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Pope completes first year as Church leader

Notre Dame scholars praise Benedict XVI

By KELLY MEEHAN
Saint Mary's Editor

One year ago Wednesday, white smoke billowed from the small chimney atop the Sistine Chapel as the bells of St. Peter's Basilica tolled — a beacon for the world marking the introduction of the new leader of the Catholic Church.

The world looked on in anxious anticipation as Cardinal Jorge Medina Estvez announced on April 19, 2005 that after only two days of

conclave meetings Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger of Germany would become the next pope.

The discussion and debate surrounding the leadership role of the next Holy Father that ensued in the 17 short days after Pope John Paul II's death reached its peak as the traditionally conservative cardinal became Pope Benedict XVI — the leader of the Catholic world.

Controversy swirled amongst Catholics and non-Catholics alike as they questioned the leadership role a then 78-year-old Church doctrine-abiding pope could provide the complex and ever-

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Pope Benedict XVI waves to his faithful on the first anniversary of his election as pontiff in St. Peter's Square Wednesday.

Ebersol to again go on 'Oprah'

Former student will discuss upcoming film

By KAITLYNN RIELY
News Writer

Notre Dame graduate Charlie Ebersol will appear on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" this afternoon to discuss his documentary film, "Ithuteng" — approximately two months after a emotional first appearance where he and his family discussed the death of his youngest brother, Teddy Ebersol.

Ebersol's film follows the lives of four students for two weeks at Ithuteng Trust, a school in Soweto, South Africa. One woman runs the school of 6,500 students, whose population includes rapists, murderers and rape victims, Ebersol said. Ithuteng, which means "never stop learning," is the only school in Africa with a 100 percent graduation and retention rate.

The film will be presented at the Tribeca Film Festival May 2 and will air December 2 on HBO.

Ebersol shot the film during the summer between his sophomore and junior years at Notre Dame. He said he decided to chronicle Ithuteng's unique story in a film after interviewing a student who attended the school.

"At the end of the interview he just looked right into the camera and said 'I'm going to change the world,' and I just

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CLAP, University face wage issue

Economics professor explains unionization

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Editor

Adding a scholarly voice to the Campus Labor Action Project's campaign for a living wage for Notre Dame workers, economics professor Teresa Ghilarducci argued Wednesday that CLAP's demand for a \$12.10 hourly wage will be most effective when combined with a union neutrality clause.

"They are inseparable, but if we were to only choose one, the one demand that would have the most lasting effect on the standard of living for Notre Dame employees would be the union neutrality clause," Ghilarducci said.

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Economics professor Teresa Ghilarducci supports the union neutrality clause in CLAP's wage demand at a Wednesday forum.

Affleck-Graves backs existing policies

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Editor

Maintaining the University already provides a "fair and just wage" for its employees, Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves issued a statement Wednesday in response to the Campus Labor Action Project's recent appeal for a \$12.10 hourly wage for campus workers.

"In addition to their base wages, employees at Notre Dame also earn a host of additional benefits, all of which add up to a compensation package that makes Notre Dame the employer of choice for workers in this

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'College town' survey to seek student input

Leaders want to give developer data results

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

Student government members are gathering data for developers to help create a "College Town" tailored to the needs of Notre Dame students — specifically, getting to and finding off-campus entertainment.

"It is difficult, especially for off-campus students without a vehicle," student body president Lizzi Shappell said.

Shappell, former student body president Dave Baron,

former Senate Residence Life committee chair Mark Seiler and senior business major Brett Hummel began communicating with marketing professor Tim Gilbride last December to organize an effort to gather student feedback.

Seiler said Gilbride helped the students conduct market research to determine what Notre Dame students would want to see in neighborhood development projects. The group then met and brainstormed about what it would like to see in neighborhood development projects and what other students might want.

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College offers summer session

Students enroll in 'Got Three Weeks? Get Three Credits' program

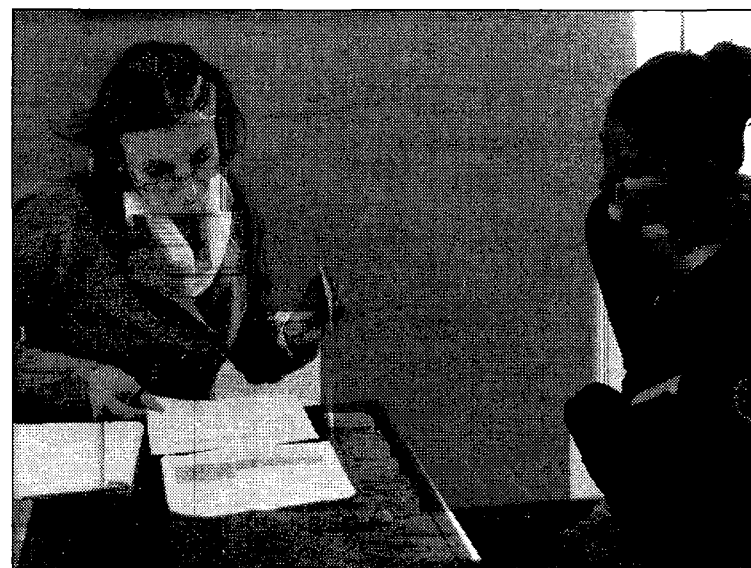
By KATIE KOHLER
News Writer

While the end of the academic year is rapidly approaching for most college students, those enrolled in the Saint Mary's summer session are gearing up for the three-week intensive program, now in its second year at the College.

Saint Mary's offers the session, called "Got Three Weeks? Get Three Credits," to both male and female students beginning May 22. Select courses require four to six weeks for completion.

"We have had a summer session for a number of years, but

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Associate Dean for Advising Susan Vanek meets with Saint Mary's junior Amy Giarro about summer session Wednesday.

INSIDE COLUMN

Borrowed fame

Nestled in the corner of the food court of Midway Airport is a tiny bar called Reilly's Daughter Irish Pub. It's named after me.

No, it's actually not. But it could be. I am Reilly's daughter.
Actually, I am
Reilly's daughter, but you can't tell that unless you see it in writing.

Kaitlynn Riely

News
Production
Editor

Even though I have no connection whatsoever to Reilly or his daughter, I still like to share in the family business. And by share in the family business, I mean just sit outside the pub, in the general eating area, and drink a Coke while I plan for my Reilly's Daughter post-21 bash.

Originally, I thought I would only be able to share in the successful ventures of my extended family when I travel through Midway airport. But over the past few months, I have come to realize that Notre Dame is one of the best places on Earth to find my last name. I have searched throughout the campus for buildings and programs with the Riely/Reilly/Riley namesake to claim as my own, and I must say I've been quite successful in digging up my family's impressive contributions to the University.

Riley Hall of Art and Design: I have no talent whatsoever in art or design, but this is just a minor detail. I plan to take up pottery and spend my days slaving over a pottery wheel. When my fellow pottery makers (potters?) comment on my last name, as they surely will, I will tell them a grandiose tale involving clay, paint, and my great grandfather, for whom the building is named. Why the difference in spelling? Well, people are always misspelling my name. My great grandfather was used to it.

Reilly Visitation Weekend: I will immerse myself in this annual event by inserting into the weekend's itinerary a meet and greet with the niece of the weekend's founder. I may not have gotten a 1550 on my SAT, and I may not have an acceptance letter from Princeton, but my uncle did pay for you all to come here.

Ruth Riley, former ND women's basketball player: She's my sister. She's doing well. Yes, I am a lot shorter than she is. And I do hear that quite often.

Reilly Center for Science, Technology, and Values: Everyone who meets me comments on my wide breadth of knowledge in science, my firm grasp on technology and my deep-seeded values. So it should come as no surprise that this center was founded by my first cousin, who changed the spelling of his name for legal purposes.

Enjoy the contributions of my family to this University. And next time you fly out of Midway, stop by my Irish pub. You can tell them you know Riely's daughter.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT DO YOU THINK OF POPE BENEDICT XVI?



Casey Scott

junior
Pasquerilla East

"He's a little too conservative for me."



Catherine Hake

freshman
Breen-Phillips

"He's kind of old and German."



Katie Rossi

senior
off-campus

"I forgot he existed."



Michael Scully

senior
off-campus

"I like eggs benedict more."



Reed Fabek

senior
off-campus

"I love that he shortened his robe to show off his red Versace shoes."



Tony Salpino

sophomore
Keough

"I'm still disappointed I wasn't elected pope."



SOFIA BALLON/The Observer

Freshman Brad LeNoir sings "The Sandwich Song" at the Dillon Dude Auction Wednesday in front of Dillon Hall on South Quad. Auction winners will accompany their date to a "Sandlot"-themed dance Saturday in LaFortune Ballroom.

OFFBEAT

Comedian named world's unsexiest man

BOSTON — Comedian Gilbert Gottfried, the voice of the Aflac Inc. duck in television commercials for the insurer, was crowned "unsexiest man in the world" by an alternative newspaper on Tuesday.

"The parrot-voiced, pickle-faced comic is to sexy what Kryptonite is to Superman," The Boston Phoenix wrote.

New York Yankees pitcher Randy Johnson came in second followed by film critic Roger Ebert, television psychologist Dr. Phil McGraw and Fox television

co-host Alan Colmes. Even actor Brad Pitt made the list, as the newspaper's 100th-least sexy man.

Osama bin Laden clocked in at number eight.

George Steinbrenner, owner of the Yankees — arch-rivals to the Boston Red Sox — also made the list. "Come on, we live in Boston, you knew it was coming," the Phoenix said.

PM would rather be a hockey player

OTTAWA — Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper says that while running the world's second largest country isn't a bad

job, he'd much rather be a hockey player.

Harper, whose Conservatives won the January 23 election, is a huge fan of the sport and is writing a book about its early history. He also tries to catch all the games his young son Ben plays in.

"I love my job as prime minister, but if you could be a hockey player, I mean, what could be better than that?" Harper said in an interview with sports channel TSN due to be aired later this week.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

"Exiles," a French and Arabic language film with English subtitles, is showing today at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. in the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$3 for all students, and can be purchased by calling 1-2800.

The SUB Movie of the Week, "King Kong," is showing today at 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. in the Browning Cinema in the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$3.

The 2006 design for "The Shirt Project" will be unveiled at 12 p.m. Friday at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore. Shirts will be available for purchase immediately after the event.

The Irish men's baseball team will face Rutgers Friday at 6:05 p.m. in Frank Eck Stadium.

Madeline Janis-Aparicio, co-founder and executive director of the Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy, will present two lectures on social justice and service on Friday. The first will be at 11 a.m. in 119 O'Shaughnessy and the second will be at 2 p.m. in 129 DeBartolo.

The Irish women's softball team will take on Villanova in a doubleheader Saturday at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Ivy Field.

Notre Dame will hold its second annual Eucharistic Procession on Divine Mercy Sunday. The procession will set out from the Basilica of the Sacred Heart immediately following the 11:45 a.m. Mass.

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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LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 70 LOW 42	HIGH 57 LOW 50	HIGH 60 LOW 42	HIGH 54 LOW 40	HIGH 60 LOW 40	HIGH 65 LOW 40

Atlanta 79 / 61 Boston 62 / 49 Chicago 68 / 47 Denver 64 / 27 Houston 88 / 67 Los Angeles 77 / 56 Minneapolis 56 / 43 New York 75 / 55 Philadelphia 78 / 50 Phoenix 93 / 63 Seattle 59 / 45 St. Louis 71 / 52 Tampa 85 / 67 Washington 79 / 52

Professor, author will give Madeleva Lecture

Spirituality forum to kick off today at SMC

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Dr. Susan A. Ross, a professor of theology at Loyola University Chicago, will present the 2006 Madeleva Lecture in Spirituality today at 7:30 p.m. in Little Theatre at the Moreau Center for the Arts.

"[Ross] brings a feminist critique to theologies that romanticize or demonize the feminine as a symbol of heavenly or profane beauty," the lecture program states.

In her lecture, entitled "For the Beauty of the Earth: Women, Sacramentality and Justice," Ross will argue that it is both appropriate and just that women's ways of seeing and doing be valued as well as men's in the Church and in the world.

Ross has authored three books, including "Extravagant Affections: A Feminist Sacramental Theology," as well as numerous journal articles on the topic of women in the Church, feminist ethics and theology.

Each year, the Saint Mary's Center for Spirituality (CFS) — created in 1985 to continue focus of mature theological thought at the College —

selects a prominent female scholar to address the community through the Madeleva Lecture in Spirituality.

"These women are stellar examples of how to integrate faith and human reason," CFS director Kathleen Dolphin said.

This year will mark the 21st anniversary of the Madeleva series and returns to the tradition of featuring a solo lecturer. Last year's address, entitled "Vatican II Forty Years Later: Legacy, Leadership, and Unfinished Business," included several Madeleva scholars and marked the College's yearlong celebration of the 40th anniversary of the Vatican II decisions.

"[These lectures] give a strong signal that we're talking about a post-Vatican II Church here, and the strongest voice for change in the Church is our Madeleva lectures," Dolphin said.

The Madeleva Lectures in Spirituality were named to honor Sister Madeleva Wolff, who served as Saint Mary's president from 1934 to 1961. Wolff inaugurated the Graduate School of Sacred Theology, which was the first woman's program in Catholic theology.

"She was a woman of vision, imagination and courage," Dolphin said.

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STUDENT SENATE

Members focus on fall projects

The Shirt representatives attend meeting, explain goals to group

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Editor

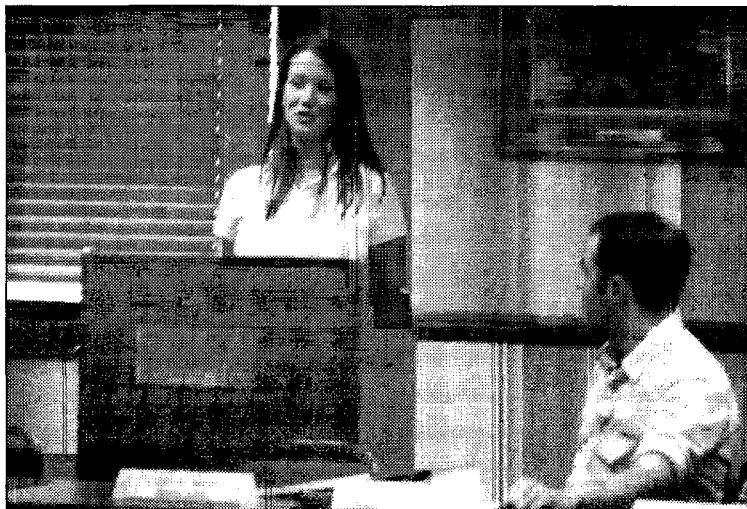
With the semester winding down, Wednesday's meeting of the Student Senate was a brief affair, as most committees are focused on brainstorming projects for the fall.

With no new or old business on the floor, the most exciting moment of the evening came when it was brought to the attention of chair of the oversight committee Chris Hollon — who was running the meeting in place of the absent president Lizzi Shappell and vice president Bill Andrichik — that the Student Union Constitution stated that in the event the president and vice president were both absent, the meeting chair was to be elected by the group. Hollon had been "entrusted to run the meeting by [Shappell]," he said, but offered the other senators a chance to nominate someone else.

Amidst laughter, Hollon himself was nominated and elected.

Shappell showed up after her Bookstore Basketball game in time to adjourn the meeting.

At the start of the meeting, president of The Shirt committee Richard Fox and Allison Baranay, also of The Shirt committee, spoke to senators about The Shirt project and the unveiling scheduled for Friday.



LAURIE HUNT/The Observer

The Shirt committee member Allison Baranay speaks to Student Senate members Wednesday at LaFortune.

Fox also explained where the profits of The Shirt sales go — something he said many students don't know.

"A lot of people don't realize that there is a part of The Shirt beyond what you see at football games," Fox said. "It unifies the student body, and that's great, but it is also a student-run organization that helps fund a lot of student activities."

Fifty percent of the The Shirt profits go to The Shirt Charity Fund, which helps offset medical costs for students in need. Within the Charity Fund itself, a portion of the money goes to The Rector Fund, which helps

pay for more day-to-day expenses, like football tickets or class rings for those who can't afford them, Fox said.

The other half of the profits supplements the student activities fee budget — comprising 20 percent of that budget, Fox said.

"I just wanted to make you aware of how much The Shirt actually benefits students," he said.

Baranay said the official unveiling of the 2006 The Shirt will take place at noon on Friday at the Bookstore.

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NOTRE DAME CENTER FOR ETHICS AND CULTURE'S CATHOLIC CULTURE SERIES PRESENTS:

HOLLYWOOD:

MISSION FIELD OR MISSION IMPOSSIBLE?

ALL LECTURES BEGIN AT 7:30 PM

Tuesday, April 4

"Young Catholic Hollywood"

Fr. Willy Raymond, CSC

Family Theater Productions
Hollywood, CA

Family Theater Productions is a Catholic media production house founded by Fr. Patrick Peyton, CSC.

Hayes-Healy Room 127

Monday, April 10

"De-Coding Da Vinci: The Facts behind the Fiction of The Da Vinci Code"

Amy Welborn

Catholic author
and Open Book blogger

DeBartolo Hall Room 155

Thursday, April 27

"Why Does God Care About Hollywood?"

The Role of Entertainment in Human Life"

Barbara Nicolosi

Act One, Inc.
Hollywood, CA

Act One, Inc. is a nonprofit organization that trains people of faith for careers in mainstream film and TV.

DeBartolo Hall Room 155



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FAITH POINT

Thursday, April 20, 2006

Sunday Scriptures

Divine Mercy Sunday

1st	2nd	Gospel
Acts	1st John	John
4:32-35	5:1-6	20:19-31



Catholic Q&A What is a Eucharistic Procession?

Eucharistic Processions are an extension of the Catholic practice of Eucharistic Adoration. Eucharistic Adoration is the spiritual discipline of spending time in contemplation and worship of Jesus Christ fully present under the appearance of bread and wine in the Eucharist, which is reserved in the tabernacles of Catholic churches and chapels. The belief in this "Real Presence" of Christ in the Eucharist grew out of the writings of St. Paul and the four Gospel authors. Their teaching made it clear to the early Church, as Fr. John Hardon relates, that "the Eucharistic elements were literally Jesus Christ continuing His saving mission among [His people]." The practice of praying before the reserved Sacrament in the tabernacle or exposed in a monstrance (a vessel used to hold the Eucharist for public viewing) developed in the eleventh century and has continued to be popular ever since.

Eucharistic Processions give Christians a unique opportunity to give public witness to their faith in Jesus Christ and their devotion to the Eucharist, which is the very source and summit of the Catholic Faith. Immediately following Mass, the Eucharist is placed in a monstrance which the priest then carries in procession, followed by the congregation singing devotional hymns. Altar servers lead the procession with cross, candles, and incense, and often support a canopy over the priest and monstrance to further honor the Eucharist. After leaving the church, the procession normally stops at four separate altars, where prayers and Scripture readings are offered. At each altar, the priest blesses those present with the Eucharist before the procession moves on. After the fourth altar, the procession returns to the church where the priest reposes the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle.

As this Sunday marks the Second Annual Notre Dame Eucharistic Procession following the 11:45 AM Mass at the Basilica, you may see the procession as it moves through campus. Feel free to join in, as all are welcome to participate! If you happen to encounter the Procession but cannot participate, common practice is to genuflect or kneel out of respect for the Eucharist, until the procession has passed.

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

What's Up?

TONIGHT 4/20

Iron Sharpens Iron
10 PM, 329 CoMo

Multilingual Rosary
9:15 PM, CoMo Chapel

Friday 4/21

Eucharistic Adoration
12 PM - 5 PM, Basilica Lady Chapel

Saturday 4/22

Notre Dame Right to Life
Pro-Life Collegiate Conference
Registration 8:15-8:45 AM,
LaFun Ballroom

Saturday Mass
10 AM, CoMo Chapel

Saturday Vigil Mass
5 PM, Basilica

Sunday 4/23

Sunday Mass
10 AM & 11:45 AM, Basilica

Eucharistic Procession
12:45 PM, from Basilica

Easter Vespers
7:15 PM, Basilica

Monday 4/24

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

Tuesday 4/25

Four:7 Catholic Fellowship
Christian Unity:
Why Does it Even Matter?
by Fr. Brian Daley, SJ
8:30 PM, Cavanaugh Chapel



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LIVE IT!!

Mazie
Tsang



Mazie Tsang is this week's featured "Live It" person. Sunday April 2 was a big day for Mazie. It was that Sunday, at the 11:45am Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, that Mazie became Catholic. She received her First Communion and was confirmed along with 12 other Candidates. During her journey this year Mazie has shared her truly inspiring faith at different times to many people involved in the RCIA program. It was for this reason that multiple members of the Campus Ministry staff nominated her to be featured this week.

Mazie has certainly made her faith journey her own through the many activities she is involved in. This year Mazie is on the Liturgy Committee for Farley Hall, which allows her to be involved in many different aspects of hall spiritual life. She serves as a lector for Farley Hall Masses and also participates in the Farley Hall Emmaus group. Mazie has also recently begun serving as an usher at the Basilica. I cannot think of a more hospitable presence than a smiling Mazie Tsang at the doors of the Basilica welcoming those who come to worship. Anyone who has had the privilege of meeting Mazie certainly understands what I mean.

Mazie, thank you for sharing a part of your life with us. You serve to remind everyone of the presence of the Holy Spirit in this Easter season, especially as 16 more Catechumens were received into the Church at the Easter Vigil last Saturday. We in Campus Ministry support you and pray for you as you begin this new journey.

Let us know who out there
is making a difference!
Send nominations to
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Rocket blast hits near U.S. Embassy

KABUL, Afghanistan — A massive explosion believed to have been caused by a rocket shook the Afghan capital late Wednesday near the U.S. Embassy compound, wounding an Afghan security contractor, officials said.

U.S. Embassy spokesman Lou Fintor said the blast did not occur on embassy property, and no Americans were injured. Staff members rushed to a bunker in the compound after the 11 p.m. blast.

"All embassy personnel are safe and accounted for," Fintor told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

A U.S. counterterrorism official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because it is still early in the investigation, said the southwest side of the U.S. Embassy's compound was among the buildings struck in the rocket attack.

President: Oil price below true value

TEHRAN, Iran — Wading into oil politics for the first time, Iran's hard-line president said Wednesday that crude oil prices — now at record levels — still are below their true value.

In statements likely to rattle world oil markets, President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad also said developed countries, not producing countries like Iran, are benefiting the most from the current high prices.

"The global oil price has not reached its real value yet. The products derived from crude oil are sold at prices dozens of times higher than those charged by oil-producing countries," state-run Tehran radio quoted Ahmadinejad as saying.

"The developed nations are the biggest beneficiary of the added value of oil products," he said.

NATIONAL NEWS

Rice: No 'V-E Day' coming to Iraq

CHICAGO — Even assuming Iraq forms a national government, there will be no immediate end to the violence, nothing like V-E Day marking World War II's end in Europe, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice said Wednesday.

Peace will come gradually to Iraq, more than three years after the U.S.-led invasion in March 2003, she said at the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations.

"Americans must be prepared for violence to continue in Iraq, even after a government is formed. There will be no Iraqi equivalent of V-E Day or V-J Day," Rice said. Those are the days of Victory in Europe and Victory in Japan in 1945.

Senators urge for deadline extension

WASHINGTON — Forty-eight of the 100 senators urged Republican leaders and the Bush administration on Wednesday to allow people more time to sign up for the Medicare drug benefit beyond the May 15 deadline.

"By extending the enrollment deadline and delaying late enrollment penalties, we can make sure that our constituents are not forced to make hasty decisions about their health care," the senators wrote Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn.

The administration has extended the enrollment period for some low-income people. That could affect 2 million people whose incomes are below 150 percent of the poverty level — \$14,355 for an older person who lives alone, \$19,245 for a couple.

LOCAL NEWS

Family, school district settle lawsuit

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana National Guard troops and reservists serving in the Middle East are demonstrating incredible competence and proficiency in their duties, Gov. Mitch Daniels said Wednesday after returning to Indiana from a trip to the region.

"It was just an enormous privilege to be able to go as a messenger for I know all of our 6 million fellow citizens and communicating to our people in Kuwait and Iraq and Afghanistan how immensely grateful we are to them, how very proud we are," Daniels said.

White House officials step down

Rove surrenders as chief policy coordinator; McClellan resigns as press secretary

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — White House political mastermind Karl Rove surrendered a key policy role Wednesday and press secretary Scott McClellan resigned in an escalation of a Bush administration shake-up driven by Republican anxieties.

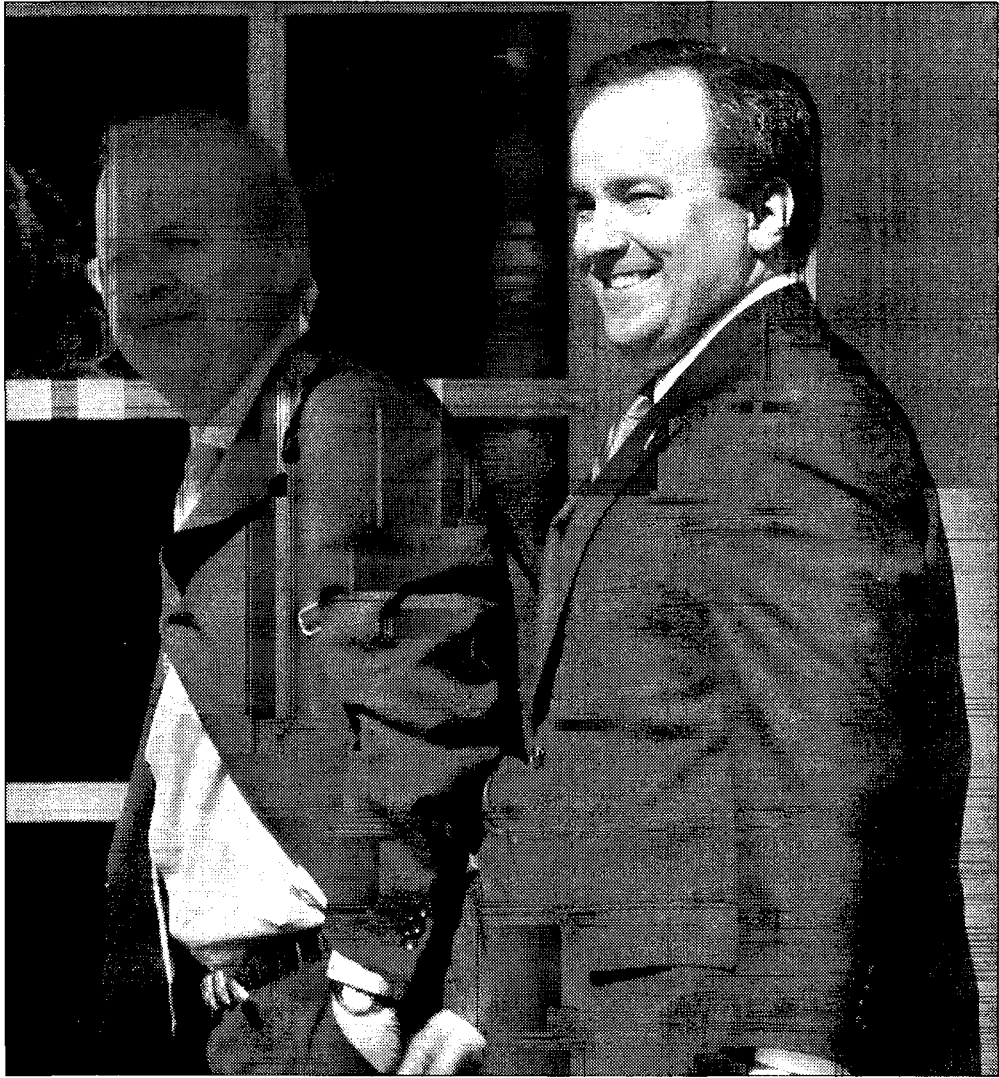
Rove gave up his responsibilities as chief policy coordinator, a position he assumed just over a year ago that strengthened his influence over matters ranging from homeland security and domestic policy to the economy and national security. The promotion had left him stretched too thin in the eyes of some officials, as the White House grappled with mounting problems.

With Wednesday's change, Rove will be able to focus more on politics, fundraising and big-picture thinking with the approach of the November congressional elections, officials said.

A major force in the administration from the start, Rove still is expected to have a significant voice in policy but not the day-to-day oversight. Those responsibilities will shift to Joel Kaplan, who was promoted to deputy chief of staff from the No. 2 job in the White House budget office where he had served as Joshua Bolten's lieutenant.

Bolten took over Friday as chief of staff with authority to do whatever he deemed necessary to stabilize Bush's presidency, and he has moved quickly with changes.

With the Iraq war hanging over President Bush, the White House has been rocked by mistakes and missteps — from an ill-fated Supreme Court nomination to a bungled response to Hurricane Katrina — that have resulted in the president's plunge in polls to the lowest point since he took



White House Deputy Chief of Staff Karl Rove, left, and White House Press Secretary Scott McClellan walk into the White House Wednesday.

office. Nervous Republicans told Bush he needed fresh people with new ideas.

McClellan, the press secretary for nearly three years, was the public face of the White House and a vulnerable target in an administration trying to show off new people. He had been bloodied by contentious press briefings and media criticism about an administration loath to release information.

"The White House is going through a period of transition. Change can be helpful, and this is a good time and good position to help bring about change," McClellan said, his voice choked with emotion as he stood alongside Bush out-

side the White House. "I am ready to move on."

In recent months, McClellan had told people he enjoyed his job and wanted to stay for the long term. He said Wednesday he started to think about leaving in the past few weeks and concluded, with a new chief of staff, that it was a good time to go. He and Bush came to a decision in a meeting Monday in the Oval Office.

"I have given it my all, sir, and I have given you my all, sir, and I will continue to do so as we transition to a new press secretary," McClellan said.

"It's going to be hard to replace Scott," Bush said. "But, nevertheless, he's made the decision and I

accept it. ... Job well done."

Bush patted McClellan on the back and they walked together across the South Lawn to the president's helicopter to begin a trip to Alabama. But the aircraft couldn't get off the ground because its radio failed, and they had to take a motorcade to the airport.

McClellan will remain until a successor is named. Possibilities mentioned include Tony Snow, host of a program on Fox News Radio; Dan Senor, former coalition spokesman in Iraq; Trent Duffy, former White House deputy press secretary, and former Treasury spokesman Rob Nichols.

CUBA

Pentagon releases Guantanamo list

Associated Press

SAN JUAN — The U.S. government released the first list of detainees held at the Guantanamo Bay prison on Wednesday — the most extensive accounting yet of the hundreds of people held there, nearly all of them labeled enemy combatants.

In all, 558 people were named in the list provided by the Pentagon in response to a Freedom of Information lawsuit by The Associated Press. They were among the first swept up in the U.S. global war on terrorism for suspected links

to al-Qaida or the Taliban.

