elizabeth Halpin  
Thomas Durcan  
graduate students  
March 29

## First, they came for the Indian...

I guess it was inevitable that the leprechaun mascot of Notre Dame would be deemed offensive to someone sooner or later. While Howley can speak about the indignity endured by the Irish who are portrayed as Quiet Man cast members by the tourist board, I can speak about the significance of the Fighting Irish brand to Americans of Irish ancestry.

First, it is important to remember that a sport mascot is chosen for the positive characteristics that the athletes are called upon to emulate. Indians are brave and fierce and strong. They represent the warrior spirit that athletes carry into their competitions. No school chose an Indian to be disrespectful.

While a leprechaun is a mythical creature, he is pugnacious and clever, fearless and sly. Thomas Nast's nineteenth century cartoons depicted the Irish immigrant as an ape-like creature and much of America's open-like

was out of reach for the sorry lot of us. How fitting that the University of Notre Dame, as it welcomed the shunned Catholics, would take the sting out of this ugly caricature and adopt it as their leprechaun mascot. Fighting is a good thing to master if you are heading out to challenge an opponent. Not drunken brawling, but a spirited struggle to overcome obstacles.

The leprechaun of Notre Dame is an American symbol, not an Irish one. Americans who were raised by Irish immigrants take pride in the unprecedented dominance of Notre Dame in so many areas. It's an elite institution with a blue-collar pedigree. A meritocracy. The lantern-jawed leprechaun with his raised fists is the perfect mascot.

Mary Dudasik  
outside observer  
March 27

## Celebrate Africa Week

This coming week, April 2-8, is Africa Week at Notre Dame. Sponsored by the Africa Faith and Justice Network, Africa Week is intended to generate dialogue about a range of issues concerning the African continent. For instance, topics covered during this year's Africa Week include genocide, agricultural trade, famine, child soldiering and war. Unfortunately, this sampling paints a rather gloomy portrait of the African situation. However, it is possible that through discussion, we might come to understand the ways that we are called to respond — ways in which we might unite with the peoples of Africa.

In fact, unity is the theme of this year's Africa Week. But going above and beyond unity through dialogue, it is also important that we unite in celebration. Africa is not a black-hole continent — it is one of hope, optimism and resolve. The challenge posed to us is to recognize the beauty in African cultures, traditions and histories — to see hope and optimism where we might otherwise become discouraged. One aspect of Africa Week that

highlights this aspect of unity well is Afrika Nite, sponsored by the African Students Association, to be held on Friday, April 8. In addition, T-shirts will be sold in the dining halls and in LaFortune at the beginning of the week so that others might become visibly aware of our solidarity with the peoples of Africa.

Lastly, posters and other flyers around campus will announce the dates and locations of various lectures and panels being held in honor of Africa Week.

As students at Notre Dame, we understand what it means to unite — whether on campus, in the community or on the field. Please consider taking part in Africa Week 2006 and demonstrating unity with the peoples of Africa, both in celebration and in consideration of the many obstacles that they continue to face.

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## CD REVIEWS

# Multi-talented rock star reloads with 'Gun'

By CHRIS MCGRADY  
Assistant Scene Editor

Mixing funky soul, echoing acoustic scales and harmonic blues riffs is a challenge for any musician. But Ponomo, Calif. born singer/songwriter Ben Harper manages to do this and more.

Harper's music is powerful — both lyrically and musically — and is evocative of Jimi Hendrix, Bob Marley, Ben E. King and even Stevie Ray Vaughn. As has come to be expected from Harper, "Both Sides of the Gun," a double LP released by Virgin Records, is catchy, soulful and a poignant and politically aware mix of impressive music. This release is inordinately complete.

The LP consists of two CDs, both providing a completely different feel and sound, showing the range of musical variety Harper is capable of. The first CD, "Morning Yearning," reminds one of a rainy day, with the acoustic picking reminiscent of raindrops on a sidewalk. Harper's voice is both soothing and melod-

ic, and begs to be listened to. The first song, aptly named "Morning Yearning," is one of the album's best and inspires a feeling of somberness as well as a precedent for the tracks to come. Its combination of strings, guitar, harmonic melodies, piano and voice combine together into the perfect storm and an amazing song.

The next song, "Waiting For You," is the type of amorous track that will have couples slow dancing across the nation. But unlike the bulk of modern love songs, "Waiting for You" sounds sincere and true. In this earnestness grows something that many love songs cannot claim — believability. It is this sincerity — this utter domination of the idea of truthfulness and trust in one's music — that elevates Harper into the upper echelon of music. The listener gets the idea that Harper creates music for himself. He creates not for the masses, not for the popularity or the fame, but for the very joy of creation. He creates for the joy of singing and writing, of making something that will inspire both him and others. This is the basis of Harper's greatness.

Harper is also inspired on the song

"Happy Everafter In Your Eyes." This is in the same field as "Waiting For You," an idealistic love song that will bring a feeling of warmth even to the iciest of hearts.

The second CD of the LP is completely different from the first. Entitled "Better Way," Harper shirks his acoustic guitar for the majority of the songs, giving the second half of "Both Sides of the Gun" a new vibe. This CD is primarily a mix of blues, funk and soul. While some of the tracks will remind the listener Hendrix's roaring guitar solos, others will inspire thoughts of Blue's Traveler's jam sessions. Harper makes both work in his favor.

The CD opens with "Better Way," a catchy, upbeat tune about faith in oneself and one's ability to succeed despite setbacks. Even at one point when Harper's gentle voice turns to screaming, he makes it work.

"Black Rain" is a song about the destruction in New Orleans caused by Hurricane Katrina and speaks of Harper's feelings about the current government. "This government business is straight up sadistic," Harper says, speaking of government's handling of one of the worst natural disasters in America's history.

"Please Don't Talk About Murder While

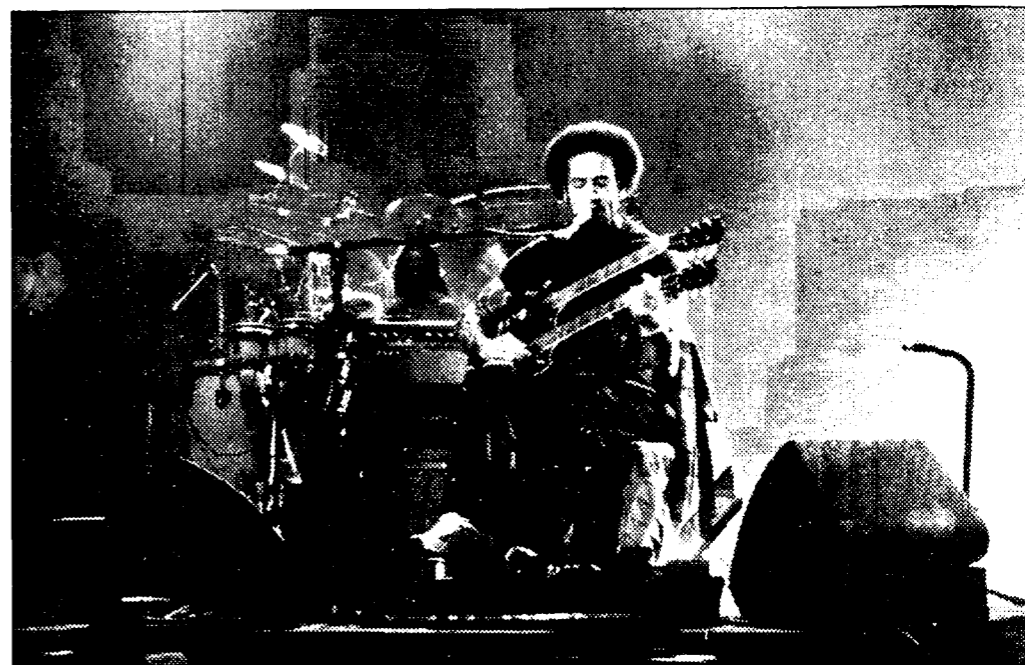


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Ben Harper, playing a doubleneck guitar above, has recorded a CD showcasing both his broad talents and cross-genre appeal.

I'm Eating" is a song that is clearly inspired by Jimi Hendrix, and succeeds in this light. Harper shows a different side of his voice in this track, a far cry from the sweet sound in previous hits such as "Steal My Kisses" and "Burn One Down."

Perhaps the song that most impressively shows Harper's versatility is the final track "Serve Your Soul." This song is an eight-minute blues, rock and soul jam session that will inspire millions to strap on an air guitar and rock out. The song shows all the facets of Harper's range in guitar as well as vocals, and is an auditory testament to his skill.

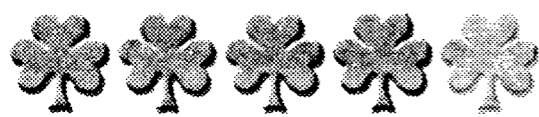
Smart, savvy and soulful, Harper fuses his music with originality and sincerity. In doing so, he is a breath of fresh air in an otherwise stale musical environment.

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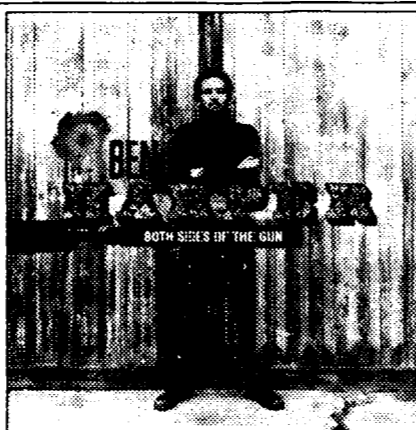
## Both Sides of the Gun

Ben Harper

Virgin Records



Recommended tracks: 'Better Way,' 'Waiting For You,' 'Black Rain,' 'Serve Your Soul' and 'Happy Everafter In Your Eyes'



# Rock band proves there's no place like 'Home'

By RYAN MILLIGAN  
Scene Critic

Throughout the nineties, Collective Soul found consistent success and rose above many other grunge rock groups attempting to do the same. Fans figured the success came to an abrupt halt after managerial disputes resulted in over seven years without a decent release. The Atlanta-based quintet, however, came storming back onto the music scene after recording "Youth" in 2004. And this time around — they have decided to mix it up.

Whenever a rock group decides to collaborate with an orchestra, it always seems to be either a work of art or an absolute failure. Fortunately, Collective Soul is not Metallica so the former applies in this case. Listeners know the group has always relied heavily on strings to produce most of their chart-toppers. So when it was announced that Collective Soul would put on a live performance with the

Atlanta Youth Symphony Orchestra, it was naturally assumed that the two would go well together. The end result is by no means a disappointment.

"Home" is a two-disc set that includes all of Collective Soul's greatest hits, now enhanced by an orchestra consisting entirely of teenagers, along with a couple of hidden gems. Right off the bat, listeners can hear just how effective the combination is, as a brief but effective orchestral introduction is followed up with "Counting the Days" — one of the group's most recent radio hits. The enthusiasm of the crowd also plays an immediate factor, and it continues to do so throughout the album.

Frontman Ed Roland is clearly at the top of his game during the entire performance. Occasionally labeled as one of the most underrated vocalists of the 90s, he puts listeners in their seats as the group belts out "December." The supporting cast is just as solid. Newly acquired lead guitarist Joel Kosche made his presence felt during the recording of "Youth," and continues to satisfy with fast-paced riffs in tracks such as "Precious Declaration" and "Heavy."

Probably the most entertaining track is "Better Now," which was extended from its original version in "Youth." Originally just over three minutes in length,



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Nineties band Collective Soul, pictured above, has collaborated with a youth orchestra to create an album which is a fresh take on some tried-and-true classics.

the live version goes on for over seven minutes. This is not necessarily a bad thing, as it gives the youngsters plenty of time to show off their talents. Once again, Roland does not have to make much of an attempt to get the crowd up and cheering, due to the fact that "Better Now" is one of the most lifting, upbeat songs that Collective Soul has ever released. The chorus embodies the whole message of optimism ("Break the news out / I've got to get out / Oh I'm feeling better now") and hearing it performed live only seems to magnify it.

In the end, however, the songs that paved the path for Collective Soul prove to be the most captivating in "Home." Fans who have heard the hit "The World I Know" can already appreciate what an inspirational song it is, and that it relies

on violins to strike emotional chords in listeners. Now backed by a full-fledged orchestra, the result is something amazing. "Shine," which marked the group's first reign at the top of the charts back in 1994, is another track that in many ways improves upon the studio version. Vocally, Roland is at his absolute best in the finale, singing his heart out to end an incredible performance.

It is not clear as to where Collective Soul plans to go from here. They made a successful comeback and continue to flaunt their originality, but history shows that in the music business, second winds do not last as long as listeners may hope. Regardless of what happens, "Home" proves Collective Soul has made its mark.

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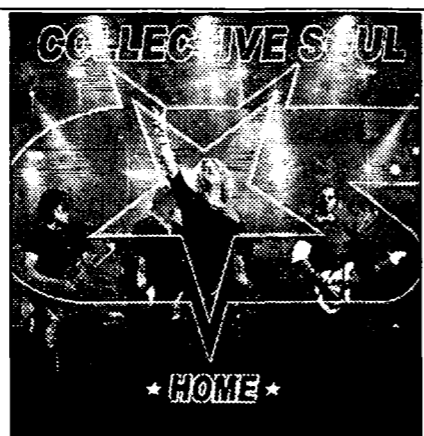
## Home

Collective Soul

El Music Group



Recommended tracks: 'December,' 'The World I Know,' 'Better Now' and 'Shine'



## CD REVIEWS

# Minneapolis rapper breaks a leg in latest 'Audition'

By JOE LATTAL  
Scene Critic

Stefon Alexander's acronymic nickname changes its meaning all the time ("Product of Society" and "Promise of Skill" being two examples) but P.O.S.' talent is always present. The Minneapolis rapper's CD — "Audition" — is one of the strongest hip-hop albums since Kanye West's "Late Registration."

