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Panel discusses immigration reform

Speakers present opinions, offer solutions

By KATIE PERRY
Assistant News Editor

On a day when President George W. Bush convened with a bipartisan group of senators to discuss the hotly debated immigration reform bill, panelists at Notre Dame held their own forum Tuesday to address legislative initiatives and the possibility of such reform in the United States.

Entitled "The Immigration Debate: Issues and Prospects," the event centered on the contention surrounding recent congressional proposals for immigration reform.

At today's White House meeting, the president showed support for a package

that would attempt to tackle the status of the nearly 12 million undocumented immigrants living in the United States. Proponents of the bill — which would also create a guest worker program — said they would like to revive the issue on the Senate floor as early as Memorial Day.

Speaking at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies, Rodolfo "Rudy" Monterrosa, a local attorney who specializes in criminal and immigration law, said though there is no perfect answer to the problem, lawmakers should not be hasty when drafting immigration reform legislation.

"I believe the time to reform

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Father Daniel Groody took part in a debate over immigration Tuesday at the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

Freshman hospitalized overnight

Officials offered few details of emergency

By KELLY MEEHAN
Saint Mary's Editor

Campus authorities and local medical personnel responded to a medical emergency involving a Saint Mary's first year student at approximately 10 p.m. Monday at McCandless Hall, College officials said Tuesday.

A McCandless Hall resident assistant notified hall director Shay Jolly and Saint Mary's Security of the emergency just before 10 p.m., Director of Residence Life Michelle Russell said.

Neither Russell nor College spokeswoman Melanie McDonald would comment on the details of the emergency.

College Security was the first to arrive, McDonald said. At 9:54 p.m. Saint Mary's Security placed a call to 911 at Jolly's request.

Jolly was unavailable for comment Tuesday. Saint Mary's Security declined to comment Tuesday.

Notre Dame Security/Police, St. Joseph County Police and a South Bend ambulance immediately responded to the call, McDonald said. The ambulance was at the scene for 15 minutes, McDonald said, before taking the student to St. Joseph's Regional Medical Center.

Russell said Tuesday the student "is in fine condition."

"She has been released from the hospital," Russell said. "At this point I am not sure when she is returning [to Saint Mary's] ... it is up to

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Pulitzer Prize goes to '71 grad

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Editor

Adding to a growing list of award-winning journalists from Notre Dame, 1971 graduate Jerry Kammer was one of two lead writers on an investigative project that won the 2006 Pulitzer Prize for national reporting.

Journalism's highest award was given to the staffs of the San Diego Union-Tribune and Copley News Service (which owns the Union-Tribune). Kammer and his colleague Marcus Stern — both reporters for Copley — were noted by The Pulitzer Board for "their disclosure of bribetaking that sent former [Rep. Randy "Duke" Cunningham, R-Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.] to prison in disgrace."

"We were not the only two reporters involved, but we had the lead role," Kammer said Tuesday.

Kammer and Stern's stories examined and uncovered the dealings of Cunningham, who "traded lucrative defense contracts for millions of dollars in cash, lavish antiques and other payoffs," according to an April 18 story in the Union-Tribune. Cunningham initially denied any wrongdoing but later resigned from his office and plead guilty to accepting \$2.4 million in bribes. He was sentenced to eight years and four months in prison and the investigation into his corrupt dealings with defense contractors is ongoing.

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Deans promote 4 year track

Majority of Notre Dame students continue to graduate on time

By JOE PIARULLI
News Writer

With a price tag of nearly \$40,000 for one year of education at Notre Dame, college deans are keenly aware of the four-year time table for graduation — taking special care to ensure that every student earns a diploma as quickly and efficiently as possible.

In the Mendoza College of Business, assistant dean Samuel Gaglio said no student is guaranteed to snag the professor or class time they want. However, Gaglio said, the four year track to graduation is not going to be lengthened because of it.

"I can't tell you every student gets exactly the courses they want. ... [But] Notre Dame is a

four-year institution, and it seems that everyone wants to keep it that way," Gaglio said. "Our commitment to the students is four years."