The list is the first official roster of Guantanamo detainees who passed through the Combatant Status Review Tribunal process in 2004 and 2005 to determine whether they should be deemed "enemy combatants."

Those named are from Afghanistan, Saudi Arabia and 39 other countries. Many have been held at the U.S. prison at Guantanamo Bay for more than four years. Only a handful have faced formal charges.

Some names are familiar, such as

David Hicks, a Muslim from Australia charged with fighting U.S. and coalition forces in Afghanistan. He is one of 10 detainees selected to be tried by a military tribunal, on charges of attempted murder, aiding the enemy and conspiracy to commit terrorism.

Hicks allegedly fought for the Taliban, and Australian news media have said British authorities contend he admitted undergoing training with British Islamic extremists, including Richard Reid, who was convicted of trying to blow up a trans-Atlantic airliner with a shoe bomb.

Statement

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region," Affleck-Graves said in the statement.

In his two-page response, Affleck-Graves addressed specific points in CLAP's 11-page "Living Wage Report," calling CLAP's assertion that University employees "fear reprisal" if they speak on their own behalf "deeply disturbing."

"We already have several channels in place through which employees can bring complaints and concerns. ... We encourage employees to use these mechanisms to share their experiences and thoughts," Affleck-Graves said.

Along with University President Father John Jenkins and other top administrators, Affleck-Graves met with CLAP members on March 31 to articulate their response to CLAP's report — a document that provided a framework for a living wage and structures to sustain it.

At that meeting, administrators told the activists that the issue was between the University and its employees — not students, according to CLAP lead organizer Kamaria

Porter. Affleck-Graves reiterated that sentiment in his statement, rejecting the need for a task force that would investigate the conditions under which low-wage employees at Notre Dame live.

"While exchanges between the University administration and various student groups have been informative, in candor, the dialogue is appropriately one that regularly occurs between the University's representatives and its formal employee channels," Affleck-Graves said.

Affleck-Graves pledged to make full use of the Staff Advisory Council — a forum where elected staff members from each department can speak on behalf of workers — to "assure employees that they are secure when voicing their concerns."

Economics professor Teresa Ghilarducci spoke at the CLAP forum Wednesday night and said a unionized workforce could help to establish a living wage for workers.

Affleck-Graves, however, said a union should not be necessary, since the University works diligently to

keep an "open and honest relationship" between the University and its workers.

"Notre Dame has long recognized the right of our employees to unionize if they wish, and has stated that if they do vote to have a union the University will bargain for it 'in good faith,'" Affleck-Graves said. "At the same time, the University has always tried to conduct itself in its relations with its employees so that they would feel as we do: that there is nothing a union can accomplish that cannot be accomplished through an open and honest relationship ..."

A family of four is not an accurate measuring rod when determining a living wage, Affleck-Graves said, since it "ignores the fact that 50 percent of the workers in this group have a family size of fewer than four people and many are, indeed, single."

Affleck-Graves also noted the "very valuable" benefits the University provides to its employees, such as providing coverage of 87 percent of health insurance on average, providing long-term disability insurance for each employee at no cost and providing a pension plan for staff employees at no cost, among other benefits.

"Our system of compensation is neither fundamentally unjust, as the CLAP document implies, or incapable of fairly addressing those needs and inequities that do exist," Affleck-Graves said.

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Ebersol

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totally believed him," Ebersol said.

On "The Oprah Winfrey Show" this afternoon, Ebersol will appear with his brother William who directed the film, friend Kip Kroger, who helped with producing, and his parents. The Ebersol family spoke to Winfrey in a show that aired Feb. 2 about the plane crash that killed youngest son Teddy Ebersol and injured Charlie and his father Dick Ebersol.

Ebersol said after the plane tragedy he was motivated to edit some parts of the documentary and also add to it to reflect his new outlook.

"After the crash we were kind of inspired to change the film," Ebersol said. "We added music and that kind of changed everything."

Ebersol showed the film in its new version for the first time to students and administrators at Notre Dame in February of last year. He said students reacted positively to the showing and asked good questions about the film and its subject. Ebersol said he hopes the documentary gives viewers a "sense of peace."

"I think people, especially students who are living in the United States, look at this film and realize what it is to truly be happy and that happiness is truly a function of your desire to be happy," he said.

Winfrey will show clips from the film and the Ebersols and Kroger will discuss it. At the end of the show, Winfrey and Ebersol will introduce the Geier family, who have become involved in Africa at the Agape Orphanage after the death of their daughter. At the Tribeca Film Festival, Ebersol and the Geier family plan to announce a project they will work on together.

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Charlie Ebersol
filmmaker

Ebersol praised Winfrey, calling her "remarkable" and "completely unselfish." She was genuine and personally interested in her approach to him and his family, Ebersol said.

"I found in spending time with her and doing the show that it's true," Ebersol said. "It's not in any way an act or a façade. She's really the real deal."

"The Oprah Winfrey Show" airs weekdays at 4 p.m. on WSBT Channel 22.

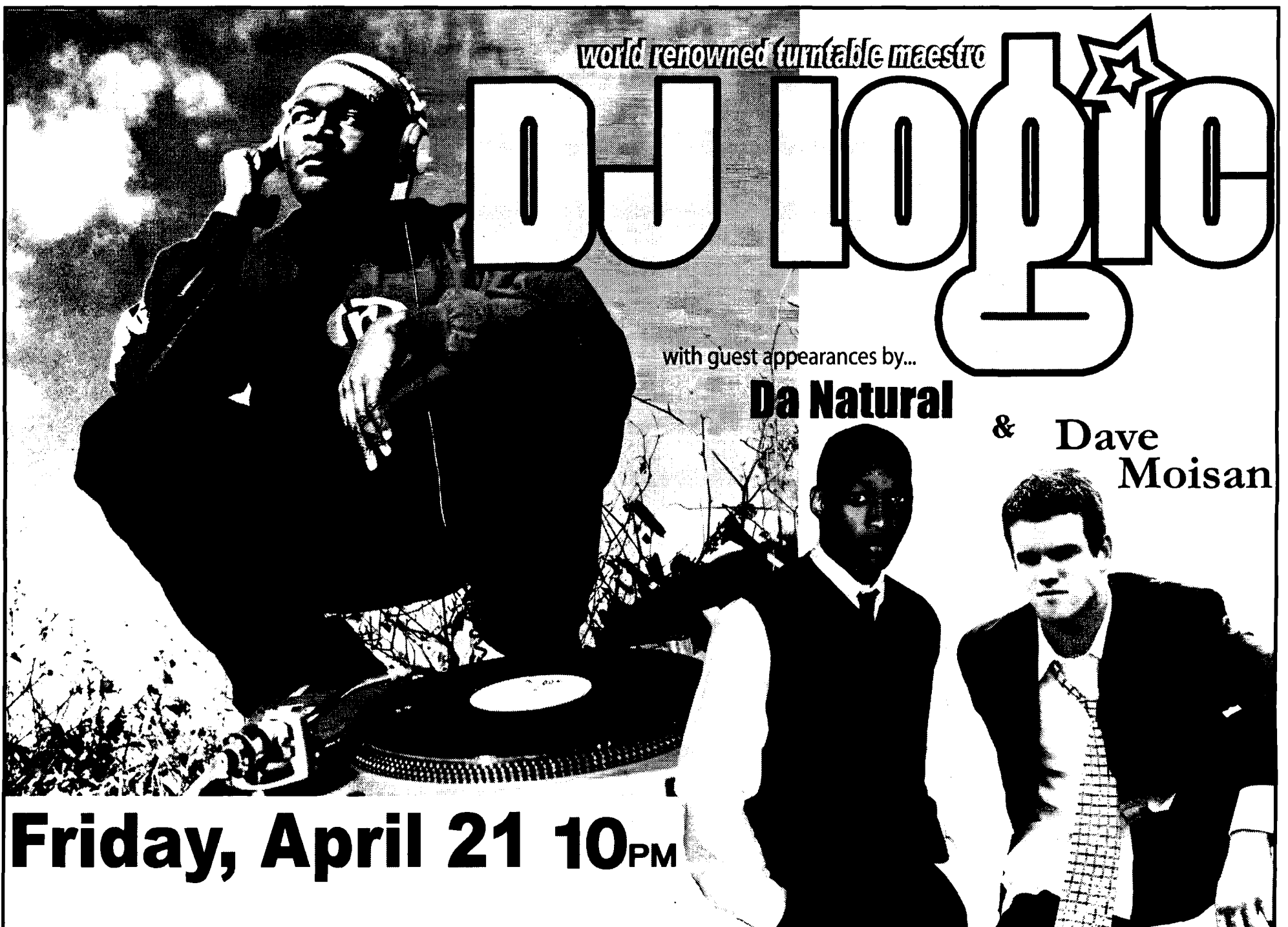
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IN BRIEF

Strong earnings assuage rate worries

NEW YORK — Stocks made a modest advance Wednesday as strong earnings from Yahoo Inc. and United Technologies Corp. helped investors briefly set aside worries over inflation and rising oil prices.

The day's gains extended Wall Street's rally from Tuesday, when stocks surged on indications that the Federal Reserve may soon end its string of interest rate hikes as the pace of economic growth appears to slow.

But while investors received another round of upbeat first-quarter earnings reports, a bigger-than-expected jump in the core consumer price index last month renewed their inflation concerns and left them wondering whether the Fed might respond by extending its program of rate increases.

Meanwhile, crude oil also topped a record \$72 per barrel as gold prices climbed to a fresh 25-year high. Continued strength in commodities could soon pose an issue for inflation, said Peter Cardillo, chief strategist and market analyst for S.W. Bach & Co.

Huntington earnings up 8 percent

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Huntington Bancshares said on Wednesday that its first quarter earnings rose 8 percent in the first quarter, helped by an increase in interest income and revenue from brokerage and insurance operations.

The regional bank holding company, with \$36 billion in assets, said earnings for the quarter ended March 31 totaled \$104.5 million, or 45 cents a share, compared with earnings of \$96.5 million, or 41 cents per share, a year ago.

Analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial expected earnings of 44 cents per share.

Huntington has 380 banking offices in Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan and West Virginia.

Net interest income for the company's Huntington National Bank grew by 3.6 percent to \$243.7 million from \$235.2 million. Non-interest income, however, declined 5 percent to \$159.5 million from \$168 million.

The company reported a 16 percent increase in brokerage and insurance income.

Huntington completed its acquisition of Canton-based Unizan Financial Corp. on March 1. The deal was completed too late to have much effect on the quarter.

Yahoo releases personal e-mail

Internet company gave Chinese authorities access to a private citizen's account

Associated Press

BEIJING — Yahoo Inc. turned over a draft e-mail from one of its users to Chinese authorities, who used the information to jail the man on subversion charges, according to the verdict from his 2003 trial released Wednesday by a rights group.

It was the third time the U.S.-based Internet company has been accused of helping put a Chinese user in prison.

Jiang Lijun, 39, was sentenced to four years in prison in November 2003 for subversive activities aimed at overthrowing the ruling Communist Party.

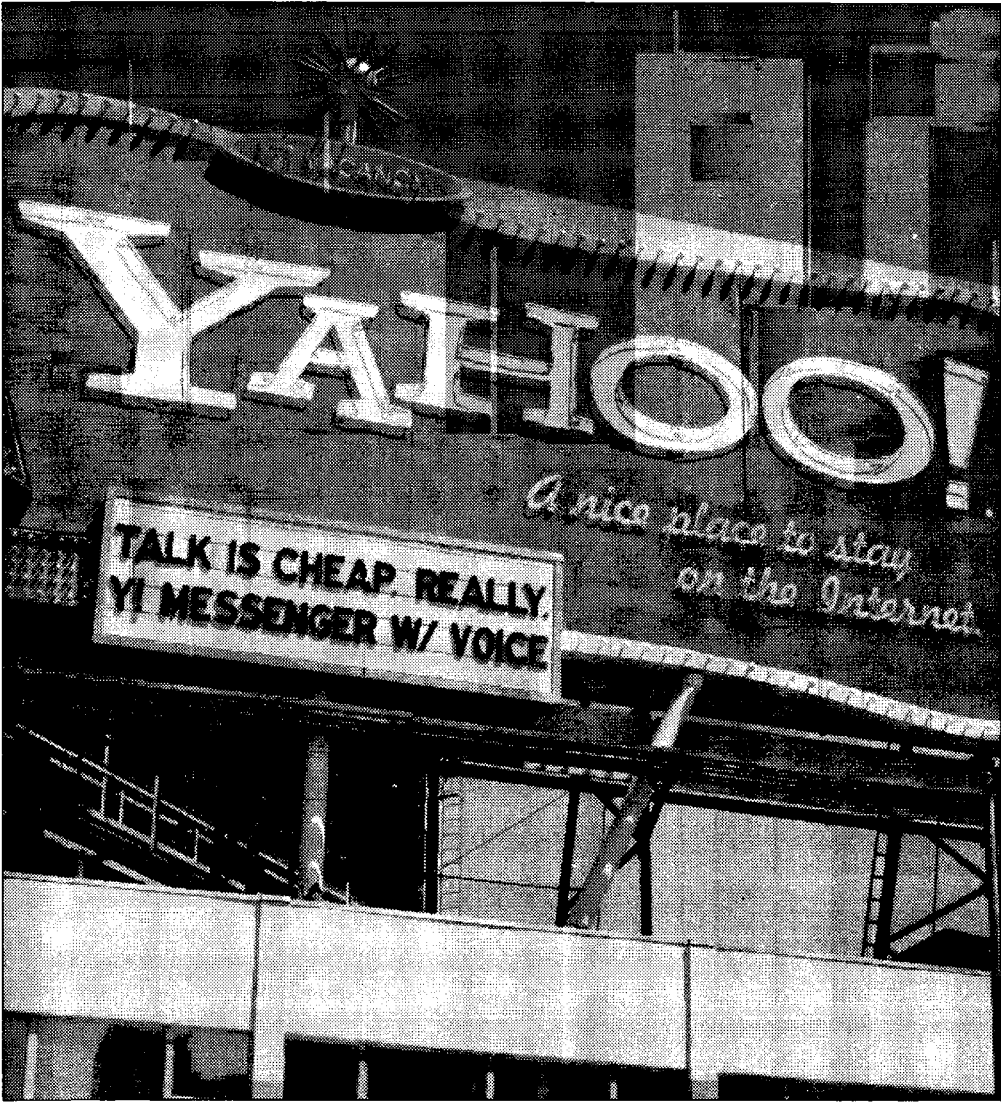
Hong Kong-based Yahoo Holdings Ltd., a unit of Yahoo Inc., gave authorities a draft e-mail that had been saved on Jiang's account, Reporters Without Borders said, citing the verdict by the Beijing No. 2 People's Court. The Paris-based group provided a copy of the verdict, which it said it obtained this week.

Yahoo spokeswoman Mary Osako said the Sunnyvale, Calif.-based company is not familiar with Jiang's case.

"We condemn punishment of any activity internationally recognized as free expression, whether that activity takes place in China or anywhere else in the world," she said.

The draft e-mail, entitled "Declaration," was similar to manuscripts called "Freedom and Democracy Party Program" and "Declaration of Establishment" that were recovered from a computer and a floppy disk owned by two other Internet activists, the verdict said.

The information was listed in the verdict under "physical evidence and



A Yahoo! billboard in downtown San Francisco Tuesday. The company has been accused by human rights groups of unethical dealings with the Chinese government.

written evidence." It proved that Jiang and the other activists were planning to "make preparations for organizing a party and to use violence to overthrow the Communist Party," the verdict said.

Jiang also was one of five activists who signed an open letter calling for political reform that was posted on the Internet ahead of the Communist Party congress — a major event — in November 2002.

"Little by little we are

piecing together the evidence for what we have long suspected, that Yahoo is implicated in the arrest of most of the people we have been defending," Reporters Without Borders said in a statement.

The group said there were other cases that were similar, but it could not release any details because they were still being investigated.

While China encourages use of the Internet for business and education, it also

tightly controls Web content, censoring anything it considers critical or a threat to the Communist Party. Blogs often are shut down, and users who post articles promoting Western-style democracy and freedom are regularly detained and jailed under vaguely worded subversion charges.

Yahoo also has been criticized by rights groups by providing information in the cases of Li Zhi and Shi Tao.

Boston Scientific's stent sales lag

Associated Press

BOSTON — Boston Scientific Corp. said Tuesday its first-quarter profit fell 7 percent on declining sales of its top-selling heart stent heading into the medical device maker's acquisition of Guidant Corp., which could be completed as soon as this week.

Despite the nearly 8 percent drop in sales of Boston Scientific's Taxus drug-coated stent, the product's sales beat analysts' estimates. The Natick-based company also claimed Taxus is no longer losing market share to a competing stent by Johnson & Johnson that posted gains last year.

Boston Scientific reported net income for the January-March period of \$332 million, or 40 cents per share, compared with a profit of \$358 million, or 42 cents per share, in the same quarter a year ago. Sales edged upward from \$1.615 billion to \$1.62 billion, narrowly beating the \$1.59 billion figure forecast by analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial.

The profit figures include the impact of new accounting rules that require companies to record costs for stock-based compensation. Boston Scientific reported a \$22 million stock compensation charge amounting to 3 cents per share.

Analysts forecast earnings of 44 cents per share, on average, including stock-based compensation.

That consensus estimate did not include the effects of a \$27 million charge, or 3 cents per share, that Boston Scientific reported for prematurely ending a gene therapy clinical trial.

Shares of Boston Scientific rose 26 cents, or 1.2 percent, to close at \$21.74 on the New York Stock Exchange.

The company said first-quarter sales of its Taxus stent fell to \$633 million from \$686 million in the same quarter a year ago, the latest disappointment for a product that had fueled Boston Scientific's rapid profit growth after the stent reached the market two years ago. However, compared with last year's

fourth quarter, first-quarter sales of Taxus rose 4.4 percent.

Boston Scientific attributed that gain to a recent uptick in stent surgeries, which helped offset declining prices for stents. The metal-mesh devices keep coronary arteries propped open. Newer models are coated with drugs to prevent post-surgical scar tissue from forming new blockages, and now account for about \$6 billion in global sales.

Paul LaViolette, Boston Scientific's chief operating officer, said Taxus' share of the U.S. market has recently stabilized at 53.5 percent, with the rest held by Cypher, a product of J&J's Cordis Corp. unit.

"That to us is a very good sign," LaViolette told analysts in a conference call.

A Cordis spokesman, Christopher Allman, didn't contest Boston Scientific's market share claim. But he said his company's competing stent continued to gain on Taxus last quarter, although at a slightly slower pace than it did last year.

Class of 2006 Senior Week

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Wednesday, May 17, 2006

Senior Class Golf Outing @ the Burke Golf Course 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

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Town

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Several weeks ago, four focus groups were held — two in Knott Hall and two in McGlinn Hall. In each dorm, one focus group was comprised of freshmen and sophomores, and one was comprised of juniors and seniors. Ideas that surfaced in the focus groups were later presented to Gilbride and used to generate a survey that will soon be administered to students.

"No one instructed us to complete this research," Seiler said. "Rather, we were aware that the Northeast Neighborhood Development Project was in the works, and we realized that student input would be valuable information to the University and to the private developer in regard to what students want to see in the development."

Shappell said the Northeast Neighborhood Development Project — also referred to as College Town — will be south of campus after the closing of Juniper and will reach the Five Points intersection.

While Seiler was unsure about when ground would break on the establishment, he has heard a rumor that it could be as early next spring — but added that this is "pure

hearsay."

"[The] establishment will be there," he said. "It's going to become a reality whether Notre Dame students give a lot of feedback or not."

The survey will ask various questions about such topics as preferences in restaurants, clothing stores, entertainment, specialty shops and transportation in order to see "what people have in mind," Seiler said.

"[Our] intention is to give people an opportunity to fill the survey out," Seiler said. "We will present it to [Executive Vice President] John Affleck-Graves, who will present it to the developer."

All students are scheduled to receive the survey through e-mail this week, and it will be conducted through a Web-

based program that immediately converts survey results into data.

"We can get an idea of how people are responding," said Seiler, who took about 10 minutes to fill out the survey.

Shappell said the survey is "about as comprehensive as possible."

"Something within walking distance is something the Notre Dame student body is missing, and I look forward to its implementation — even if it's after my time here," Shappell said.

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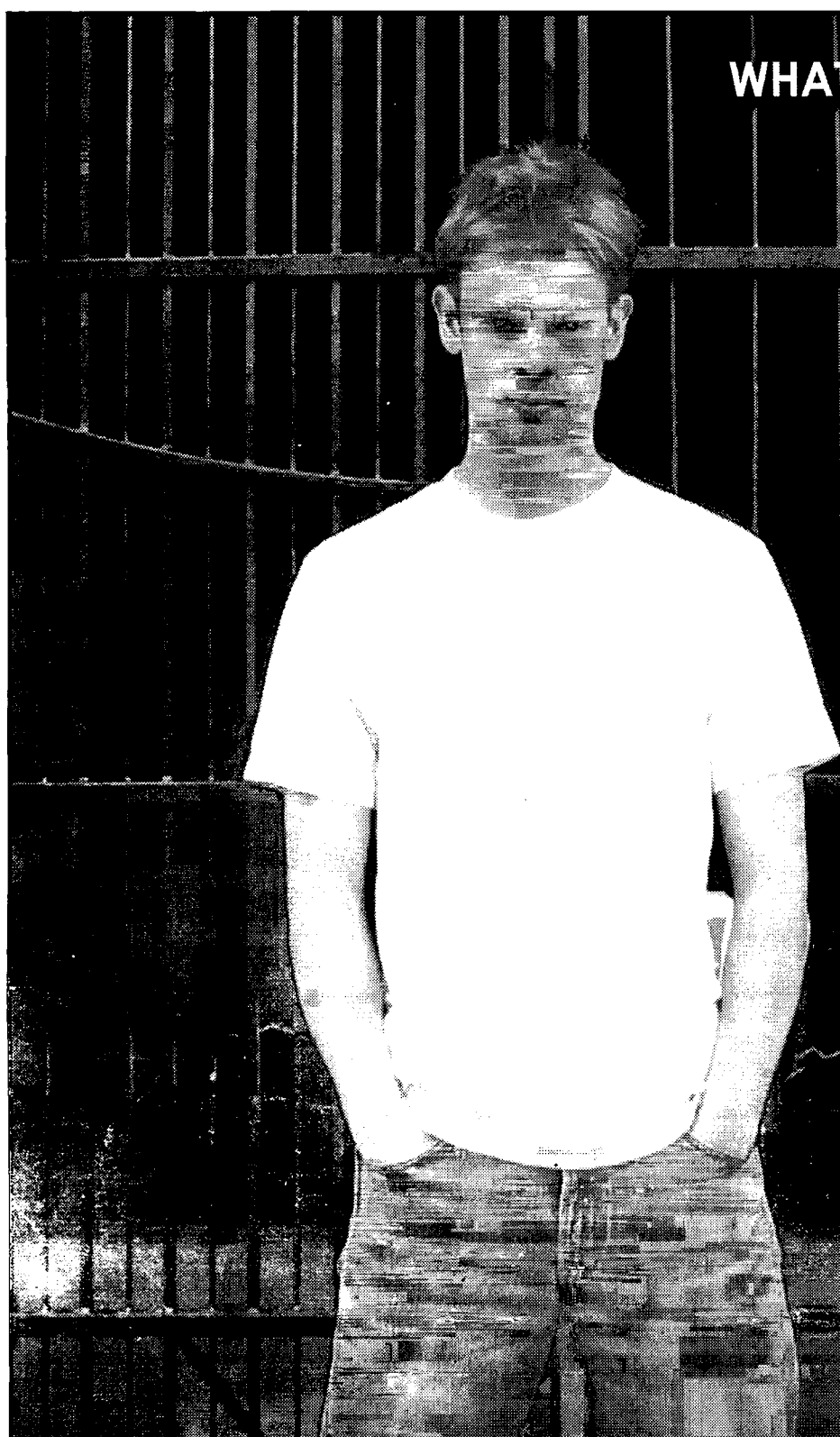
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Pope

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changing modern world.

When Benedict XVI was chosen as pope, many experts said it would be difficult to lead in the shadow of John Paul II's impressive papal legacy.

One year later, however, Benedict XVI has come into his own without attempting to fill the shoes of John Paul II in any direct or obvious way, said Notre Dame law professor Vincent Rougeau.

Rougeau said the pope's sole encyclical, "Deus Caritas Est," is a "beautiful and masterful response to those of his critics and supporters who attempted to link his ascension to the papacy to their own agendas."

"What 'Deus Caritas Est' suggests to me is that Benedict will use his incredible scholarly knowledge and deep love for Catholic tradition to draw Catholics back to fundamental ideas of the gospels and more deeply into the spirit of the Second Vatican Council," he said.

Theology professor Lawrence Cunningham said the pope's encyclical has been "characterized by being relatively brief, profoundly positive and deeply theological."

Cunningham said Benedict XVI's actions and writings indicate he is not intending to fill the shoes of John Paul II.

"He is not going to emphasize his own person," he said. "He is not going to put forth his own personality — his instincts are not that way."

Benedict XVI is not as "mediagenic" as John Paul II, said Cunningham, describing the pope's decision not to become a big public persona a "considered judgment."

After initially being labeled "God's Rottweiler," Benedict XVI's emerging "softer side" has surprised many critics.

"I think that he has surprised a lot of people who thought he would bring the same toughness to the papacy that he had a reputation for when he was in the congregation ... but this was not the case," Cunningham said.

One influential aspect of John Paul II's papacy maintained by Benedict XVI is the aim to unite religions throughout the world.

"He gives every indication of being a pope that is going to be concerned with the life of the Church," Cunningham said. "But he is going to reach out to other religious bodies, both Christian and non-Christian."

Rougeau said an idea Benedict XVI "stressed in the encyclical that ... should be

an important reflection point for all of us at Notre Dame is the fundamental relationship of love for others to our love to God."

Dillon rector Father Paul Doyle said that simplistic, yet powerful focus on love reflects the message of the Easter season.

"I think it is beautiful that he started off his first encyclical with 'God is Love,'" he said. "He is a very intelligent and articulate theologian, which is a great thing to have in a holy leader."

Doyle said he believes Benedict XVI is off to a successful start, despite facing initial criticism and following one the most influential popes of all time.

"I think there are people who wish John Paul II would be pope for eternity," he said. "And I think [Benedict XVI] is a beautiful success so far."

Although Benedict XVI was approximately 20 years older than John Paul II upon being named to the papacy, Doyle said he believes the age difference will not hurt his leadership ability.

"I am not sure we're ready for two 27-year popes," he said. "It takes an extraordinary person to do that well, and I don't think those types come along with every election."

Theology professor Timothy

Matovina said Benedict XVI has had a "quiet start [without] any earth-shaking initiatives."

"For following someone who is almost impossible to follow, it seems like things have been rather smooth," he said.

Matovina said Benedict XVI's main critics believe he would have initiated changes at a quicker pace.

Benedict XVI's papal term will likely not endure as long as John Paul II's, he said, which led many people to believe he would work quickly to produce Vatican statements to foster great changes — something that has yet to occur.

Cunningham said it was suspected that these changes would include major moves to reorganize the internal structure and personnel of the Vatican, which would benefit the economy and efficiency from within.

Fisher rector Father Robert Moss said one of the best changes Benedict XVI has made during the past year has been the appointment of several new cardinals, which broke down the Italian majority.

"He is doing an overall very good job, but I don't see many great changes," he said. "I think people thought he would reverse John Paul II's policies, but he is not going to

do that."

But with the leadership change, the pope's public persona has shifted. Visitors tend to no longer visit Saint Peter's Square to "see the pope through the window," but rather "listen to the eloquent and articulate words of Pope Benedict," Matovina said.

Benedict XVI takes more time for himself, keeping an empty schedule each Tuesday, and strives to appeal to people's intellect and deep faith, he said.

Moss said on a visit to Rome last summer — just a few months into Benedict's papal term — he noticed that the city had an empty feeling to it, a reminder of the void left by death of John Paul II.

But that has changed, Moss said, as Benedict XVI "seems to have grown into the job very, very well" through his sincerity in listening to the people and ability to clearly emphasize and fulfill their yearning for a deeper understanding of faith through his eloquent speaking.

"I thought Rome was somewhat empty without John Paul II, but I don't think that is as true or noticeable anymore," he said. "People are satisfied that we have a pope again."

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Summer

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last year [we] decided to expand it to accommodate not only our students, but local students as well," said Carol Haag, assistant to the registrar at the College.

The session operates under open enrollment, and students can register for any courses as long as the prerequisites are filled and minimum of five students are enrolled in the class. Students may register for a maximum of six credit hours but are advised to research the courses because of the intensive nature of the program.

The summer session is not only limited to courses offered on Saint Mary's campus. Study abroad opportunities in such places as Europe, Korea and Central and South America are also offered through the Center for Women's Intercultural Leadership.

Haag said the program — which includes courses in literature, ceramics, politics, theatre, business and music — has gained popularity since last year.

"For the summer of 2005, we had approximately 70 students enrolled in both the on-campus session and the international session," she said.

This year, more than 125 students registered for the program, with approximately 25 enrolled in the travel/internship session, Haag said.

Some Saint Mary's students said they chose to enroll in the session to ease the pressure from busy course loads in the upcoming fall semester.

"I am taking a math course for education because I do not have time to fit it into my schedule for next semester," junior Kathryn Nussbaum said. "I did not want to take 18 credit hours. I am taking 19 now and it is too much."

Other participants take summer courses in preparation for study abroad programs. Junior

Meggie Wehmer took two summer courses last year — math for education majors and an art education class — so she could choose to take only 14 credit hours when in Rome.

"I wanted to enjoy my travels and not be bombarded with a heavy semester," she said.

Nussbaum also enrolled in summer school to compensate for her semester in Rome.

"I went abroad so I have been trying to fit the last of my Gen Eds and my reading minor courses for next year," she said.

Junior Shana Dolch — who participated in the session last year — enrolled in U.S. History and Principles of Accounting II in order to graduate on time.

"Even though it was a lot of work compared to the amount you would have to do during the year, it was definitely worth it," she said.

Wehmer said she was "sur-

prised more people" did not enroll in the session.

"Although the classes are intense, it was a great way to get your classes completed and still have time to enjoy the summer," she said.

Each credit hour of summer study is \$350, meaning one 3-hour course amounts to \$1,050. Financial aid is not available for summer courses, and tuition must be paid by Friday, May 19 — which is the last day of classes for the regular academic year at the College.

Students from any college or university are welcome to participate in the summer program as visiting students. Non-Saint Mary's students must register by May 5 by sending a transcript, letter of good standing and tuition fees to the College.

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Boot camp death stirs protesting in Florida

College students talk with Gov. Jeb Bush

Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Gov. Jeb Bush arrived at his office Wednesday and found it besieged by college students protesting the state's response to the beating of a teenage boy at a boot camp. The boy later died.

Bush met privately for about 10 to 15 minutes with about 30 students, who staged the day-long protest to demand the arrest of guards who were videotaped beating, kicking and dragging the 14-year-old.