His background as a punk rock fan makes his music sound fresher than a lot of current hip-hop. It doesn't explain his strange fascination with Charles Bronson, but his jams feature original electric guitar loops, and carry a punk rock attitude. Several notable guest appearances on "Audition" are Minneapolis natives, ranging from fellow Rhymesayers rapper Slug (Atmosphere) to Craig Finn from the college rock band, The Hold Steady.

But no matter who is playing on P.O.S.' team behind the mic or on the

board, it works. The beats have a good variety of flow, such as the gangster-style delivery of "Half-Cocked Concepts" and the more dramatic and personal "Safety in Speed (Heavy Metal)." P.O.S. uses all sorts of production styles.

Some tunes have a rock 'n' roll feel, with elaborate electric guitar progressions and well-structured choruses like N.E.R.D. productions. Others are straight up hip-hop beats with turntables, bass and minimal instrumentation, similar to Cage tunes. Other songs celebrate old school soul with horn samples like Kanye's jams. Some include goofy insults and a lighter feeling that reminds the listener of Eminem ("You drink Fresca? You're fired."). He showcases all the weapons in his arsenal successfully in just over 45 minutes.

P.O.S. is a rare breed of a multi-dimensional rapper. In "P.O.S. Is Ruining My Life," he shows off his talent as he spits lines as fast as Twista or Busta Rhymes, without disrupting the

fragile beat of the music. Much like other Rhymesayers label artists, the lyrics are clever, even when they're about trivial movies: "The posters in the lobby of the theatre called it 'Predator' / I called it weak and unwatchable / Carl Weathers and two future governors, that's



Photo courtesy of startribune.com

**Unconventional MC P.O.S. has drawn inspiration from a variety of eclectic musical sources, including punk rock guitar and old-school soul, to craft "Audition."**

really unacceptable / We've gotta stop falling for these double speakers from these double features / We've gotta keep 'em in the theaters."

"Audition" is an album for the open-minded hip-hop aficionado. P.O.S. gives the listener a taste of his life in its entirety on each track with samples of punk rock, a political conscience and plenty of lyrical talent.

Loaded with talented artists such as Atmosphere, I Self Divine, MF Doom and Brother Ali, Rhymesayers offers some of the best hip-hoppers available out there. P.O.S. is a worthy addition

among the ranks of some of the more unconventional rappers who have already established themselves on the hip-hop scene.

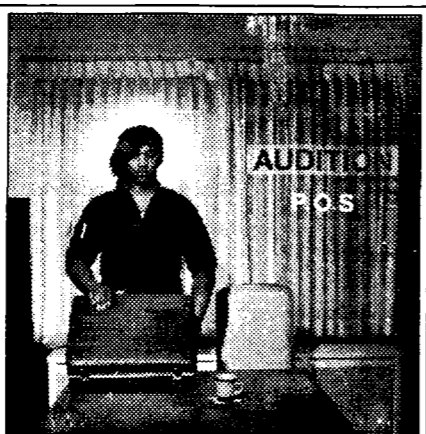
Unfortunately, the album does have its weak points. For example, the tracks "Bush League Psyche-Out Stuff" and "The Kill in Me" definitely don't live up to the quality of the rest of the album. However, for the most part, eclectic up-and-coming rapper P.O.S. performs very well in his most recent "Audition."

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## Audition P.O.S. Rhymesayers



Recommended tracks: 'Half-Cocked Concepts,' 'Safety in Speed (Heavy Metal),' and 'De La Souls'



# 'Secret's' out: band's newest album release misses the mark

By JOE LATTAL  
Scene Critic

Secret Machines does not sound like they're from Dallas. They don't even sound like they're from America, as their cleanly processed and deliberately uttered rock music has a more European sound.

But the Machines have been doing their thing in Texas since the critically acclaimed release of "September 000" (2002). Singer Brandon Curtis's mature and crisp vocals reign over guitars, percussion and electronic effects, mashed together to produce an epic wave of sound on every track. The Machines mastered the art of subtle detail and close attention to every moment on each song from the beginning.

They garnered the most attention for their polished "Now Here Is Nowhere" (2004), an album that landed on several best-of-2004 lists. The album featured a mix of songs that develop slowly, such as the title track, and contain more

radio-friendly pop tracks such as "The Road Leads Where It's Led."

The Machines' trademark became songs with painfully long instrumental introductions (sometimes without melody) keeping the audience in suspense, waiting for a pulse. Exhibit A: a nine-minute cover of Bob Dylan's "Girl From North Country" that opens with two minutes of a tone.

But on the latest Machines release, "Ten Silver Drops," the formula has gotten played out. The band dawdles through eight songs in over 45 minutes. Even the more interesting tracks drag more than any major label producer should allow. While the style might be innovative, making every tune sound like its own epic adventure, none of the songs have much value beyond the first listen.

After just listening to one song, the audience is already screaming, "No mas!" It appears the Machines have made an effort to drain energy from its listeners with each tune.

"Ten Silver Drops" is the kind of music one might favorably look back on in 20 years since it was so intricately put together. But for now, listeners are better off getting their taste of mature-sounding indie rock from other artists such as I Love You But I've Chosen Darkness or Destroyer.

The fact each song takes so



Photo courtesy of whatsupnyc.com

**Vocalist, bassist and keyboardist Brandon Curtis is the frontman for Secret Machines. The latest CD from this Dallas band failed to live up to expectations.**

long to build makes the end result much more dissatisfying given the album's weakness. There's no reason to run mediocre ballads, such as "Faded Lines," into the ground. The style is just digging the song's grave deeper.

Besides the fact the writing isn't as strong as "Nowhere," once listeners get through the album, the last thing they'll want to do is listen to it again. Great albums are like addictions — enough is never enough, and wishful thinkers always wish the best songs were a little longer or the album had just one more track.

On "Ten Silver Drops," by the time the closer "1,000 Seconds" is reached, it's a

mystery why it's taken so long for the band to make their point. The album has virtually no repeatability factor, with the possible exception of one of the shorter tracks "I Hate Pretending," which clocks in at just over five minutes.

Each track is reminiscent of what a lot of rock bands have tried to toss at the end of albums — a conclusive and dramatic climax with sharp production that takes the liberty of being longer than an ordinary song. Unfortunately, the listener wishes he or she was at the end of the album after listening to just one song from "Ten Silver Drops."

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## Ten Silver Drops Secret Machines Reprise/Wea



Recommended tracks: 'Lightning Blue Eyes,' 'I Hate Pretending' and 'Alone, Jealous and Stoned'



## NBA

# Wade drops 37 to close gap in comeback win over Toronto

Harrington's 23 and late 3s from Stojakovic not enough as Hawks sweep Pacers for first time in over 20 seasons

Associated Press

TORONTO — Dwyane Wade played so well that he earned a kiss from Pat Riley.

Wade scored 16 of his 37 points in the fourth quarter, and the Miami Heat overcame the absence of injured Shaquille O'Neal to beat the Toronto Raptors 98-94 on Wednesday night.

O'Neal missed the game because of a hyperextended left knee, but Wade rallied Miami from a 16-point deficit.

As his All-Star guard walked to the dressing room afterward, Riley kissed him on the back of the neck.

"He's incredible," Riley said. "He has no fear at the end and he simply wants to be put in that position. He was a way of making plays, he's just incredible."

A humble Wade laughed about the kiss.

"I put an OK day in, especially in the second half. That's just coach Riley being the emotional guy that he is," Wade said.

Miami trailed by as many as 13 in the final period, but Wade scored 10 straight points as Miami went on a 16-4 run to take its first lead since early in the first.

Wade crossed over Mike James, put the ball behind his back and made a layup and

drew the foul before converting the free throw to give Miami a one-point lead with 3:28 left.

Toronto coach Sam Mitchell couldn't believe Wade was allowed to take over.

"I think some of our guys need to understand who Dwyane Wade is and what he can do," Mitchell said. "I got cable. Even before I got to the NBA, I knew what Magic Johnson could do. I watched TV. Even if you got three channels, they're on TV."

Wade sealed the victory with six free throws in the final minute.

His two free throws made it 92-89 lead with a minute left, but Eric Williams tied it with three free throws after being fouled on a 3-point attempt.

## Atlanta 94, Indiana 93

Peja Stojakovic is glad Indiana has no more games this season against the Atlanta Hawks.

"I know we've lost to them twice since I've been here, and I know they lost to them twice before," Stojakovic said. "It's a problem when they go small because everyone is the same size and it confuses us offensively."

Al Harrington had 23 points and eight rebounds, and the Hawks snapped a five-game losing streak with a victory over

the Pacers on Wednesday night.

The Hawks kept Stojakovic — who hit four 3-pointers in the final 4:04 — from touching the ball on the Pacers' final possession to complete a sweep of the season series from Indiana for the first time since the 1984-85 season.

"For some reason, we have matchup problems," Stojakovic said of the last possession. "It caused a little confusion on offense. We shouldn't have put ourselves in that position."

Jermaine O'Neal missed a turnaround jumper with five seconds remaining, and Fred Jones tipped a pass to Jamaal Tinsley that could've given the Indiana point guard a chance to get off a shot from the left wing.

Tinsley, however, was defended tightly and decided to pass to Jones at the top of the key. Jones' straightaway missed, but the ball left his hands after the buzzer sounded.

"We had some time but they smothered us," Indiana coach Rick Carlisle said. "We'll look back and kick ourselves about what could have been, but you've got to give Atlanta credit. They fight hard, they play well, they earned the victories against us."

## Cleveland 107, Dallas 94

LeBron James was in seventh grade the last time the Cleveland Cavaliers played in the postseason.

And he wasn't even a Cavaliers fan.

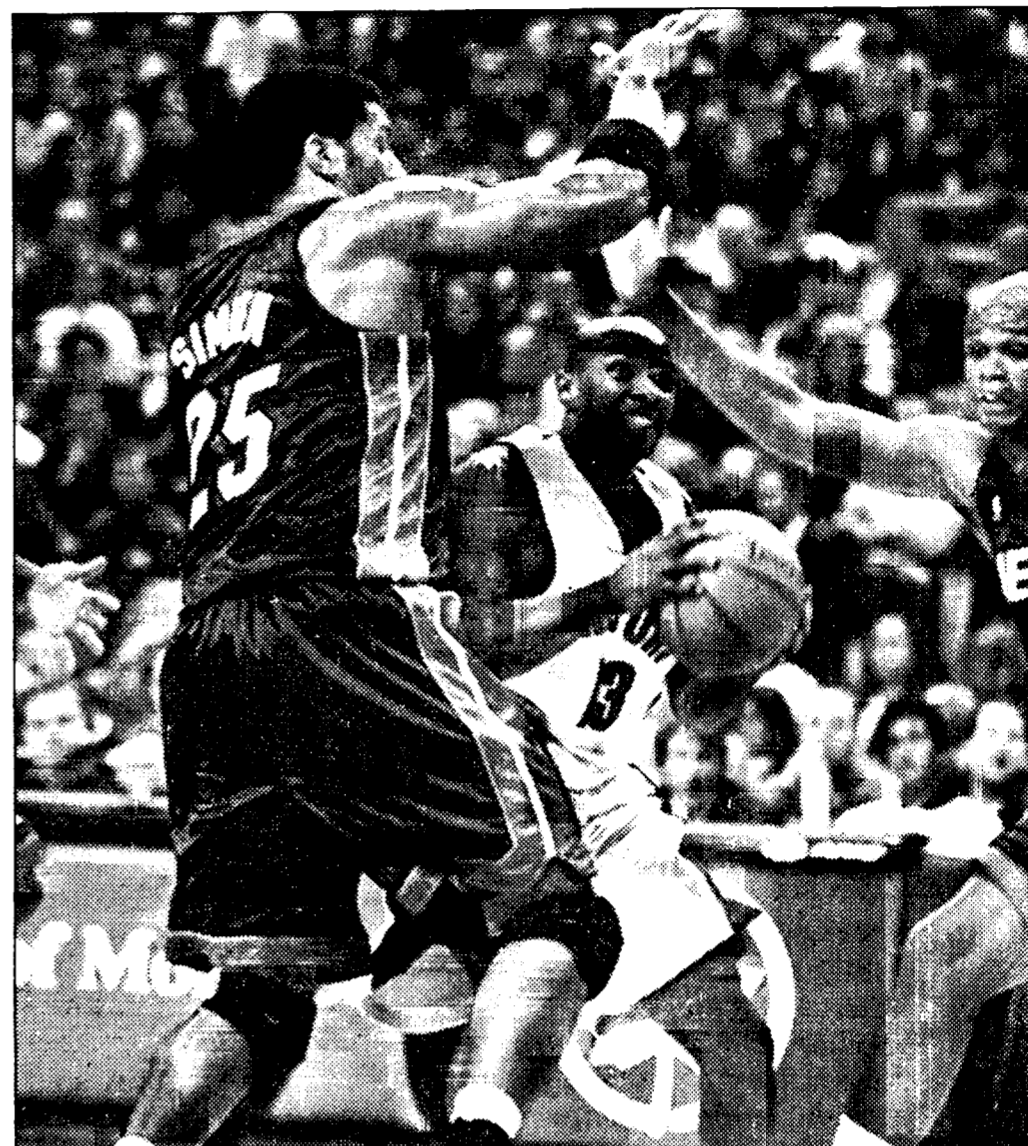
"I was a Bulls fan — all Michael Jordan back then. I'm all Cavs now," James said.

James helped end the NBA's third-longest playoff drought by scoring 46 points in a victory over the Dallas Mavericks on Wednesday night, clinching Cleveland's first postseason berth since 1998.