The overwhelming majority of Notre Dame students graduate on time — 93 percent, according to the office of undergraduate admissions Web site — and both administrators and students want to keep it that way.

"It's very important to me to graduate in four years because that's what I've planned for," freshman James Zenker said. "College is meant to be four years and I wouldn't want it any other way."

Zenker plans to go into the Mendoza College of Business next semester, where classes have filled up quickly.

"There's only three more busi-

ness law classes left and half the freshman class hasn't registered. In business ethics there's only around 20 spots left," he said.

According to Gaglio, there's no reason to panic.

"If you don't get business law in the sophomore year the way it's scheduled, that's not the end of the world," he said. "Our goal is to get everyone to graduate in their four-year window."

According to Gaglio, scheduling has never impeded a student from graduating on time.

"We've never had a student not graduate in the year they want unless they have deliberately dropped a course," he said. "The only reason a student wouldn't graduate in four years

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A student in the Navy ROTC stood guard outside Clarke Memorial Fountain on Veterans' Day.

ROTC will perform review

Jenkins to observe annual performance inside Loftus

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Editor

With the Blue Gold game, AnTostal — and even the design of the new The Shirt — 'tradition' is undoubtedly the watchword of the week. And tonight, another long-storied event will take place on Notre Dame's campus as all the branches of the ROTC program come together at 5:15 p.m. in the Loftus Center to perform the annual Presidential Pass In Review.

As per tradition, University President Father John Jenkins will be in attendance, to be honored as the "distinguished dignitary,"

according to Captain Tim Dukeman, Tri-Military operations officer. Although it is Jenkins' first year at the helm, Dukeman said there will be no special additions to the ceremony.

The approximately 300 members of the Army, Navy and Air Force ND ROTC will present themselves to Jenkins, who is expected to address the group after the ceremony.

In addition, 10 of the cadets and midshipmen are being honored for either national or University military awards. This year's Navy awardees are Gregory Hiltz, Laura Joyce, Bryan Kreller and William Sullivan. The Air Force awardees are Colin Barcus, Caitlin Diffley and Matthew Dvorsky. The Army awardees are Tanner Fleck, Shane Larson and

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INSIDE COLUMN

Pinstripe passion

My name is Chris Hine, and I am a Yankee fan. Even though non-Yankees fans give me dirty looks whenever I say that, I remain a Yankee fan, and even though Derek Jeter made the atrocious mistake of kicking Mariah Carey to the curb a few years back, I remain a Yankee fan.

Chris Hine
Sports Writer

So, why in the face of so much contempt, do I remain a Yankee fan? The first reason is simple. They are the greatest franchise in the history of sports, and the hate they generate is proof that other people just wish they had a sliver of that success, much like Notre Dame. The second reason is more personal — it's all in the family.

I can still remember vividly Game 6 of the 1996 World Series. As soon as Terry Pendleton hit a single off with two outs off John Wetteland to cut the Yankee lead to 3-2, my father leapt up off the couch and threw a purple and blue nerf basketball as hard as he could into the floor, yelling "Damn it, Wetteland!" Normally my father is very careful with his words, especially around his 10-year-old son.

It was the first time I had ever heard my father say anything that resembled swearing. Never had I seen him more animated in his life than that hit. Then, when Charlie Hayes caught Mark Lemke's popup to seal the victory, my father picked me up and did not put me down until Wade Boggs had completed his victory lap around Yankee Stadium on a horse. What inspired this passion in him? It was not until a few years later that I really found out.

I never met my grandfather on his side, but as I get older, my dad tells me stories of he and grandpa watching the Yankees. For about 15 years after my grandfather died, my father didn't have a best friend with whom he could watch the Yankees. Nothing can come close to the experience of a father watching a game with his son.

Only now, as I went through this past postseason and the beginning of the new season did I realize how much different it is to watch the Yankees without my dad there. I was on the phone with him every time something happened in one of the playoff games.

We share a common loathing of Jorge Posada's inability to hit with runners in scoring position and radio announcer John Sterling's lack of depth perception. (That ball is high, it is far, it is ... caught at the wall).