They also want Bush to publicly apologize to the boy's parents and to revoke the license of a medical examiner who performed the first autopsy and order the findings of a second released.

After their meeting with Bush, the students called the conversation "political" and decided to spend the night outside his office door.

"We'll stay as long as it takes," said Gabriel Pedras, a Florida State University student who helped organize the protest. "We feel sure he can meet our demands and ensure that justice is served."

Bush returned from a state trip Wednesday. Arriving at the airport, he said that "no one can

feel good about a death like this" but that he could not respond to the protesters' demands until the probe was finished.

"It's being done by a very professional state attorney who's methodically going through all the information," the governor said. "Until that's completed, it's really premature for anybody to take additional action."

Bush's office said he would meet with the teen's parents on Thursday.

About 30 students linked arms Wednesday evening and chanted "Justice delayed is justice denied" as they moved their protest from the office foyer to the area outside Bush's door.

Outside the building, about 45 others carried signs bearing the name of Martin Lee Anderson. He died Jan. 6, a day after the beating at a juvenile detention boot camp run by the sheriff of Bay County.

The medical examiner determined the boy died of complications from sickle cell trait.

A nationally known pathologist, Dr. Michael Baden, observed a second autopsy and said Anderson likely was suffocated during the confrontation.

The U.S. Justice Department is also investigating possible civil rights violations.

A lawyer for the Anderson family, Benjamin Crump, said he had talked to the students but did not organize the protest.

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On March 8, CLAP members delivered an 11-page report to top University administrators that demanded Notre Dame institute a living wage for workers — a practice already in place at several major universities like Georgetown and Harvard. The report also called for the creation of a joint task force made up of campus workers, students, administrators and possibly alumni to investigate the conditions under which low-wage workers at Notre Dame live.

Finally, the report advocated a union neutrality clause, a demand Ghilarducci reinforced Wednesday as the key to achieving the best outcome for Notre Dame workers.

Calling the goals of CLAP "small, modest and easy for an enterprise like Notre Dame to accept," Ghilarducci explained the feasibility of a living wage at Notre Dame, noting that without organized workers, CLAP's initiatives will be a challenge to achieve.

But the significance of CLAP's report, Ghilarducci said, reaches a much larger scale.

"It is also monumental in terms of Notre Dame's efforts to be a moral conscience and model of moral conscience in American society," Ghilarducci said. "This demand is both small and monumental."

Ghilarducci said CLAP members used an extensive methodology in determining the living wage for Notre Dame workers, and determined a number —

\$12.10 — that is at the low end of predictions economists have determined as an appropriate living wage. Some economists call for a living wage of \$11.93 per hour while others demand as much as \$19.83 per hour, depending on what factors are considered when determining what is needed to survive.

"CLAP has actually chosen a very modest number," Ghilarducci said.

But the living wage has a fatal flaw, she said.

"The living wage is not an opportunity wage," she said. "It doesn't budget for things workers need to get ahead," she said. "It doesn't account for working class to become middle class ... or for networking like a cell phone."

"It's also not a fair wage or a relative wage. It was constructed without regard to what coaches make at Notre Dame or administration or faculty. ... It's the smallest number possible. What do Notre Dame workers need to get to work every day?"

Ghilarducci argued that a union neutrality clause must be put in place to ensure that if Notre Dame workers wanted to appeal for a fair wage or opportunity wage, they would have the opportunity to organize and be heard.

"Notre Dame would not be obligated to meet with janitorial staff to discuss what the curriculum should be in the physics department ... [but] it's obligated to talk about parts of the contract that affect wages, hours, and working conditions."

Federal law already requires employers to engage in bargaining if their workers unionize, and the union neutrality clause would simply reemphasize that requirement, Ghilarducci said.

But Ghilarducci was quick to point out the steps Notre Dame has pursued to take care of its workers, such as its longstanding policy of only using unionized construction workers. She said Notre Dame was the first university to extend a code of conduct to businesses it works with — stating it would not buy goods from companies that have sweatshop conditions or that operate in countries that don't allow workers to organize.

"I'm very proud of these developments," she said.

Following her talk, Ghilarducci opened the floor to questions. When asked why workers on campus have been relatively quiet while CLAP's initiatives have been publicized, Ghilarducci immediately wrote "FEAR" on the dry erase board behind her.

"The fear of workers in America for being laid off and not getting jobs of equal pay with benefits has never been higher in the U.S.," she said. "One out of 20 workers who join unions are fired for union activity ... even though it's illegal."

Likening students to consumers, Ghilarducci said students have the potential to be "very effective" in bringing about change for two reasons.

"[T]hey're the largest group and they pay. They're the customers," she said. "To ask how effective student movements are is also asking how effective consumer movements are."

Ghilarducci said student movements like CLAP's — which has similar initiatives to those at Georgetown and Harvard Universities — are most effective with the backing of a union. But Notre Dame workers are not unionized.

"[Students] were working alongside the union in Harvard and Georgetown," she said. "They were putting exclamation points after the demands the union representatives had already made. Students at Notre Dame can't obligate Notre Dame to sit down with worker representatives to bargain in good faith. Only workers can do that ... you get closer if workers have a say in it."

Ghilarducci acknowledged the existence of the Staff Advisory Council at Notre Dame, where staff representatives from each department can bring complaints and concerns.

"[But] the last step in this process is controlled by the employer," she said. "If there's no union, the employer decides if the employer was unfair. ... Usually company organizations [like SAC] are established when there's union rumblings."


Members of CLAP are scheduled to meet with Executive Assistant to the President Frances Shavers Friday for a follow-up meeting.

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NEPAL

At least 4 protestors killed at rally

Security forces have now killed 10 demonstrators since April 6

Associated Press

KATMANDU — Nepal's crisis grew bloodier Wednesday when security forces fatally shot four pro-democracy protesters as the government imposed a curfew in the capital to prevent a huge rally urging the king to loosen his grip on power.

Two weeks of often-violent protests and a general strike against palace rule have paralyzed Nepal, leaving cities short of food and fuel and the country at its most volatile since the monarch seized power 14 months ago.

The royal government has responded harshly, claiming Nepal's communist insurgents — who are now allied with the opposition — have infiltrated rallies to sow violence. Police have beaten, tear gassed and arrested thousands of protesters.

A total of 10 Nepalis, including the four Wednesday, have been slain by security forces in this Hindu kingdom once known as Shangri-La since the opposition launched a general strike April 6.

Officials claimed security forces opened fire only after being shot at during an assault by brick-throwing protesters in Chandragadi, about 310 miles southeast of Katmandu. The government has made such claims in the past, although no

shootings by protesters have been independently verified.

The region's chief administrator, Bholu Siwakoti, also said the demonstrators defied a ban on protests and were looting.

There were conflicting reports of how many were killed. The Defense Ministry said two people were dead, another Nepali official put the toll at four, and a U.N. official said it was five. Both officials spoke on condition of anonymity because the situation's sensitivity.

The shootings reinforced fears of more bloodshed Thursday, when the opposition hoped to mass 100,000 people onto the ring road that skirts Katmandu.

Trying to off head the march, which would dwarf previous protests and undercut government claims that demonstrators lack popular support, authorities announced a Katmandu curfew from 2 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday.

Soldiers and police were ordered to shoot violators, and no passes were issued to diplomats, journalists and Nepali human rights monitors — groups that had received passes in the past.

"The events show how desperate the present royal regime is. It is becoming paranoid," said Dhruva Adhikary of the independent Nepal Press Institute. "The movement is getting popular, it is expanding and growing."

The opposition campaign has brought ordinary Nepalis into the streets alongside students and political activists. On Wednesday, some 250 professors held a protest. All were arrested.

A few thousand people also protested in Katmandu and demonstrators hurled bricks at police, who responded with tear gas, rubber bullets and baton charges.

While nearly all here said they were hoping Thursday's protest would be peaceful, many said they did not fear violence.

"If we are faced with violence tomorrow, we will burn the palace," said Ankil Shrestha, a 22-year-old student. "The king will die."

Nepal's Hindu royal dynasty was once revered as godlike, and the recent chants of "Hang the king" in Nepal's streets are a major departure from past protests, like the 1990 uprising that led his older brother to introduce democracy.

King Gyanendra ended that experiment in February 2005, saying he needed to crush the Maoist insurgency that has killed nearly 13,000 people in a decade.

While many of Nepal's 27 million people at first welcomed the king's power grab — frustrated by squabbling politicians — the worsening insurgency and faltering economy have fueled discontent.

CUBA

\$30 million of food to come from Nebraska

New trade deal likely to improve relations

Associated Press

HAVANA — Cuba agreed Wednesday to buy another \$30 million in food from Nebraska, strengthening trade relations with a U.S. farm state already selling corn, wheat, soybeans and other products to the communist island.

Nebraska Lt. Gov. Rick Sheehy and Agriculture Director Greg Ibach led the trade delegation, which included meat and other agriculture producers on the four-day trip.

In August, Nebraska Gov. Dave Heineman visited Cuba and signed a separate deal to export \$30 million in agricultural products in an 18-month period. Most of those deals have since been completed, said Pedro Alvarez, head of the Cuban food import firm Alimport.

"We've had a great commerce experience with Nebraska and this shows the desire of many (U.S.) states to work for free trade with the United States," Alvarez told The Associated Press at Havana's historic Hotel Nacional during a breakfast hosted by Farmland Foods Inc. featuring Nebraska pork and other meat products.

Sheehy said the new deal will include the export of pork, cattle, poultry, wheat, corn, soybeans, dry beans and dairy in the next 18 months.

"Agriculture is the No. 1 industry in the state and Gov. Heineman saw an opportunity in Cuba to expand our market," Sheehy said.

Alvarez said the new trade deal includes a \$2.8 million meat purchase from Farmland Foods Inc.

"We're consolidating the links between the state of Nebraska and our country, links that would be strengthened if (trade) restrictions were eliminated," Alvarez said.

A 45-year-old U.S. embargo against communist Cuba severely limits travel and trade with the island, but an exception created in 2000 allows food and agricultural products to be sold directly on a cash-only basis.

Alvarez said Cuba expects to spend between \$450 to \$550 million on U.S. food products this year from a total of about \$1.7 billion allocated for food imports.

For the past four years, Cuba has contracted to buy more than \$1.4 billion in farm goods from 38 U.S. states, including shipping and hefty bank fees to send payments through third nations, according to Alimport.

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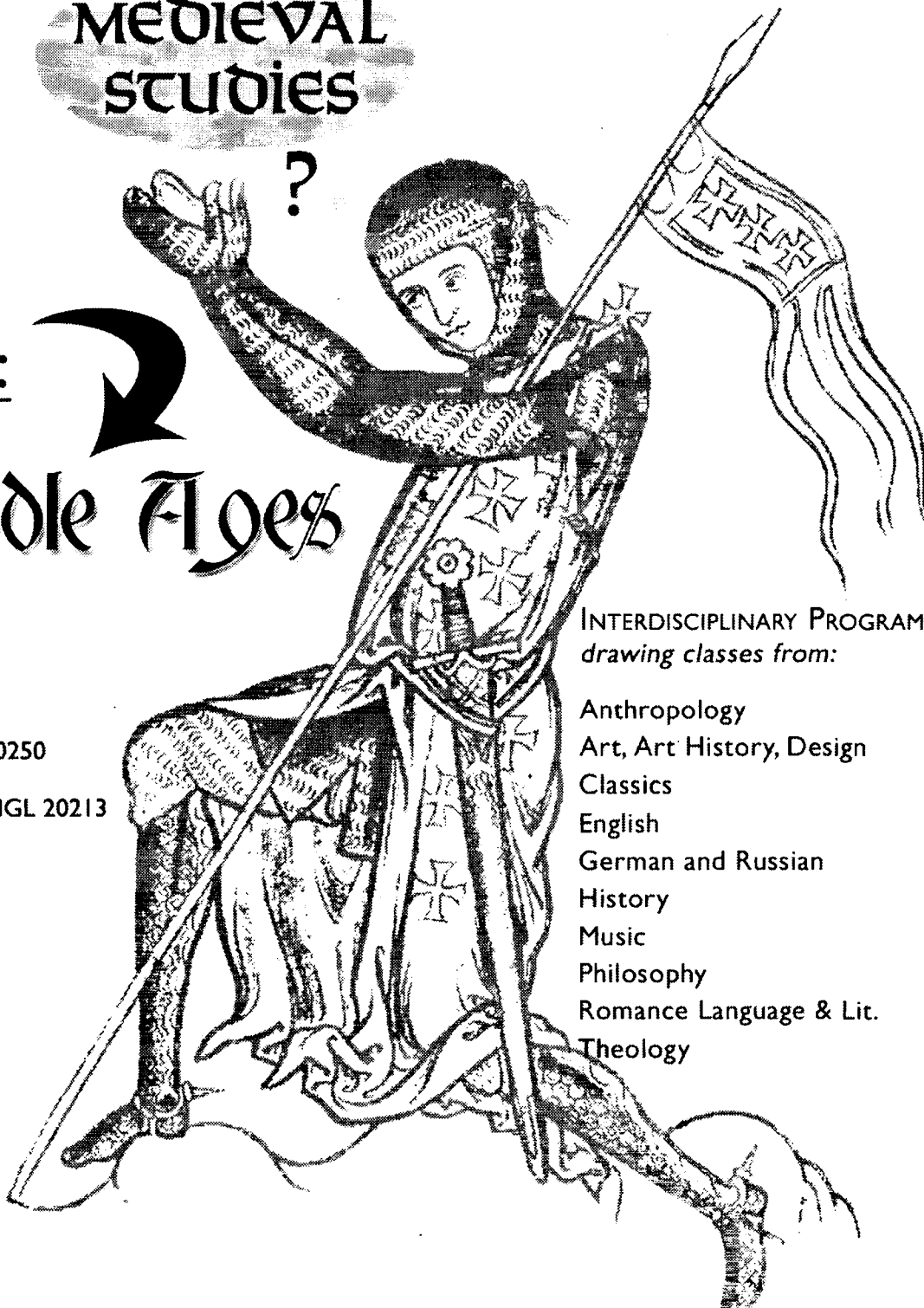
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Bausch and Lomb facing lawsuits

Attorney blames company for eye fungus, seeks \$75,000 per client

Associated Press

MIAMI — A Miami attorney is seeking class-action status for a lawsuit blaming Bausch & Lomb for a painful eye fungus he says permanently scarred the cornea of a woman who used its contact lens solution.

The lawsuit, following on the heels of a similar suit filed in New York, alleges the company either failed to remove the fungus from the Renu with MoistureLoc eye solution or fostered its growth in the manufacturing process.

Bausch & Lomb stopped shipping the product last week after health officials linked it to 109 cases of the eye fungus. More than 50 of those cases were diagnosed in Florida, according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Jacqueline Wartmann, 57, was among those diagnosed with Fusarium keratitis, a fungus that causes blurred vision and can lead to blindness,

according to the Miami lawsuit, filed Monday. It says Wartmann's corneal scarring has resulted in permanent blurry vision.

A Bausch & Lomb spokeswoman said Wednesday that the Rochester, N.Y.-based company does not comment on pending litigation.

"Obviously we're working to complete the investigation into these fungal infections as quickly as possible," spokeswoman Meg Graham said.

Wartmann and the six other plaintiffs all used the Renu solution to clean their contacts, and all developed the fungus, said attorney Joel Magolnick.

The lawsuit seeks \$75,000 in damages for each client and class-action status.

Magolnick said he had received dozens of calls from people in Utah, Georgia, Virginia and Las Vegas — all contact lens wearers who developed problems after using the Bausch & Lomb product.

"As the manufacturer, they are responsible for it and they are the ones who are going to be held responsible for it," Magolnick said.

The company's manufacturing plant in Greenville, S.C., which is at the center of the fungus investigation, was cited by the Food and Drug Administration four years ago.

The FDA said the company failed to adequately investigate the cause of paint chips discovered during inspections in 2002 in rooms where containers of eye care products were filled.

Graham said the problem was resolved. "The quality and sterility of the products made there was never in question," she said.

The warning did not cite problems with Renu with MoistureLoc, which wasn't manufactured until 2004.

Bausch & Lomb shares rose \$1.06, closing at \$47.54 Wednesday on the New York Stock Exchange.

Relatives of victims testify for Moussaoui

Six witnesses oppose death of conspirator

Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Half a dozen relatives of people killed in the Sept. 11 attacks testified for terrorist conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui on Wednesday. One woman told jurors weighing whether to execute him that her family does not want to "get caught in a whirlpool of sadness and anger."

Meantime, a leading psychiatrist testified that Moussaoui's failure to learn enough to fly an airplane solo was probably a result of schizophrenia he developed around the time he embraced radical Islamic fundamentalism in the mid-1990s.

After two days of argument over the mental health of the 37-year-old Frenchman, many jurors noticeably sat up and leaned forward when they realized that victim relatives were coming to testify on behalf of the confessed Sept. 11 conspirator. Last week, prosecutors had summoned almost four dozen victims and relatives who gave heart-rending testimony that left some jurors discreetly wiping their eyes.

Marilynn Rosenthal, a medical sociologist whose son Josh was killed at the World Trade Center, said her family felt "something good has to come out of what happened" and endowed an annual lecture devoted to understanding Sept. 11 at the University of Michigan, where she teaches.

"We all have a very strong feeling we do not want to get caught in a whirlpool of sadness and anger," she said. "We have tried to move forward."

Outside the courthouse, she said she testified "because I thought it was the right thing to do." Asked why she opposed a death penalty, she replied, "Moussaoui is the wrong person to be on trial. There are people in the custody of the U.S. government who were central planners." She called Moussaoui "marginal."

Robin Theurkauf, whose husband, Tom, also died in the New York attacks, testified that "the Bible attempts to explain that we are all sinners, all broken people, but all children of God and loved by God."

Episcopal priest Donald Bane of Wyoming, Del., who lost his son Michael at the trade center, said he felt murderous rage but quickly realized "that instead of just nurturing the anger, I had to try to do something that hopefully will help this not ever happen again." He has since organized Muslim-Christian dialogues.

Like the relatives who testified for the prosecution, those who appeared on Moussaoui's behalf did not directly testify for a death penalty or life in prison,

the jury's only choices. But both groups left an unmistakable message about their view.

This trial has exposed a deep division among Sept. 11 families.

In a telephone interview Wednesday from Westchester, N.Y., Debra Burlingame, whose brother, Charles, was pilot of the hijacked plane crashed into the Pentagon, said she found it "deeply disturbing" that any Sept. 11 family member would testify on Moussaoui's behalf.

"The fear that execution at our hands will martyr Moussaoui shows a misunderstanding of the jihadi cult of death. It is not their death alone that they lust for, but ours. Without that, Moussaoui's execution makes him a failed jihadi which is why he is fighting it."

But outside this courthouse, Rosenthal said, "Nobody speaks for all the 9/11 families."

Earlier, psychiatrist Michael First, who edits the diagnostic manual used by the psychiatric profession, described how Moussaoui's mental illness affected his ability to function within al-Qaida and to prepare his own defense.

First noted that Moussaoui's flight instructors said that even after 57 hours of training they would not let him fly solo "because he couldn't focus on two things at once."

First said a panel revising the psychiatric diagnostic manual recently recommended adding a new symptom of schizophrenia: inability to do two mental tasks at once. He said experts believe schizophrenics would have tremendous difficulty flying a plane because they could not watch things inside and outside the cockpit at once.

On cross-examination, prosecutor David Novak asked how Moussaoui was able to drive a car if schizophrenics cannot do two mental tasks at once. First responded that an ex-FBI agent and pilot told him that flying a plane is "a completely different level of magnitude."

First said Moussaoui's schizophrenia was revealed by his paranoid delusions and disorganized thought and speech.

Novak asked whether Moussaoui's good behavior during the trial did not undermine the diagnosis and show that he is "goal-oriented."

First countered that schizophrenia and its symptoms often change over time. He said Moussaoui's disorganized thought was intense in the fall of 2003 when he suffered from undifferentiated schizophrenia, but since then Moussaoui's illness had followed an oft-seen path to paranoid schizophrenia. One symptom of the paranoid type is the lack of disorganized thinking.

As an example of the disorganized thinking, First displayed copies of abusive motions Moussaoui filed in 2003 while serving as his own attorney.



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Sex offender laws spark debate

Professionals question fairness of posting addresses, information online

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The killings of two men listed on Maine's Internet sex offender registry may offer a grim lesson about the consequences of such registry laws, but defense lawyers and crime researchers question whether a thoughtful national debate on the subject is possible.

In a climate where politicians seek ever-tougher punishment and ostracism of sex offenders, they say, few are willing to examine the fairness and risks of registry requirements.

"We've basically dehumanized these people with words such as 'predator,'" said psychiatrist Fred Berlin, founder of the Johns Hopkins Sexual Disorders Clinic in Baltimore.

"Every decent human being wants to protect children," he said, but even suggesting that criminals who have done their time are entitled to rebuild their lives can tarnish a politician.

"It's close to heresy," Berlin said.

Every state has an online registry with photographs and personal information about convicted sex offenders, often to be posted for at least 20 years and sometimes for life. Many states, including Maine, provide offenders' exact street address; that information apparently was used by a Nova Scotia man to locate and fatally shoot two registered sex offenders Sunday.

There have been many cases of vigilantism in the past, ranging from harassment and arson to the slayings of two convicted child rapists in Washington state. A man mistaken for his sex-offender brother was nearly beaten to death with a baseball bat in New Jersey — the state where the 1994 killing of 7-year-old Megan Kanka by a neighbor gave rise to the nation-

wide trend of "Megan's Law" registries.

Though they decry vigilantism, police, prosecutors and politicians overwhelmingly support the laws. Maine is maintaining its online registry despite the shootings; the governors of nearby Vermont and New Hampshire rejected appeals by their states' American Civil Liberties Union branches to eliminate the online databases.

James Backstrom, a board member of the National District Attorneys Association and chief prosecutor in Minnesota's Dakota County, said the registries "are appropriate and needed."

"The victims of crime and the public in general have a right to know where sex offenders are living," he said.

Backstrom acknowledged, however, that the registries contribute to a serious problem facing Minnesota and other states: Because virtually no one wants sex offenders in their neighborhood, they have difficulty finding an appropriate place to live.

That problem has become particularly severe in states where many towns forbid registered offenders from living near schools, parks and other facilities, said New Jersey defense attorney William Buckman.

"We're essentially seeing people forced into refugee status," said Buckman, a board member of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. "The experts say the major thing in preventing recidivism is to allow offenders to rebuild their lives, put down roots. But because of feel-good, poorly thought-out, knee-jerk reactions by politicians, the effect is to increase recidivism."

Those advocating reconsideration of sex offender laws aren't suggesting that authorities back away from vigilant monitoring.

They note that some states have developed sophisticated risk-assessment systems for deciding which offenders are listed in publicly available registries, so the whereabouts of high-risk offenders are known while lesser risks are granted more anonymity.

"I'm the first to say, 'Lock up the harmful sexual offenders,'" said Nancy Sabin, who heads a Minnesota-based victims advocacy group called the Jacob Wetterling Foundation.

But not all offenders fall into that category, she said: "We need to step back, take a breath and get more educated about the most effective ways to deal with the issue."

In Missouri, the state Supreme Court is expected to rule soon on one of the few major legal challenges to a registry system. A class action suit contends the state law is applied too broadly and unfairly punishes those who pose little risk — such as a woman who had consensual sex with a 15-year-old boy when she was 20, and a man classified as a child abuser because he spanked his son with a belt.

"All these draconian Sex Offender Registry Acts need to be trimmed back — eliminating people who never should have been on in the first place," said Arthur Benson, the lawyer handling the lawsuit.

Jill Levinson, a professor and sex-crimes researcher at Lynn University in Boca Raton, Fla., said the recidivism rate for sex offenders is lower than for most other serious crimes. She urged legislatures to tailor laws so low-risk offenders have the maximum opportunity to rehabilitate themselves.

"The intentions are good," she said, "but there's very little evidence that these registries improve community safety or protect children."

Experts think snakes were at home on land

Fossil may be key to how snakes evolved

Associated Press

NEW YORK — A fossil find in Argentina has revealed a two-legged creature that's the most primitive snake known, a discovery that promises to fire up the scientific debate about whether snakes evolved on land or in the sea.

The snake's anatomy and the location of the fossil show it lived on land, researchers said, adding evidence to the argument that snakes evolved on land.

Snakes are thought to have evolved from four-legged lizards, losing their legs over time. But scientists have long debated whether those ancestral lizards were land-based or marine creatures.

The newly found snake lived in Patagonia some 90 million years ago. Its size is unknown, but it wasn't more than 3 feet long, said Hussam Zaher of the University of Sao Paulo in Brazil. He and an Argentine colleague report the find in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature.

It's the first time scientists have found a snake with a sacrum, a bony feature supporting the pelvis, Zaher said. That feature was lost as snakes evolved from lizards, he said, and since this is the only known snake that hasn't lost it, it must be the most primitive known.

The creature clearly lived on land, both because its anatomy suggests it lived in burrows and because the deposits where the fossils were found came from a terrestrial environment, said

Zaher. So, if the earliest known snake lived on land, that suggests snakes evolved on land, he said.

There has been little new evidence in recent years in the land-versus-sea debate, and "we needed something new," said Zaher. "We needed a new start. And this snake is definitely a new start for this debate."

He said that although the creature had two small rear legs, it crawled like a modern-day snake and probably used its legs only on occasion, though for what purpose is unclear.

The creature, named Najash rionegrina, is "a fantastic animal," said Jack Conrad, a researcher at the American Museum of Natural History in New York and co-curator of an upcoming exhibit on lizards and snakes.

"It's really going to help put to rest some of the controversy that's been going around snake evolution and origins," he said. Conrad said he never took sides in the land-versus-sea debate, but "but this is starting to convince me."

Olivier Rieppel, a fossil reptile expert at the Field Museum in Chicago, called the find important and said Najash is clearly the most primitive known snake.

If snakes did evolve on land rather than the sea, their fossil record might be less complete because early fossils would have been better preserved in a marine environment, he said.

That, in turn, suggests "we may not know all the lineages of early snake evolution," he said. Maybe several snake lineages lost the legs of their lizard ancestors independently, he said.

Mumps running rampant through Midwestern states

More than 800 cases of virus reported in Iowa alone during worst outbreak in decades; officials still investigating

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — In the worst outbreak in nearly 20 years, mumps cases are spilling out of Iowa, popping up in at least seven other Midwestern states and perhaps seven more — leading to promises of extra vaccine from the U.S. stockpile.

There are no deaths and few complications being reported from this virus, which health officials believe got a boost from air travel.

But the nation's federal health agency said Wednesday it's the largest outbreak in almost two decades with more than 1,000 cases and it's expected to keep growing.

It's a "cascade of transmission that's going to take a while to curtail and stop," said Dr. Julie Gerberding, director of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.

More than 800 of the cases are in Iowa. The CDC has pledged to provide 25,000 doses of measles-mumps-rubella vaccine to the state from the agency's stockpile. And Merck & Co., the vaccine maker, is giving another 25,000 doses to the CDC for distribution to other states, Gerberding said in a briefing in Atlanta.

Iowa, the mumps hot spot, is feeling the pain in some unexpected ways.

When the track and field team from Loras College in Dubuque made the six-hour drive to St. Louis for a Washington University track meet, the runners were sent right back home.

"Washington decided that because of the mumps they didn't want schools from Dubuque competing," said Tim Calderwood, Loras' sports information director. Dubuque is in northeast Iowa, one of the areas of the state hit hardest by the mumps.

"We always have the health and safety of our athletes and of our competitors as our top priority," Calderwood said. He said none of the Loras athletes had mumps, and "we ask our opponents to trust our coaches and know that they would not bring a student who is showing symptoms of mumps to their school."

Just 37 of the college's 1,700 students have caught mumps since the first case surfaced in February, according to the school's health clinic.

Iowa public health officials say the outbreak of the annoying but rarely serious disease is no reason to cancel events or start widespread immunization clinics.

"College graduation, high school proms, we're not recommending any be canceled," said Kevin Teale, a spokesman for the Iowa Department of Public Health. "We just want to ensure that people are aware of the risk."

The source of the Iowa epidemic is unknown, but Britain experienced a mumps epidemic that peaked last year with about 56,000 cases. The Iowa mumps virus is the same variety, but health officials are still evaluating whether there's a connection.

As to its spread in the United States, Iowa health officials last week noted that two infected Iowa airline passengers carried the disease on nine different flights.

Mumps is a virus spread by coughing and sneezing. The most common symptoms are fever, headache and swollen salivary glands under the jaw. But it can lead to more severe problems,

such as hearing loss, meningitis and fertility-diminishing swollen testicles.

No deaths and few complications have been reported from the current epidemic. Just one person in Iowa developed encephalitis but has recovered, said Teale.

Once a childhood rite of passage, mumps has been on the wane since a vaccine came along in the late 1960s. A two-dose shot is recommended for all children, and is considered very effective — but not completely — at preventing it. About 10 percent of people who get both doses are still susceptible, Gerberding said.

That's why there are hundreds of people in Iowa — a state of nearly 3 million — who are turning up with the disease, Gerberding said.

So far cases are reported in Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Wisconsin. Kansas confirmed more than 140 cases, Nebraska reported more than 100, and

Illinois had more than 80 — numbers that dwarf mumps reports in typical years. Most other states affected by the outbreak were still reporting fewer than 50 cases.

However, the CDC said it was investigating cases in seven other states.

Iowa and Wisconsin officials were seeing cases more often in universities than elementary schools. However, Iowa's Waterloo public school district reported 10 cases of mumps — seven students and three adults.

Spokeswoman Sharon Miller said the district is focused on alerting parents.

"We send a letter home to parents explaining the situation and facts about mumps so they can be on the watch," Miller said. "School nurses also review immunization records to look for situations where there may be a gap."

Meanwhile, Teale said state health officials are not event cancellations.

"On one hand, given the 800-plus cases we have, this is a serious situation," Teale said. "On the same token, we have 2.8 million people in Iowa, so the relative risk of any single visitor getting mumps is extremely low."

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**Kevin Teale
spokesman
Iowa Department of
Public Health**

Springsteen's 'Seeger Sessions' album takes a folksy turn

The Boss will release his new album Tuesday, which includes 13 songs with additional bonus tracks inspired by Pete Seeger

Associated Press

ASBURY PARK, N.J. — Bruce Springsteen, rock 'n' roll icon, stands on a cramped Jersey shore stage surrounded by 16 musicians. There's a fiddle, a banjo, a tuba, an accordion — and not a single electric guitar.

The music swells, a glorious noise, as Springsteen leans into the microphone and sings a familiar song: "He floats through the air with the greatest of ease, the darling young man on the flying trapeze."

The vintage tale of a high-flying, womanizing circus star is followed by "Poor Man," a reworking of a Blind Alfred Reed song from the 1920s. This is the music of the moment for Springsteen: folk songs from decades past as he releases an album of songs culled from the Pete Seeger catalogue.