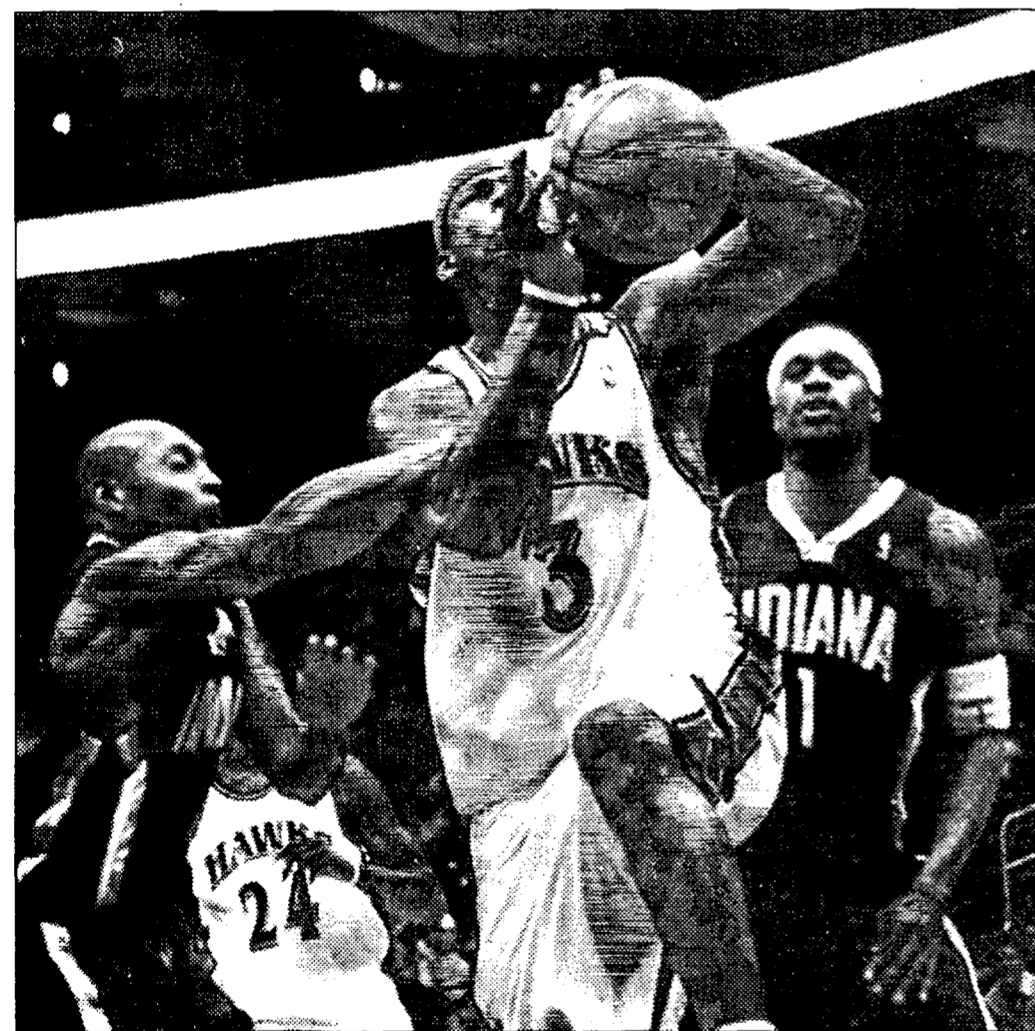
The league's brightest young star will be playing in late April for the first time in his three years with the Cavaliers. James said he was pleased, especially after missing the playoffs by one game last season.

"I've always felt since I was drafted here that I was going to light it up like Vegas," James said. "I said that on Day One once I got drafted. It's been slow progress, but it takes a few years to put a building up in Vegas, too."

The Cavaliers were low-key about their accomplishment, leaving the court without cele-



Raptors guard Mike James, middle, drives against Heat forward Wayne Simien, left, during Miami's 98-94 victory Wednesday.



Hawks forward Al Harrington, middle, is fouled by Pacers guard Gary Johnson, left, in Atlanta's 94-93 win Wednesday night.

brating.

"We have bigger goals than that," Cavaliers coach Mike Brown said. "If the fans want to celebrate, and the city wants to celebrate, that's fine. We expected to be in the playoffs."

## Detroit 101, Philadelphia 91

With a balanced, dominant and deep roster, Detroit swept the season series against Philadelphia.

With the way both teams are playing down the stretch, the Pistons can start thinking about another possible sweep over the Sixers, only this time in the postseason.

Chauncey Billups and Antonio McDyess each scored 18 points to lead the Detroit Pistons over the slumping Philadelphia 76ers on Wednesday night.

Richard Hamilton and Tayshaun Prince both had 16 points and Ben Wallace grabbed 11 rebounds for the Pistons.

Detroit has a comfortable lead in the Eastern Conference standings, while the Sixers' three-game losing streak has them in eighth place. The Pistons beat the Sixers in five games in last season's first-round, best-of-

seven matchup.

"Everybody's playing together, everybody's playing in sync," Ben Wallace said. "That's all we can ask for right now."

## Boston 123, New York 98

Paul Pierce and Wally Szczerbiak each scored 22 points, Delonte West added 21, and the Boston Celtics beat the New York Knicks on Wednesday night.

The Celtics snapped a two-game losing streak and handed the Knicks their sixth straight loss.

Ryan Gomes added 15 points and 13 rebounds for the Celtics, who shot 57 percent from the field and led by as many as 38 points. Raef LaFrentz and Tony Allen each had 14 points.

The Celtics led 40-28 after the first quarter and never relinquished their double-digit lead. Boston pulled within three games of Philadelphia for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Qyntel Woods scored a career-high 20 points for the Knicks, who led only once, on Steve Francis' game-opening jumper. Eddy Curry also had 20 and Stephen Marbury added 19.

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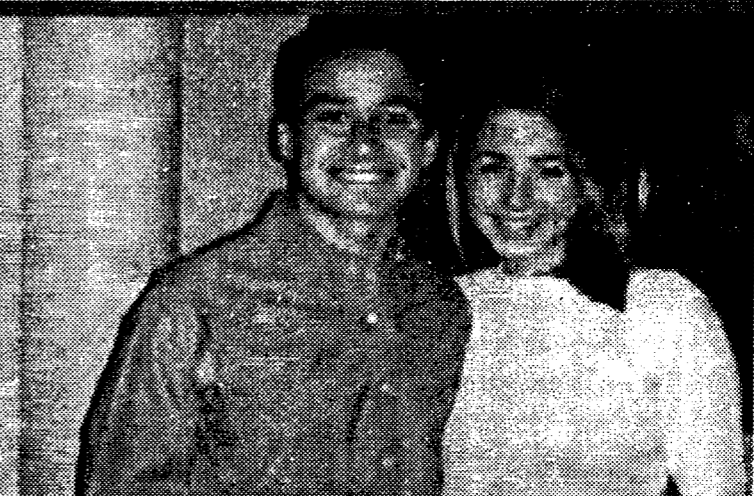
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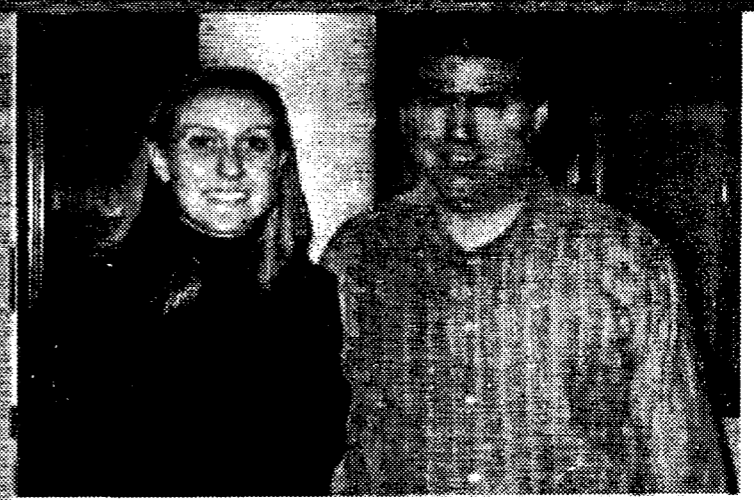
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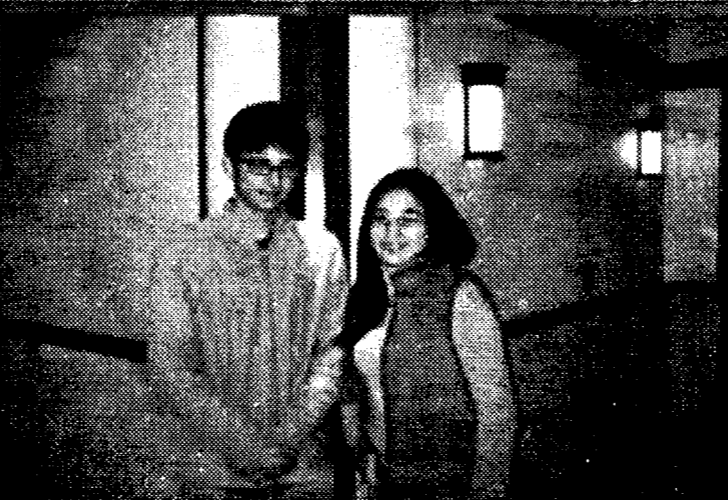
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# AROUND THE NATION

Thursday, March 30, 2006

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## Men's Tennis ITA Rankings

	team	previous	points
1	Georgia	1	750
2	Pepperdine	2	740
3	Illinois	3	730
4	Duke	5	719
5	Mississippi	4	711
6	Stanford	7	698
7	Florida	6	691
8	UCLA	8	672
9	Baylor	9	675
10	Washington	10	663
11	Texas	12	649
12	Ohio State	11	642
13	Virginia	16	634
14	North Carolina	17	625
15	Clemson	22	609
16	California	14	603
17	Miami Florida	18	588
18	NOTRE DAME	26	578
19	Louisville	30	569
20	VCU	21	562
21	Arkansas	25	553
22	Georgia Tech	28	538
23	TCU	32	531
24	LSU	13	518
25	Wake Forest	15	506

## Women's Tennis ITA Rankings

	team
1	Stanford
2	NOTRE DAME
3	North Carolina
4	Southern California
5	Duke
6	Northwestern
7	Florida
8	Georgia Tech
9	California
10	Miami Florida
11	Texas
12	Arizona State
13	Vanderbilt
14	Pepperdine
15	Baylor
16	Harvard
17	UCLA
18	Wake Forest
19	TCU
20	Long Beach State
21	Va. Commonwealth
22	Michigan
23	Arizona
24	Georgia
25	Tennessee

## MIAA Women's Tennis Standings

	team	league
1	Albion	3-0
2	Kalamazoo	3-0
3	Hope	2-0
4	SAINT MARY'S	2-1
5	Tri-State	1-1
6	Calvin	1-1
7	Olivet	0-2
8	Alma	1-3
9	Adrian	0-4

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### NBA

Suns at Pacers, 8 p.m., TNT  
Spurs at Lakers, 10:30 p.m., TNT

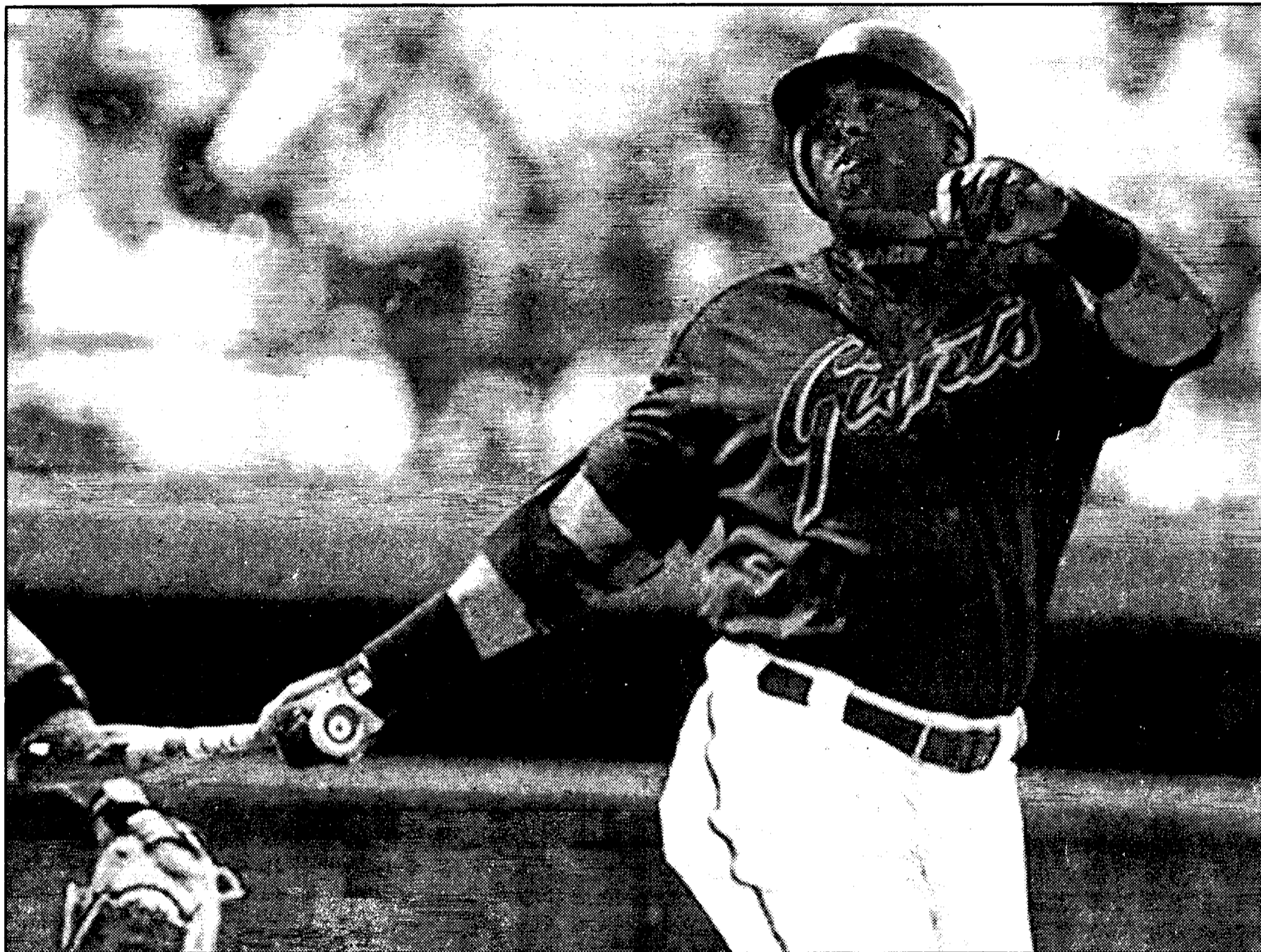
### MLB

Red Sox vs. Reds, 1 p.m., ESPN  
Rockies vs. White Sox, 2 p.m., Comcast

### TENNIS

NASDAQ-100 Open, 1 p.m., ESPN2

## MLB



San Francisco left fielder Barry Bonds swings at a pitch during a 6-4 win over Colorado Friday. Bonds is under investigation for steroid use.