We also have memories of the games we went to, such as Game 1 of the '96 ALCS when Jeffrey Mayer reached over the wall and snatched Jeter's home run from Tony Tarasco. Not to mention the great games we've watched on TV, whether they ended in Aaron Boone-like euphoria or Gonzalezian disappointment (see Game 7 of the 2001 World Series).

No, Red Sox fans, you can't even take credit for the Yankees most devastating defeat. That is why every night over the summer you'll probably find me in the same place — on the couch, with my father, watching the Yankees. God knows where I'll end up when I graduate in three years, so I had better enjoy as many games with him as I can now.

Even though time will one day take away my father as it did his father, it will not take away the numerous hours we sat watching the Yankees.

My name is Chris Hine, and I am, and will always be, a Yankee fan.

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

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT ITEMS WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE ADDED TO GRAB AND GO?



Kerry McGuire
freshman
Welsh Family

"Soup."



Dan McMahon
freshman
Sorin

"I don't use Grab and Go."



Anne Reilly
senior
off-campus

"I can't remember the last time I went to Grab and Go."



Geoff Hoppe
senior
Alumni

"This hottie."



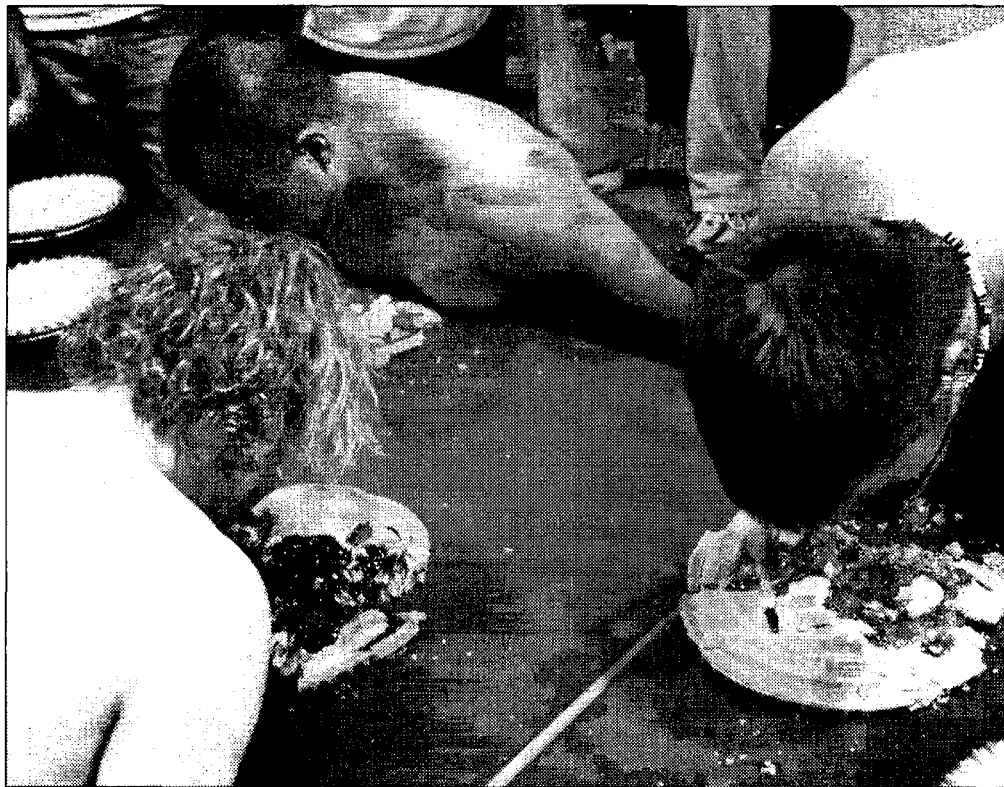
Micki Cascio
senior
Lyons

"Free candy."



Michael Quisao
senior
Morrissey

"Zena treats."



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Kevin Carrier, left, Chris Carrington, center, and John Boyle compete in a pie eating contest Tuesday as part of Section Wars during Fisher Hall's Fred and Sally Week.