Bob Dylan once went electric. This is Springsteen going eclectic.

"The songs have lasted 100 years, or hundreds of years, for a reason," Springsteen explains in a spartan dressing room after rehearsing with his new big band. "They were really, really well-written pieces of music."

"They have worlds in them. You just kind of go in — it's a playground. You go in, and you get to play around."

"We Shall Overcome: The Seeger Sessions" arrives Tuesday, with a tour to follow (including a trip to New Orleans for the Jazz and Heritage

Festival). Springsteen, still damp with perspiration from his rehearsal, sat backstage for an interview with The Associated Press that covered his musical past, present and future.

The new album is Springsteen's most sonically surprising since the spare "Nebraska" in 1982. Springsteen compares its variety with his second album, "The

Wild, The Innocent and the E Street Shuffle," where the music veered from straight rock ("Rosalita") to jazz ("New York City Serenade") to oompah ("Wild Billy's Circus Story").

Leaning back on a couch, Springsteen said he was intent on getting out more music, including a group of songs already written for the E Street Band and a follow-up to

"Tracks," his collection of unreleased studio cuts. He was working on the latter before deciding to do the new record.

"After a long time, you get a lot more secure about what you're doing," Springsteen said between sips from a bottle of water. "I spend much less time making decisions. Incredibly less."

"It used to be, like, there's a

line in a song that I sang a certain way. I might mull it over for three days. Maybe longer, right? Now, you know, it's very different. I realize it's not necessary. You know your craft better."

"The Seeger Sessions" featured Springsteen making an album in record time. The rock hall of famer, who in the past went years between releases, did the new album in three days. The 13 songs, plus two bonus tracks, were recorded inside the living room of a farm house at Springsteen's New Jersey home — with the horn section playing in the hall.

There were no rehearsals, no arrangements, no overdubs. Springsteen wasn't even sure if the results would become an album.

"It was just playing music," Springsteen said of the sessions. "I didn't have any intention for it. I knew that I enjoyed making this kind of music. ... It was really just purely for the joy of doing it. It was a lot of fun."

Springsteen, 56, is coming off a busy year when he toured extensively behind his Grammy-winning solo album "Devils & Dust." Last year also marked the 30th anniversary of "Born To Run," the classic album that turned him into a star.

Springsteen first connected with the Seeger songbook in 1997, when he recorded "We Shall Overcome" for a tribute album. His interest grew as he delved into the material — stur-

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Bruce Springsteen musician



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Springsteen, 56, recorded his latest album in three days from the comfort of his New Jersey farmhouse.

dy songs like "John Henry," "Erie Canal" and "Oh Mary, Don't You Weep."

"I wasn't aware of the vast library of music that Pete helped create and also collected," said Springsteen, who was more familiar with the work of Woody Guthrie. "Just this whole wonderful world of songwriting with all these lost voices. Great stories. Great characters."

Like Seeger, Springsteen is well-known for his role as a social activist. In 2004, Springsteen campaigned for John Kerry and criticized the Bush administration for bringing the country to war in Iraq. He's been a longtime advocate for local food banks, and played benefits for union workers, flood victims and other causes.

Seeger paid a heavy price for his beliefs. During the McCarthy era, he was summoned by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as it investigated supposed subversive influences in entertainment. He refused to cooperate and was blacklisted for the next decade.

So was releasing an album of Seeger's songs during President Bush's second term a political statement?

"I'll let somebody else sort that part of it, I guess," Springsteen said. "But a lot of 'em seem pretty applicable, you know? 'Mrs. McGrath' is basically an Irish anti-war song, but it's ripped right out of the headlines everyday today."

The songs once sung by Seeger "shine a continuing light on a whole set of not just wonderful stories, but obviously a lot of social issues, the direction the country is going down," he

continued. "There's still a place for a lot of that music."

Once Springsteen decided to forge ahead with the project, he called Seeger with the news. Seeger asked which songs would be on the record.

"He'd start giving me the history of each song," Springsteen said. "He actually knows about all those things. So it was an enjoyable conversation, and I hope he likes the record."

Springsteen had no concerns about audience reaction to his foray into a new musical landscape. He expects "the adventurous part of my fans" will enjoy the album. And he considers change a requirement for any successful musician.

"Your job as an artist is to build a box, and then let people watch you escape from it,"

Springsteen explained. "And then they follow you to the next box, and they watch you escape from that one. ... Escape artistry is part of the survival mechanism of the job."

"If you want to do the job well, you have got to be able to escape from what you've previously built."

There's one other major difference between "Seeger Sessions" and all of Springsteen's previous work: He didn't write a single song for this project.

"A real pleasure," he said of the break from writing. "Once we put it together, it was like, 'Wow. I can make records and I don't have to write anything.' There are thousands of great songs sitting out there waiting to be heard, and I know a way to act as an interpreter on these things."

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Retiring abroad

The mayor of the city where I went to high school once spoke at one of the school's awards ceremonies. He was an amiable speaker, and much of what he had to say consisted of the kind of inspirational anecdotes to which high school students are regularly subjected for their general edification. I have completely forgotten many similar speeches, but in this case one thing the mayor said has stayed with me ever since.

"When I was your age," he said, "people kept telling me that your school days are the best days of your life." He paused for a moment to allow us to reflect on just how many times we had heard the very same thing. Then he went on, "I didn't believe it then, and I certainly don't believe it now."

My experience of high school was happier than most, but still I found those words tremendously liberating. I wonder if any of the adults who are always telling the young that these are the best days of their lives really stop to consider how depressing it is to be continually told that your life is about to enter an inexorable decline. This is my last column writing for The Observer. Since I am not leaving Notre Dame, it isn't appropriate for me to finish on a valedictory note, but I do have one thing I want to say to the graduating seniors, which is this: however much you have enjoyed and been enriched by your experience here, rest assured, these aren't the best days of your life.

I started writing these "Englishman Abroad" columns in November, 2002. My first column was mostly concerned with the trials and tribulations involved in acquiring a student visa and getting through customs.

I had originally intended Englishman Abroad to be a straightforward biweekly humor column, but I broke with that plan completely after reading an article about

the incendiary attack on the National and University Library of Bosnia by Serb nationalists. This had happened in 1992, and since it was the single largest act of book burning in history, I was shocked that I had never heard about it, convinced that the story should be more widely known. So after two lighthearted pieces, I made my third column a somber reflection on the connection between book burning and genocide. There were no jokes in the column about book burning — one of the few topics on which I think humor is obliged to absent itself — but most of the subsequent columns were a hybrid of these early ones, attempting to make both jokes and serious points. Some objected to this approach, taking it as a sign of flippancy. As G.K. Chesterton noted, this objection is based on the assumption that funny is the opposite of serious, but that is wrong; funny is the opposite of not funny and nothing else.

Writing the column has taught me a lot about the difficulties and dangers of column writing. Columnists have a lot of freedom in choosing what to write about, but in other respects the genre is very restrictive. I have a great many opinions, but few of them are 800 words long and cutting them down to size is a painfully procrustean enterprise, all the more so because one does the cutting in the certain knowledge that some readers will assume that if you do not mention some particular argument or statistic, it means you cannot be aware of it.

Another occupational hazard is the columnist's duty to be interesting. One of the easiest ways to be interesting is to take an extreme view on a topical political issue, but political commentary is a crowded market and these days, to generate interest that way, the view will have to be pretty extreme indeed. I suspect that this is the origin of the centrifugal force that affects so many professional political pundits, pushing them to more and more extreme versions of their political views with the result that if you spend too long being professionally opinionated, it is hard to avoid self-caricature.

This centrifugal force is a market force,

and I have often thought that the people who refer to the marketplace of ideas do not take the metaphor seriously enough. A marketplace of ideas will only provide accuracy and truth if accuracy and truth are in demand. That's likely to be the case if the ideas in question concern how to make a better mousetrap, but if they are about the performance of a particular politician or political party or how best to alleviate poverty, the highest demand seems to be for ideas that flatter our preconceptions and sense of self-righteousness, as even a quick glance at the New York Times nonfiction bestseller list will confirm. One recurring theme over the past four years has been partisanship and polarization. I have tried to avoid these vices without giving in to the temptation of the reflexive moderation of Hazlitt's common sense critic who always supposes that the truth lies between the extremes of right and wrong.

Before I finish, I want to thank all of you who have written to me over the past four years. I would also like to thank all the people who have edited these columns over the past four years, and who have doubtless spent a good deal of time wondering how a writer who has regularly preached on the importance of the precise use of words could have so much trouble with such an elementary term as "deadline."

I have plans for my retirement. I intend to embark on a three month punditry detoxification program in which I don't touch a newspaper and don't read any book or magazine article concerned with current affairs. If something really important happens, I am sure someone will tell me. The world will get by just fine for a few months without my having opinions about it, and, like the mayor's comment, that too is a liberating thought.

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Easter week

Again and again in the readings for daily Mass this week, people touched by Jesus after his resurrection are filled with gratitude at their encounter with him. The Gospels contain story after story of the risen Lord coming back to his followers and in various ways, bestowing gifts upon them. He appeared to Mary Magdalene and

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and she, "fearful yet overjoyed," did him homage and ran to the disciples to tell them the wonderful news. We hear also the story of the disciples who met Jesus on the road to Emmaus, and who listened to him explain the Scriptures and recognized him as he broke and blessed the bread at their table. When they ran back to Jerusalem to tell the others, Jesus appeared again, eating with them and giving them the gift of his peace. Simon Peter found himself with a net so full of fish he could barely drag it ashore, and when he did, Jesus even had breakfast ready and a nice fire going. Each of these stories contains a common element: that the people involved didn't recognize Jesus. Sometimes it took just a moment to figure it out, as when Mary knew him by the sound of his voice. Others, such as the disciples on the road to Emmaus, walked and talked with Jesus for perhaps miles and then finally understood as they shared the meal together. The identity of the mysterious stranger on the shore eventually clicked for Simon Peter and his fellow fishermen (the record-setting haul of fish helped), but John's Gospel tells us that they were afraid to ask him if he was in fact the Lord.

Because we so often resemble Jesus' disciples in our hesitant, bumbling and error-prone attempts to follow him, this would be a

good time to wonder how often Jesus has appeared to us, offering the gifts of his presence and peace, and how often we too have failed to recognize him. Jesus has found us, just as he went out and found the disciples following his resurrection. He sought them out and revealed himself through the stories of Scripture and the breaking of the bread. Sound familiar? We too can find Christ present at Mass through the Scripture readings and the Eucharist. Just as his followers and beloved friends did in the joyful, exciting days after he rose from the dead, we too can become wholeheartedly aware of Jesus' presence in all the moments of our lives, beginning with our prayer and worship. The unexpected as well as the routine, the fearsome and the disappointing; all can be opportunities to search for Jesus' presence and loving gifts. We ought to be able to look at life all around us with enthusiasm and with hope in these resurrection days. Jesus' resurrection from a cruel and humiliating death teaches us, if we are aware that he — even on this very day — is seeking us out, that he hasn't yet met a disappointment he can't turn to hope, a sorrow he can't infuse with joy, an indifferent heart he can't fill with gratitude. Let us allow ourselves to be "found" by the Lord through our heartfelt prayers, through our participation in the Eucharist and through hopeful watching for his presence all around us. Then we too can, as Jesus asks of us, "go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature."

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"A diplomat is a person who can tell you to go to hell in such a way that you actually look forward to the trip."

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A response to Father Jenkins

In his Closing Statement on Academic Freedom and Catholic Character, University President Father John Jenkins expresses his belief that he has articulated "principles that a large majority of this community can embrace." If Jenkins is right, I feel obliged to respond as a member of the minority. Apart from the decision about whether or not to sponsor a particular play on campus, I share Bishop John D'Arcy's "deep sadness" about the Closing Statement. In my view, the statement espouses a conception of the Catholic University based upon a divorce between reason and faith. This divorce will hardly settle the matter about the relation between academic freedom and the Catholic identity of Notre Dame. Moreover, Jenkins' raising of the issue may have unwittingly polarized the University community and damaged Catholicism at Notre Dame. I must say at the outset that I have not been eager to enter the present controversy. Concern for the future of Catholicism at Notre Dame, however, has convinced me to overcome my reticence. Please permit me to speak as a Franciscan priest, faculty member and lawyer.

First, I would like to speak as a Franciscan priest who has attempted to assist in the magnificent ministry of the Congregation of the Holy Cross at Notre Dame. The euphoria expressed in The Observer as a result of Jenkins' Closing Statement indicates that he has made some students very happy. At the same time, I know that there are more than a few good Catholic students who are scandalized by the President's action and statement. These students believe that violence against women and sexual harassment are wrong not because of secular ideology. Rather, violence and harassment are wrong because they are sins against the law of Christ. Likewise, these same students are striving to live in accord with the radical nature of the Catholic teaching on sexuality. At no point in history has it ever been easy to live a life of chastity. The crudeness and eroticism of certain aspects of contemporary culture have rendered the task all the more difficult. This is true for all of us and especially for the talented young women and men who are our students.

Although the president's statement uses certain Catholic language, it contains no endorsement of the teaching that the only proper place for the consummation of sexual intimacy is between a man and woman united in Holy Matrimony. In fact, Jenkins admits that the Vagina Monologues "stand[s] apart from, and indeed in opposition to, Catholic teaching on human sexuality." Instead of adopting a policy that permits this kind of speech, the president of a Catholic university should be guarding against it. For those of us who are committed Catholics, and Jenkins no doubt belongs to this group, we should be doing all in our power to create a culture that fosters the Catholic truth about the gift of human sexuality and its proper place in the order of creation. My opinion is that there is, to quote the late Pope John Paul II, a "new Spring" of Catholic life blossoming at Notre Dame. I base my opinion on my grace-filled experi-

ence here with our wonderful Catholic students. It is also the case that some of our students are nominally Catholic as a result of inadequate catechetical formation through no fault of their own. Evangelization is needed to invite them into the "new Spring" of Catholic life. I agree with Jenkins that plays such as the Vagina Monologues stand in opposition to Catholic life and culture. For this reason, I doubt that his Closing Statement will nourish the "new Spring."

Second, please permit me to offer a few observations as a member of the faculty. In his Closing Statement, the president stresses his desire to ensure "the academic freedom to explore the full range of ideas and expressions produced by human thought," "a wide-open, unconstrained search for truth" and "open, unrestricted academic inquiry." Moreover, he wants to "animate the debate" and "strive to bring these various views into dialogue with the Catholic intellectual tradition." The proposed debate and dialogue seems to presume that our University is at present characterized by a flourishing and pervasive Catholic intellectual life. I firmly believe that Notre Dame is both the best academic institution and most dynamic faith community of the great Catholic universities in the United States. Personally, I feel grateful to be a member of the faculty of a University that I have come to love. I pray for this University on a daily basis. However, I am not so certain that the present state of the Catholic intellectual life here at Notre Dame would make for the strongest Catholic participant in the dialogue with contrary views. I think we ought to be honest and acknowledge that many, and perhaps most, members of the faculty are skeptical about the validity of Catholic truth claims based upon faith. Likewise, many would be suspicious about faith claims as proper participants in public discourse. Vatican II rightly urged that the Church be open to the world. The on-going dialogue continues to bear fruit for all the participants. It must be admitted, however, that the effects of the ensuing dialogue with secular culture have not always been beneficial to the life of the Church. When secular culture rather than the Church begins to serve as the primary formator, the effects are not likely to foster the gospel life. The Catholic intellectual life here at Notre Dame has not been immune from the negative effects of the dialogue as it has transpired in the Church over the course of the last four decades. My impression is that secular speech of all types is alive and well at Notre Dame. Rather, it is the Catholic intellectual life that needs to be fostered and nourished.

Given the less than ideal state of Catholic intellectual life at Notre Dame, how might the president of the University respond? To be sure, he should not retreat from the dialogue as it was intended by Vatican II. Whoever the President of the University is at this perilous yet promising time, he would be well advised to come to terms with reality, drink deeply from the living fountain of faith and act with all in his power to strengthen Catholic intellectual life.

Unfortunately, nowhere in his Closing Statement does Jenkins affirm that Catholic belief is necessarily normative within the Catholic intellectual community. The statement creates the impression that Catholicism is just another "good idea" sometimes at issue and to be batted around in the on-going intellectual debate at the University. Without the recognition of the primacy of Catholic truth claims at Notre Dame, the University's own internal dialogue will fail to ensure integration of faith and reason; and in its dialogue with wider culture, Notre Dame will be a weak partner with little of its own to offer. Truth claims based upon faith and safeguarded by proper authorities remain integral aspects of the Catholic approach to reason. Catholic thinkers as diverse as Augustine and Thomas Aquinas have recognized the need for intellectual humility in light of sacred scripture, tradition and the magisterium of the Church. The Catholic approach to reason stands in contrast to the hermeneutic of suspicion and skepticism, which seems to be all too characteristic of contemporary academic culture. Such a rationalist approach labors under the burden of an Enlightenment myth in which rational inquiry is thought to exist independent of viewpoint, tradition and community. To say the least, this myth has long been exposed by scientists, philosophers, cultural anthropologists and theologians alike. The rationalist approach is incompatible with Catholic faith. It demands a divorce between faith and reason. Rather than facilitate the divorce, the president enjoys a principal role in setting the conditions for the reconciliation between faith and reason.

The Catholic tradition respects individual conscience, and not every individual who is a member of a Catholic university community needs to embrace Catholic faith. However, all members of a Catholic university community are asked to respect faith and the truth claims that flow from it. On an institutional level, the proper authority must express the University's commitment to the priority of Catholic truth over all other claims. Frankly, the University needs to hire more devout Catholic professors who cherish the Catholic approach to reason and are also top-notch in their respective academic disciplines. I am humbled by the excellent hires that the University has made in this regard. Ex Corde Ecclesiae requires that at least a simple majority of the faculty be practicing Catholics. Jenkins has expressed his commitment to this goal. I doubt that his recent action and statement have advanced the goal. To the contrary, I suspect that the president's Closing Statement will discourage some prospective Catholic hires. I hope that it will not give cause to present colleagues to think about leaving Notre Dame.

Finally, I would like to offer a brief comment as an attorney and canon lawyer. The president states that he is "determined that we not suppress speech on this campus." Although this kind of rhetoric may have a certain populist appeal, I am surprised to read it from the pen of a respected priest-philosopher. Indeed, the Closing Statement

and the accompanying guidelines recognize the need to "suppress" certain types of speech at Notre Dame. From the perspective of constitutional law, the first amendment's free speech guarantee is not absolute. Depending on the type of speech, judicial review of government regulation of that speech recognizes varying levels of scrutiny. Even government regulation of pure political speech, which requires the highest level of judicial suspicion, may be curtailed by time, place and manner restrictions. In the United States, non-governmental institutions such as universities and colleges enjoy the right not only to regulate, but to suppress, speech on their private property. Virtually every major educational institution in the United States does regulate and ban certain types of speech. Regulation of so-called "hate speech" is a good example of the exercise of this right. The canon law of the Catholic Church also recognizes free speech as a qualified and not absolute right. According to Section 3 of Canon 212 of the Code of Canon Law, speech in the Catholic community is to be freely expressed as long as it "respects the integrity of faith and morals, shows due reverence to Pastors and takes into account both the common good and dignity of individuals." In my view, a Catholic University must suppress certain types of speech-albeit only on rare occasions. Pornography, racism, obscenity and war-mongering constitute speech that has no place in any Catholic community. To suppress speech is not only a right; it is an affirmative obligation of the proper authority at the Catholic university. The good of the community depends on such regulation.

Last May, I had the privilege of addressing a large group of alumni meeting here on campus, who posed many questions about the current state and future of Catholicism at Notre Dame. I took this opportunity to express my strong support and admiration for then President-elect Jenkins. On numerous private occasions, I have continued to express this support to concerned persons all over the country. His public statements up until his most recent Closing Statement gave me good reason for expressing this support. In light of his previous statements, I must be honest and confess that I was stunned by the recent Closing Statement. Jenkins may be correct that I am in a distinct minority of faculty members who feel this way. Although none of us are indispensable, I think that the "minority" is a *sine quo non* to the health of this great Catholic university. The Closing Statement notwithstanding, there seems to me to be a splendid opportunity to foster Catholic intellectual life and culture at Notre Dame. Some features of the wider American culture are gravely ill and badly need the medicine of Catholic truth. I continue to believe that Notre Dame can be a big part of the cure and not the problem. A University founded under the patronage of Our Lady ought to be nothing less.

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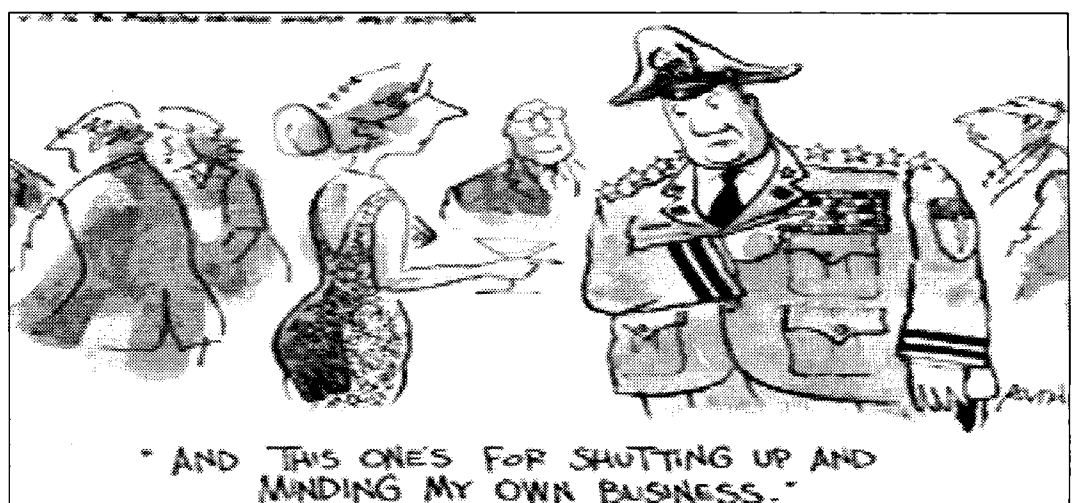
Remembering Leader

Tuesday, Notre Dame buried one of its great teachers, Bob Leader. His "Art Trads" courses were renowned and over-subscribed. Whenever I need to explain Notre Dame to anyone, I use a quote of Bob's from the early seventies, which appeared in Notre Dame Magazine:

"Parents send us their young because they still believe that this is a special place, a place with an intimate chemistry between student and teacher, and between those two and God Almighty. While concerned that their offspring acquire employable skills, these parents trust their children will also be marked by encounters with passionate souls who love learning and beauty for themselves and who live the faith of their fathers."

John Hannan
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CONCERT REVIEWS

Mellencamp delivers legendary hits

By LAURA MILLER
Scene Critic

There is one word that comes to mind when seeing John Mellencamp saunter onstage — legendary. With his moppy silver locks and small town persona, Mellencamp delivered a performance at the Joyce Center that was both satisfying and fun.

The evening began with the up and coming Little Big Town, a band hailed as country's next big thing. While the band has not yet gained the finesse of Mellencamp's long time stage show, it put on a pleasing and cheerful performance. Little Big Town has the talent — it just needs to work out the logistics of lighting, wardrobe and dance moves in order to really become a force on the tour circuit.

Mellencamp and his group obviously had the experience that Little Big Town lacked. The lighting for the performance was fabulous. Pure colors and clean spotlights allowed for a clear visual organization of a jam-packed stage.

Some of the highlights of the show included classics such as "Hurts So Good" and "Jack and Diane." Mellencamp also got the audience moving with his renditions of radio favorites "Pink Houses" and "Authority Song."

Despite the overwhelming quantity of music, the sound was well balanced. The diversity of instruments was astounding. Every percussion instrument ever seen in any grade school across the country was on the stage — maracas, tambourines,

and anything else imaginable. Also included in the entourage were the traditional variety of guitars and drums, as well as a cello, accordion, harmonica, keyboard, fiddle and conga drums. The band was a nice mix of old and new. There were some sounds that were unique from the original recordings and a few younger faces on the stage, but the music remained consistent with the style for which Mellencamp has become famous.

It is no mystery why Mellencamp has been successful for such a long period of time. Not only are his songs timeless, but his stage presence is also phenomenal. He seems to enjoy interacting both with the audience and his band. Confidence still oozes from his 55-year-old pores. Because he looked like he was having a great time, his audience did too. He was not bashful about relinquishing center stage to members of his band, creating a karaoke party atmosphere that was essential to keeping the stage show lively and engaging.

There is, however, a line that all aging performers flirt with. How far is too far? What looks like an old person trying to look young versus just a cool old person? While Mellencamp looks good for his age, it doesn't give him license to act like a 16-year-old. The shirt showed just a bit too much chest, the rolled-up sleeves a little too much arm, and the dance moves — well, some of those haven't been seen since the days of leisure suits. Despite his (sometimes) questionable dancing, Mellencamp's age has served



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John Mellencamp lit up the stage Tuesday night at the Joyce Center. The 55-year-old rocker used audience interaction as a key role in his performance.

him well in developing a meaningful performance. Throughout the evening, he brought up issues such as the living wage, the disappearance of small farming communities and poverty. All of these themes were well connected in his songs, and he was careful to coordinate his movements to the themes he wanted to accentuate.

"Just take a second to dream," Mellencamp told his audience at the end

of his performance. Passing on the sage words of his father — who was in attendance Tuesday night — Mellencamp reminded his audience to make time for fun and not to let life pass by. Obviously, Mellencamp has taken his father's advice to heart. After seeing his show, it's safe to say the audience will be heeding the advice as well.

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Aussie trio makes case as future for jam bands

By BOB COSTA
Scene Critic

Today's college students were too young to have been active members of the grunge scene or bear witness to the rise of Dave Matthews Band in its early years. Sure, some may wear a Blind Melon T-shirt, but it was either their older brother's or mass-produced for sale at the local mall.

To be hip today is to look back for bands of substance like The Clash or Nirvana. Nickelback just isn't cutting it. So, when a new band comes around that shuns commercialism, embraces activism and plays with a live energy that is usually only heard about in questionable tales from Woodstock, the current generation would do well to wake up from their decade-long cultural sleep and take notice.

This past Saturday, one of Australia's top roots rock bands played an epic two-hour concert at the Vic Theatre on Chicago's north side. Although multipatinum stars in the land down under, the John Butler Trio has only recently begun to develop a large grassroots following stateside. The trio, led by dreadlocked guitarist John Butler, has opened for the Dave Matthews Band and played at the Bonnaroo festival. The band's American studio debut, "Sunrise Over Sea," was released in 2004. They also just released a double-CD live album cut from their recent concert in Switzerland entitled "Live at St. Gallen." Both albums have slowly begun to sell well as word of mouth about this (uniquely) unpretentious jam band has built online and around the live concert scene.

Don't be fooled by the jam band label though, since after last Saturday's show at the Vic, it is clear that fans of Jack Johnson or Phish could find a

home in the music of the John Butler Trio. The concert was more about raw emotion in many instrumental forms instead of the normal trippy guitar solos that usually permeate this era's myriad of Dead-lite bands. Butler demonstrated his keen ability to conjure pain and elation during his performance. From the lush string arrangements of "What You Want," which was featured on HBO earlier this spring, to the bouncy reggae-folk rhythms of "Zebra," it became clear by the encore that the John Butler Trio doesn't easily fit into any genre.

For "Peaches and Cream," a bitter-sweet acoustic melody from "Sunrise Over Sea," Butler began the song solo with just his acoustic guitar and one old-school microphone that looked like he borrowed it from Larry King's desk. Butler asked the audience to be silent for the song since he wanted to play it sans amplification. After a few hilarious moments of buzzed hippies yelling "Shhhh!" to their friends, Butler began to slowly strum the quiet tune, which has become a minor hit on public and independent radio. Butler began his career playing on the streets of Fremantle, Australia, and the sing-along of the simple chorus, "All I know is / All I know is / I love you / Yes, I love you," was quite striking since many in the audience did not know the lyrics when he began playing — but by its conclusion, they were singing along like they were in a bar and the Beatles' "Yesterday" came over the jukebox.

Butler's infectious roots vibe and the sincerity of his music made everyone, even one security guard standing by the bar, sing those simple lines with Butler over and over until everyone involved felt like they had reached some sort of musical high. Butler has the undoubtedly rare ability to keep his audience's attention, even if this show



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John Butler, above, and his band, the John Butler Trio, played an emotional concert full of instrumental innovation at Chicago's Vic Theatre Saturday.

was their first encounter with the artist. What makes his playing different is that instead of listening for cued riffs from the hit single, Butler's crowds stare intensely at the unique eleven-string in the rocker's hands as he searches for all sorts of sounds coming from the steel strings and the well-trod pedals at his feet.

The Vic concert's highlight was Butler's solo instrumental, "Ocean." He jammed into crescendo after crescendo, prodding the audience into an eclectic frenzy where some were screaming in elation and others just grooved silently with their significant other. Butler told the audience that he wrote the song ten years ago, and that every time he played it, it changed in its tone and length. This was intriguing, since it's rare to see a jam band

that looks so much into itself for inspiration. Many guitarists like Trey Anastasio stare like excited puppies looking for audience approval when they jam. Butler sits still and carves songs out of his soul. Every pick of his guitar is distinct and he rushes nothing. For the encore, the stellar opening act and fellow Aussie Jeff Lang took the stage to make the John Butler Trio a quartet.

Instead of trying to be cool and hip with a Stones shirt or Chomsky book next to a pile of Weezer albums, go check out the John Butler Trio. Forget Phish. Think the future of jam bands that are unpretentious and innovative. This guy could, just maybe, be the next Marley.

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CD REVIEW

McMahon finds success with solo project

By MEGHAN KELLY and TOPHER MAHONEY
Scene Critics

Meghan: Jack's Mannequin may not be a well known band just yet, but it's on its way. With recent appearances on "Jimmy Kimmel Live," "Last Call with Carson Daly," "One Tree Hill" and even "TRL," Jack's Mannequin has been gaining more and more exposure and an even bigger fan base.

Jack's Mannequin is led by Andrew McMahon, who plays piano and is lead singer of the punk rock band Something Corporate. When Something Corporate decided to take a temporary touring break last year, however, McMahon decided it was an opportunity to release songs he had been writing that had a different sound than that of Something Corporate.

Jack's Mannequin began touring last spring and released the album "Everything in Transit" in August of 2005, but an unexpected turn of events left fans wondering whether the side project would continue. In May 2005, McMahon was diagnosed with Acute Lymphatic Leukemia, a treatable form of cancer frequently found in children. The 23-year-old McMahon immediately stopped touring to receive treatment. Despite the lack of a supporting tour, word about Jack's Mannequin, as well as McMahon's illness, spread rapidly.

Now, with McMahon recovered, Jack's Mannequin is picking up steam, getting even more mainstream attention than Something Corporate. After several shows this spring, they will be going on tour this summer opening for O.A.R. One of Jack's Mannequin's songs will also be on the soundtrack for the upcoming "Superman Returns" film and another, "The Mixed Tape," is on the "One Tree Hill Soundtrack, Volume 2."