## MLB will hunt possible steroid users

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Major League Baseball will investigate alleged steroid use by Barry Bonds and other players, and plans to hire U.S. Senate majority leader George Mitchell to lead the effort.

A baseball official told The Associated Press on Wednesday that final plans were to be announced Thursday. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because commissioner Bud Selig has not yet made his intentions public.

Selig's decision to launch the probe, first reported Wednesday by

ESPN, comes in the wake of "Game of Shadows," a book by two San Francisco Chronicle reporters detailing alleged extensive steroid use by Bonds and other baseball stars. The commissioner has said for several weeks that he was evaluating how to respond to the book.

Some in Congress have called for an independent investigation. Mitchell, a Maine Democrat and a director of the Boston Red Sox, has been a director of the Florida Marlins and served on an economic study committee that Selig appointed in 1999.

Mitchell's possible involvement was first

mentioned Wednesday in The New York Times. The name of a lawyer who will run the mechanics of the probe also was to be announced.

No matter what the findings of an investigation, it would be difficult for baseball to penalize anyone for steroids used prior to Sept. 30, 2002, when a joint drug agreement between management and the players' association took effect. Baseball began drug testing in 2003 and started testing with penalties the following year.

"I will only comment on things about Barry's on-field performance or con-

tractual status," said his agent, Jeff Borris.

It is unclear whether current or former players would cooperate with an investigation or could be forced to do so by baseball. Gene Orza, the chief operating officer of the Major League Baseball Players Association, declined comment.

Under pressure from Congress, baseball toughened penalties last year and again this season, when an initial positive test will result in a 50-game suspension. Twelve players, including Rafael Palmeiro, were suspended for 10 days each following positive tests last year.

## IN BRIEF

### Eighteen-year-old shines at NASDAQ-100 Open

KEY BISCAIYNE, Fla. — A native of Russia and a citizen of France, Tatiana Golovin also enjoys a home-court advantage in South Florida. And she's making the most of it at the Nasdaq-100 Open.

The 18-year-old Golovin earned a berth in the semifinals by sweeping the last five games Wednesday to beat Zheng Jie 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Golovin was born in Moscow, and her family lives in Strasbourg, France. She began training part-time in Florida at age 7, moved last fall to Miami and practiced over the winter at Key Biscayne with Andy Roddick's former coach, Tarik Benhabiles.

"It feels really nice to be driving your car to the courts, sleeping in your own bed, knowing everything around," she said. "I just know the courts so well, and I know the conditions and the wind."

### Texas Tech looks to replace head coach Sharp

LUBBOCK, Texas — Texas Tech officials have called a news conference about the women's basketball program for Thursday, a day after Purdue coach Kristy Curry wrapped up a visit to the campus.

Tech officials would not comment beyond what was in the release. The school is looking for a replacement for Marsha Sharp, who announced last month she was resigning after 24 seasons as head coach.

Curry met with senior athletic department officials and toured the campus during a visit to Lubbock on Tuesday and part of Wednesday, Lady Raider spokeswoman Tammi Hoffman said.

Last week, Texas Tech contacted Purdue athletic director Morgan Burke seeking permission to talk to Curry about the head coaching job. Purdue granted that request.

### Sixteen-year-old Wie to play LPGA tour event

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. — Michelle Wie tumbled out of the cart before it came to a halt, regained her balance and then ran in place like a girl who couldn't wait to get started.

Turns out she was only trying to stay warm on a chilly Wednesday morning in the desert.

Her final practice round for the Kraft Nabisco Championship, her first LPGA Tour major as a professional, began at 6:20 a.m., giving her enough time to squeeze in nine holes at Mission Hills before the pro-am came through.

If she was cold, much less sleepy, it didn't show.

Her fourth full swing was a 4-iron from 204 yards on the par-5 11th, struck cleanly and with such control that it stopped 15 feet away to the right of the pin.

Each tournament is an evaluation of her game, and her decision to turn pro last October, six days before her 16th

## NCAA BASKETBALL

## Other Final Four teams looking for a share of the spotlight

*Florida, UCLA and LSU overshadowed by No. 11-seed Patriots*

Associated Press

Florida, LSU and UCLA each have one seemingly impossible task this weekend — trying to steal some attention from the darlings of the Final Four.

"In the NCAA tournament, there are two things people love to see — a Cinderella story and a team that is so powerful and explosive they look invincible," Florida coach Billy Donovan said Wednesday during a conference call with the other Final Four coaches.

George Mason (27-7) fits Donovan's first description perfectly.

Coach Jim Larranaga spent part of Wednesday's news conference explaining how the university has dealt with its identity crisis, being confused with nearby schools such as George Washington and James Madison.

By winning four games in the tournament and becoming the first No. 11 seed in two decades to reach the national semifinals, though, George Mason now has a place in college basketball lore.

And the only way for Florida, LSU or UCLA to reclaim the spotlight is to ruin the feel-good story.

"What I told my team right after we were seeded and placed into the brackets was that it real-

ly doesn't matter where you're seeded, and I think George Mason is a testament to that and the parity in college basketball," UCLA coach Ben Howland said. "There's just so much parity now and the margin for error is so slight among the teams."

In any other year, the three other teams headed to Indy might have taken the role as the surprise team.

Florida (31-6) made it here despite starting four sophomores, losing its top three scorers from a year ago and lacking the veteran poise it usually takes to make a Final Four run.

LSU (27-8) is even younger — and further ahead of schedule. After Brandon Bass declared for the NBA draft last spring many in Bayou country thought the Tigers were likely to take a year away from such a deep tournament run. Coach John Brady made sure they didn't waste the opportunity and reached the Final Four after taking down both top-seeded Duke and second-seeded Texas.

UCLA (31-6), of course, is hoping to add to its NCAA record-setting collection of national championship trophies as John Wooden, the godfather of the program, watches from home.

Only one coach coming to Indy — Donovan — has ever led his own team to college basketball's most glamorous event.

The storylines span the generations from Wooden to Donovan, and from the senior-laden team

of George Mason to the newcomers at LSU and Florida.

All of them, though, have been overshadowed by this mid-major.

"In this day and age with the mid-majors being pretty talented, and they can throw a couple of seniors or fifth-year seniors at you, that's a big advantage," Brady said. "I've never had the chance to coach a talented senior at LSU because they're usually gone early."

To steal the show this week, one of the three big-name teams will have to beat George Mason.

Florida gets the first crack Saturday night, and Donovan knows he'll face as great a challenge in winning as he will getting fan support.

"They are a terrific team and for us it's another challenge against a great team," Donovan said. "They've proven that with what they did against Connecticut and Michigan State and North Carolina. I'm excited for George Mason and it's great for college basketball."

But the real test will be whether George Mason can continue its quest by beating the odds and producing the final chapter in what would easily become the greatest tournament title run in history.

"They play college basketball way they should play it," Donovan said. "We're looking at this game as playing one of the best teams in the United States of America because that is what they are."



Louisiana State's Tyrus Thomas, middle, celebrates at the end of the Tigers 70-60 Elite Eight win over Texas in Atlanta Saturday.

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NCAA BASKETBALL

# Hoosiers hire Sampson to replace Mike Davis

*Former Sooners coach addresses violations, winning at pep rally*

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Indiana fans greeted new Hoosier coach Kelvin Sampson with a standing ovation. His next job is keeping them on their feet.

Sampson took over one of America's most prestigious basketball schools Wednesday and quickly promised to keep Indiana's tradition intact by doing three things: graduating players, running a clean program and winning titles.

"I came to Indiana for one reason: I think you can win championships at Indiana," Sampson said. "I think together we can do some special things at Indiana University."

With his wife Karen, daughter

Lauren and son Kellen watching from the front row, a couple of hundred eager students burst into a chant of "Hoo, Hoo, Hoosiers" on cue.

But even as Sampson signed a seven-year deal that pays an average of \$1.5 million annually — what athletic director Rick Greenspan believes is the richest deal for a coach in school history — Sampson's emotions covered a wide swath.

First, he thanked Oklahoma's president, athletic director and fans for their support over the past 12 seasons.

Then he sent an optimistic message about returning the Hoosiers' program to glory after going 19 seasons without a national championship. The students responded with their loudest applause of the day.

Finally, Sampson appeared conciliatory when the two issues that tarnished his reputation at Oklahoma — graduation and

NCAA violations — were addressed. He leaves Oklahoma amid an NCAA investigation into more than 550 impermissible phone calls made to recruits by Sampson and his assistant coaches. Sooners officials are scheduled to appear before the NCAA infractions committee on April 21.

Any sanctions against Sampson could follow him to Indiana.

"It is a little bit embarrassing to stand up here and be asked about NCAA violations, but you also have to realize we're human and we make mistakes," he said. "I made a mistake but we've corrected it and moved forward."

Clearly, the allegations were an issue for Indiana, which has a long-standing reputation of avoiding NCAA trouble.

University President Adam Herbert addressed the allegations in his introductory

remarks, and Stephen Ferguson, the president of the university's trustees, acknowledged it was something top officials sought to clarify during the interview process.

"That was obviously our No. 1 concern," Ferguson said. "We spoke with the attorney and Oklahoma extensively. We reviewed the situation and we were satisfied."

Sampson has more immediate concerns, too.

Two of Indiana's top players, sophomores D.J. White and Robert Vaden, have both said they intend to follow former coach Mike Davis wherever he lands. Davis announced Feb. 16 that he would resign at season's end. He has been rumored to be in contention for jobs at Arizona State and Alabama-Birmingham.

Before the news conference, Sampson spent about 45 minutes meeting with the players,

then dropped White's name during his opening remarks. While White and about a half-dozen current players attended the event, Vaden, noticeably, did not.

White insisted neither his appearance nor Vaden's absence was a signal of what either player would decide.

"I'm going to listen to coach, but I'm weighing my options," he said. "I've got to see what's best for me. ... I'm my own man and Robert's his own man."

Herbert and Greenspan, who conducted the five-week search, insisted Sampson was the right man for the pressure-filled job.

Greenspan praised Sampson's ability to produce hard-nosed, disciplined, unselfish teams that win consistently.

Herbert took another tack, emphasizing Sampson's ability to re-establish Indiana as one of the nation's premier basketball programs — something Sampson helped Oklahoma do.

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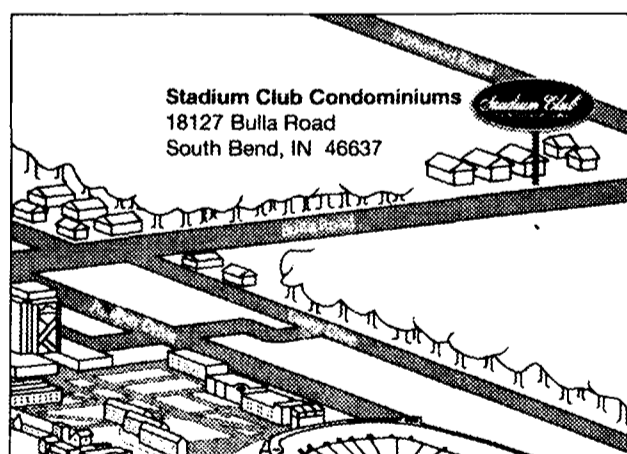
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## Indians sign Sizemore to record six-year deal

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The Cleveland Indians locked up their center field position into the next decade, agreeing Wednesday to a \$23.45 million, six-year contract with Grady Sizemore.

Sizemore's deal has the most guaranteed money for a player with less than two years of major-league service, \$200,000 more than the Boston Red Sox guaranteed shortstop Nomar Garciaparra in a five-year deal agreed to in March 1998.

"I didn't expect it to happen this fast," Sizemore said. "Last year, I was just trying to make the team."

Sizemore's hustle and humility have made him a favorite with teammates and fans. The Indians' female fan base has taken a particular liking to him — the team sold 200 "Mrs. Sizemore" T-shirts on the first day they were made available at Jacobs Field.

His new status as a millionaire shouldn't hurt his popularity. Sizemore gets a \$1 million signing bonus and salaries of \$500,000 this year, \$750,000 in 2007, \$3 million in 2008, \$4.6 million in 2009, \$5.6 million in 2010 and \$7.5 million in 2011.