IN BRIEF

Notre Dame softball will take on Purdue at 4 p.m. today at Ivy Field.

Notre Dame baseball will take on Bowling Green at 5:05 p.m. today at Frank Eck Stadium.

The world premiere of the opera "Witness" will be at 6:30 p.m. today in O'Laughlin Auditorium. It will run through the weekend with performances at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

The film "Top Gun" will be shown today at 9 p.m. on North Quad as part of AnTostal festivities.

Assistant professor of political science Dan Lindley will give a lecture titled "Shoot First, Ask Questions Later. Preventive and Preemptive War" Thursday at 12:30 p.m. in C103 of the Hesburgh Center.

Barbara Nicolosi, founder and director of Act One Inc., will give a lecture Thursday titled "Why Does God Care about Hollywood? The Role of Entertainment in Human Life." The lecture, which will begin at 7:30 p.m. in 155 DeBartolo Hall, is part of the Center for Ethics and Culture's Spring Catholic Culture Series "Hollywood: Mission Field or Mission Impossible?"

The SMC Irish Dance Club will perform at 4:30 p.m. Saturday and 7:30 p.m. Sunday in The Little Theater in Moreau Hall.

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

OFFBEAT

Man caught in awkward position

HAYWARD, Calif. — Police in California, who had thought they had a botched burglary on their hands, have instead found a naked man wedged in his chimney.

"He didn't have a stitch on," Lieutenant Gary Branson of the Hayward police department said.

Michael Urbano, 23, came home early Saturday morning and finding himself locked out and without his keys, tried to enter the single-story house through its chimney.

"He told us he took off

his clothes because as he was going down the chimney — the clothes would rub up against it and slow him down," Lt Branson said.

"If it was skin on cement he felt he would go down easier."

Mr Urbano's effort ended disastrously when a cable television wire he used to lower himself snapped.

British couple ties the knot on the run

LONDON — A British couple has given a new twist to the idea of running away together by competing in the London

marathon in their wedding clothes and getting married halfway around the course.

Katie Austin and Gordon Fryer from Romsey in southern England ran the race with the bride's parents, who gave her away at the ceremony in the Bridge Master's dining room on Tower Bridge.

The groom and his father-in-law wore traditional waistcoats, wing-collared shirts and cravats, but with long shorts instead of trousers.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 64 LOW 41	HIGH 60 LOW 38	HIGH 64 LOW 43	HIGH 65 LOW 48	HIGH 62 LOW 48	HIGH 63 LOW 49

Atlanta 84 / 63 Boston 68 / 46 Chicago 51 / 40 Denver 48 / 29 Houston 83 / 71 Los Angeles 69 / 55 Minneapolis 58 / 35 New York 67 / 53 Philadelphia 73 / 52 Phoenix 90 / 58 Seattle 63 / 44 St. Louis 61 / 48 Tampa 86 / 71 Washington 75 / 51

Bush, UN prosecuted in mock Uganda-CAN trial

By RYAN SYDLIK
News Writer

Members of the Uganda Conflict Action Network urged students to work to alleviate the humanitarian crisis in northern Uganda as part of the Uganda-CAN mock trial Tuesday.

The event, sponsored by the Africa Faith and Justice Network and the Center for Social Concerns, placed Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni, U.S. President George W. Bush, UN Secretary General Kofi Annan and the Notre Dame community on trial for failing to take responsibility for the people of northern Uganda, and found them guilty of abandoning their duties to help northern Uganda.

"Today we gather here to call our leaders to accountability," senior Peter Quaranto said.

He called the civil war in Uganda and its resulting secondary effects the world's worst unacknowledged humanitarian crisis.

"More than 30,000 children have been abducted by this war and 1.7 million have been displaced," he said.

The 1,000 deaths occurring weekly in northern Uganda make it one of the world's largest humanitarian crises.

The first defendant was Ugandan President Museveni whose case was read by junior Stephen Murray. Museveni failed to deal with the realities of the conflict and ignored dealing with the ongoing violence, the prosecution argued.

"Nearly two million people live in internal displacement camps which are cesspools of disease and violence," Murray said.