"Everything in Transit" isn't getting the attention for no reason. McMahon combined influences such as Tom Petty and the Beach Boys along with his personal experiences to create a solid pop/rock album. With its creative lyrics, catchy hooks and a California feel, "Everything in Transit" is the perfect summer CD.

Like in Something Corporate, McMahon keeps the piano as the main instrument of this album, but uses his lyrical and musical talents to keep the sound fairly diverse. The opening song "Holiday From Real" truly shows McMahon's California lifestyle with its mostly upbeat, beachy sounds, while more somber songs like "Kill the



Andrew McMahon, the lead singer of Something Corporate, released his first solo CD from his band, Jack's Mannequin in August 2005.

Messenger" and "Rescued" maintain an emotional, personal feeling.

Listeners can tell that the album was a very personal experience for McMahon — he addresses issues like getting over a longtime girlfriend and feeling like a stranger in your own town. This album was an outlet for McMahon. This is especially evident in the peppy "I'm Ready." In the song, he briefly pauses and uses dialogue to get his point across, which admittedly takes away from the empowering aspect of the song.

Other songs such as "La La Lie" with its fun harmonica bridge, and "Into the Airwaves," the CD's bonus track, are energetic, rock-based songs that really make the listener want to sing along. One of the most interesting songs on the album is a seven-minute two-part song entitled "We Were Made for Each Other/You Can Breathe Now" that not only ends the album, but also seems to sum it up. The first half of the song is very breezy and has almost a Beach Boys sound, while the second half is a little slower and slightly reminiscent of The Beatles.

Although some listeners may find McMahon's voice whiny or some of the songs too "emo," overall the album is

fun, catchy and creative. It's the kind of CD a person would want to sing to in the shower or play while they're on the way to the beach with friends. McMahon is a talented songwriter and performer who doesn't allow Jack's Mannequin to disappoint. "Everything in Transit" should be everyone's guilty pleasure this summer.

Topher: The current wave of emo is built on sincerity. The appeal of albums like "Pinkerton" by Weezer or "Something to Write Home About" by The Get Up Kids is partly due to their clear articulation of the muddy, complex relationship with the world

around them. This demands a brand of music that is capable of maintaining a connection with the sincerity of the lyrical emotion, despite the potential rift between the words and the musical tone

that accompanies them.

It's clear that Andrew McMahon, lead singer of Something Corporate, understands this concept based on his album "Everything in Transit," the first installment from McMahon's solo project Jack's Mannequin. Based on his own experiences living in Venice

Everything in Transit



Artist: Jack's Mannequin
Record label: Maverick
Release date: Aug. 23, 2005
Recommended tracks: "Holiday From Real," "La La Lie," "I'm Ready" and "The Mixed Tape"

Beach, McMahon's first-person narratives have a pop-sheen that disguises the oft-moody lyrics.

The first song on the album, "Holiday from Real," is a sunny piano tune underlined by the depressing thought, "She thinks I'm much too thin / She asks me if I'm sick / What's a girl to do / With friends like this." In the same song, McMahon injects the cool happiness that comes from living in Southern California with the lyrics "Oh-oh, California in the summer / Ah-ah, and my hair is growing long." But the lighthearted simplicity is destabilized when he sings "We'd waste our weeks beneath the sun / We'd lie and tell our friends / It's so much fun out here." The lyrics point to a complicated relationship with the place he's from, a tone grounded in equal parts reverence and regret.

The fifth song, "La La Lie," complicates the chorus with the chanted line, "La la la lie." In undercutting the song's words, the line creates a conversation the song has with itself — pointing neither to the certainty of having good friends nor the realization that it's a lie. Instead, the song creates a feeling of hesitation born of a lack of trust that McMahon apparently has in himself.

Other parts of the album appeal on different levels. The second song, "The Mixed Tape," shows McMahon's sharp sense of lyrical ability, employing rhythm and assonance to lines to give them thrust beyond that of their straight message — "As I'm swimming through the stereo / I'm writing you a symphony of sound / I swear to God this mix could sink the sun." "Miss Delaney" has its own Beach Boys' Brian Wilson moment at the bridge, when McMahon's voice is recorded over itself several times in a semi-orchestrated manner.

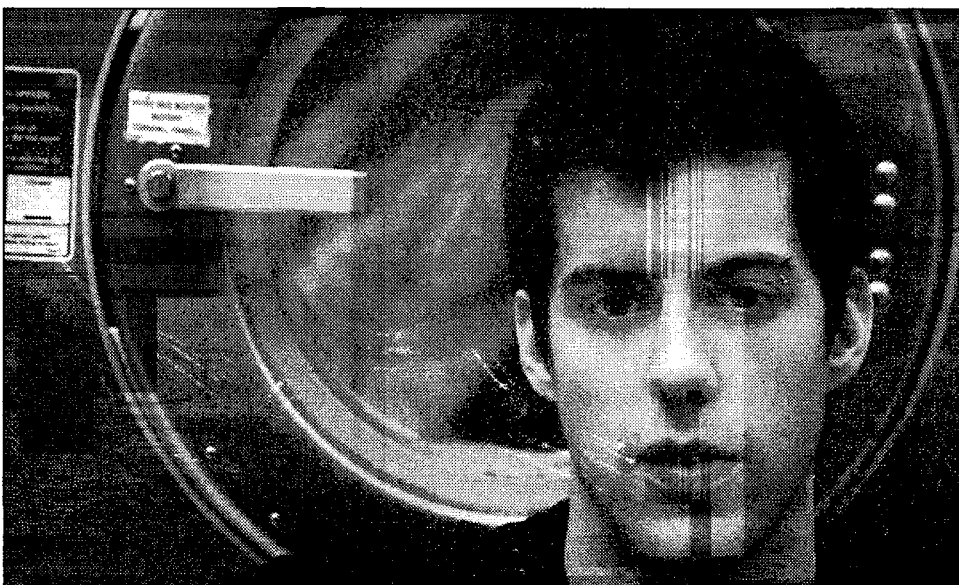
This doesn't mean that "Everything in Transit" has no less-than-great moments. "MFEO" goes on far too long, clocking in at over eight minutes. While the song might have been revolutionary 10 years ago, the long tracks "Jesus of Suburbia" and "Homecoming" off of Green Day's "American Idiot" and even Something Corporate's own "Konstantine" are much better examples of extended rock songs. Since extended songs like these are so rare, anything short of fantastic tends to be disappointing.

Besides these minor bumps in the road, McMahon is right on track with "Everything in Transit."

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Before the release of his solo debut, Andrew McMahon, left center, was a prominent figure in the band Something Corporate, which took a hiatus in 2005.



In 2005, Andrew McMahon, above, was forced to delay the promotion of his album, "Everything in Transit," when he was diagnosed with Leukemia.

NBA

Spurs down Suns, set franchise record for wins

O'Neal scores 24 as Pacers beat Magic to end season at .500, earn No. 6 seed and matchup with New Jersey Nets

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Setting the franchise record for wins in a regular season was never a goal of the San Antonio Spurs.

They fought hard for it anyway against the Houston Rockets on Wednesday night.

Brent Barry scored 19 points and Michael Finley added 17 in the Spurs' 89-87 victory. San Antonio finished the regular season 63-19, topping the 1994-95 team, which finished 62-20.

"We're concentrating on the playoffs and our goal is to win the championship," said Barry, who went 7-for-12 from the field. "But certainly 63 wins means something and says something about how we played all season long."

Manu Ginobili had 11 points and six assists for the Spurs, who played without Tim Duncan and Tony Parker. The two stars watched the game from the bench in street clothes, resting for the playoffs.

Ginobili is relieved the postseason has finally arrived.

"Our season is starting in a couple of days," Ginobili said. "The last 10 games, you just wanted the regular season to finish and get ready for the excitement. The atmosphere changes in one second."

The Rockets, meanwhile, wrapped up their third losing season since 1984. They won only 15 games at the Toyota Center, matching the NBA's worst home record and are headed to the draft lottery for the fifth time in seven seasons.

"It was nothing that other teams did to us," point guard Rafer Alston said. "It was a lot of what we did to ourselves."

Indiana 89, Orlando 83

Underachievers for much of the season, the Indiana Pacers look dangerous heading into the playoffs.

The Pacers beat the Orlando Magic on Wednesday night for their fifth win in six games. Indiana (41-41) will open the postseason Sunday afternoon at Atlantic Division champion New Jersey.

Jermaine O'Neal had 24 points, 13 rebounds and six blocks to help the Pacers claim the No. 6 seed in the Eastern Conference. As recently as a week ago, it looked as if Indiana might miss the playoffs. The Pacers barely avoided their first losing season since 1997.

"I just think it really took for us to hit rock bottom to really realize we weren't going to give ourselves an opportunity to excel and be fair to this franchise and

this city," O'Neal said.

The strong finish has the Pacers thinking big.

"I still believe this team has a lot of potential, and if we play to our capabilities we can be fine," forward Peja Stojakovic said.

O'Neal has been back from a torn left groin for a month after missing 24 games. He has averaged 25 points, 11 rebounds and three blocks in the Pacers' last five games.

"I'm going to try to continue to build, and continue to be effective," he said.

Cleveland 100, Atlanta 99

This milestone was almost meaningless for the Cavaliers. To them, victory No. 50 doesn't have the significance of Game No. 83.

Cleveland, once an NBA wasteland, is back in the playoffs.

With LeBron James resting up for his postseason debut, Cleveland concluded its regular season with a victory Wednesday night over the Hawks, giving the Cavaliers 50 wins for just the fourth time in franchise history.

"We had fun tonight," forward Donyell Marshall said. "We wanted to get to 50, and we had fun. This is our last chance to have fun. Now, it gets serious. It's the second season. It's time to go to work again."

With the win, the Cavs improved to 50-32 — the first time they've hit the 50-win plateau since 1992-93. Also, Cleveland's Mike Brown became the first rookie coach to win 50 games since Rick Carlisle did it for Detroit in 2001-02.

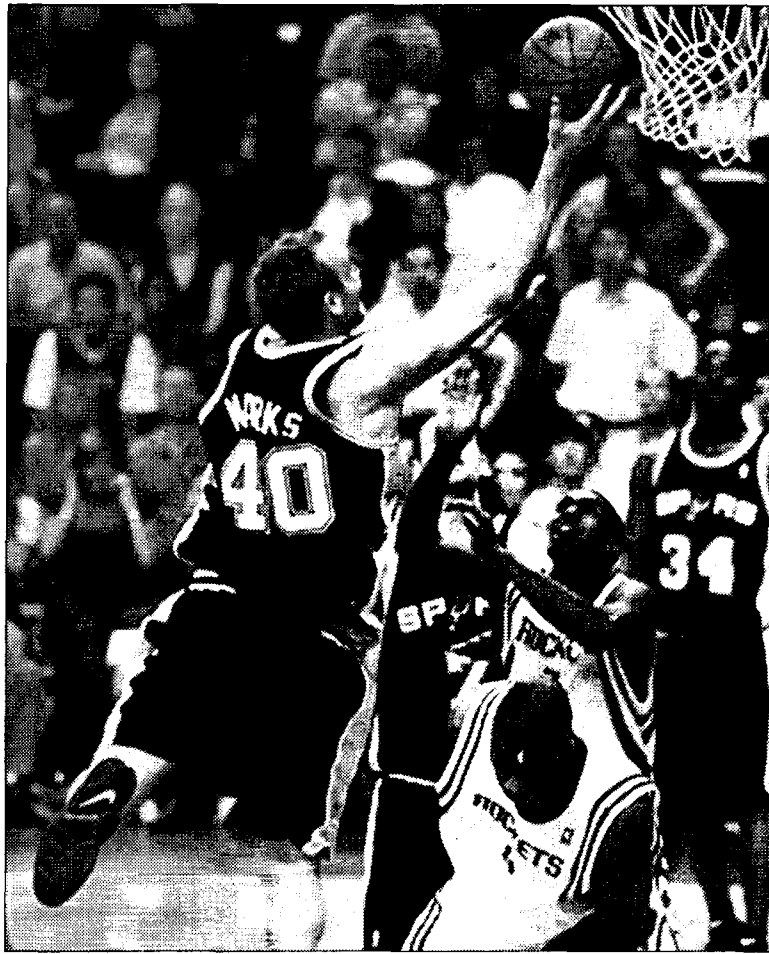
But those record-book notations didn't overshadow something much more important: The Cavaliers will face the Washington Wizards in Game 1 on Saturday.

"We had our ups and down this year," Marshall said. "We had our share of injuries and tough times, but to come out with 50 wins in tremendous."

New York 90, New Jersey 83

With little fanfare and nothing to say about either his future or his stomach problem, Larry Brown returned to coaching on Wednesday night.

Brown, who missed the previous three games with a stomach ailment, let Herb Williams do much of the work in the season finale at the Continental Airlines Arena. The Knicks avoided their first 60-loss season with a win over the Atlantic Division cham-



San Antonio forward Sean Marks, left, drives to the hoop over Rockets forward Stromile Swift (4) and guard Luther Head, rear, Wednesday night in Houston. The Spurs won 89-87.



Cleveland guard Ira Newble, middle, squeezes between Hawks' forward Josh Smith and teammate Anderson Varejao during the Cavaliers' 100-99 win Wednesday night in Cleveland.

pion New Jersey Nets.

"He was giving his input whenever needed, and telling me certain things to do," Williams said. "But for the most part he let me run the show."

Brown did not speak with the media either before or after the game. He was escorted out of the arena by security personnel and members of the Knicks' public relations staff.

Williams said team doctors advised the 65-year-old Brown not to stand too much during the game because of his problem with acid reflux.

"He seemed OK to me, but he was sitting down for the most part," Williams said.

Chicago 127, Toronto 106

Ben Gordon scored 24 points and the Chicago Bulls closed the regular season by beating the Toronto Raptors on Wednesday night to grab the No. 7 seed in the playoffs.

The Bulls will face Miami in a first-round series that opens Saturday after winning 12 of their final 14 games to finish 41-

41.

Gordon hit 11 of 17 shots and added seven assists and six rebounds. Kirk Hinrich finished with 17 points, 10 assists and seven rebounds for Chicago, which finished on a season-high six-game win streak. Luol Deng scored 21 points and Andres Nocioni added 14 points and 11 rebounds.

The 127 points were a season high for the Bulls.

Morris Peterson and Charlie Villanueva each scored 29 for the Raptors (27-55), who ended the season on a 1-12 skid with All-Star forward Chris Bosh nursing a thumb injury. Villanueva had 10 rebounds.

Chicago began the night tied with Indiana, a game behind fifth-place Washington and a half-game ahead of idle Milwaukee. Washington beat Detroit by 16 and Indiana earned the sixth seed with a six-point victory over Orlando, leaving the Bulls with a first-round matchup against the Heat. A loss would have dropped Chicago to the eighth spot.

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Major League Baseball

American League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Boston	11-4	.733	7-10	-
Baltimore	9-7	.563	7-3	2.5
New York	7-7	.500	6-4	3.5
Toronto	7-7	.500	5-5	3.5
Tampa Bay	7-8	.467	5-5	4

American League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Chicago	10-5	.667	9-1	-
Cleveland	9-6	.600	5-5	1
Detroit	7-7	.500	3-7	2.5
Minnesota	6-7	.462	5-5	3
Kansas City	2-12	.143	0-10	7.5

American League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Anaheim	7-7	.500	5-5	-
Oakland	7-7	.500	5-5	-
Texas	6-8	.429	5-5	1
Seattle	6-9	.400	3-7	1.5

National League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
New York	10-4	.714	7-3	-
Atlanta	8-8	.500	5-5	3
Philadelphia	6-8	.429	6-4	4
Washington	5-10	.333	3-7	5.5
Florida	4-10	.286	3-7	6

National League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Houston	10-4	.714	7-3	-
Chicago	8-5	.615	6-4	1.5
Cincinnati	9-6	.600	5-5	1.5
St. Louis	9-6	.600	6-4	1.5
Milwaukee	7-7	.500	3-7	3
Pittsburgh	5-12	.294	4-6	6.5

National League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
San Francisco	8-5	.615	6-4	-
Colorado	8-7	.533	5-5	1
Los Angeles	7-8	.467	5-5	2
San Diego	6-8	.429	5-5	2.5
Arizona	6-8	.429	4-6	2.5

NCAA Baseball

Big East Conference

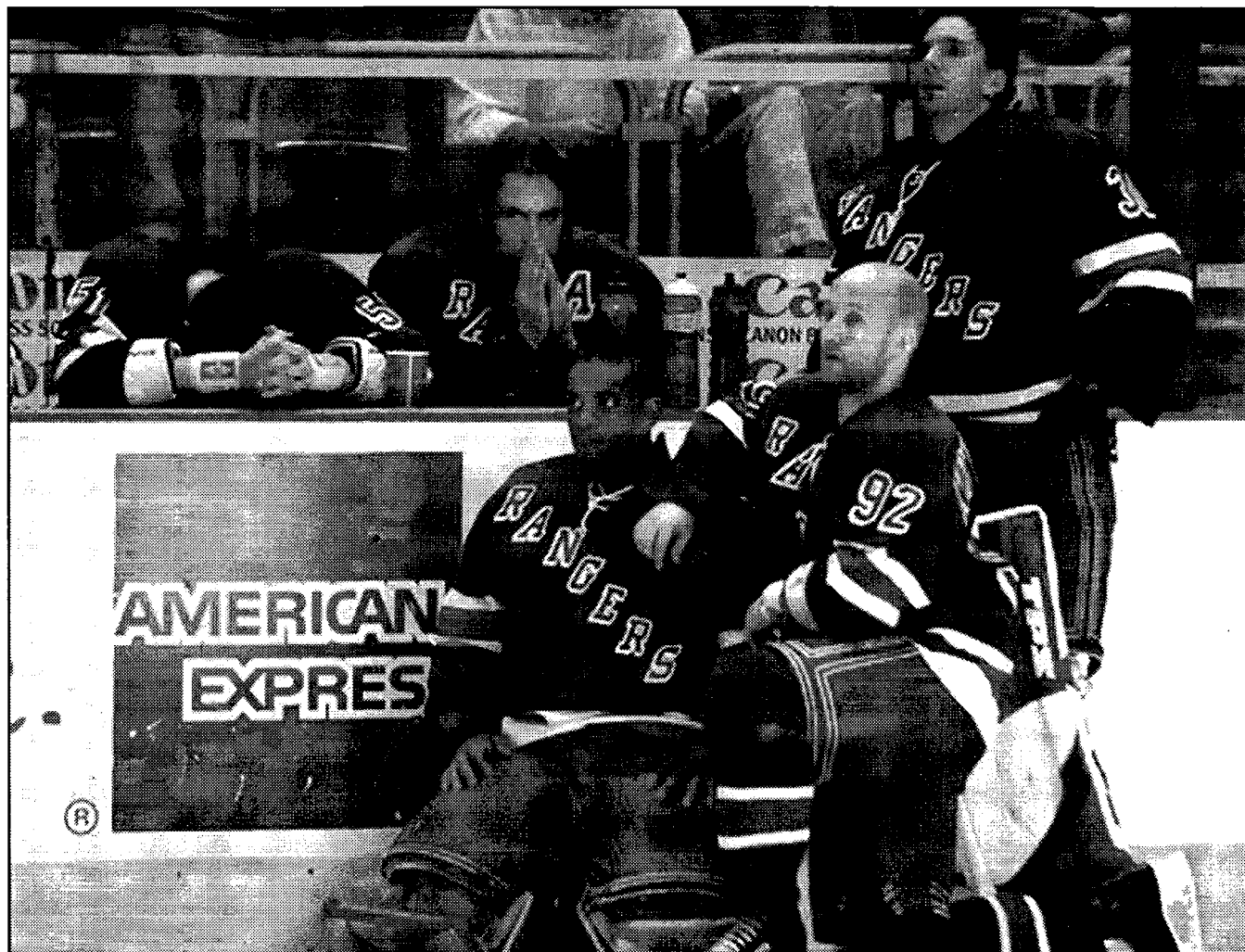
team	conf.	overall	streak
NOTRE DAME	11-1	28-8	W18
Connecticut	11-3	24-12	L2
St. John's	8-4	24-11	W2
Rutgers	7-5	16-15	W2
Louisville	7-5	16-20	W1
South Florida	7-8	18-20	W1
West Virginia	5-7	25-12	L8
Cincinnati	5-7	20-15	L3
Georgetown	5-7	17-20	L1
Villanova	3-8	17-17	W3
Pittsburgh	4-11	14-20	W1
Seton Hall	4-11	11-23	L4

NCAA Women's Softball

Big East Conference

team	conf.	pct.	overall
USF	8-0	1.000	38-19
NOTRE DAME	9-1	.900	26-13
Syracuse	11-3	.786	27-16
Louisville	5-3	.625	26-7
Pittsburgh	8-6	.571	27-20
Providence	6-6	.500	23-11-1
DePaul	5-5	.500	20-14
Seton Hall	5-9	.357	25-21
St. John's	5-9	.357	22-20
Connecticut	4-8	.333	16-21
Rutgers	4-10	.286	11-29
Villanova	2-12	.143	11-28

NHL



New York Rangers from left, Fedot Tyutin, Jason Strudwick, Kevin Weekes, Michael Nylander and Henrik Lundqvist, of Sweden, look on during a post-game ceremony after losing 5-1 to the Ottawa Senators Tuesday.

New York falls to third in Atlantic

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Michael Nylander sat slumped at his stall and stared ahead with a blank look on his face.

The gaze was one of disappointment and shock. And who could blame the New York forward.

He and the Rangers had just dropped their fifth straight game and fell from the No. 3 seed in the Eastern Conference all the way to sixth in a matter of moments. The Atlantic Division title slipped through their hands at the finish line.

"We had the division on

the line for many games now and we didn't come through," Nylander said. "It's starting from zero again now here. The next game is a new season."

He meant the playoffs but he could've been talking about the crazy finish that was about to occur.

The real surprise was that it wasn't the Philadelphia Flyers who stole the crown from the Rangers, but instead the hard-charging New Jersey Devils.

For most of the season, the Rangers sat in first place and they still held the lofty spot Tuesday night when they hit the ice

for the finale. All they had to do to wrap up their first division title in 12 years was beat Ottawa.

Even when it seemed as though they would fall short, the Rangers still were in good shape to finish first because the Devils and Flyers also were losing. The one-point lead they carried into the night had a chance to stand up.

Ottawa stretched its lead to 4-1 early in the third period about the time the Flyers tied and went ahead of the Islanders. Philadelphia was aware that the division was there for the taking.

During the second inter-

mission, Flyers coach Ken Hitchcock walked into the dressing room and wrote the out-of-town scores on the board — Senators 2, Rangers 1; Canadiens 2, Devils 0.

There was nothing else to say.

"We knew what was at stake," Philadelphia forward R.J. Umberger said. "It was the most fired up we've been before a period all season."

The shocking turn of events in the season's final hours moved the Rangers down three spots, launched the Devils up two places, and raised the Flyers up a seed.

IN BRIEF

Vijay Singh looks to end slump at Houston Open

HUMBLE, Texas — Vijay Singh is winless in 17 starts on the PGA Tour, his longest victory drought in four years.

He can snap out of it this week at the event where he ended his last long dry spell, the Shell Houston Open.

"I've got good feelings over here," Singh said. "I've had great success in Houston."

Singh won the 2000 Masters, then went 50 starts without a victory before setting the tournament scoring record at the TPC at the Woodlands in 2002.

The tournament moved to Redstone Golf Club in 2003. Singh finished ninth that year, then regained his Texas touch, winning in 2004 and last year, beating John Daly in a playoff.

The event is once again at Redstone, but it has shifted across the street to The Tournament

Course, a 7,422-yard, Rees Jones-designed layout that was completed in August 2005.

"They keep changing the golf course on me," Singh said.

Webb to play in Florida's Natural Championship

STOCKBRIDGE, Ga. — Welcome back, Karrie Webb.

On Wednesday, the Aussie was actually summoned to the interview room BEFORE a tournament, which goes with the territory when you're coming off a major championship but hasn't been a regular part of her routine the past few years.

And get this: the media-shy Webb didn't even seem to mind sitting down with reporters.

"I still don't like how much time it takes up," she said. "But I will handle things a lot better if I'm able to put myself in the spotlight again."

Heading into the Florida's Natural Charity Championship at

Eagles Landing Country Club south of Atlanta, Webb is again a player to be reckoned with on the LPGA Tour.

Silver appointed deputy commissioner of NBA

NEW YORK — NBA Entertainment president Adam Silver was appointed Wednesday to the role of deputy commissioner, replacing Russ Granik as the league's No. 2 man behind David Stern.

Silver was elected unanimously during the league's two-day board of governors meetings.

Silver will retain his responsibilities with NBA Entertainment, which he has run for more than eight years, while adding those of Granik. Granik announced in October he would step down following this season, his 30th with the league and 22nd in his current role.

Stern also announced another appointment effective July 1: Joel Litvin as president of league and basketball operations.

around the dial

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NHL

Cheechoo nabs Richard Trophy for most goals

San Jose winger nets 56 in third NHL year

Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Jonathan Cheechoo got off the golf course Monday night to find 13 new messages on his cell phone's voice mail.

"Either something really bad happened, or something really good happened," he said to himself.

It was all good: While the San Jose Sharks' third-year forward was around the 17th hole moments earlier, he had won the Richard Trophy as the NHL's top goal-scorer. Friends, family and teammates were calling to offer congratulations.

"I never really imagined it, but it's amazing," Cheechoo said after practice Tuesday. "A lot of guys who I have a lot of respect for when I was growing up have got their names on that trophy. It's still sinking in."

Cheechoo scored 56 goals, the most in the league in five years, and his partnership with center Joe Thornton turned both players into two of the NHL's most dangerous forwards just in time for the playoffs. The fifth-seeded Sharks open Friday night in Nashville.

Everything has happened quickly for Cheechoo since Thornton arrived in a trade with Boston on Nov. 30. The deal transformed the Sharks —

and it transformed Cheechoo from a solid third-line forward who scored 28 goals as a second-year pro in 2004 into an elite wing with his name on some serious NHL hardware.

"That's one of the most unbelievable stories — Cheech scoring 56 goals," said Sharks coach Ron Wilson, who paired Cheechoo with Thornton on a hunch that he might be able to emulate Glen Murray, frequently Thornton's favorite target with the Bruins.

"I still can't believe it. ... Here's a guy who had to develop into a 50-goal scorer (in the minors). The other guys on that list just appeared, and you waited for them to ripen on the tree. It's Brett Hull all over again."

Wilson isn't the first to compare Cheechoo to Hull, another wing with a booming shot and suspect skating abilities who spent time in the minors. Hull developed into the 20th-leading scorer in NHL history, while Cheechoo seems to be on his way to bigger things as well.

And like Hull, Cheechoo has his quirks.

"The big secret — once the whole league gets on to this, goals are going to go up around the league — moose meat!" Wilson cracked.

Cheechoo, a member of the Moose Cree First Nation, indeed said fried moose was his favorite food while growing up in Moose Factory, Ontario, near Hudson Bay. He still seeks it out

during road trips, but moose is hard to find in San Jose's Mexican cantinas and steakhouses.

The puck isn't hard to find — not with Thornton passing to him. Thornton, the NHL scoring champion with 125 points, assisted on 38 of Cheechoo's 49 goals in their 58 games together.

"It's just been real easy for us to play together," Thornton said. "I don't try to analyze it too much. He's a really talented guy, but he's still really down-to-earth."

Cheechoo might be the NHL's top goal-scorer, but he still lives in a one-bedroom apartment too small to hold all the friends and family who traveled to California from their new home in Sudbury, Ontario, for the final three-goal barrage of his remarkable season.

His parents, brother and grandparents were in the stands last Saturday when he got his fifth hat trick of the season against Anaheim. Cheechoo plans to give his Richard Trophy to his father, Mervin, who will probably sit it on the television he uses to watch all of the Sharks' games.

Earlier in the season, the 25-year-old Cheechoo signed a five-year, \$15 million contract extension that begins in July. Thornton, who's just 26, has two years remaining on the lucrative deal he signed with Boston last summer.



San Jose Sharks wing Jonathan Cheechoo (14) scores a goal against Dallas Stars goalie Marty Turco April 9 in San Jose.

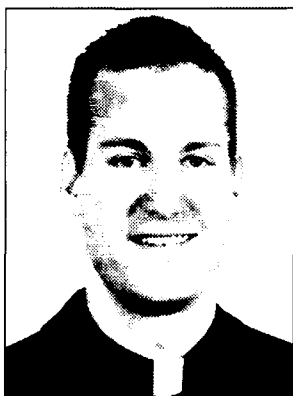


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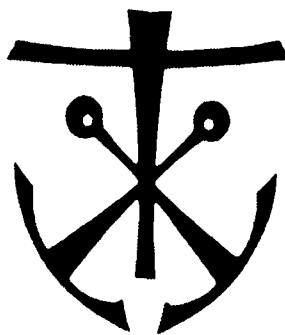
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MLB

Baltimore shuffles outfield

Orioles puts Matos on DL, send Majewski to Ottawa, sign Terrero

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — The Baltimore Orioles shuffled outfielders Wednesday, optioning Val Majewski to Triple-A Ottawa, placing outfielder Luis Matos on the 15-day disabled list and purchasing the contract of outfielder Luis Terrero from the Lynx.

"We didn't want Val sitting on the bench," manager Sam Perlozzo said, adding that Majewski's recall following an injury to David Newhan was merely "a quick fix."

Majewski was recalled Tuesday, but didn't play in the Orioles' 15-1 loss to Cleveland. Newhan broke his right leg sliding awkwardly into second base Monday and was placed

on the 15-day disabled list. The Orioles transferred him to the 60-day disabled list before Wednesday's game.

Matos has been battling a sore right shoulder, which he hurt sliding into second base on opening day. He was placed on the disabled list Wednesday after being re-examined by team doctors, and the Orioles purchased the contract of catcher Raul Chavez from Double-A Bowie to replace him on the roster.

With Newhan and Matos sidelined, Terrero's speed and versatility could prove beneficial.

"He's an outfielder who can play all three positions and he's a right-handed hitter for

us," Perlozzo said. "He can run a little bit, throw a little bit and ... and he gives us a little dimension out there until Luis can throw for us."

Terrero, signed as a free agent April 6 after being released by the Arizona Diamondbacks, was hitting .412 (7-for-17) in six games with Ottawa. He batted .239 with eight homers and 34 RBIs in 155 games over three seasons with Arizona.