The agreement includes an

\$8.5 million club option for 2012 with a \$500,000 buyout. If the option is exercised, the deal would total \$31.45 million over seven seasons, and the option price could increase to \$10.5 million depending on whether Sizemore is an All-Star, Gold Glove or Silver Slugger or does well in MVP voting.

If traded, the option becomes Sizemore's decision and the buyout is forfeited if he declines the option. He would also get a \$500,000 payment if traded, and the salaries in the remaining years of the contract would increase by 10 percent.

"I'm still going to play the game the same way," Sizemore said. "I want to be here for a long time."

Sizemore has played only one full season in the majors, but the 23-year-old outfielder did enough to impress the Indians.

"He plays the game hard. He respects the game. He's a good teammate, and he's pretty good as well," team president Paul Dolan said.

Sizemore batted .289 with 22 homers and 81 RBI in 158 games last season. He also scored 111 runs, had 22 steals and became the second Indians player to record 20 doubles, 10 triples, 20 homers and 20 steals in the same season.

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## NCAA BASKETBALL

# Patriots are enjoying role as nation's underdogs

*George Mason's run drawing comparisons to 'Hoosiers', Bon Jovi*

Associated Press

FAIRFAX, Va. — America's favorite new underdogs held one last pep rally Wednesday and departed for the land of "Hoosiers."

A bit of a stretch? Well, if George Mason coach Jim Larranaga had his way, his team would be practicing at the actual gym where that movie was set.

"It's not available the day we need it," Larranaga said.

The shutout at Hinkle Fieldhouse at Butler University — where tiny Milan High beat mighty Muncie Central in the Indiana state title game in 1954 — is probably the first thing that hasn't gone just right for

the Patriots in their incredible run to the Final Four.

In the movie "Hoosiers," Milan was called Hickory High School.

Now GMU is becoming movie material, although Larranaga said he would prefer to be portrayed by Craig T. Nelson instead of Gene Hackman because: "We have the same hairline."

His players want in on the act, too.

"I think it's a Hollywood story already," guard Lamar Butler said. "If anybody wants to make a movie, come see me. I'll play my part. I'm a good actor. I can make a serious face."

Certainly, no screenwriter embellishment will be needed if the Patriots can beat Florida on Saturday in Indianapolis and win the NCAA title game on Monday. The elements for good moviemaking are already there.

Really, who could make this

stuff up?

◆ Theme song: The Patriots' unofficial fight song, appropriately enough, is "Livin' on a Prayer" by Bon Jovi. The students certainly sing it louder than they do their real fight song.

◆ Tearjerker moment: At the Final Four, Larranaga will see his newest grandson for the first time. James Joseph Larranaga III was born in February in Italy, where the coach's son plays pro ball. The son, by the way, has been calling Dad several times a day to offer coaching advice.

◆ Tidy coincidence: Larranaga was hired by George Mason on April Fool's Day in 1997. On Saturday, nine years to the day, he'll face Florida for a spot in the championship game. By the way, the 1997 Final Four was held where? In Indianapolis, of course.

◆ More coincidences: George

Mason President Alan Merten used to be a dean at the University of Florida. He planned to vacation in that state this week. Naturally, he canceled the trip.

Athletic director Tom O'Connor's grandson, Tommy Toole, will be a ballboy at the Final Four. O'Connor broke the news to Toole in December as a Christmas present, having no idea that Mason would actually be playing this weekend. By the way, Saturday is Tommy's 10th birthday.

Larranaga understands why his team has so fascinated the American public.

"Every one of us in this country, we do not want to be considered underachievers," Larranaga said. "Nobody wants that tag. We'd like to be at least achievers. ... This team has exceeded expectations. I could probably thank (CBS commentators) Billy Packer and Jim

Nantz for creating that, because nobody expected us to do anything. I told our team that has really helped us. It's helped us stay under the radar screen and be an unknown quantity, a mystery, to the opponents."

They are unknown no more. Wednesday's pep rally at the student center drew more students than usually attend the Patriots' home games. Coeds lined two levels of balconies, while others stood on stairwells and tabletops to get a glimpse of Larranaga.

The coach recounted how he compared his team to "Kryptonite" against the Supermen of North Carolina, how he hummed the "Mission: Impossible" team to his players and referred to the Colonial Athletic Association as the "Connecticut Assassin Association" before the game against Connecticut.

## NFL

## Owners vote to curtail endzone celebrations

*Sharpies and sit-ups out, 'Riverdancing' and dunking allowed*

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — As a series of plays from the 2005 season flashed on the screen at the NFL meetings, people began to yawn. Examples of "down by contact" or minor movement that led to illegal procedure calls just weren't attention grabbers.

They woke up quickly when a tape came up showing Cincinnati's Chad Johnson catching a touchdown pass from Carson Palmer, then picking up a pylon and putting the football from the back line of the end zone.

"He has a better stroke than I have," said supervisor of officials Mike Pereira, who was overseeing the video session.

Entertaining as Johnson's putt looked, it won't happen again — at least not without repercussions.

NFL owners voted 29-3 Wednesday to limit end zone demonstrations, including those using props such as Johnson's pylon putt or Terrell Owens' Sharpie signing; or another

Owens specialty, sit-ups after a score.

Moves like that will now draw a 15-yard unsportsmanlike conduct penalty.

Also banned: Johnson's proposal to a cheerleader on the sideline — another of his shows last year — because he got down on one knee and doffed his helmet.

On the other hand, his "Riverdance" routine, one of last season's highlight film bests, will be OK because he stayed on his feet. That kind of thing is still allowed, as is spiking, dunking or spinning the ball after a TD.

Still, there will have to be some innovation by the celebrators.

"I'm looking forward to seeing what Chad will come to celebrate with now," Indianapolis coach Tony Dungy said after the vote.

Owners and league officials acknowledge the entertainment value of touchdown celebrations, many featuring Johnson, Owens or Carolina's Steve Smith, three of the league's top wide receivers.

But they also had had numerous communications from officials of youth football leagues, saying that more and more youngsters were imitating NFL players.



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## NCAA LACROSSE

## Duke students calling for tougher sanctions on lacrosse

*Team suspended from play until legal matter is resolved, officials said*

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — The president of Duke University met Wednesday with students who feel his suspension of the lacrosse team during a rape investigation was not enough, urging them to be patient while police look into the matter.

"I don't want to say I'm satisfied, but I will say that what happened in there makes me feel like we're moving in a good direction," sophomore Bridgette Howard said after the roughly hourlong session.

The meeting between President Richard Brodhead and a few dozen students was closed to all media except Duke's student newspaper.

Brodhead suspended the highly ranked team from play until the school learns more about accusations that team members attacked an exotic dancer hired to perform at an off-campus party. The alleged victim, a student at nearby North Carolina Central University, has told police she was pulled into a bathroom, beaten, choked and raped by three men at a March 13 party, where she and another dancer were hired to perform.

Police collected DNA samples with a cheek swab from 46

members of the lacrosse team last week; the 47th player, the only black member, wasn't tested because the victim said her attackers were white.

No one has been charged, and the team's captains have said the tests will clear players.

Police said three players who live at the house where the party took place spoke with investigators and voluntarily provided samples March 16. A scheduled meeting between detectives and the rest of the team was later canceled by the players' attorney, and District Attorney Mike Nifong said Wednesday the players still refuse to speak with investigators.

News of the attack has sparked days of protest at Duke and in Durham, culminating Tuesday in Brodhead's decision to suspend the team. He stressed the suspension was not a punishment, but a response to the inappropriate nature of playing while the investigation is ongoing.

Those comments led about 100 students to approach Brodhead after Tuesday night's announcement and demand his administration deliver a stronger response.

"We understand that the legal system is that you are innocent until proven guilty," said sophomore Kristin High. "But people are nervous and afraid that these people are going to get away with what they did because of a wealthy privilege,



University President Richard Brodhead, left, and Director of Athletics Joe Alleva field questions from the media Tuesday after announcing the suspension of men's lacrosse games until a clear legal resolution is reached.

or male privilege, or a white privilege."

Their protests led to Wednesday's meeting inside the campus' black cultural center, where participants said Brodhead urged patience as police continue to investigate.

Graduate student Michelle Christian complained Duke is

continuing to downplay the alleged attack.

"They need presidents, they need administrators, they need faculty, to tell them that it was wrong behavior and that they are not going to be coddled because they are athletes, because they come from privileged backgrounds, because they

have money," Christian told Durham's WTVD-TV.

Later in the day, sophomore Jeff Shaw wore a Duke lacrosse T-shirt on campus in support of his friends on the team.

"Even if it's true, it's three guys and unfortunately, this is going to be a label the team is going to carry," Shaw said.

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## ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

## Irish suffer first loss of season to Vanderbilt

By DAN TAPETILLO  
Sports Writer

After beginning the season 16-0 — the best start in school history — No. 2 Notre Dame suffered its first defeat of the year, a 4-3 loss at No. 11 Vanderbilt Wednesday.

"It was definitely a hard loss for us because of it being the first one of the season," Irish junior Catrina Thompson said. "But we're going to look past it and focus on finishing out the year strong."

Despite the loss, Notre Dame won the doubles point for the seventeenth straight meet. The Irish swept all three doubles

matches.

Playing at No. 1 for the Irish was the No. 3 pairing of junior All-American twins Catrina and Christian Thompson, who improved their record to 11-2 this season. The sisters needed a comeback to top Amanda Fish and Amanda Taylor.

Following them at No. 2 was the No. 29 pairing of sophomore Brook Buck and freshman Kelcy Tefft. The duo clinched the point for the team with a 9-7 victory over Taka Bertrand and Caroline Ferrell.

The No. 3 team for Notre Dame was the senior pairing of Kiki Stastny and captain Lauren Connelly.

Stastny and Connelly downed

Commodores Courtney Ulery and Liberty Sveke 8-4 to complete the doubles sweep for the Irish. The Notre Dame seniors improved their record to 16-1, their only loss coming last Friday to Iowa's Merel Beelen and Krissy Dowlin.

"This season we have been really confident with all our doubles teams," Thompson said. "We are hoping to finish the rest of the season without losing [the doubles point]."

In singles, freshman Katie Potts was the first to finish her match with a 6-2, 6-0 win over Sveke at No. 6 to put the Irish up 2-0 in the meet.

However, Potts' win was followed by a 6-2, 6-3 loss from

No. 74 Christian Thompson against No. 40 Bertrand at No. 2.

Vanderbilt then evened the score 2-2 when No. 20 Fish defeated No. 30 Catrina Thompson 6-2, 6-2 at No. 1.

"I knew it was going to be a tough match and tried to stay positive [throughout the contest]," Thompson said. "She just played really well."

Stastny then beat Ferrell 6-2, 6-1 at No. 5 to put the Irish up 3-2 and seemingly put Notre Dame in position to claim its 17th win of the season.

It was not to be, however.

The Commodores' Ulery upset No. 110 Tefft 6-3, 6-3 at No. 4, which tied the meet score 3-3

— leaving the No. 3 singles match as the deciding contest.

Buck, the underdog against No. 75 Taylor, kept the match close but lost, 7-6 (13-11), 7-6 (7-4), to give Vanderbilt the 4-3 win.

"We are hoping to rebound quickly because we have several upcoming matches," Thompson said. "We have had a great start [this season] and we just need to look past this loss."

The Irish return back home to face Eastern Michigan this Friday at 2:30 p.m. at the Courtney Tennis Center.

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## FOOTBALL

## Aldridge 'nicked up,' will practice

By KATE GALES  
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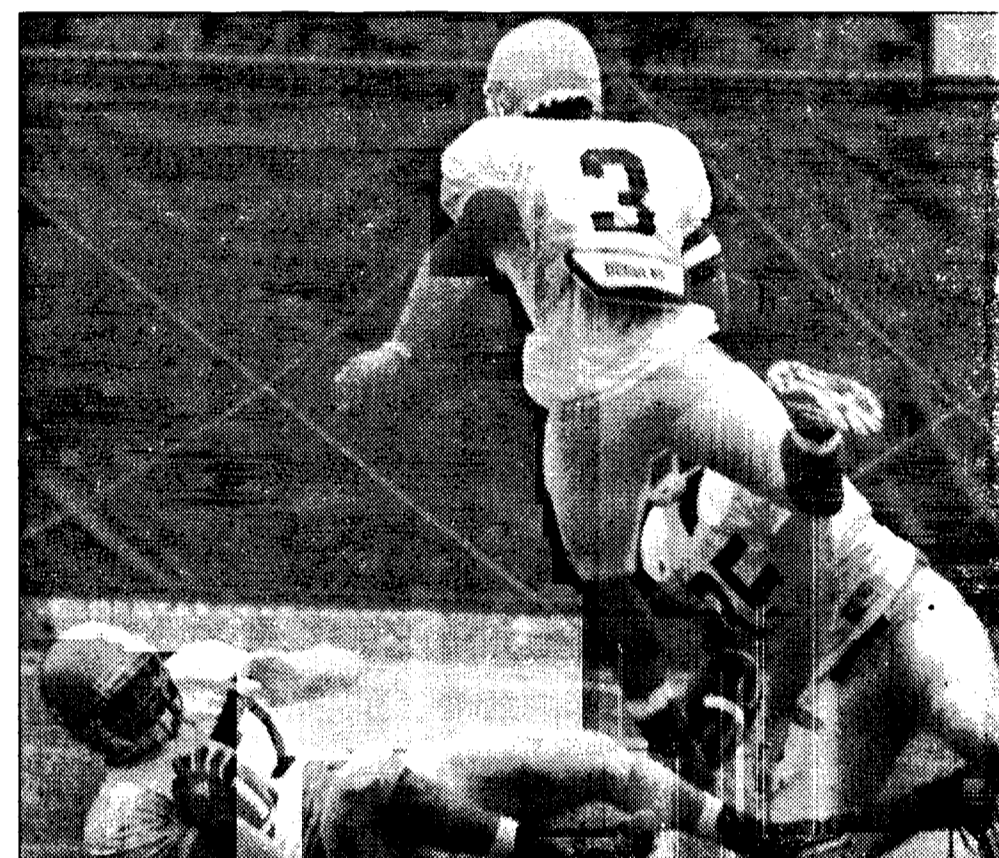
Notre Dame running back James Aldridge is participating in spring practices despite being "nicked up," Irish head coach Charlie Weis said after the team's fifth practice of the spring Wednesday.