Murray then said that 41 percent of those who perish are under five years of age and that the death rate from the conflict is three times higher than the death rate in Iraq.

Murray accused Museveni of banning relief agencies not associated with the government from doing work and of withdrawing military escorts to humanitarian aid workers for their protection against the Lord's Resistance Army.

Murray also addressed the fact that Museveni has attacked the institution of democracy in his country.

"He had his primary opponent arrested on bogus charges of treason. And as the world stands by, Museveni is allowing democracy to slip by," he said.

"Museveni is failing to uphold the most important role of his office, ignoring the protection of the Ugandan people," Murray said.

"I urge you to find President Museveni guilty," he said.

The case against UN secretary General Kofi Annan was presented by sophomore Shannon Reabe.

"The Conflict in northern Uganda represents a categorical failure of the UN's mission. The UN has deliberately avoided taking responsibility resulting in continuing unrest," she said.

Reabe then said that the UN has never passed a resolution to address Uganda's 20-year war and that Annan never declared

northern Uganda a humanitarian crisis zone.

"We must find him guilty of wanton neglect and unresponsiveness. It is only by realizing shared culpability of the world body, we can address the crisis," she said.

Junior Nicole Steele read the case against President Bush.

"President Bush has abdicated his responsibility as a world leader," she said.

"He has never pushed for a UN Security Council resolution and he has never made it a priority," she said.

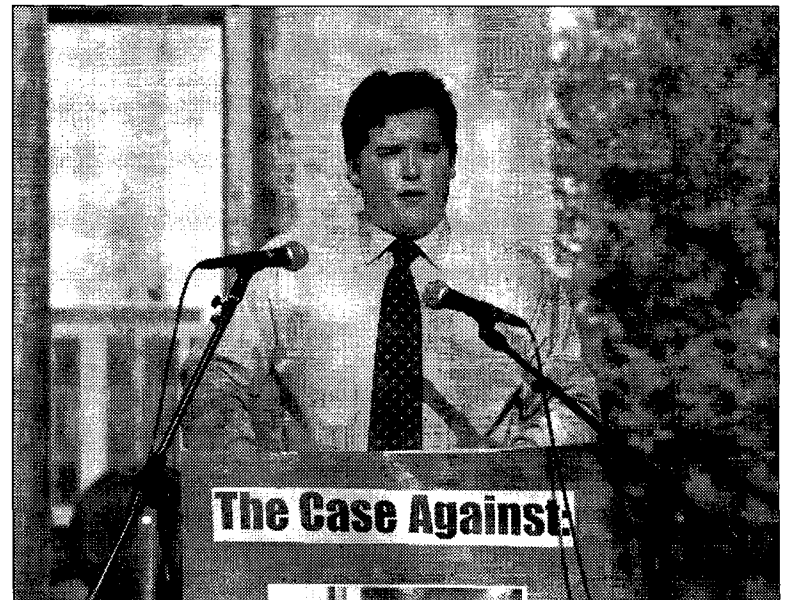
Steele said that Bush has not condemned Museveni for his gross mismanagement of the crisis and has instead largely endorsed Museveni's policies.

"President Bush has shown ignorance on the subject, referring to the Lord's Resistance Army as the Lord's group," she said. "We cannot allow complacency and complicity to deny people the aid that they so desperately need. ... It our responsibility to urge President Bush to take responsibility for the crisis in northern Uganda."

Finally, Quaranto addressed the responsibility of the Notre Dame campus in failing to do all that it can.

"We thought about President Museveni, Kofi Annan and President Bush. But then we said, you know, we cannot excuse ourselves, ways that we haven't taken responsibility as an ND family and as individuals," he said.

Quaranto cited Notre Dame's Catholic mission as set forth by



LAURIE HUNT/The Observer

Junior Stephen Murray lays out his case against Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni during mock trials Tuesday.

the University.

"Have we lived up to this mission of solidarity and justice, particularly regarding our solidarity with brothers and sisters in northern Uganda?" he said.