He is eager to make a positive

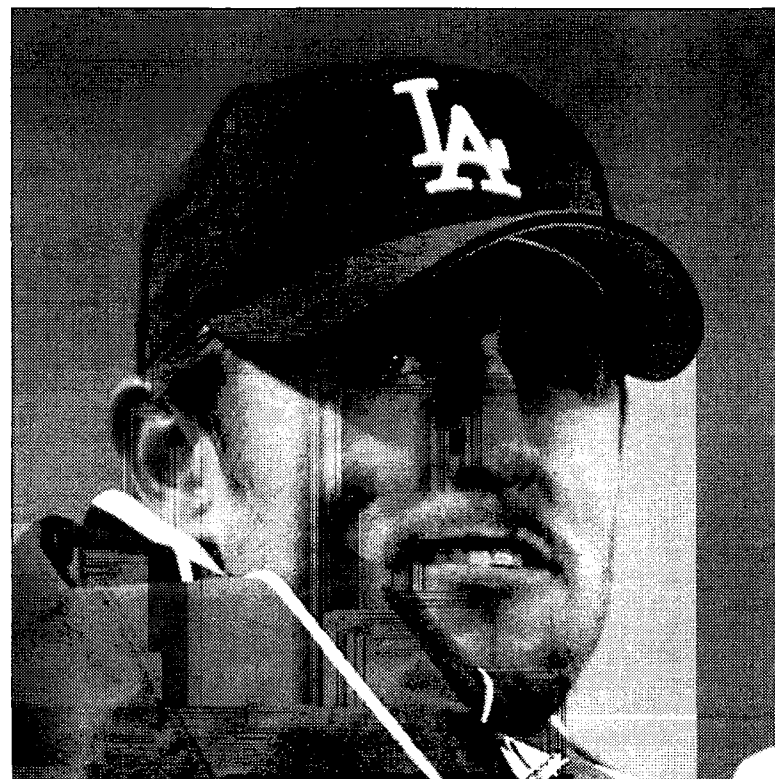
first impression on his new club.

"I'm just ready to play and do anything," he said. "I play hard. If they need me to play defense, I'll go play defense. I'll help where I can."

"[Luis Terrero is] an outfielder who can play all three positions and he's a right-handed hitter for us."

Sam Perlozzo
Orioles manager

GarciaParra to begin two-day Minors stint



Los Angeles Dodger Nomar Garciaparra looks on prior to the start of the Dodgers' 2-1 win over the Chicago Cubs Tuesday. Garciaparra will rehab Thursday and Friday with Triple-A Las Vegas.

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Nomar Garciaparra's long-awaited debut with the Los Angeles Dodgers may come as soon as Saturday.

The team sent the converted first baseman on a two-day minor league rehab assignment with Triple-A Las Vegas on Wednesday night. The plan is to let Garciaparra play about six innings Thursday night and get at least three at-bats, then play for a longer stretch on Friday. Having already managed Garciaparra in Boston for two seasons, Dodgers manager Grady Little has developed a better read for when the two-time AL batting champion is right, and when he isn't.

"He hasn't felt any pain whatsoever, and that's why we're turning him loose," Little said. "If everything goes well, he'll be here in Saturday. If he's physically able to do this, we're ready for him. It's very important to have one of the guys we're banking on being in our regular lineup being back in there."

Garciaparra, who turns 33 in July, strained the ribcage muscle in his right side on April 2 at Anaheim while swinging at a pitch in the Dodgers' final exhibition game. The five-time All-Star spent 15 weeks on the DL last season with an injured left groin after signing a one-year

contract with the Chicago Cubs. He finished with nine home runs, 30 RBIs and a .283 average.

"I'm excited. I've had three days of batting practice and felt really good, so this is definitely the next step," Garciaparra said before making the trip to Fresno to join the Las Vegas team.

"We're doing it to see how it reacts in a game situation. You obviously can't simulate it, so it's better to go out there and see how it feels before you get activated — because if it's not ready to go at this level, it doesn't do anybody any good and it hurts the team more than it helps."

This was the seventh time the 11-year veteran has been on the disabled list, and this was the first time he began a season on the DL. So in a sense, Saturday will be opening day for him.

"I'm looking forward to going out there, putting the uniform on and playing. So I'm sure I'll have all those feelings that you have on opening day — anxiety, nervousness, everything," he said.

Garciaparra also acknowledged that he still wasn't 100 percent physically, but that was only because of residual soreness.

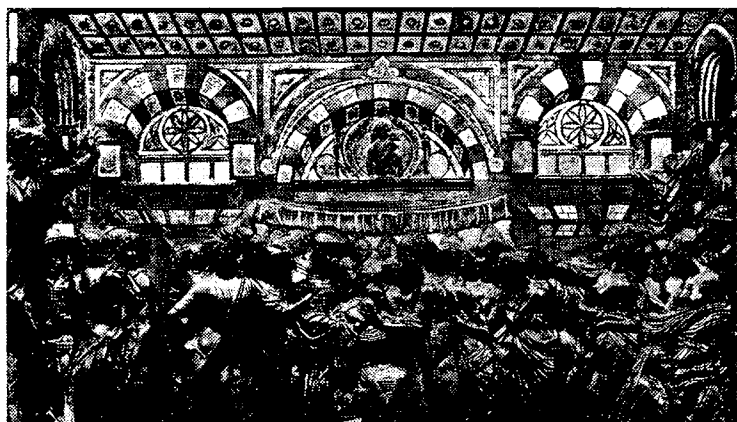
"I think the last time I was 100 percent might have been when I was 5, but I'm feeling pretty good," Garciaparra said.

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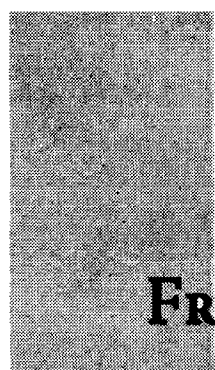
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NBA

Iverson and Webber apologize for tardiness

Sixers stars showed up late, did not play in Tuesday's contest

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Allen Iverson and Chris Webber apologized Wednesday for their actions a night earlier, when they didn't arrive at the arena until just before tip-off and then didn't sit on the bench during Philadelphia's victory over New Jersey.

The players were on the bench in the first quarter for the 76ers' game at Charlotte, although Iverson returned to the locker room in the second quarter. Coach Maurice Cheeks blamed Tuesday's episode on a lack of communication.

"I definitely wasn't trying to disrespect Mo in any way, or the fans, as everybody is talking about," Iverson said. "I've been here for 10 years, and to deliberately try to disrespect the fans, I would never try to do that in any way. I'm upset it came across that way."

Team officials also said they should have informed the media and fans the two stars would not play on Fan Appreciation Night in Philadelphia.

Iverson, who has been battling an ankle injury, said he told the team trainer on Monday that he wouldn't play against the Nets. Webber, who has a sore back, said he knew moments after the 76ers were eliminated from playoff contention Sunday that he would sit out.

"It was hurting to play," Webber said. "So when our goal was terminated in making the playoffs, I knew then I wasn't going to play."

"I think this is just a big misunderstanding. We didn't try to shun the fans or whatever is being reported. When you're not necessarily loved by the media, the fans are all you have."

But reporters weren't told

that before the game the players wouldn't play, and Cheeks seemed to indicate the players would play when he addressed the media before the game.

Iverson, Philadelphia's leading scorer at 33 points per game, and Webber, second with 20.2 points a contest, said they talked with Cheeks about the incident.

"We had a conversation and they were very apologetic," Cheeks said. "They were sorry that this all has taken place, as I am."

Iverson said he hasn't spoken with team president Billy King, who was irate a day earlier. King, who arrived just before the game, would not comment at halftime.

"I've said enough," he said.

Players are required to arrive 90 minutes before the game when they are playing, although some players who are injured will arrive closer to tipoff.

"I honestly thought as long as I got there before the ball went up, everything would be cool," Iverson said. "I've been doing it that way my whole career and it never was a problem, even when coach [Larry] Brown was here."

Cheeks, who was upset at the players' tardy arrival Tuesday, was more diplomatic before Wednesday's game.

"This was a delicate situation," Cheeks said. "My communication with Chris and Allen should have been better. I take responsibility, I'm the coach."

As for sitting on the bench, some injured players do, but Iverson said he doesn't like to.

"I don't like to sit on the bench and be heckled by one or two fans, I just don't like to do it," said Iverson, who watched the Tuesday's game with Webber from the locker room. "I've had that experience and didn't like it. I'm human just everybody else."

Both players arrived within 90 minutes of game time Wednesday in Charlotte, and spoke to reporters separately.

NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Indiana hires Legette-Jack

Former Hofstra coach third to lead Hoosiers in past three seasons

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Felisha Legette-Jack spoke with emotion, passion and humor Wednesday. Less than an hour later, she was eager to get started as Indiana's new women's basketball coach.

The former Syracuse star who spent the last four years as Hofstra's coach finally got the break she feared might never come — taking over a Big Ten program in the heart of basketball country.

With Hoosiers players, her husband, David, and dozens of boosters in attendance, Legette-Jack showed everyone the excitement she will bring to the bench.

"You dream that this is where I want to go," she said. "Then God gives you the opportunity to be the head coach of what will be a women's basketball mecca in the future. Let me tell you, Indiana rocks!"

She had an overall 54-63 record at Hofstra after taking over a team that had not won a Colonial Athletic Association tournament game in four years. The Pride finished 19-12 this past season and made their first postseason appearance ever with a WNIT bid.

Legette-Jack's first task in Bloomington will be stabilizing a program where she'll be the third coach in three seasons.

The job opened April 7 when Sharon Versyp resigned after



Felisha Legette-Jack speaks to the media after being named head coach of the Indiana women's basketball team Wednesday.

one season to accept the head coaching job at rival Purdue. The Hoosiers were 19-14 last season and made the WNIT. Kathi Bennett resigned last year after five seasons in Bloomington.

Legette-Jack, 39, signed a five-year contract that pays her at least \$200,000 a year. Her base salary is \$175,000 and she will receive an additional \$25,000 a year for promotional work, athletic director Rick Greenspan said. The deal also includes incentives based on the Hoosiers' success. Greenspan and other administrators acknowledged they were looking for someone who would stick around.

"To build a program, you've got to have longevity," said Stephen Ferguson, president of IU's Board of Trustees. "Her

first test will be with the recruiting class coming in and convincing the people who selected Indiana that this is still where they want to come."

Legette-Jack wasted little time in telling everyone her philosophy: Using a mix of zone matchup and pressure defense, scoring in the 80s and winning consistently.

Players, who met with her for about 30 minutes before the news conference, liked what they heard.

"She's very energetic, very passionate about what she does and she seems like a great person," guard Leah Enterline said.

Greenspan said he interviewed many candidates and spoke with dozens of references before choosing Legette-Jack.

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NCAA LACROSSE

Police search Duke dorms

Nifong hoping to link third man to crime

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Police searched the dorm rooms of two Duke University lacrosse players after the two were arrested on charges of raping and kidnapping an exotic dancer during an off-campus team party.

District Attorney Mike Nifong said Tuesday he also hoped to link a third man to the alleged attack soon, but he said that person had not been "identified with certainty."

"It is important that we not only bring the assailants to justice, but also that we lift the cloud of suspicion from those team members who were not involved in the assault," Nifong said in a statement.

The accuser, a 27-year-old student at a nearby college, told police she was attacked by three white men at a house where she and another woman were hired to dance at a party of lacrosse team members the night of March 13.

Two team members — Reade Seligmann, a sophomore from Essex Fells, N.J., and Collin Finnerty, a sophomore from Garden City, N.Y. — were arrested early Tuesday. Each posted \$400,000 bond and was released within hours.

Their lawyers assailed the district attorney for bringing the charges after DNA tests had failed to connect any of the team members to the alleged rape.

Seligmann is "absolutely innocent," said attorney Kirk

Osborn. Finnerty's attorney, Bill Cotter, said, "We're confident that these young men will be found to be innocent."

Nifong has declined to say what led to the charges or discuss evidence in the case. The dorm rooms were searched Tuesday night for about two hours, according to resident assistant Taggart White.

Defense attorneys have said they have time-stamped photos from the party, bank records, cell phone calls and a taxi driver's statement to support Seligmann's claim of innocence. Robert Ekstrand, who represents dozens of players on the team, said neither Seligmann nor Finnerty was at the party "at the relevant time." The indictment represents "a horrible circumstance and a product of a rush to judgment," he said.

Defense attorneys have also alleged that the accuser was intoxicated and injured when she showed up for the party.

A cousin of the accuser who has been acting as a spokeswoman for her family disputed that allegations in an interview on ABC's "Good Morning America" Wednesday. She identified herself only by her first name, Jackie, to protect the woman's identity.

"Before she went to the party she was not intoxicated, she was not drinking," Jackie said. "There's a great possibility that when she went to the party, she was given a drink and it was drugged."

The case has raised racial tensions and heightened the long-standing town-vs.-gown antagonism between Duke students and middle-class, racially

mixed Durham. The accuser is black, and all but one of the 47 lacrosse team members are white.

Duke would not comment specifically on any disciplinary action taken against Seligmann and Finnerty, but said it is university practice to suspend students charged with a felony.

"Many lives have been touched by this case," Duke President Richard Brodhead said in a statement. "It has brought pain and suffering to all involved, and it deeply challenges our ability to balance judgment with compassion."

Since the scandal broke, the university has canceled the team's season, its coach resigned and Duke officials said they were investigating the behavior of the nationally ranked team, some of whose members have been found guilty of public intoxication and public urination.

Neither Seligmann and Finnerty was among the team members arrested in recent years for such offenses as underage drinking and public urination.

Finnerty, however, was charged in Washington, D.C., with assault after a man told police in November that Finnerty and two friends punched him and called him "gay and other derogatory names." Finnerty agreed to community service.

Both Seligmann and Finnerty are products of wealthy New York City suburbs and all-male Roman Catholic prep schools. Finnerty attended Long Island's Chaminade High School, where 99 percent of the students go on to college.

TENNIS

Federer, Nadal win in straight sets to advance

Guillermo Coria also enters third round at Monte Carlo Masters

Associated Press

MONTE CARLO, Monaco — Top-ranked Roger Federer and defending champion Rafael Nadal cruised into the third round of the Monte Carlo Masters with straight set wins Wednesday.

Guillermo Coria, runner-up the last three years, had to save four match points to beat Paul-Henri Mathieu 1-6, 7-6 (6), 6-4.

Federer humbled Alberto Martin of Spain 6-0, 6-1 in 46 minutes, while Nadal beat Jean-Rene Lisnard of Monaco 6-4, 6-1 to extend his yearlong winning streak on clay to 38 matches.

Federer, who has never reached the semifinals at Monte Carlo, is preparing for next month's French Open — the only Grand Slam event he hasn't won.

"I've had some fast games, but that one has to be in the top three," Federer said. "I warmed up several times, waiting to go on court. Once I started, I found myself 6-0 up in 20 minutes. It was incredible."

"I couldn't have played any better ... almost."

It was the first time in 102 career clay-court matches that Federer lost only one game, but it was shy of his quickest victory, set against Denis Golovanov of Russia in 37 minutes on carpet in Moscow, in 2002.

He next meets local wild card Benjamin Balleret, ranked 351st, who advanced when 13th-seeded Sebastien Grosjean of France retired in their third set because of back pain.

Nadal broke Lisnard five times to remain unbeaten on clay since his last loss in April last year at Valencia.

Other seeded players to advance were: No. 3 David Nalbandian of Argentina, No. 4 Ivan Ljubicic of Croatia, No. 7 Gaston Gaudio of Argentina, No. 9 Nicolas Kiefer of Germany, No. 11 Juan Carlos Ferrero and No. 15 Tommy Robredo, both of Spain.

Coria rallied from 6-1, 5-1 down and squandered six match points before topping Mathieu.

"It was an incredible match," said Coria, who double-faulted 20 times. "I knew I had to do something as I didn't want to go out with a 6-1, 6-1 defeat. I didn't want to leave a bad image of myself."

Mathieu felt he had "no right to lose the match."


"At this level, it is unforgivable," Mathieu said. "He was serving so badly, I knew he would give me free points. But he must have thought he was going to lose and just relaxed. I was trying so hard that I tensed up."

Nalbandian beat Andreas Seppi of Italy 7-5, 7-5 to line up a match with Robredo, and Ljubicic defeated Florent Serra of France 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.

Ferrero, a two-time winner at Monte Carlo and a former French Open champion, beat Juan Ignacio Chela of Argentina 6-1, 6-2.

Gaudio, the 2004 French Open champ, won 6-3, 3-6, 6-4 over countryman Jose Acasuso.

Alessio di Mauro of Italy ousted 10th-seeded Radek Stepanek of the Czech Republic 6-2, 2-6, 7-6 (4). Robredo beat Olivier Rochus of Belgium 7-5, 6-4. Kiefer defeated Michael Llodra of France 7-6 (4), 6-4 and faces Coria next.



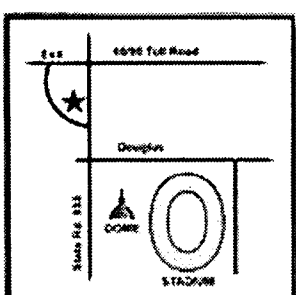
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Amateurs look to win big at pro tournaments

Associated Press

MASHANTUCKET, Conn. — With an ace-high straight, George Austin was sitting pretty, a poker rookie with the best hand at a table full of veterans in a \$1.3 million tournament.

One hour into a four-day event, a made-for-TV story line was developing: Retired electrician stuns the pros and winds up playing for big money.

But instead of betting aggressively with an unbeatable hand, the 61-year-old Massachusetts man pretended to be weak in hopes of tricking his opponent into placing a fatally big bet.

It was an amateur move. It gave his opponent a free card, a card that immediately sent Austin home.

Moments later, Austin was in an empty hallway, rubbing his forehead and staring at his polished black shoes as the Foxwoods Poker Classic continued without him.

"I wasn't even thinking about a flush," Austin said again and again.

Austin is one of thousands of hopefuls each year who learn that the transition from home games, weekend events and Internet sites to high-stakes tournament poker is harder than it looks on television.

Buoyed by stories of amateurs who win millions, tournament registration has soared in recent years. The World Series of Poker, which attracted fewer than 200 players with a \$755,000 top prize a decade ago, drew 5,600 entries last year and the payday was \$7.5 million.

But while tournaments across the country get richer and more crowded, the final tables where fortunes are won aren't getting any bigger. That means more people than ever are entering with high hopes — and leaving with nothing.

Perhaps the most famous newbie-turned-millionaire story is Chris Moneymaker, a 27-year-old accountant who learned to play online, bought into the 2003 World Series for \$40 and walked away as its \$2.5 million champion.

"This means anyone in their home can become a poker player," tournament spokesman Nolan Dalla declared.

Not so fast, experts say. True, poker is a game of chance, but it also requires an ability to read people and calculate odds. Those skills are easy to fake in home games, but the gap between good players and great players widens over a lengthy tournament.

"It's like a lottery, and we get more tickets," said Erik Seidel, a tournament pro and World Series of Poker champion who has been playing high-stakes games for two decades.

Bill Thompson, a professor with the Center for Gaming Research at UNLV, compares it to college basketball. If the NCAA expanded its tournament from 64 teams to 128, he asked, would it really give dozens of new teams a chance to win?

Internet qualifying tournaments and inexpensive satellite events make the path affordable for those, such as Austin, who beat a crowded field for a seat at the main event.

NBA

Bogut plays through pain

Milwaukee Bucks rookie center suffers from chronic migraines

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Andrew Bogut starts to feel dizzy, and his vision gets blurry.

If the Milwaukee Bucks' rookie center doesn't recognize the onset of a migraine headache and take his medication right away, it quickly gets worse.

"It's terrible," Bogut said. "It's just like someone's hitting a hammer inside your head."

The chronic headaches also affected Bogut in college, sometimes leaving him bedridden for the day.

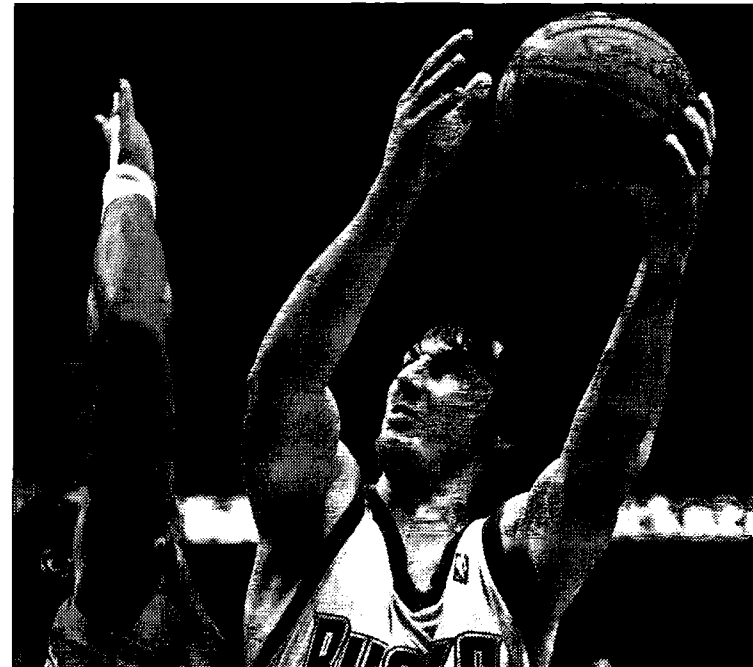
His last episode came March 24 in Los Angeles, and he didn't have his medication with him. Bogut had 10 points and five rebounds against the Lakers anyway.

It's that kind of understated toughness from Bogut that has helped the Bucks pull off a modest turnaround this season, Milwaukee general manager Larry Harris says.

"I talk about his basketball knowledge and his competitiveness all the time," Harris said. "A lot of guys don't know how mentally tough he is."

There hasn't been a lot of national buzz this season about Bogut, a consensus player of the year in college at Utah and the No. 1 pick in last year's draft.

He has scored more than 20 points only twice, and his biggest areas of contribution to date — defense and rebounding on a team that isn't known for either — don't get him on television highlight



Milwaukee Bucks center Andrew Bogut takes a shot against the Detroit Pistons Wednesday.

shows.

But Bogut would rather be known as a winner than a scorer, something he senses isn't the case with some other NBA players.

"It's human nature," Bogut said. "Some guys want to be the best, and that's how they show it. Me? I think being the best means winning games."

Bogut does have one stat in his favor: Only three other No. 1 picks since 1985 — Tim Duncan, Chris Weber and David Robinson — have taken their team to the playoffs as rookies.

Any deeper meaning there?

"I think I was just lucky to get drafted by a decent organization," Bogut said.

But Bucks coach Terry Stotts says Bogut has contributed a lot to the Bucks' improvement, from a 30-52 record last season to 40-42.

"What he's accomplished this year is kind of what Andrew's about: He's about winning, and doing what he needs to do for the team to be successful," Stotts said.

Bogut doesn't score a lot, but the Bucks haven't asked him to. He attempted 10 or more shots in only 19 games this season.

MLB

Record seven pitchers from Venezuela start

Associated Press

Carlos Zambrano didn't know he was part of a historic night for his native Venezuela until after he pitched.

That did nothing to dampen the effect the news had on him.

Zambrano was one of seven Venezuelan pitchers that started in the major leagues Tuesday, setting a record for the baseball-crazed South American country where the achievement was heralded as a sign of its growing presence in the game.

"That's amazing," Zambrano said after allowing one run and four hits in six innings of the Chicago Cubs' 2-1 loss in Los Angeles.

"That proves that Venezuela has a lot of players good enough to be in the major leagues," he said. "I'm very proud for my country, for all those people who are playing in the major leagues from Venezuela."

Tony Armas Jr. and Gustavo Chacin got the ball for Washington and Toronto, respectively. Mets right-hander Victor Zambrano struggled in a loss to the Braves. The Angels-Twins game featured two Venezuelan pitchers: Minnesota right-hander Carlos Silva and

Los Angeles right-hander Kelvin Escobar.

Felix Hernandez of Seattle also started Tuesday.

"It's good," said Armas, who allowed seven hits and three runs in six innings of the Nationals' 10-3 win at Philadelphia. "I hope it keeps on growing."

The seven pitchers got a lot of attention in Venezuela, where the country's sports daily Meridiano said it showed the growth of the country's baseball talent. "Lucky seven," the paper said. "The seven wonders of the world."

Victor Zambrano said he had heard about the excitement in Venezuela.

"For the country, that was something very special," he said.

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NBA

Wednesday games finalize playoff matchups

Associated Press

Kobe Bryant and the Lakers are playing to dodge the Spurs. The Wizards want a win for the first crack at LeBron.

Los Angeles and Washington are the teams in most control of their playoff futures as the NBA's regular season heads into its final night Wednesday. Also to be determined: the postseason destinations of Chicago, Indiana, Milwaukee and Sacramento.

The Lakers host the New Orleans Hornets, who had their own postseason hopes before a poor finish. If Los Angeles wins, it would open against No. 2 seed Phoenix, forcing the Kings to face defending champion San Antonio in the opening round.

If the Lakers lose, they finish with the same record as the Kings, who would own the tiebreaker and take the No. 7 seed. Bryant claims to not care which team the Lakers play — but he averaged 42.5 points this season against the Suns.

"Not really. We just have to prepare," he said. "Whoever we play, it's going to be tough because it's two great teams. We just have to make sure we do our homework and go out there and try to execute."

Against San Antonio, which has defensive ace Bruce Bowen, Bryant averaged 30 points but shot only 38 percent.

Washington (41-40) has a one-game lead over Indiana and Chicago for fifth place in the East. If the Wizards beat Detroit — which figures to use mostly reserves — they would lock up fifth and open against fourth-seeded Cleveland.

"When we ended our season last year, it was in the fifth spot," Wizards star Gilbert Arenas said, "so we're in fifth spot until somebody takes it from us. And the only people that can take it from us is the Detroit Pistons."

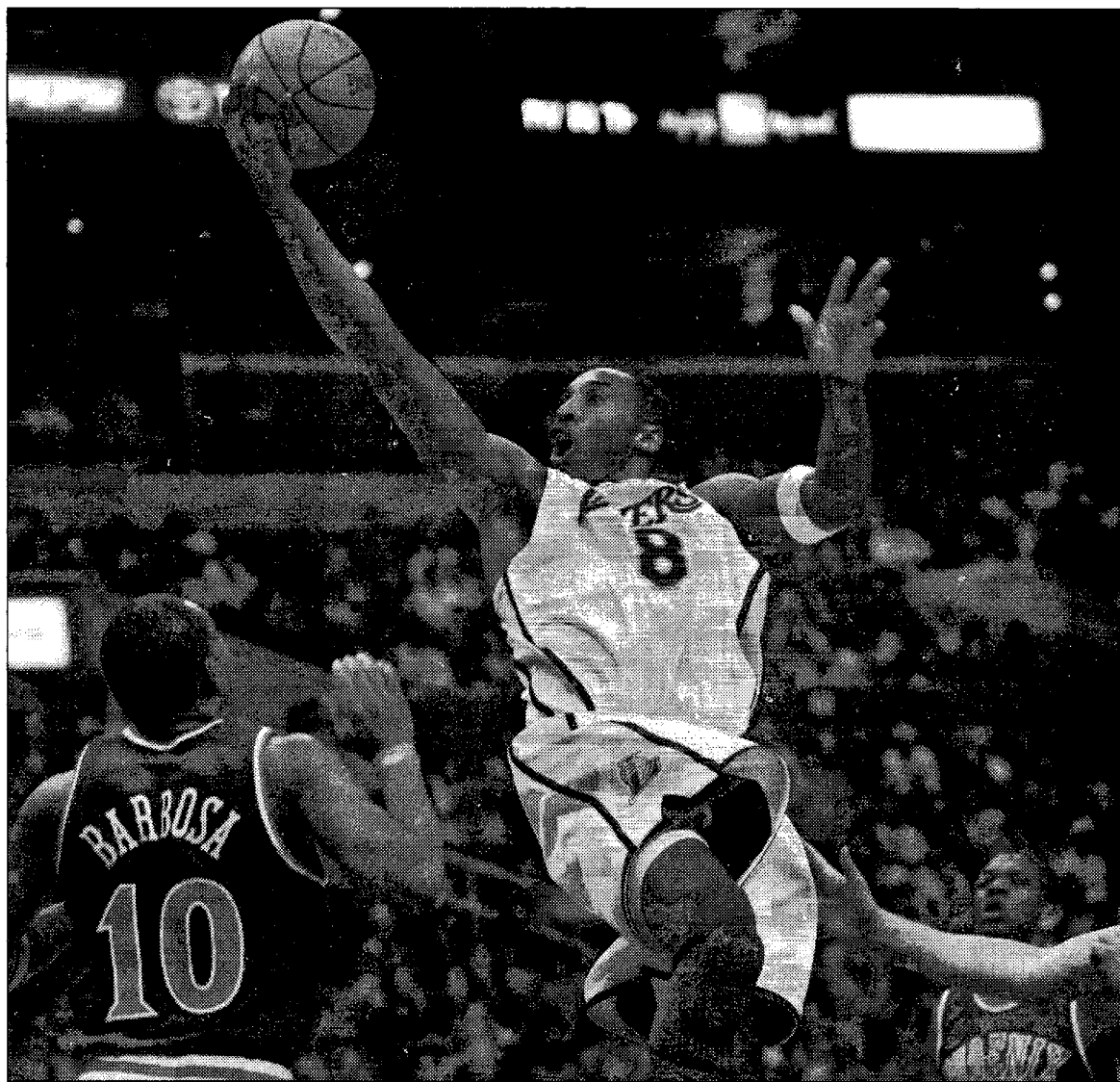
The Wizards can also finish fifth if the Bulls lose at home to Toronto. The Pacers host Orlando.

If Chicago and Indiana lose Wednesday, the East will have three sub-.500 teams in the postseason.

The fifth-place team avoids having to play a division champion in the first round. Detroit won the Central Division and is the No. 1 seed, while Southeast champ Miami is second and New Jersey is No. 3 after winning the Atlantic.

Washington's victory over Milwaukee on Tuesday night means the Bucks will need help to avoid finishing eighth and facing the NBA-best Pistons in the first round.

The Central Division is sending all five of its teams to the postseason, the first time that has happened since the Midwest Division did it in 1985-86.



Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant drives to the basket against the Phoenix Suns Tuesday. NBA playoff match-ups were set Wednesday, the last day of the regular season.