"I've kind of held him out a little bit," Weis said. "It's like one of those things where you get a guy coming in here and he's a little sore ... I just want to be precautionary because sometimes when a guy gets something you think it's nothing, you have to make sure it's nothing before you put him back out there. I'm going to err on the side of caution in the spring."

Aldridge, who finished with 3,808 all-purpose yards at Merrillville High School in Crown Point, Ind., enrolled early to gain an edge in spring practice.

"I like a lot of what I see [from Aldridge]," Weis said. "He's big, powerful and he has very good quickness for a guy his size, which fires me up. ... Athletically it's tough not to like what you see from him."

Aldridge is competing for playing time at running back with



Notre Dame running backs John Lyons, left, Darius Walker, center, and Ashley McConell go through a practice drill Wednesday.

rising junior Darius Walker and rising senior Travis Thomas — both of whom have two years of eligibility remaining. In his career, Walker has rushed for 1,982 yards and 16 touchdowns, while Thomas has 273 yards and five touchdowns.

"[Aldridge is] going to have to

fight an uphill battle because this is going to be great competition at this running back position," Weis said. "I mean you've got your two guys to handle the position are back and back for another year after that, so he's got his work cut out for him."

Weis has also used Aldridge as a kick returner in spring practice.

## Kicking team practices outdoors

Notre Dame's practice on Cartier Field Wednesday was its first outdoor workout of the spring. Weis said he waited to take the team outside until the grass was long enough to avoid injuries.

Weis said the outdoor practice was important for practicing kickoff returns, an area of concern he addressed at the team's spring media day March 21.

"It's tough to get the full field going and the height of the ball and the timing of the [blocking] wedge," Weis said.

Weis said he focused on the wedge in addition to auditioning new kickoff returners.

"I'm looking for guys that can run fast and are new to the position," he said.

At Wednesday's practice, early-enrollee receiver George West and rising junior cornerback Terrail Lambert returned kicks.

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## SMC SOFTBALL

## Belles split doubleheader

*Amram strikes out school-record 13 in win over Manchester*

By DEIRDRE KRASULA  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's freshman pitcher Kristin Amram wanted to even the score with conference rival Manchester after the Spartans topped the Belles 2-1 in the first game of a doubleheader to open Saint Mary's home schedule.

Amram got revenge Wednesday afternoon. The freshman struck out a school-record 13 to lead Saint Mary's in a five-inning, 9-1 victory as the Belles (10-4) split their home openers.

"We used that [first game] as inspiration to do better," Amram said. "It challenged us."

Amram struck out the Spartans first three batters and never looked back. Saint Mary's immediately got on the board in the bottom of the first when freshman outfielder Calli Davison and Ashley Fusaro delivered one- and two-run base knocks, respectively.

Amram appreciated the offensive support.

"We used each others' strengths," said Amram. "We played off of each other."

Manchester third baseman Jenn Allen offered an RBI single



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer

**Saint Mary's captain Bridget Grall, middle, makes a play during a 10-5 loss to Albion April 6, 2005. Grall had a double in the fifth inning of the second game against Manchester Wednesday.**

in the third, but that was all Amram would surrender.

Saint Mary's senior captain Bridget Grall opened the floodgates in the bottom of the fifth with a double.

"It was just one hit after the next," Grall said.

Fusaro delivered an RBI single, third baseman Laura Helene and designated hitter McKenna Corrigan each knocked in two runs and Amram finished off the scoring — and the game — with a two-out, one-run single.

Amram faced 19 batters, giving up three hits and walking one. It was her fifth win of the season.

The game was called after

her single in the fifth because of the mercy rule.

In the first game, the Belles and Spartans were scoreless until the top of the fourth when Spartans catcher Holy McEathron blasted a solo home-run.

The Belles answered in the bottom of the fifth as freshman catcher Martha Smid scored on an error by Allen.

The Spartans regained the lead in the top of the sixth when Lisa Heaton singled, driving in Melissa Bower for the decisive 2-1 lead.

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## SMC TENNIS

## Hope snaps win streak in conference constest

By GREG ARBOGAST  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's fell to conference powerhouse Hope College 6-3 Wednesday afternoon, failing to extend its MIAA winning streak to three matches in a row.

"We're obviously really disappointed because this could have been a big win for us," Belles senior Kristen Palombo said.

The Belles only managed to win one of the three doubles matches before losing four of six singles contests. Picking up wins for Saint Mary's were Mary Elizabeth Cambell at No. 4 singles, Melissa Dingler at No. 6 singles and the team of Tara O'Brien and Mary Elizabeth Campell at No. 3 doubles.

At No. 3 singles for Saint Mary's, Caile Mucahy won the first set of her match against Hope's Ashley Leary 7-5, but she fell 6-4 in the two remaining sets.

The doubles team of Grace Gordon and Palombo also took its match to three sets, losing 5-7, 6-4, 7-5.

But in each of Saint Mary's other four defeats, Hope won at

least one of the two sets by a score of 6-0.

In singles, Hope senior Annesliese Fox defeated Palombo 6-0, 6-4 at No. 1, Flying Dutch freshman Samantha Stille topped Belles junior Kelly McDavitt 6-3, 6-0 at No. 2 and Hope junior Amy Norris beat Saint Mary's sophomore Tara O'Brien 6-1, 6-0.

In doubles, the Flying Dutch team of Fox and Stille topped Mulcahy and McDavitt 6-3, 6-0.

Despite the loss, Palombo said the Belles picked up valuable experience as they faced some of the best players in the conference on Wednesday. Fox has won the MIAA championship the last three years, and she has only lost one singles match in her conference career.

That loss came last year to Saint Mary's top singles player — Palombo.

"We're going to go back and regroup for our upcoming conference matches," Palombo said.

Saint Mary's next plays Friday against Olivet Nazarene in Wheaton, Ill., and its next conference match will be Saturday at Alma.

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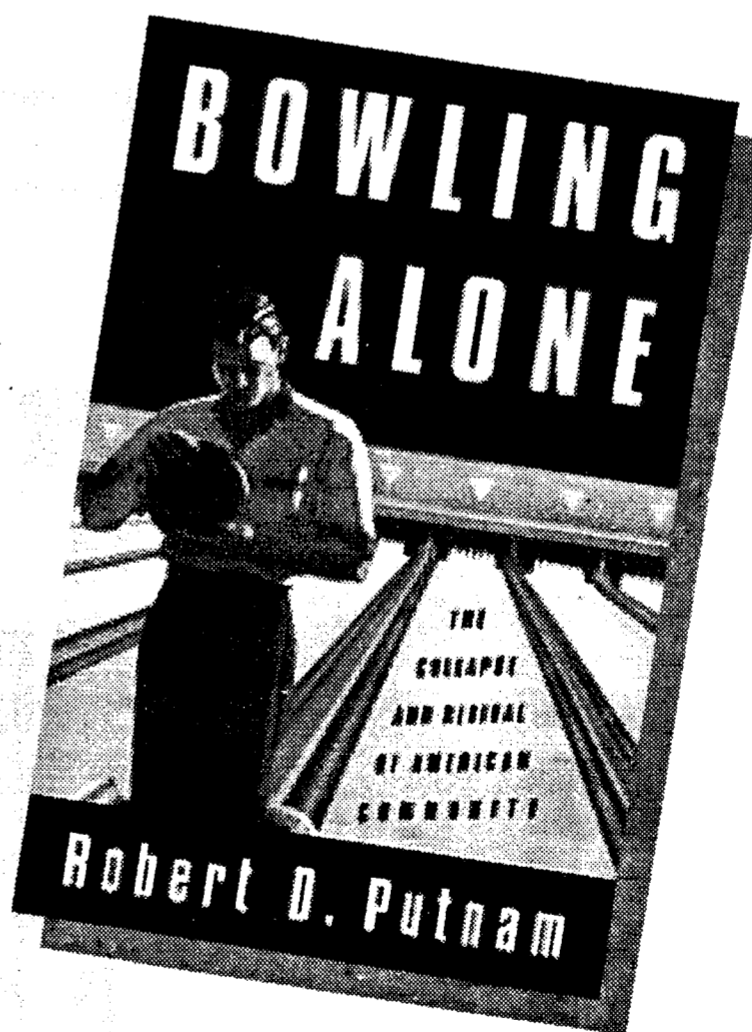
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# ND SOFTBALL

## Booth fans five in extra-inning shutout of Falcons

*Lenn's double in 11th inning gives Irish 1-0 victory at Ivy Field*

By JAY FITZPATRICK  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame catcher Mallorie Lenn's timing could not have been better.

Her two-out double in the bottom of the 11th gave the Irish their only run of the game, as she drove in freshman Alexandra Kotcheff from first to give the Irish (14-10) a 1-0 win over Bowling Green

(17-10) Wednesday.

Notre Dame made two quick outs before Kotcheff landed a dying quail just between the infielders and outfielders. That hit set up Lenn's game-winning RBI double.

Lenn's late inning heroics drove in the game-winning run for Notre Dame, but it was starting pitcher Heather Booth's performance in the circle that provided the Irish with energy throughout the game.

Booth pitched all eleven innings, struck out five and gave up three hits. She was perfect through 4.1 innings until Falcons designated hit-

ter Wendy Sheehan hit a fourth inning bloop single.

"Heather pitched great today," Notre Dame coach Deanna Gumpf said. "She led the team on and off the field and kept the momentum our way."

Booth worked all her pitches effectively against Bowling Green hitters, using a combination of changeups and breaking balls.

The first scoring threat from either team came in the top of the seventh when the Falcons had runners at the corners with one out. Booth worked her way out of the jam by striking out the next two batters.

Notre Dame rallied in the seventh, loading the bases with only one out before back-to-back groundouts to third ended the inning and sent the game to extra-innings.

Booth showed her dominance over Bowling Green hitters in the four extra innings, Gumpf said.

The senior surrendered only one hit in the extra frames — a single that second baseman Megan McPherson tried to stretch into a double before being

tagged out in a rundown. The other base runners allowed by Booth after the seventh all failed to reach second base, as two were gunned down by Mallorie Lenn in attempts to steal and a third was forced out on a field-

er's choice to second base.

"We definitely had our ups and downs, but we kept playing good softball," Booth said. "The box score won't show it, but we had a lot of good at bats and the defense played phenomenally."

Notre Dame threatened to

score again in the ninth with a leadoff double by Stephanie Brown.

Kotcheff followed her with what appeared to be the game winning hit, as the throw from Bowling Green left fielder Allison Vallas got past third baseman Gina Rango, allowing Brown to cross the plate.

But the third base umpire reversed the call as Brown

was called with player interference.

Booth worked quickly in the 11th, keeping the game a scoreless tie before Lenn's game winner in the bottom half.

Gumpf said Notre Dame's late-inning success was the result of hard playing throughout the game.

"We had to keep the intensity high if we were going to win this game against one of the best Bowling Green teams I've seen," Gumpf said. "We know how bad we can be without our intensity, and they know they have to stay focused."

The 11-inning contest marked the longest win of the season for Notre Dame and the longest ever for the team in Gumpf's five years as Irish coach.

Notre Dame begins its Big East schedule Saturday at 4 p.m. against Connecticut on Ivy Field.

"After an emotional win like this one, I think we are more than

ready to go into the Big East and kick some butt," Booth said.

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## Shootout

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season, will be a third Big East senior participating in the event.

Butler guard Bruce Horan (41.1 percent) and Illinois guard Dee Brown (32.1 percent) will also take part in the contest.

Quinn becomes the third Notre Dame men's basketball player to compete in the 3-point shooting event. Notre Dame guard Martin Inglesby (2001) and forward David Graves (2002) are the other two.

Quinn earned first team All-Big East honors following his career season. He was a CBS Sportsline.com third-team All American and an Associated Press honorable mention All-

American.

The winner of the 3-point contest will compete against the winner of the women's event, which will also take place tonight at Hinkle Fieldhouse. Notre Dame guard Megan Duffy will participate on the women's side. Duffy was a 34.7 percent shooter from 3-point range this season.

This is not the first time this season the two Notre Dame guards have been paired together. Quinn and Duffy also earned ESPN The Magazine first team Academic All-American honors.

Notre Dame coach Mike Brey was unavailable for comment. The event will re-air at mid-night on ESPN2 and April 1 at noon on ESPN.

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## Shutout

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27. And the lefty's performance against the Broncos Wednesday was a good start given Notre Dame's lack of run production. The Irish scored only two runs on eight hits and left seven runners on base.

"We don't have that much margin for error for us to be a great offensive team," Mainieri said. "It wasn't that we didn't hit great, we just didn't take advantage of a couple of opportunities."

The Irish scored a run in the first inning for the seventh consecutive game. Notre Dame first baseman Craig Cooper doubled down the first base line on the game's first pitch and moved to third on a bunt single by Notre Dame third

baseman Brett Lilley. Cooper then scored on a single by Irish second baseman Jeremy Barnes.

Notre Dame picked up a second run in the bottom of the third. Irish right fielder Danny Dressman singled to left field, where Bronco outfielder Kyle Maunus bobbled the ball, allowing the Irish junior to take second. The next batter, Notre Dame designated hitter Ross Brezovsky, drove in Dressman with a double.

Western Michigan starter Bryan French went six complete innings, allowing both Irish runs on seven hits. He was replaced by freshman Billy Morrison, who pitched two scoreless innings in relief.

### Notes:

♦ The complete game shutout was Notre Dame's third since 2002, when J.P.

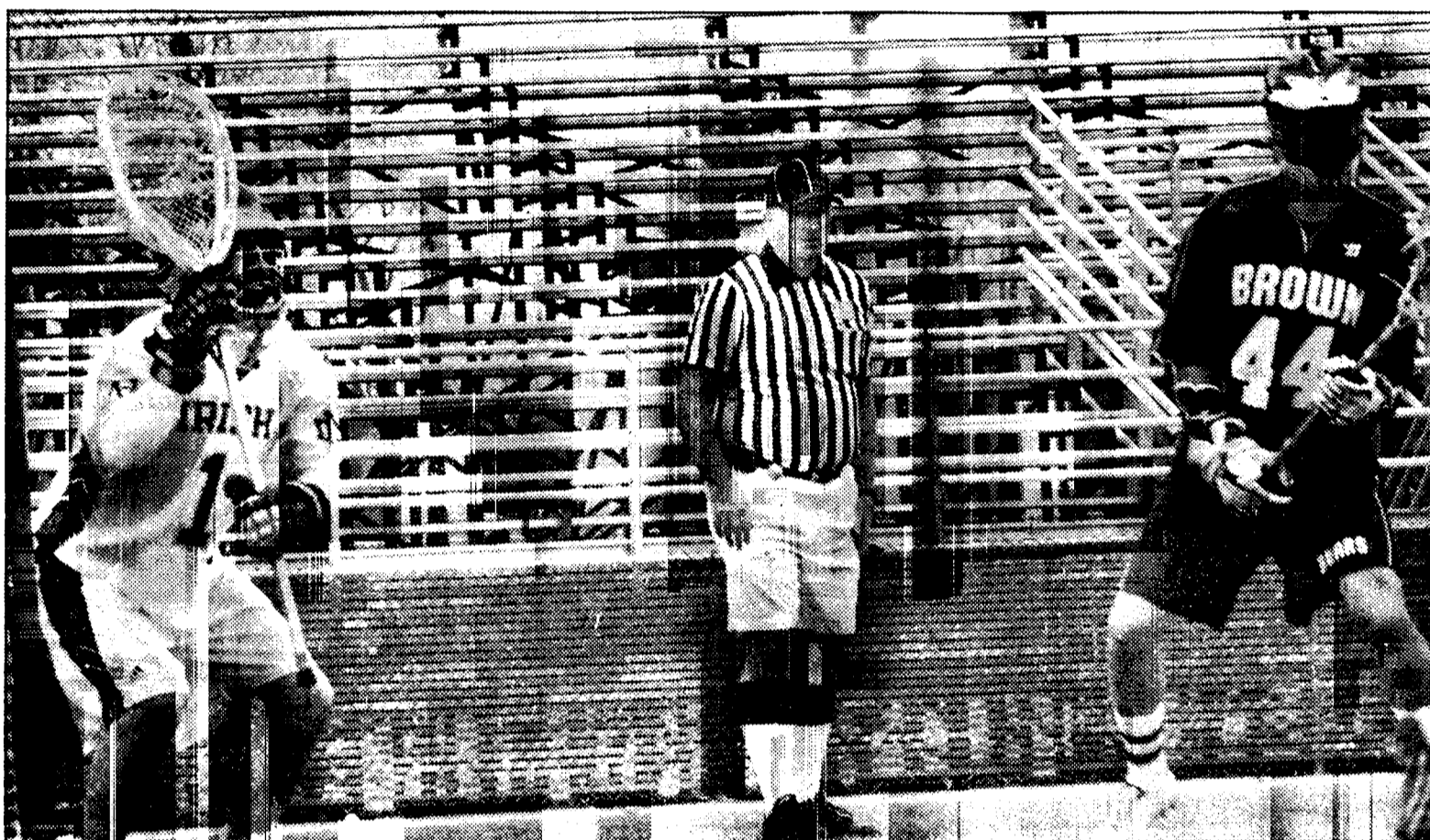
Gagne went the distance against BYU. Thornton recorded the other two, including one earlier this season against Southern Illinois.

"I've learned a lot from [Thornton]," Korpi said of the team's veteran ace. "I like the philosophy he uses of going out and throwing strikes and letting things happen."

♦ Irish pitchers have not allowed an earned run in 29 innings, a streak that dates back to a 12-2 victory over Georgetown Saturday.

♦ Notre Dame will play Pittsburgh Friday in a Big East matchup at Frank Eck Stadium. Samardzija will make his first home start of the season.

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Notre Dame goalie Joey Kemp, left, prepares to save a shot during Notre Dame's 11-5 victory over Brown Wednesday. Kemp had 10 saves in the win.

## Bears

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"[Kemp] definitely bailed us out in the first quarter," Driscoll said.

Driscoll — a defender — said his unit's play improved in the second quarter, overcoming Brown's enthusiasm and tenacity to take control of a game that became physical in the second quarter.

"I think we came out and we settled down," Driscoll said. "We buckled down and we got the ball out of guys' hands after the first quarter."

Driscoll forced several Brown (2-5) turnovers with big hits, jarring balls loose — and on one occasion a players' stick.

With the Irish up 3-1 with six minutes left in the first half, Driscoll forced a second turnover in as many minutes.

Three minutes later, Irish senior midfielder Matt Karweck converted that possession into a goal that Brown would never recover from. Taking the ball from the left rear of net, Karweck faked his defender one way and slipped around to the other side of the net. He dove forward and flipped the ball behind his shoulder — sending his teammates on the bench into a frenzy.

"I was just trying to get to the goal and make something happen and get our team going a little bit," Karweck said. "All week in practice we've been talking about going hard to the cage and making something happen."

Karweck's score helped rally an Irish squad to two more scores before the half and left and some of his own teammates scratching their heads.

"Watching that play develop, I had no idea what he was trying to do," Driscoll said. "I was back on defense, and I was like, 'What was that?'"

"[Karweck] is definitely a vocal leader on our team. Seeing him get into a groove

kind of fed everyone else."

The Irish out-hustled and out-muscled Brown the rest of the way and won the ground-ball battle 42-31. Driscoll and Irish sophomore defenseman Ross Zimmerman led Notre Dame with six pickups each. Senior face-off specialist Steve Panos recovered from a 2-of-15 performance against Hofstra Saturday to win 11-of-20 drops against the Bears.

Notre Dame attackman Ryan Hoff recorded a game-high three scores for the Irish in the freshman's second multi-goal game of the year.

Fellow Irish freshman attackman Duncan

Swezey matched Hoff's three points on one goal and two assists, and senior attack Pat Walsh also netted one goal and two assists, bringing his team-leading assist total to nine.

Irish leading scorer Brian Hubschmann recorded his team-high 14th goal and added an assist, while sophomore midfielder Mike Podgajny scored a first quarter goal in his first game back after missing three games with mono.

The Irish began their offensive assault four minutes into the first quarter with a Peters line drive from the top of the circle for his first goal of the season.

Notre Dame's performance Wednesday was a nice rebound after Saturday's 13-5 loss to No. 4 Hofstra, Driscoll said.

"To come out and outwork another team is pretty uplifting," Driscoll said. "We didn't over-think things [against Brown]."

"Definitely at Hofstra we over-thought things. If we play like today and take care of business, good things will happen. That's all we really have to do."

Notre Dame's will play Dartmouth Sunday before beginning conference play against Butler in Indianapolis on April 8.

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*"All week in practice we've been talking about going hard to the cage and making something happen."*

**Matt Karweck**  
Irish midfielder

*"If we play like today and take care of business, good things will happen."*

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# Fighter

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the Notre Dame junior TKO'd amateur heavyweight Artese Palire (23-4) before a crowd of 1,000 spectators.

Notre Dame head coach Charlie Weis supported his safety's decision, which will not interfere with his football eligibility in his senior season this fall.

"I think with any of our kids here, when you're looking at each situation as its own separate entity, I think that you always have to make sure that you take care of Notre Dame first," Weis said. "But you've got to be realistic. And in this situation, which was a very unusual situation, to take this opportunity away from him would have been the wrong thing to do."

Ed Zbikowski said he wasn't worried his son might suffer a major injury in the bout.

"He's been doing this for 10 years, of course he gets hurt," Ed Zbikowski said. "It's a blood sport. You're supposed to get hurt. ... Every boxer gets hurt. When you come back from sparring, you're hurt."

He said it is his son's fearlessness that allows him to compete in football and boxing, both difficult contact sports. From a different perspective, Weis said Tom Zbikowski's toughness was what allowed him to excel in both sports.

"And besides [being] very, very tough, I think he has skills," Weis said. "Boxing isn't for everyone, there's a lot of guys that are really strong but those guys that are really strong aren't necessarily the guys that would be really good boxers."

"A lot of football players that wouldn't fare so well in the ring ... I don't proclaim to be an expert on boxing, all I know is that he's a pretty darn good football player and I'm glad we have him."

## The road to MSG

Ed Zbikowski said many people don't realize that boxing is more than a hobby for his son.

"When Tommy gets home from Notre Dame, he'll get up Saturday morning, have breakfast, go to the gym, and go knock off six or seven rounds without training or anything," Ed Zbikowski said in a telephone interview with the Observer Wednesday. "I think

the people at Notre Dame don't realize he's been boxing since he's eight, nine years old. He's probably a better boxer than he is a football player."

Ed Zbikowski said his son has been active in charity fights, as well.

"[Of] the last ten fights that he had, seven have been for charity," Ed Zbikowski said.

On May 20, the third-team All-American will fight in a set of bouts to help raise money for cystic fibrosis — an event that hopes to raise \$200,000.

"They believe with him in the charity event they'll be able to raise it," Ed Zbikowski said.

But the offer of a professional career was the realization of his son's dream, the elder Zbikowski said.

"It was an exciting day today," Ed Zbikowski said. "We flew out [to New York]; we were treated like royalty, rubbed elbows with the best in the business. He's on pay-per-view. He's at Madison Square Garden. That's like being in the Super Bowl. That's like being in the national championship. Fighters who have fought for 10 years — title-holders — don't get a chance to fight at the Garden."

Even in New York, the Notre Dame experience followed the Zbikowskis.

"Tommy held his own throughout this whole [press conference], dead tired," Ed Zbikowski said. "He was alone in the room ... and a gentleman came up to me, shook my hand, and said 'My name is Kevin Murphy, I graduated from Notre Dame. I left my job and I took the train and I snuck into the press conference with my friend.'"

Ed Zbikowski said although meeting professional boxers was exciting, the Notre Dame connection was a highlight of the trip.

"I'll never forget the warm feeling I had when [Murphy] came up," Ed Zbikowski said. "It felt like we had a friend. It felt like we had somebody ... we were back in our little bit of element."

But Tom Zbikowski's priority is to play football at Notre Dame, which his father said dated back to when he was recruited as a high school quarterback.

"He gave up his dream to play quarterback to come to Notre Dame," Ed Zbikowski said, noting that Tommy was recruited

by the Naval Academy as a boxer and quarterback.

## Eligibility issues

Keeping Notre Dame football a priority was an issue when Tom Zbikowski was deciding to accept the contract. A primary concern was keeping him eligible for football in the fall.

"I think that the most important thing for me, when I was approached by Tommy about that potential fight, after I got all the details about what exactly it was, the most important thing to me was to make sure that eligibility was not an issue," Weis said. "To be honest with you, it was an issue right up until Tuesday afternoon, because the one thing that I had settled with both Tommy and Mr. Zbikowski was that the one thing [we had to make sure of was] that there's not going to be a threat for losing his eligibility. That would have been a deal killer — for us and for them."

The NCAA regulates players who are professional in one sport to play college ball in another — a situation that NCAA spokesperson Kent Barrett is not unusual, but generally reserved for football players drafted by Major League Baseball teams.

"I honestly haven't heard of it happening [an NCAA player boxing professionally] but I can't say it hasn't," Barrett said. "It's probably more common for people to play minor league baseball."

According to NCAA Bylaw 12.1.2, "a professional athlete in one sport may represent a member institution in a different sport."

The main difference is accepting endorsement money, said Mike Karowski, Notre Dame's associate athletic director in charge of compliance.

"[An athlete's] name, appearance or likeness can't be used to promote a commercial product or service," Karowski said. "And the question was if there are promotional items related to his fight, how does that impact him? And

that's what we sort of have to navigate through, and ultimately it was decided that anything that was informational, factual in nature and specific just to his boxing match, it would be okay for him to participate in that."

This means that in commercials publicizing the fight, Zbikowski can be referred to as a Notre Dame football player. However, a commercial entity could not offer him money to wear their apparel or participate in advertising.

"If he were to do that then he'd lose his college eligibility in all sports," Karowski said.

Weis said the Zbikowskis approached him after they received an offer from Arum.

"They were approached and immediately came to me because, fortunately for me, we have the program set in such a way that these guys know they can come to me and I'll work with them," Weis said. "They know that although I have Notre Dame football as my No. 1 priority, I'm going to listen to each situation and try to give them an objective answer to what I think — just as long as the kids are graduating and it's not going to ruin any chance of their eligibility."

A recent issue with eligibility and endorsement compliance was with Olympic skier Jeremy Bloom, who played football for the University of Colorado. In August 2004, the NCAA ruled that because Bloom accepted endorsements — even though they were not related to football — he was ineligible for college sports. Bloom appealed but lost and forfeited his football career.

"You could be paid to ski but you can't endorse commercial products or services," Karowski said.

Karowski said Rocket Ismail — one of Notre Dame's most famous athletes — signed a contract with the CFL after his junior year but ran track in the spring. But since then, the situation has been rare

at Notre Dame, he said.