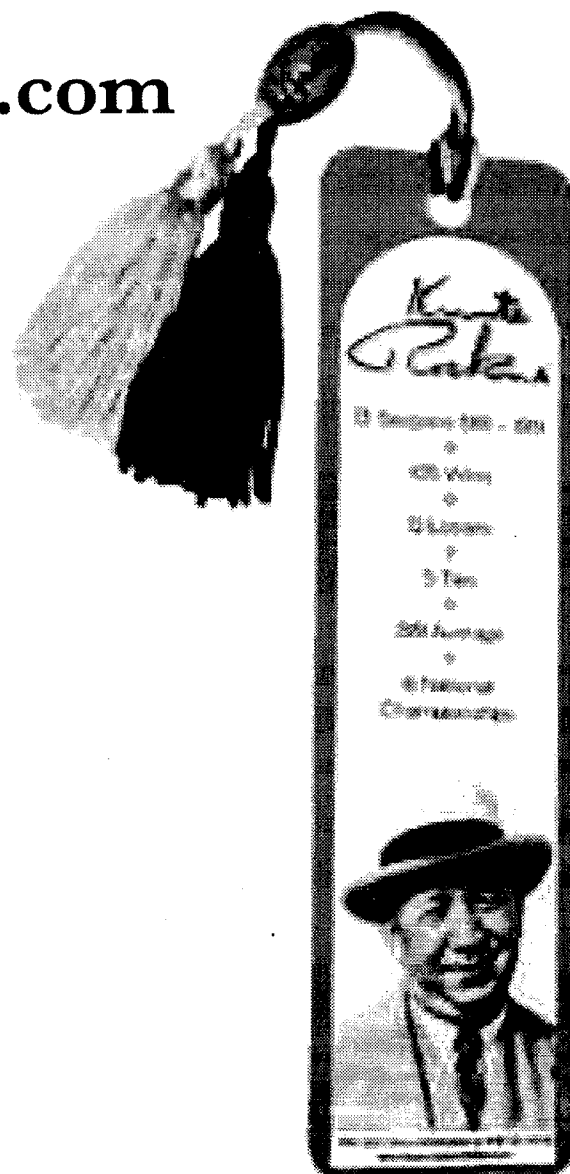
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MLB — NL

Capuano leads Brewers in road win over Astros

Carpenter and Isringhausen combine to throw a two-hitter and Edmonds homers as Cardinals trump Pirates 4-0

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Andy Pettitte is becoming this year's version of Roger Clemens: When he pitches, the Houston Astros don't get too many runs.

Pettitte lost to the Brewers for the first time since 1996 despite allowing only two runs in Milwaukee's 7-2 victory over the Astros on Wednesday night.

"We went through this all last year," Pettitte said. "The offense is what it is. I feel like I should throw a shutout every time out. If I give up two runs and we score one, then I didn't do my job."

Coming off a 5-1 loss at Arizona, Pettitte (1-3) struck out eight and walked one in seven innings, allowing seven hits. Houston has scored 12 runs in his four starts — seven came in his lone victory, against Washington on April 9.

Pettitte gave up a go-ahead double to Damian Miller in the seventh.

"No matter what we're doing offensively, I should pitch better," Pettitte said. "I knew Chris was going to throw a good game tonight. He has great stuff. I kind of made some mistakes tonight. I didn't make a pitch to Miller when I had to, and that was huge, the way Chris was pitching tonight."

Pettitte had won six straight starts against Milwaukee since a 7-5 loss for the New York Yankees on July 19, 1996. He dropped to 7-3 against the Brewers despite lowering his season ERA from 6.35 to 5.25.

Chris Capuano (2-2) allowed two runs and five hits in 7 2-3 innings with eight strikeouts and two walks to help Milwaukee stop a three-game losing streak. He had been 0-2 in three career appearances at Minute Maid Park coming in.

"He was as sharp as he could be," Milwaukee manager Ned Yost said. "He was just great. He was so sharp through the seventh inning that I hated to take him out."

Houston's Morgan Ensberg

homered in his fifth straight game, tying a team record, and raised his season total to seven.

With the score 1-all and two outs in the seventh, Rickie Weeks and Jeff Cirillo singled, and Miller followed with a double down the right-field line.

"After my first two at bats, I had to make a little adjustment," Miller said. "He was throwing me nasty cutters and I just came out and laid off of it. I got to 2-0 and tried to go the other way and play my game. He made a mistake with a fastball up, but I'll take it."

Bill Hall, Weeks and Cirillo had RBI singles against Russ Springer in a three-run eighth that made it 5-1.

"I'm happy with the way we're swinging our bats," Yost said. "This was not a must-win tonight. The Astros proved last year that April and May are not important. We had two tough losses here, and we didn't want to compound it with another loss."

Ensberg's homer chased Capuano in the eighth, and Prince Fielder hit an RBI double off Mike Gallo in the ninth and scored on J.J. Hardy's single.

"It felt good to have a low-scoring game, a clean game played with good defense," Capuano said. "Our offense carried over from last night."

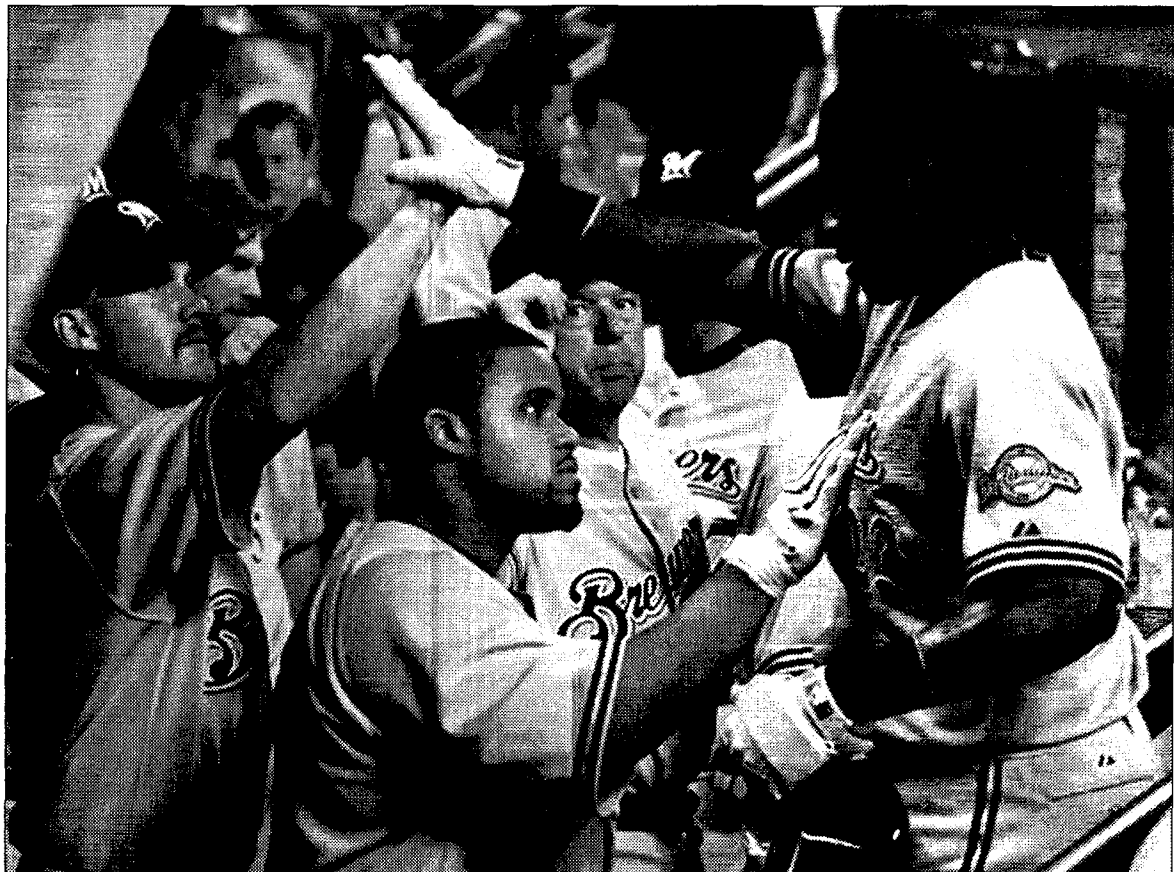
Weeks hit an RBI groundout in the second. Pettitte settled down to retire 15 of the next 18 hitters, fanning six, until Weeks singled in the seventh.

Milwaukee finished its trip 3-6. The Brewers are 5-0 in Milwaukee.

St. Louis 4, Pittsburgh 0

Chris Carpenter always arrives at the ballpark thinking he is going to pitch an exceptional game. Maybe that's why he does exactly that so often.

Carpenter limited the Pirates to two hits over eight innings in his third consecutive strong start, and Jim Edmonds and David Eckstein homered in the St. Louis Cardinals' victory over the Pittsburgh Pirates on



Brewers' second baseman Ricky Weeks, right, is congratulated by his teammates after scoring on a seventh inning double by Damian Miller in Milwaukee's 7-2 victory over the Astros Wednesday.

Wednesday.

The right-handed Carpenter has been near perfect on the road the last two seasons, going 14-1 in 18 starts, and he was again in beating the Pirates for the sixth time in seven career decisions. Repeatedly getting ahead in the count, he didn't allow a runner after hitting Chris Duffy with a pitch to start the first until rookie Ronny Paulino singled with one out in the sixth for his third career hit.

Paulino was fooled earlier in the at-bat, bailing out on a first-pitch breaking ball that broke over the plate. But he worked the count to 2-2 before lining a single into short left field.

"I know I got a little careless. I threw him a lot of breaking balls in a row," said Carpenter, who was aware he had a no-hit bid going. "That's why it's so hard to do it."

The Pirates, 11-32 against the Cardinals in PNC Park, didn't threaten until Freddy Sanchez singled and Jason Bay walked starting the seventh. But Carpenter got Jeromy Burnitz and Craig Wilson to fly out and Mike Edwards to strike out.

"That was vintage Carpenter," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "He had first and second, the middle of the lineup, and he gets out of it. That's what he does. He's got three different fastballs, a curve, a changeup, five or six things he throws a guy. He gives different looks to different hitters. He's quite a handful."

As he expects to be. "I really believe that if you concentrate, and locate your pitches down in the strike zone, you're going to be successful," Carpenter said. "I don't go into any game wondering how I'm going to feel and if I'm going to do well — and I have control of that, as long as I execute my pitches down in the strike zone."

Burnitz said the problem with facing Carpenter is he rarely makes a mistake.

"When you pitch with the success he's had, he's executing every pitch he's got," Burnitz

said. "That's how you achieve the level he has."

Carpenter (2-1) struck out six and walked one to lower his ERA to 1.67, and he has allowed only one earned run and 10 hits over 22 innings in his last three starts. He was coming off a 1-0 loss to the Reds' Aaron Harang on Friday.

"He doesn't give you anything twice," Sanchez said. "It's a guessing game with him and, today, I was always guessing wrong."

Philadelphia 7, Washington 6

David Bell and Bobby Abreu turned boos into cheers with the long ball.

No surprise. The Phillies thrive on going deep.

A couple of walks and a single to a cap a rally? That peculiar run could be just what Philadelphia needs to get its season going.

Ryan Howard's RBI single in the 10th inning completed a comeback and led the Philadelphia Phillies to a win over the Washington Nationals on Wednesday night.

"That was a great win. It wasn't easy," said Bell, who hit one of three Philly homers. "Just to get a win in that situation was big."

Abreu opened the 10th with a walk off Mike Stanton (0-2) and moved to second on Chase Utley's one-out walk. Howard then ripped a single to right to give the Phillies only their second home win in eight games.

Ryan Franklin (1-1) worked a scoreless 10th for his first win in Philadelphia. It was the Phillies first win this season when trailing after seven innings (1-7).

"There's a reason you're supposed to play well at home," Bell said. "If you can do that, you'll be in good shape."

Bell had been booed all season by the home crowd after a poor season and his .225 average, but they erupted when his homer cleared the right-field wall. Abreu misplayed a couple of balls the previous night and earned mock cheers each time he caught the ball. The real ones

came after his homer in the eighth started the rally.

"I just go out there and do my job," Abreu said of the boos. "I'm just trying to help my team win."

shot in the fourth to give the Phillies a 3-2 lead.

Atlanta 2, New York 1

The big question in the NL East early this season is whether Atlanta still has enough pitching to hold off the New York Mets.

Winners of 14 straight division titles, the Braves delivered an emphatic answer this week.

Tim Hudson took a one-hit shutout into the ninth inning before finishing with a three-hit gem, and Atlanta got another big homer from Andruw Jones in a victory Wednesday over the Mets.

"You don't look at the lineups and decide who wins the game," Hudson said. "Today was a lot of fun for me personally, especially the way I started the year."

Hudson outpitched Tom Glavine in a matchup of All-Stars in peak form. The right-hander retired his first 15 batters before Ramon Castro's leadoff single in the sixth and held on with some help from his defense.

It was the second stellar outing in a row for the Braves, who also got a three-hitter from 22-year-old Kyle Davies in a 7-1 win Tuesday night.

"It's good to see our starting pitchers go out and perform the way they did the past two days," Jones said. "I'm really proud of the way they've been pitching."

Mets third baseman David Wright made three errors and hit a game-ending groundout with a runner on after Chris Woodward's RBI single.

Jones hit his fifth homer in four games for the Braves, who took two of three in the first series this season between the NL East rivals. The Mets fell to 10-4 — they won their opening four series for the first time in franchise history.

"We'll probably be going back-and-forth all season with these guys," New York manager Willie Randolph said.



St. Louis first baseman Albert Pujols connects on a first inning pitch from Pirates' starter Victor Santos on Wednesday in Pittsburgh. The Cardinals won 4-0.

MLB — AL

Twins beat Angels on Cuddyer's home run

Javier Vazquez throws a no-hitter for 6 1/3 innings as Chicago downs the reeling Royals, who lost their 10th straight game

Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — With their starting pitchers struggling, the Minnesota Twins have so far shown an aversion to early leads. But they've made rallying just as much of a habit.

Pinch-hitter Michael Cuddyer hit a two-run homer against former teammate J.C. Romero in the 10th inning, lifting the Twins to a 12-10 victory over the Los Angeles Angels on Wednesday night.

Minnesota has trailed in all seven wins, including a ninth-inning comeback Saturday against New York Yankees closer Mariano Rivera and this surge past the stingy Angels bullpen after 9-4 and 10-8 deficits.

"A win is a win in our book, and we don't care how we do it," said Cuddyer, who hit an 0-1 changeup over the wall in right-center field and sprinted around the bases to meet the happy mob at home plate.

Romero (1-1) struck out Shannon Stewart to start the inning, but he walked Luis Castillo — who stole second base without a throw and moved to third on Joe Mauer's groundout before Cuddyer's big hit.

"We kept playing," manager Ron Gardenhire said. "That's what this game's all about."

Dominant at times with the Twins, Romero's control problems and personality clashes with Gardenhire ultimately led to his trade to Los Angeles last December.

He recently ticked off his old team by saying the Angels' bullpen was the best group he had ever been a part of, but he claimed this week those comments were taken the wrong way.

"I want to make a statement: This is not about J.C. and the Twins, or whatever," Romero said. "Anytime you lose, it's not a pleasant situation."

Joe Nathan (1-0) picked up the win with a scoreless 10th. He and some of his fellow relievers spoke with Romero about the remark, and Nathan said there were no hard feel-

ings.

"I think J.C. is in a better spot mentally, so I think it was more along the lines of that than him trying to stir up anything with us," Nathan said.

Chicago 4, Kansas City 0

Javier Vazquez watched the ball roll down the third-base line, his bid for a no-hitter riding on where it ended up. Third baseman Joe Crede had no play, either. He was too far back.

As they both looked on helplessly Wednesday, Doug Mientkiewicz's slow roller off a checked swing didn't stray into foul territory. Instead, the ball seemed to have a mind of its own and stayed fair. And after 6 1-3 innings, Vazquez's chance to pitch a no-hitter was over.

"I mean, what can you do?" Vazquez said. "It kind of stinks that was the first hit. ... That's part of the game."

Vazquez, Crede and the White Sox did get a victory. Vazquez pitched into the ninth, allowing just two hits, and Chicago beat Kansas City, the reeling Royals' 10th straight defeat.

"I was positioned way off the line and back with Mientkiewicz up there," Crede said. "I tried to dig a ditch to get the ball to go foul, but it didn't work. It's just something where any time you see a ball like that or a bunt down the line, you know it's going to stay fair because there's kind of a lip on the line right there."

The Royals, who had a 19-game losing streak late last season, managed one run and 11 hits in the three-game series against Chicago. Kansas City's 2-12 start is its second-slowest behind 1992, when the Royals lost 16 of their first 17, and Royals starting pitchers are 0-9 this season.

Mientkiewicz said the pitch was running in on him.

"A hit is a hit," he said. "It was a slider, and I'm definitely not going to apologize for a base hit."

After the hit, Vazquez got an ovation from the crowd of 26,327.

He got an even louder one in the ninth after he gave up a

leadoff single to Esteban German and was replaced by Neal Cotts, who immediately gave up another single, to pinch-hitter John Buck. Bobby Jenks got two outs for his sixth save, sealing Chicago's ninth win in 10 games.

Detroit 11, Oakland 4

Kenny Rogers never counts on having success in the Coliseum. It just always seems to happen that way — even on days he doesn't feel at his best.

Rogers won in Oakland again and Placido Polanco got his 1,000th career hit and drove in three runs, leading the Detroit Tigers past the Athletics on Wednesday night.

Craig Monroe and Brandon Inge also had three RBIs each for the Tigers, who pounded out a season-high 15 hits to win for only the third time in 10 games after starting the season 5-0.

Rogers (3-1) shut down the A's as usual to move within seven wins of his 200th career victory. One of his few mistakes came on a 2-1 pitch to start the second that Frank Thomas sent high into the left-field steps for his 452nd career home run.

"I'm motivated to come here and pitch well," Rogers said. "I wasn't as good as the other day. ... But I pitched well enough to keep them off balance."

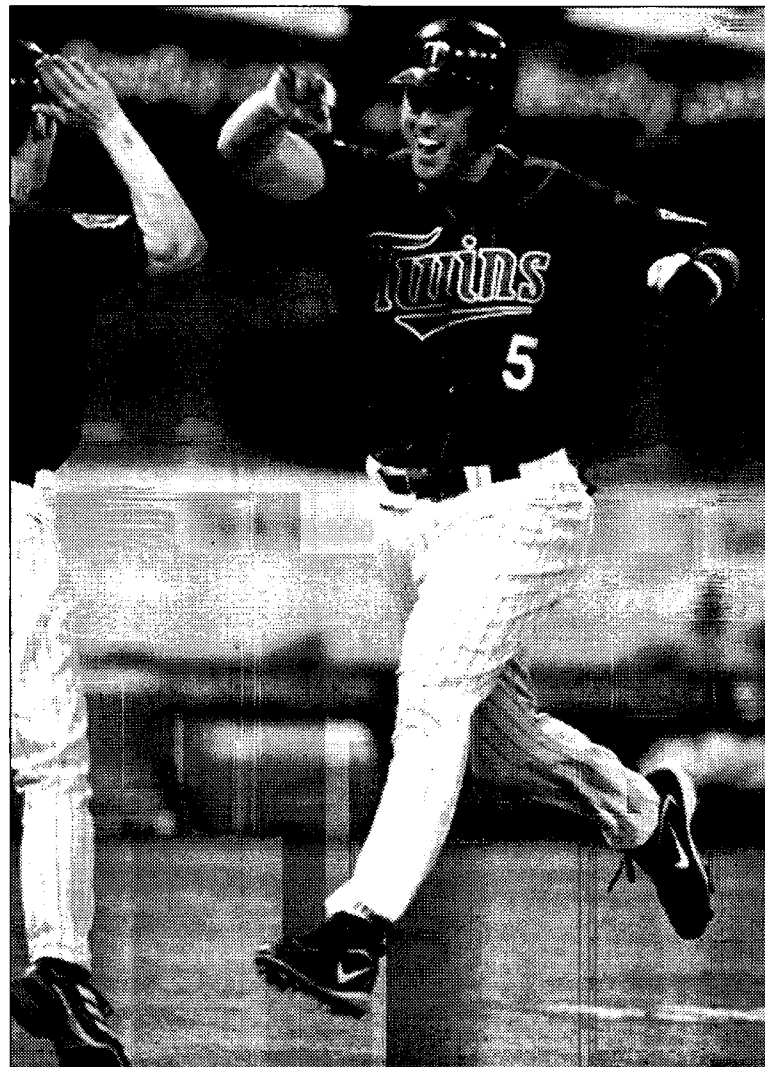
Still, Rogers isn't one to focus on previous achievements in a particular ballpark. What meant more to him Wednesday was helping his new team get back on track.

Rogers, in his first season with the Tigers after two in Texas, didn't allow a hit after the second until Jason Kendall's RBI double in the eighth. The 41-year-old lefty improved to 24-4 in 44 starts at the Coliseum, and 22-1 in the A's ballpark since 1995.

"I'm aware of it. I don't take it for granted," Rogers said. "Every start is different."

Detroit gave Rogers plenty of offense, too.

Monroe staged the Tigers to a quick lead when he hit an RBI single in the second to score Alexis Gomez, who doubled to start the inning.



Twins pinch hitter Michael Cuddyer, right, celebrates his 10th inning game-winning home run with the batboy Wednesday in Minneapolis. The Twins beat the Angels 12-10.

Thomas then tied the game when he led off the bottom half with a solo homer that moved him into a tie for 27th place on the all-time list with Gary Sheffield and Carl Yastrzemski.

Baltimore 18, Cleveland 9

If a lopsided loss to the Cleveland Indians didn't raise the Baltimore Orioles' ire, it certainly awakened their bats.

Kevin Millar hit a go-ahead, two-run double in a seven-run fifth inning capped by Corey Patterson's two-run homer, and the Orioles overcame a four-run deficit to beat Cleveland Wednesday night.

"They really showed me some character tonight," Baltimore manager Sam Perlozzo said. "I know when they came into the dugout and it was 7-3, they were still chirping about coming back. Miguel Tejada was saying, 'Let's go, we can get them.'"

Ramon Hernandez had a home run and four RBIs, Jay Gibbons hit a three-run homer, and Tejada and Jeff Conine each had two RBIs for the Orioles, who have won five of seven.

"You can get waxed like we did last night and come back and put a performance together like we did tonight," Conine said. "It's a good thing, and it does a lot for your confidence."

Jhonny Peralta, Victor Martinez and Aaron Boone homered for Cleveland, which had beaten Baltimore five straight times. Martinez extended his hitting streak to 14 games, the longest in the major leagues this year.

A night after a 15-1 loss to the Indians, the Orioles had a season-high 21 hits and batted around in the fifth and eighth innings. It was Baltimore's highest-scoring game since a club-record 23 runs against

Toronto on Sept. 28, 2000, at Camden Yards.

Conine had three hits, matching his season total in one game. Every Oriole starter had at least one RBI except for Brian Roberts — who reached base four times and scored twice.

"We came back and got a couple of rallies going in a few innings," Patterson said. "We played well. What can I say? We all contributed."

New York 3, Toronto 1

Alex Rodriguez and Mike Mussina were happy to be heading home, especially after a win.

Rodriguez homered in his third straight game and Mussina made another sharp start, leading the New York Yankees over the Toronto Blue Jays Wednesday.

New York is 7-7 after playing 11 of 14 on the road. The Yankees host Baltimore on Friday night in the start of nine-game homestand.

"We would love be 9-5 or something like that," Rodriguez said. "But we've been on the road for basically 14 days. We're very excited to get home."

Rodriguez said the road start was OK given that the Yankees traveled to Oakland, the Los Angeles Angels, Minnesota and Toronto — all possible postseason contenders.

"There's probably eight or nine teams that are legitimate World Series contenders in the American League, and that's very unique because you probably haven't had that in over 20 years," Rodriguez said. "There is great parity in the American League. There are probably three teams in each division that can potentially win the World Series."



White Sox starter Javier Vazquez delivers a pitch to Kansas City Royals' right fielder Matt Stairs in the seventh inning of Chicago's 4-3 victory Wednesday.

NCAA BASKETBALL

Gonzaga's Morrison elects to jump to Draft

Associated Press

SPOKANE, Wash. — Gonzaga All-America forward Adam Morrison declared for the NBA draft Wednesday, passing up

his senior season for a chance to be a lottery pick.

The 6-foot-8 floppy-haired, mustachioed forward, who led Division I in scoring last season at 28.1 points per game, is a

diabetic and said uncertainty over his future health prospects was a factor in his decision.

"It's been a great process so far. It's been fun, but I've decided to try to take my game

to the next level and further my career as a basketball player," Morrison said at a campus news conference.

The West Coast Conference player of the year, Morrison edged Duke's J.J. Redick for this year's national scoring title. He finished second to Redick for the Naismith and John R. Wooden Awards for college basketball's player of the year.

Gonzaga coach Mark Few said his staff and team were "ecstatic" for Morrison.

"This truly is a great day. A great day for Adam, a great day for our basketball program and me personally," Few said. "It's the right decision because he and his family went about it the right way. ... It's what he wants to do and he is ready for it. He's going to be a great player at the next level."

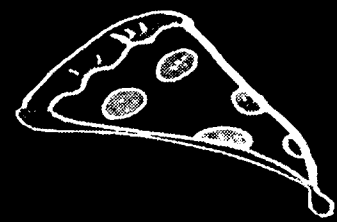
Morrison surpassed the college accomplishments of Gonzaga great John Stockton.

But it remains to be seen if he can have the same impact on the NBA, as critics have complained about his defense and downplayed his passing and rebounding abilities.

There is no doubt Morrison can shoot, making nearly 50 percent of his shots, including 43 percent of 3-pointers, even with defenders hanging all over him. Morrison drew comparisons to Larry Bird, for a similar high release on his jump shot, and Pete Maravich and other scoring greats of the past.

The 21-year-old Morrison scored at least 30 points 14 times this season and five times scored at least 40 points as he became the second Bulldogs player to win the national scoring title. Frank Burgess accomplished the feat by averaging 32.4 ppg in 1960-61.

Morrison's 926 points this year topped Burgess' single-season school record of 842 during 1960-61.



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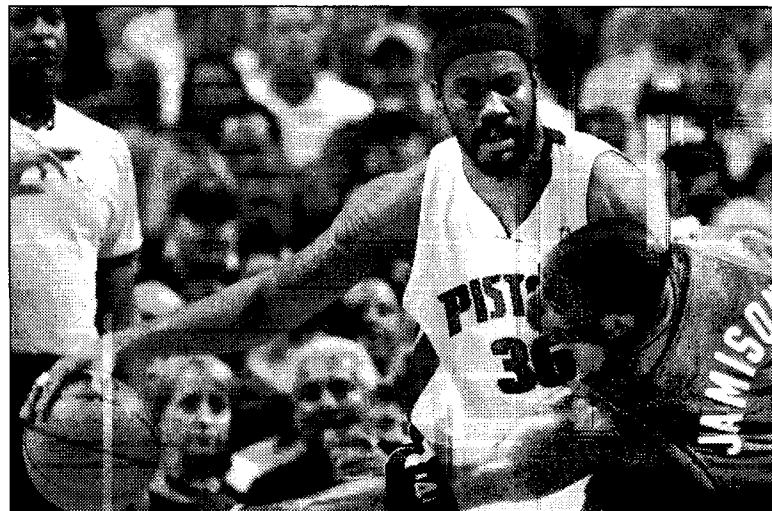
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PROFESSIONAL SPORTS

Detroit embraces successful squads



Detroit Pistons forward Rasheed Wallace dribbles against the Washington Wizards Wednesday at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Red Wings, Pistons earn best records in respective leagues

Associated Press

DETROIT — Hockeytown or Hoopstown?

Detroit is both.

The top teams at the end of the NBA and NHL regular seasons are from the same city for the first time, with the Pistons and Red Wings combining to pull off the feat for the Motor City.

"It's always cool to be a part of anything that hasn't happened before," Joe Dumars, the Pistons' president of basketball operations, said Wednesday in an interview with The Associated Press. "This is a great sports town, and the fans around here are about to really have some fun following both teams."

The Red Wings ended the regular season Tuesday with an NHL-best 58 wins, and the Pistons closed Wednesday night against Washington, entering the game with an NBA-best 64 wins.

"We both established ourselves at home with great crowds, and both have been the best teams on the road," Pistons coach Flip Saunders said. "Different sports, but it's like we've been looking at each other in the mirror."

Detroit faces the Edmonton Oilers in Game 1 of the first-round playoffs Friday night, and the Pistons will open the postseason this weekend against the eighth-seeded team in the Eastern Conference.

If the Red Wings and Pistons win titles in two months, Detroit will be the first city to have NBA and NHL teams win championships in the same year.

Anything less will be a disappointment for both teams — and their fans — because of a championship-or-bust mentality that has been cultivated with sustained success.

The Pistons won it all two years ago, came just short of repeating last season and have won 50-plus games five straight years. The Red Wings won three titles in a six-year span before two straight early exits in the playoffs before the lockout that canceled last season.

Red Wings coach Mike Babcock said his players did not want to touch the Presidents' Trophy — awarded to the NHL team with the best record — because they want to hoist the Stanley Cup.

"We all know what it's about here," Babcock said.

For Detroit fans, they know it's

wise to enjoy the Pistons and Red Wings while they're in season because the other two pro teams in town — the Tigers and Lions — will likely let them down.

Detroit hasn't had a baseball team with a winning record since 1993 and hasn't won a World Series since 1984. The Lions have been the NFL's worst team since 2001, and they have one playoff victory since their last title in 1957.

For the Motor City's Big Four, success — or lack of it — seems to come from the top.

Mike Ilitch owns the Red Wings and Tigers, and his hockey team's reign atop the league was established when he hired general manager Jim Devellano in 1982.

"Hockey wasn't on the map when Mike Ilitch bought the team, but Jimmy D. did a great job by changing that," said Red Wings GM Ken Holland, who has kept Devellano's momentum going since being promoted in 1997. "We would not be the franchise we are today without Jimmy D.'s moves and vision."

Holland kept the Red Wings on top this season despite cutting their payroll almost in half to get under the salary cap because of the NHL's new collective bargaining agreement.

While it was Jimmy D. who turned around the Red Wings, who used to give cars away to attract fans, Joe D. made the Pistons a championship-caliber team after they sunk following back-to-back titles he helped them win as a player in 1989 and '90.

Brendan Shanahan said the Pistons were irrelevant when he started playing for the Red Wings in 1996.

"It was like they didn't exist," Shanahan said. "It's been great to see what Dumars has done to turn the Pistons around because I root for all of the pro teams around here."

The Lions and Tigers have been harder to pull for because their owners — William Clay Ford and Ilitch — have not seemed to find a GM like Devellano, Holland or Dumars.

That doesn't stop Dumars, who has evolved into a "certified Detroit sports fan" since being drafted by the Pistons in 1985.

"My wish would be that all four teams could be contenders," he said. "The Pistons and Red Wings are there, and the other two are not far behind. I think the Lions are going to take (Michael) Huff in the draft to help right away, and I think the Tigers have a chance to be in the playoffs."

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Stoner extends season at meet in Indianapolis

Irish sophomore diver to compete in U.S. Open preliminaries

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sports Editor

Although the men's swimming varsity season ended March 24, Sam Stoner is still going strong.

The Notre Dame sophomore is diving at the U.S. Open meet in Indianapolis this weekend.

Stoner finished 17th in the Open's pre-qualifying round Tuesday, moving on to the preliminary round today by the skin of his teeth. He was the lowest finisher that still advanced.

24 divers will compete in the preliminary round, but seven of them were given byes through the pre-qualifying round for their performance during the regular varsity season.