"We haven't had too many here," Karowski said. "I've been here 14, 15 years, and I can't think of anybody up to this point who's been a professional in one sport and an amateur in another."

"I don't anticipate any problems. The only thing that could happen would be if Tom changes his mind and wants to do something else ... [right now he seems] committed to doing both and doing both the right way."

## Strong support

As he makes his professional debut, Zbikowski will have a strong network of his coaches, teammates and family. His brother will be his manager, and his uncle — a former boxer, now battling cancer — were with him in New York yesterday.

And while Weis was not in New York, he said he is fine with the safety's decision.

"Each situation has to be handled as a unique situation," Weis said. "But I think if you want your guys to stay in school and graduate and one of these opportunities comes along, you have to be willing to work with him, you have to give a little."

His teammates are also behind him, including free safety Chinedum Ndukwe — his companion in the defensive backfield.

"I think that he's been [boxing] for so long, since he was a little kid, I think it's just like second nature to him," Ndukwe said. "He's been doing it for so long, he knows what he's doing."

Zbikowski's father said his son plans to return to Notre Dame for his senior football season and earn his degree, hopefully continuing his football career in the NFL. The rising senior was No. 13 in the nation in punt returns in 2005 and led Notre Dame with five interceptions. He was also fourth on the team in tackles (71).

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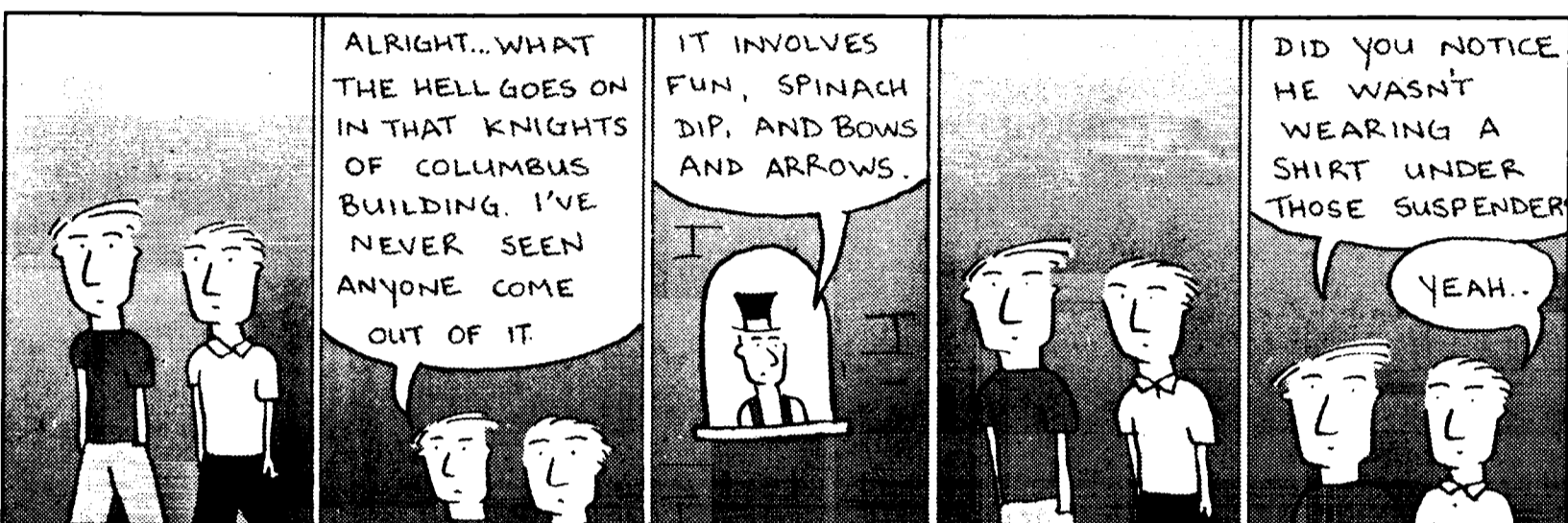
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**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Take a serious approach to everything you do today and you will get much further. Your ideas will be considered by someone you've impressed along the way. Today, others will be only too happy to assist you. 3 stars

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** You may feel it necessary to take drastic measures but this will not turn out as planned. You will meet with disgruntled people if you don't get consent to proceed with plans that will affect those around you. Don't make hasty decisions. 3 stars

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Your timing may be a little off today, making this an awkward time to present, promote or even discuss your plans. Make sure everything is exactly as you want it before you proceed. Be safe rather than sorry. 4 stars

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You may find yourself in an iffy position, torn between two groups who both want your support. Reconsider how you feel and opt to make suggestions rather than take part in something you are undecided about. **2 stars**

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** It's time to get serious regarding your future and where you see yourself a year from now. If you research what it is you have to accomplish, you will be able to lay your plans out and start the process of putting all the components you require into place. 5 stars

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Anger or criticism will get you nowhere today. Refrain from wasting time trying to perfect everyone around you. Resentment is likely to develop, leaving you in a precarious position. 3 stars

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You can make things happen today just by taking action and being decisive. Luck is with you as long as you stick to your standards, morals and ethics. A social event or short trip will spark an interest in something or someone new. 3 stars

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** You've got a good understanding of what you must do. Get back to working on the things you enjoy doing most. Your creative side needs an outlet. Investments will pay off as long as you don't go overboard. 3 stars

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** Don't give in to someone's complaints. Size up the situation and make a decision based on fair play. Not everyone will be happy with your decision but do what you must and don't look back. 5 stars

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**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Don't be fooled by someone who pretends to have all the answers. Consider your situation and you will come up with the best solution. A partnership with someone who can complement what you do will lead to financial gain. 4 stars

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** You can make headway if you are prepared to promote an idea you have. Money is coming your way but not from a source you expect. Be careful what you wish for -- it's likely to backfire. 3 stars

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## BASEBALL

# Sophomore hurler Wade Korpi fans 11 in three-hit shutout

By CHRIS KHOREY  
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame sophomore Wade Korpi threw the first complete game shutout of his career Wednesday and the Irish beat Western Michigan 2-0 at Frank Eck Stadium.

Korpi (2-1) struck out 11 — the highest total of his career — and allowed just three hits in nine innings. The southpaw

starter has a 1.80 ERA with 34 strikeouts and only six walks this year.

"It was an awesome performance by Korpi," Irish head coach Paul Mainieri said. "It was one of the best games you'll ever see around here."

Korpi threw 77 strikes out of 114 pitches. The sophomore said his control was a result of his hard work over the summer.

"Last year, I used to try to nibble too much and I ran into

problems," Korpi said. "Now, I feel like I can throw all my pitches for strikes."

Korpi said he relied on his change up in two-strike counts, and the change allowed him to accumulate strikeouts as the game progressed. The sophomore fanned five batters after the seventh inning.

"My change up was really good tonight," Korpi said. "That's how I got most of my strikeouts. My curveball was

good, but I thought my change up was really my out pitch."

Mainieri said he was happy with Korpi's strong outing but felt bad the team was unable to utilize its bullpen.

"I would have liked to get [sophomore righthander] Joey Williamson into the game," Mainieri said. "He didn't get to pitch last week or against Georgetown [this past weekend]."

Notre Dame starting pitchers

Tom Thornton, Jeff Manship and Jeff Samardzija are slated to start in every three-game, conference weekend set this season. As a result, Korpi's role has been making the mid-week starts against non-conference opponents.

Mainieri said he wants to see Korpi emerge as the team's fourth starter heading into the Big East tournament May 23-

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## FOOTBALL

# From safety to corner

*Tom Zbikowski announces he will fight professionally at MSG*

By KATE GALES  
Associate Sports Editor

Standing in the spotlight of Madison Square Garden Wednesday, Tom Zbikowski said he would make his professional boxing debut in the world's most famous arena in less than three months.

In a press conference organized by Bob Arum of Top Rank promotions, Tom Zbikowski announced he signed a contract to fight one professional match — which will be broadcasted on HBO via pay-per-view.

"I would have done this for free, just to fight in Madison Square Garden," Tom Zbikowski said Wednesday.

His heavyweight match is scheduled for June 10 at Madison Square Garden and will be the undercard for the WBO junior welterweight title fight between Miguel Cotto and Paulie Malignaggi.

Tom Zbikowski has an agreement with Top Rank Promotions for the four-round fight. Arum saw him fight a charity match on March 15 in the bar 115 Bourbon Street in Merrionette Park, Ill., when

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Irish safety Tom Zbikowski speaks at a news conference in New York City Wednesday. Zbikowski announced he will make his professional boxing debut at Madison Square Garden June 10.

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Quinn will compete in shootout

*Duffy slotted to enter women's 3-point event tonight*

By BOBBY GRIFFIN  
Sports Writer

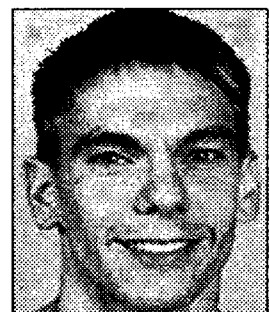
Notre Dame guard Chris Quinn displayed his 3-point shooting ability against Big East opponents all season, and the senior will have one last opportunity to do so in front of a national audience tonight.

The Dell presents the College Basketball Slam Dunk and Three-Point Shooting Championships will be held at 7 p.m. tonight in Butler University's Hinkle Fieldhouse. The tape-delayed event, which is a part of this weekend's NCAA Men's Final Four festivities, will air tonight at 9 p.m. on ESPN.

Quinn led the Irish with 17.7 points and 6.4 assists per game this season. The senior guard was 41.9 percent from 3-point range — third in the Big East behind Marquette forward Steve Novak (46.7 percent) and West Virginia guard Mike Gansey (42.9 percent).

Novak will be one of seven other players competing against Quinn in the shootout. West Virginia forward Kevin Pittsnogle, who shot 40.1 percent from behind the arc this

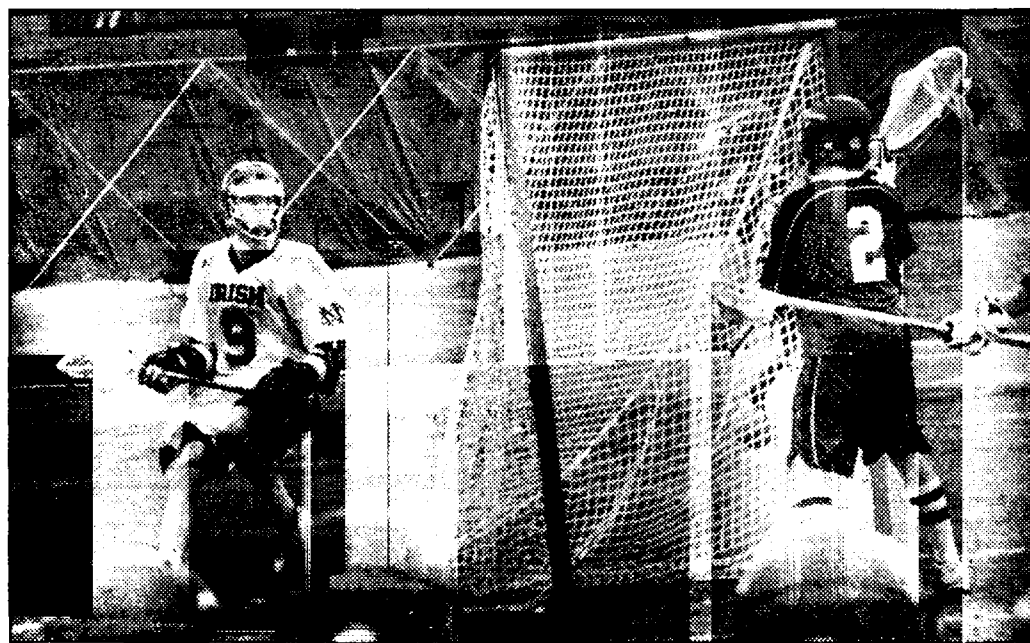
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Quinn

## MEN'S LACROSSE

# Irish beat Brown in non-conference game



Irish midfielder Matt Ryan cradles the ball behind the Brown net Wednesday in Notre Dame's 11-5 win at Moose Krause Stadium.

By TIM DOUGHERTY  
Sports Writer

No. 11 Notre Dame defeated Brown 11-5 Wednesday at Moose Krause Stadium, improving the team's record to 5-2 with one game left before its Big East schedule begins.

With a four-goal second quarter, the Irish jumped out to a 6-1 lead that the Bears (2-5) never threatened.

Paving the way for the Notre Dame's early surge was sophomore goalie Joey Kemp, who recorded nine of his 10 saves in the first

quarter — with all but one on shots coming from within 10 yards.

Kemp's .596 save percentage (No. 16 in the nation) entering the game climbed to .615 after allowing only three goals against his 10 saves.

"We got a really good game from Joey," Notre Dame senior co-captain Drew Peters said. "If we can eliminate close up shots on him, we can have a chance in any game we play."

Fellow co-captain D.J. Driscoll echoed Peters' sentiments.

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## SPORTS AT A GLANCE

### ND SOFTBALL

**Notre Dame 1  
Bowling Green 0**  
Irish defeat Falcons in 11 innings in their home opener at Ivy Field.

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### ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

**Vanderbilt 4  
Notre Dame 3**  
Irish suffer first loss of season in road trip to Nashville.

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### FOOTBALL

Notre Dame halfback James Aldridge suffered a minor injury during spring workouts.

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### SMC SOFTBALL

**Saint Mary's 9  
Manchester 1**  
Belles freshman Kristin Amran struck out a school record 13 in the win.

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### SMC TENNIS

**Hope 6  
Saint Mary's 3**  
The Belles failed to extend their winning streak to three games.

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### MLB

Major League Baseball announced it will be investigating steroid use by San Francisco slugger Barry Bonds.

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