"The people that are really good at diving and have done

well in national meets get to skip to the prelims," Stoner said. "Some of the people that are going to be there tomorrow have won national meets."

Stoner said Irish coach Tim Welsh encouraged him to compete in Indianapolis for the experience of facing a large field.

"It was one of the biggest fields as far as the number of guys diving in it that I've been in this year," the sophomore said.

Although Stoner was the lowest advancing diver Tuesday, he said he likes his chances going into the preliminaries today.

"The thing with diving is that people can do better or worse on any given day," Stoner said. "If I dive my best I have a decent chance."

The Open prelims are today. The quarterfinals and finals will both take place Saturday in Indianapolis.

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CLUB SPORTS

Men's volleyball takes ninth place at Nationals

10 members of sailing team travel to Ohio for Buckeye Invite

Special to the Observer

Over Easter break, the Irish traveled to Salt Lake City for the 2006 NIRSA Volleyball Club Championships.

After four days of volleyball, Notre Dame returned to South Bend after taking 9th place — the highest finish in school history.

In the first match of the tournament, Notre Dame took on Connecticut. After easily taking the first game 25-17, the Irish stumbled in the second game. But the Irish were too much for the Huskies and held on for a 25-23 win.

The following match pitted Notre Dame against Cal State-Sacramento. Sacramento knocked the Irish out last year in the first round of the Bronze division.

Sacramento never let Notre Dame get too far ahead in the first game, which ended with a 26-24 Irish victory. Using confidence from the three-game winning streak, the Irish hung on to win the second game 25-22.

In the next match, they faced the top seed in the pool, Virginia Tech. The Irish played a solid first game, surprising the Hokies and winning 25-15. With a tall, solid team, Virginia Tech fought back and took game two from the Irish, 25-22. In the pivotal third game, the Irish took control and won 15-12, finishing first in their pool with an automatic bid into the championship pool.

The two matches on Friday would decide if the Irish would advance into the Gold or Silver Division on Saturday. The Irish were placed in a pool with Maryland and Pittsburgh. With excellent middle blockers, the

Panthers fought admirably. However, it was the Irish who came out winners, 25-22, 25-22.

In the final match of the day, the Irish faced eventual National runner-up Maryland. The Irish dropped the first game 27-25. After regrouping and cleaning-up their performance, Notre Dame came back to win the second game 25-18. In the third game, Maryland's offensive strength was too much for the Irish, 15-10. With a 4-1 record and a late loss on Friday, the Irish were seeded 9th in the 16-team Gold Division.

One win away from advancing to the quarterfinals, the Irish were determined to win and keep playing. However, after falling behind early in the match, 1-4, the Irish could not catch up. Santa Clara ended up winning the third game 15-10. This loss gave the Irish a 4-2 record at Nationals and 9th place in the Nation.

Sailing

Over the weekend, 10 members of the sailing team traveled to Ohio State for the Buckeye Invitational and Intersectional. The Irish won the Invitational and took third in the Intersectional.

The Invitational was led by B-Division skipper Mac Russell, with crews Kat Sabloff, Kathy Monticello and Elizabeth Shelleby. Russell consistently finished first in races and won his division. Skipper Chris May and crew Amy Becker came in second in their division to clinch the team win in the regatta.

In the Intersectional the team finished third behind University of South Alabama and Christopher Newport University. Skipper John Dailey sailed in the A-Division with crew Paul Cordes. The B-Division was sailed by skipper Tim Roy and crew Kathryn Hoodecheck.

SMC SOFTBALL

Belles lose two to Albion

Freshmen boost Britons over Saint Mary's in MIAA doubleheader

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's dropped both games of a doubleheader Wednesday against MIAA opponent Albion.

The Britons swept the Belles 3-0 and 6-2 at Dempsey Field in Albion, Mich.

Freshman designated hitter Allison Smart led Albion with five hits and drove in two RBIs in each game. Freshman pitcher Andrea English threw a shutout in the first game, allowing only three hits.

The first game remained scoreless until the bottom of the third when Smart doubled for Albion, garnering her first RBI. Smart followed up in the bottom of the fifth, doubling again to bring the score to 2-0. Freshman Jenna Hogg singled in the bottom of the sixth to give Albion the 3-0 win.

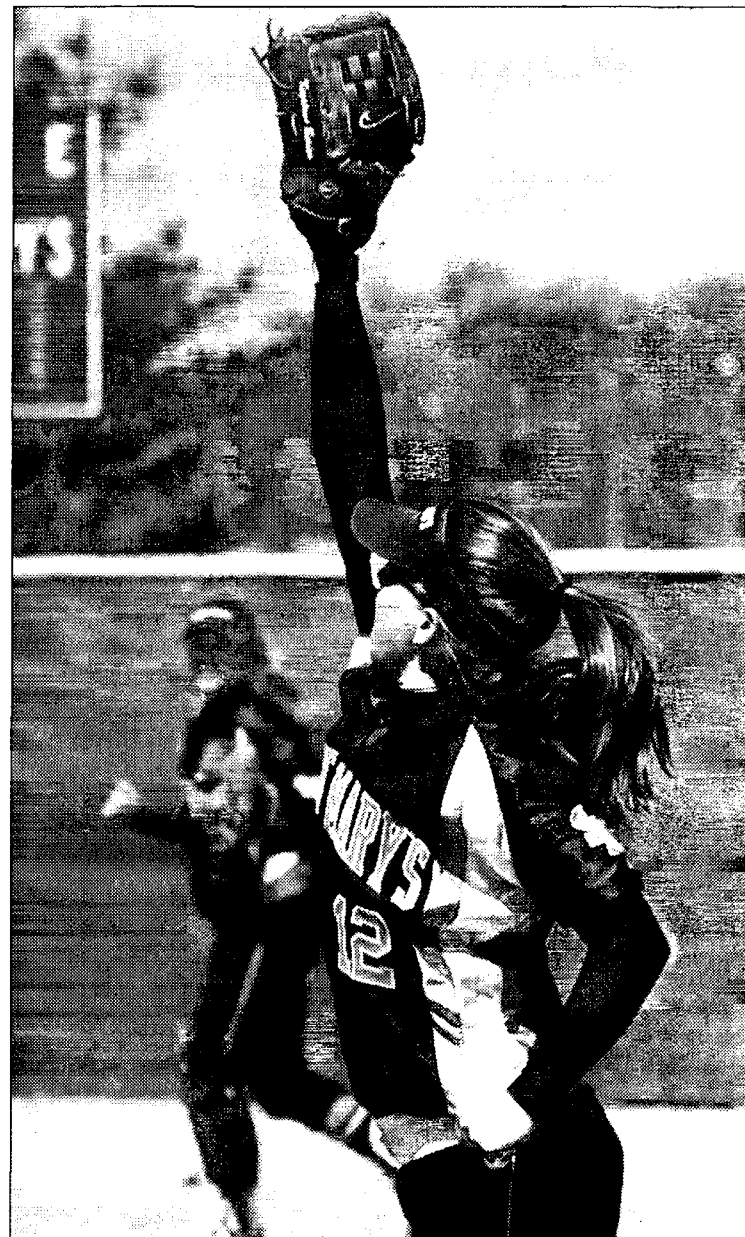
Saint Mary's jumped to an early lead in the second game when Audrey Gajor drove in a run off an error in the bottom of the third. Albion took the lead in the top of the seventh when senior outfielder Jessica Loegel doubled to right field.

Bridget Grall tied it up at 2-2 for Saint Mary's in the bottom of the seventh off a fielder's choice, sending the game into extra innings.

Albion once again took the lead in the top of the ninth when freshman Katie Streeter doubled, driving in two runs.

Smart followed with another double to give Albion the 6-2 win.

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Saint Mary's first baseman Katie Rashid snares a line drive in the Belles' 9-1 win over Alma April 8.

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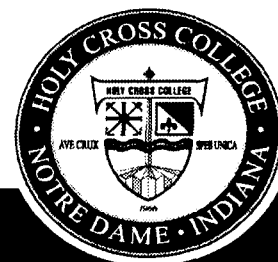
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Bethel

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games they played in.

"We're going to really try and focus on converting the key points [against Bethel],"

Palombo said. "We have to capitalize on our opportunities when we have them."

Bethel has only played one match so far this spring, a 5-4 loss to Olivet. Saint Mary's beat the Comets earlier this season by the score of 6-3. Although Thursday's match

will not be a conference match, the Belles view the match as a good opportunity.

"Since it's not a conference match, it's a good opportunity for us to practice different aspects of our game and try new things," Palombo said. "It's like a practice for us

except we get to play against new opponents."

Thursday's match will be the last opportunity for the Belles to fine tune their game before they play their final conference match of the season on Saturday against Calvin. Individual conference

tournament seeds will be at stake against both the Pilots and Knights.

The Calvin match will begin at 9 a.m. at the SMC Tennis Courts.

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Bookstore

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to an 11-5 halftime lead and then withstood a second-half run by FEMature evacuation to win a third-round contest 21-16.

FEMA was able to narrow the margin with lights-out outside shooting, coming within three points late in the game. The Purple Cobras proved deadly when cornered though, and stepped up their defensive intensity, stopping FEMA's late surge.

"We were able to establish ourselves inside early. We started to tire out in the second half, but we came back to finish strong," Globogym guard Martin Lam said.

The FEMA players were disappointed after the game that their comeback fell short.

"We started out slow, and they got good rolls on their outside shots. In the second half we shot better and played man defense, but they outplayed us in the end," FEMA's Nick Pateros said.

Final Run 21, Game Cancelled 15

In a hotly contested match-up Wednesday night, Final Run took down Game Cancelled by a score of 21-15.

The contest, held at McGlinn courts, was close throughout. But with good defense and consistent shooting, Final Run — a team of MBA graduate students — was able to pull away late.

"We're here to win. We aren't coming out here to get beat," Final Run's Jonathan "FinJohn" Keehn said.

The foul-ridden game was physical from the start with several hard fouls by both teams. Play was temporarily stopped for blood twice in the first half. Game Cancelled center Peter Kelly scored two points early but was quieted after he was hit in the face going up for a lay-up and suffered a bloody nose.

"You tried to punch me in the face," Kelly said, after coming down with blood in his hands.

The game was on the verge of fisticuffs before being broken up by Bookstore officials.

Kelly was also on the other end of the injuries as he took out Keehn while going up for another

bucket.

"It's Bookstore Basketball — we expected it to be this way," said Keehn, who put up five points for his team.

Final Run members thought the hard-nosed style of play worked to their advantage, given their age advantage over the freshmen from St. Edward's Hall.

Game Cancelled was able to jump out to an early lead by spreading the ball around and crashing the boards. The scoring was also well distributed for Game Cancelled. Patrick Sweeney and Matt Verhamme both dropped three buckets, and Zach Fogarty led the team with five.

"We did a good job earlier of moving the ball around from inside out," Sweeney said. Final Run forward Mike Borowski led all scorers with nine. While he worked hard for all of his points, he was able to muscle his way far enough into the paint to get good looks.

Point guard Jim Barnes also made big contributions to the Final Run offense as he controlled the ball up top for most of the game. He scored Final Run's 21st point with his third basket in the game.

Game Cancelled was upset about being knocked out earlier than planned but was optimistic about its chances in the future.

"Just like Arnold said, 'I'll be back,'" Sweeney said.

Heavy Petting Zoo 21, Venom in the Veins 10

While Venom in the Veins team members brought spirit to the game, wild, erratic play helped Zoo establish an early 8-0 lead it never relinquished.

Venom players donned headbands made from plastic bags and rubber bands on their biceps — as if they freshly injected their game into their arms — but they were out-strategized by Zoo's decision to inject the rim with points.

Zoo's Joe Boyle was the anecdote necessary to counteract Venom, stroking seven points to the team and feeding the ball to big men Matt Stefanski and Vince Lyzinski — whose Joakim Noah-esque hair begged to be pet.

Venom players uncontrollably flung their bodies around to save balls and grab rebounds and

communicated unusually loud on defense, but could not settle their game down until the second half when the intoxicating effects of outdoor basketball wore out.

Zoo also helped by relaxing on defense and chucking up long-distance bombs, as if an attempt to match the equally ill-advised tosses of Venom — lengthening the game in a way that makes the fans cheer and Bookstore commissioner groan.

"It was a fun and enjoyable game," Stefanski said. "Bookstore is all about just having fun."

Boyle, apparently influenced by the co-ed hanging on his arm after the game, credited their loud crowd for the victory.

"We had great fan support," he said. "We appreciate everyone who comes out to cheer us on."

Venom was not sobered by their elimination, refusing actually to admit defeat.

"We knew we would crush them the same way — wait, who crushed someone? — the way the Romans ... no, the way the Germans crushed the French," said Venom's captain Owen McGovern, who scored three of Venom's 10 points. "Not even close."

"Meginot Line," added Mark Meisner, referring to the French's ineffectual wall of defense that failed to keep the Germans out in World War II. "World War III did not happen."

McGovern remained unfazed by the news that they did not, in fact, win.

"Oh we did," McGovern said.

Bad Boyz 21, Cooking With St. Lawrence 9

Cooking With St. Lawrence came out strong against the No. 9 Bad Boyz but faltered late in a 21-9 loss Wednesday.

While Cooking came into the game knowing it would likely be outmatched, the team fought hard, shooting key long-range jumpers to keep the game close for most of the first half.

"We figured this game to be a bit non-competitive, but we are going to do our best and have some fun," Cooking captain Charlie Camosy said.

Camosy was crucial in keeping his team close for the first half, but he and his teammates lost their touch in the second half, allowing the Bad Boyz to pull away.

The Bad Boyz were able to use strength and speed to outmatch Cooking, getting a majority of the rebounds and a good deal of steals to keep the ball out of Cooking's hands. Bad Boyz also used the fast break effectively, scoring many of the team's points off of quick turnovers.

Bad Boyz captain Ricky McRoskey said he was proud of his team's effort despite the close halftime score.

"It was sloppy at first since this was our first game out here, but it felt good once we started running and getting into the flow," McRoskey said.

Our Team Plays the Full 40 Minutes 21, The Lolympians 17

Despite a hard-fought comeback at the end of the game by the Lolympians, Our Team Plays the Full 40 Minutes was able to eke out a 21-17 win.

After Our Team scored their 20th point, the Lolympians scored five unanswered baskets to draw the score close. The main factors in the comeback were a combination of tough defense by the Lolympians and sloppy offense by Our Team, which missed a number of shots at the end of the game.

"This one was too close for comfort," Our Team captain Paul Laughlin said. "But after this win we feel confident we can keep winning in the next round."

The game was dominated by the defenses of both teams, as neither team was able to register many offensive rebounds and there were a high number of forced turnovers. By forcing interceptions and steals, each team's defense kept its opponents on their toes for much of the game.

The tough Our Team defense hurt the Lolympians, whose style of offense included spreading the ball around before a shot. By passing the ball often, the Lolympians were subject to a number of interceptions that led to Our Team baskets.

In the end, it was the physical nature of the Our Team offense that led to its victory as the team's ability to drive the lane and get tough rebounds helped it advance to the next round.

Team No. 13 21, Napoleon's Babes 2

Though Napoleon's Babes' uniforms were dynamite, the team's

game was not quite as explosive as Team No. 13 claimed a shut out in the first half to take an 11-0 lead.

But tempers on both sides of the ball were a different story in the girls' division contest.

The lopsided score was no indication of the close nature of the game.

Early on, girls from the polo-popped skirt-sporting Babes scraped the pavement after collisions with No. 13ers, establishing quiet tensions that continued to escalate, thanks to only one foul being called throughout the entire game.

Down 12-0 and frustrated by Team No. 13's physical play, Allison White waited under the rim for a rebound and shrugged off her thrower — halfway to the free-throw line — before grabbing the board and putting it back for the team's first point. The teams continued to bicker back and forth about who had the bigger attitude, leading one player to question whether or not there would be a "beat down after the game."

During the game, however, the Babes couldn't find an answer to the low post dominance of Liz Frierott and Meghan Callahan. The pair combined for 14 of the team's 21 points, with nearly all of them coming underneath the basket. Frierott also swatted two early balls to set the in-your-face tone that characterized the game.

"It was a little feisty," Frierott said. "I think they hated us."

Even if the Babes didn't, the crowd turned on No. 13, the 13th seed of the girls' tournament after last year's Sweet 16 finish.

"We've got the best fans around," said Kate McHugh, one of the Babes' six graduate students.

But Team No. 13 had one special supporter — Teddy Hesburgh. While the University President Emeritus and world-record holder of honorary degrees was not in attendance, a small dog by the same name graced the sidelines, emblematic of the game's dogged physical play.

McHugh said fans witnessed more than they bargained for in the cat-fight contest.

"One girl got to second base with me without my permission," McHugh said. "There was domestic violence out there."

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Rockets

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Coming off the Northwestern loss focused and ready to play, the Irish knew a quick rebound was necessary.

"We just came out ready to win," freshman left fielder Gessica Hufnagle said. "We had to watch the ball all the way in and just drive it."

Freshman right-hander Brittney Bargar got the win for the Irish in Wednesday's game, pitching six strong innings and allowing no runs on four hits while striking out seven batters. Ahead of the hitters all game, Bargar finished most of the lead-off batters.

Bargar's performance was especially needed during the first half of the game, when

Notre Dame had trouble hitting Rockets' pitcher Denise Van Vossen's tough offspeed pitching.

"In the second half of the game, we finally made the necessary adjustments for the pitching," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said. "She threw a lot of funky, offspeed stuff, which was a huge difference from the 68 mph fastballs we were seeing yesterday."

Silent in the first three innings, the Irish bats were dominant in the last three. Senior shortstop Sara Schoonaert and senior

third baseman Meagan Ruthrauff each reached base in the fourth with a single and a double, respectively, to start the Irish rally.

A Katie Laing ground ball to second knocked in Schoonaert to give the Irish

the first run of the day, while a Linda Kohan single added some insurance.

Another quick inning by Bargar brought the Irish to bat, and another run — this time off a Schoonaert single — scored junior right fielder Carissa Jaquish from third.

Hufnagle added two extra runs in the sixth inning with a hard-hit single to center to cap off the Irish score.

"Gessica finally started using good mechanics and was able to have two really good at bats today," Gumpf said.

After Wednesday's win, the Irish return to Big East play, something Gumpf has been preparing for all season.

"We have to be prepared for the Big East, especially because we know how important these games are," Gumpf said. "We have to bring our best game every time, and they know that too."

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Irish shortstop Sara Schoonaert fields a ground ball in Notre Dame's 4-2 loss to Akron April 5.

IPFW

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Wednesday — first baseman Craig Cooper's RBI single into left field in the third inning lengthened the Irish senior's hit streak to 18 games.

Right-handed reliever Cole Uebelhor (3-4) took the loss for IPFW (14-17) while Irish freshman Kyle Weiland (2-3) picked up the win for his inning and two-thirds of work.

Sophomore southpaw David Gruener got the start for the Irish and pitched six innings of one-hit baseball — the lone hit a three-run bomb over the left field fence. Gruener fanned three Mastodon batters, walked one, but allowed only one earned run — the two Mastodon runners scoring on the home run reached base on consecutive errors.

"Our pitching was outstanding," Mainieri said. "I thought that Gruener was phenomenal."

The Irish led off the home half of the tenth inning with a first-pitch single to left by freshman Jeremy Barnes. Left fielder Matt Bransfield stepped to the plate and hit a deep ball to right field, but Mastodon right fielder Zach Walton got under it for the put-out.

With Barnes still on first, shortstop Greg Lopez pushed a hard line drive towards first base. IPFW first baseman Caleb Smith got leather on the ball, but it shot out of the webbing

and bounded into the outfield grass, allowing Lopez to reach first safely and Barnes to advance to third base.

With one out Gaston worked the count full on Mastodon reliever Adam Gibson before pushing the game-winning RBI sacrifice

fly to left field, scoring Barnes.

"When I think back to the 2002 team that went to the College World Series, we won an awful lot of games in our last at-bat that year," Mainieri said. "And all of a sudden this team is starting to win some games in their last at-bat. The more you do that, the more your confidence as a team grows — you know you're not out of the game."

The Mastodons and Irish exchanged blows in the sixth inning and left the frame with a 3-3 tie. The game would remain deadlocked until the tenth-inning Notre Dame heroics.

Brent Alwine and Walton — the bottom of the Mastodon order — reached base on back-to-back errors while Gruener still held a no-hit bid aloft. Alwine ripped a hard grounder to third baseman Eddie Mendiola that rebounded off his mitt to the back of

the bag. Walton then reached on a dropped catch at first base by Cooper on a Gruener put-out throw.

IPFW leadoff hitter Ryan Keena — the holder of both the Mastodons' hits — took advantage of the Irish mistakes and pulled a three-run long ball out of the park in left field to take the 3-2 lead.

The equalizer for the Irish came soon after with Bransfield's RBI double to the

fence in left centerfield, scoring right fielder Danny Dressman from third. Dressman reached base on a deep double just into fair

"We played great yesterday, but today for some reason I thought we played a little bit tight."

Paul Mainieri
Irish head coach

territory along the left field line. Barnes advanced Dressman to third base with a sacrifice bunt. Barnes was 0-for-7 prior to his tenth-inning leadoff hit.

"I think we were fortunate but I think that we made a lot of our breaks too," Mainieri

said. "Barnes had a great at-bat to lead off the tenth. He was having a couple of tough days so it was great to see him get up there and lead off with a big hit."

Notre Dame got to an early 2-0 lead in the third inning with a four-hit explosion. Center fielder Alex Nettey led off with a chop single up the middle and advanced to second on a balk by Mastodon starter Eric Lambert (three earned runs, seven hits, no walks).

Catcher Cody Rizzo plated Nettey with a line drive double off shortstop Chris Venvertloh's glove that escaped into the outfield — Rizzo then stole third base.

Cooper then ripped his hit-streak extending RBI single through the left side of the infield to score Rizzo and take the 2-0 advantage.

Junior right hander Jess Stewart and southpaw Mike Dury hurled an inning and two-thirds and two-thirds of an inning, respectively, in relief of Gruener. Neither allowed a run, and Stewart allowed the second and last Mastodon hit.

Nettey had a productive day at the plate going 2-for-4, but stranded four Irish runners. Dressman went 2-for-5 and had seven put-outs in right field.

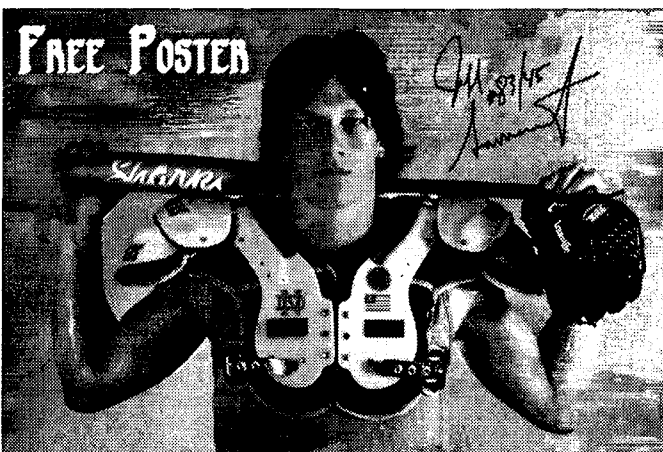
"We played great yesterday, but today for some reason I thought we just played a little bit tight," Mainieri said. "But hey, we've got the win and that's all that matters."

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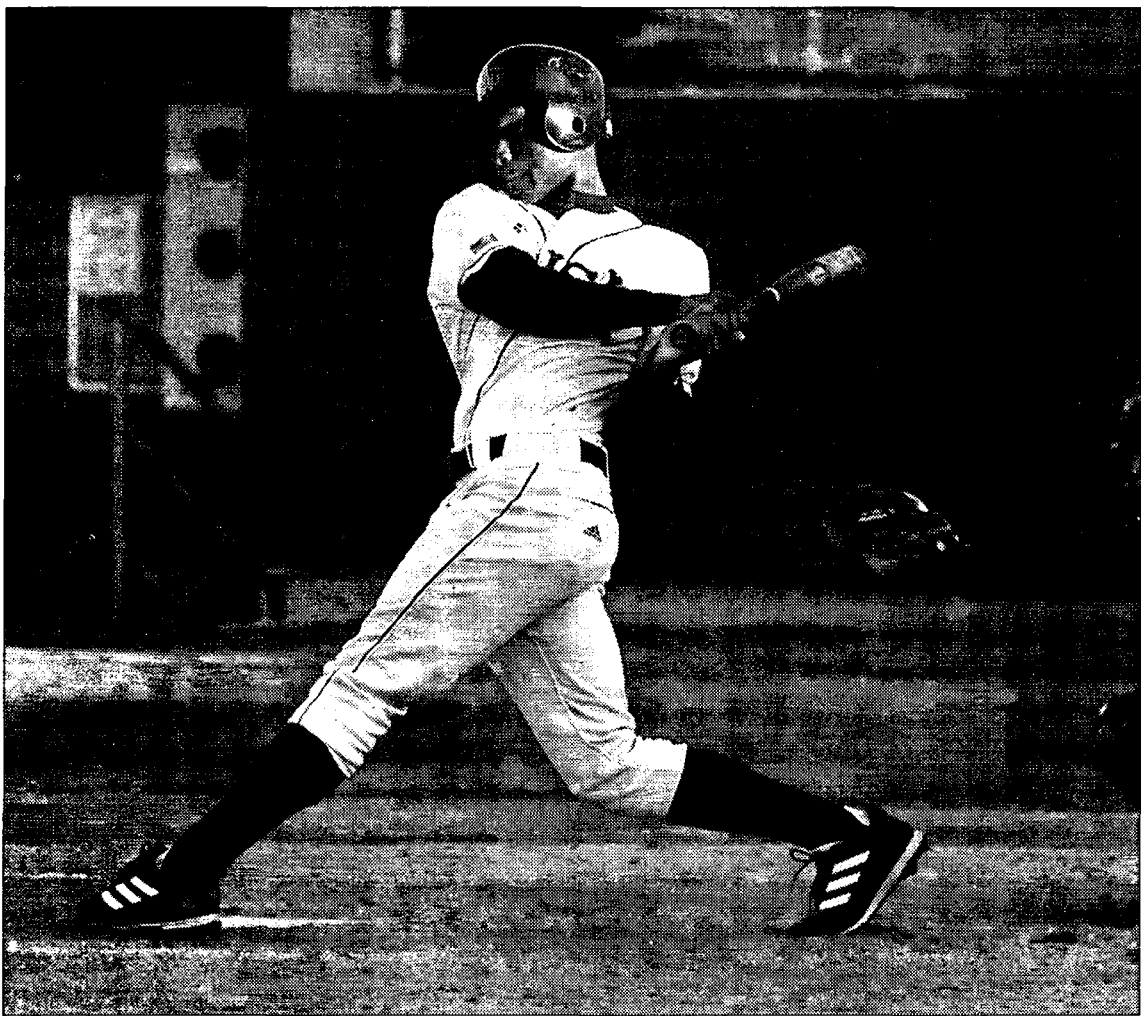
By KYLE CASSILY
Sports Writer

It isn't mentioned in the dugout or on the diamond, but Sean Gaston's RBI sacrifice fly to shallow left field in the bottom of the tenth inning gave Notre Dame more than a 4-3 extra-innings victory Wednesday over Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne at Frank Eck Stadium — at 19 straight wins, it gave the current squad the Notre Dame single season record for consecutive wins.

Irish head coach Paul Mainieri said the winning streak has been mentioned only once since it began — in a team meeting on Monday following a three-game sweep of St. John's.

"The kids aren't going to talk about the winning streak anymore," Mainieri said. "We've got a big game against Rutgers on Friday, and that's all we're thinking about. We didn't talk about it at all — nobody mentioned it at all until Monday."

The No. 16 Irish (29-8, 11-1 Big East) weren't the only ones to extend a streak



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Irish center fielder Alex Nettey takes a swing during Notre Dame's 6-4 win over Chicago State April 4. The Irish have won 19 games in a row.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles look to rebound vs. Bethel

Saint Mary's lost to Albion at home in an MIAA match Tuesday

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will try to bounce back from Tuesday's disappointing loss to Albion in its game today at 4 p.m. against Bethel at the SMC Tennis Courts.

"It's a really big advantage for us to be able to get back out there so quickly after the Albion match," senior co-captain Kristen Palombo said. "We have a chance to put the Albion match behind us and move forward with a win."

After winning three straight conference matches to move into second place in the MIAA, the Belles were defeated 9-0 by Albion, dropping Saint Mary's back to third place in the MIAA. After the match, the team talked about its failure to win the key points of the many close

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXV

No. 12 Saltines cruise to 21-7 win over ACI

Cobras down FEMA; Final Run pulls away from Game Cancelled

By TIM KAISER,
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JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writers

The twelfth-ranked Saltines cruised past ACI 21-7 for a third-round victory. The Saltines jumped out to a 5-1 lead early and never relinquished it.

ACI found itself down 11-2 at the half, but cut into the lead in the second half with a more aggressive defensive strategy.

The Saltines responded by passing the ball inside to their big men, who averaged a six-inch

height advantage over the ACI defenders.

In the end, ACI was only able to score five second-half points.

"Unfortunately for us, we were slower, shorter and less athletic," ACI guard Cole Davis said. "We didn't have enough of that something else to overcome all the adversity."

The Saltines were glad to get a victory but were still not satisfied with their performance.

"If [Saltines guard] Carl Anderson had been more in shape, he would have been able to make that two handed layup," Saltines forward Peter Courtney said.

Globogym Purple Cobras 21, FEMAture Evacuation 16

The Purple Cobras jumped out

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ND SOFTBALL

Squad blanks Toledo, 5-0

Irish rebound from loss to Northwestern with home victory

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Despite being shut out on only one hit in the first three innings, Notre Dame's bats woke up in the second half of Wednesday's game for a 5-0 win over Toledo at Ivy Field.

The win showed the ability of Notre Dame (27-13, 9-1 Big East) to recover from tough defeats — like the 3-2 loss to No. 17 Northwestern Tuesday — while maintaining its dominance over Toledo (12-29, 3-8 MAC). The Irish have won all eight meetings with the Rockets.



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Irish outfielder Stephanie Mola swings at a pitch in Notre Dame's 8-0 win over Providence April 2.

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**SPORTS
AT A GLANCE**

SMC SOFTBALL

**Albion 6
Saint Mary's 2**

The Belles lost both ends of a conference double header to the Britons.

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MEN'S SWIMMING

Sophomore Sam Stoner advanced to the preliminaries of the U.S. Diving Open.

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MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

The Irish took ninth at the national championships in Salt Lake City.

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SAILING

Notre Dame took first at the Buckeye Invitational in Columbus, Ohio.

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MLB

**Twins 12
Angels 10**

Twins pinch-hitter Michael Cuddyer hit a two-run walk-off homer in the tenth.

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MLB

**Brewers 7
Astros 2**

Brewers starting pitcher Chris Capuano allowed two runs and struck out eight.

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