Notre Dame is one of the most active campuses in the world for northern Uganda, Quaranto said, and many of the key actors involved in the peace process have visited in the last year. He said that Notre Dame should be proud of what it has done.

"Yet we have to admit that we have failed to do more," he said.

"Our administration, our leaders and ourselves have failed to stand in solidarity with the people of northern Uganda," he said.

Quaranto suggested that mak-

ing phone calls and writing letters to those in the U.S. government is one way to make a difference. He also mentioned reading the 10 things you can help the people of northern Uganda, which is posted at <http://www.ugandacan.org/>. He also encouraged students to pray and fast for Uganda.

Quaranto ended the event saying that students must do what they can to end the conflict.

"Take the responsibility to protect life wherever it might be under threat," he said. "Take the steps to make 2006 the historical year as the last for the crisis in northern Uganda."

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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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Nun, activist advocates eco-friendly measures

Gonzalez calls for a 'green' Saint Mary's

By JEN MALL
News Writer

Sister Paula Gonzalez, a well-known environmental activist, made a two-day visit to Saint Mary's this week teaching classes and lecturing on the Earth Charter. She also made an informal review of the level of environmental responsibility on campus.

A member of the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati, Ohio, Gonzalez was invited to visit Saint Mary's by the Center for Academic Innovation's Community Leadership Team (CoLT) for Earth Coalition.

Over 60 students, faculty, administrators, nuns and community members attended her campus-wide lecture Monday. Each lecture attendee was given a copy of the Earth Charter, of which Saint Mary's and the Sisters of the Holy Cross are signatories. Its main principles are respect and care for the community of life, ecological integrity, social and economic justice as well as democracy, nonviolence and peace.

"Without a vision for the future, people perish," Gonzalez said. "I believe the Earth Charter is our

vision. We need desperately to follow these guidelines in order to make our unsustainable 20th century a sustainable 21st century."

Gonzalez, who has lectured around the world on the topic of sustainable development, said that although most of Catholic Social Teaching deals with human virtues, there is also a sense of caring for God's Creation, the Earth. She expressed her concern about the extinction of organisms.

"We are losing yet another way to know God and his great works," Gonzalez said.

Saint Mary's sophomore Eva Tonsing-Carter thought the lecture was very informative.

"I really am amazed at how much of the world's resources the United States consumes every day," Tonsing-Carter said. "Sister Paula showed me that I should be more informed about products I use everyday, take for example bottled water. One bottle of water costs as much as 1,000 gallons of New York City tap water and utilizes petroleum products to make the bottle which takes an unbelievably long amount of time to decompose."

Gonzalez spent Tuesday morning visiting two classes. In the afternoon, after conducting a 'walk-through' assessment, she met with a small group of students, faculty, administrators, grounds crew and maintenance

to discuss her suggestions and ideas to make Saint Mary's a more eco-friendly place.

"Although Saint Mary's is a magnificent and beautiful campus, it could be much 'greener,'" Gonzalez said. "Everywhere you look there is always something that can be made better, after all, nature reuses everything."

She said Saint Mary's is average in its efforts to "live-lightly" but hopes that in the future, the College can become a model 'green' campus for students, alumnae, the community and the world.

Gonzalez was critical of the windows in many of the buildings on campus that lacked double-paned glass. The insulating properties of double-paned windows prevent heat loss and significantly decrease heating costs, Gonzalez said.

Lighting at the College was also a concern to Gonzalez. Many buildings were built or remodeled in the 1960s when it was common practice to install "a ceiling made of lights," Gonzalez said.

To make Saint Mary's more eco-friendly Gonzalez suggested old toilets and sink fixtures be updated. She said leaky sinks like those in Le Mans are blatantly wasting resources. Toilets with lower flush volumes should also be invested in, to conserve water usage on campus.

Using turbines to capture wind



KELLY HIGGINS/The Observer
While visiting Saint Mary's this week, Sister Mary Gonzalez lectured on the Earth Charter and environmental responsibility

power was another suggestion.

"This is something you can't afford not to do," Gonzalez said. "With turbine technology improving almost daily, it will be well worth the initial investment and serve as a money-maker in the future."

Lastly Gonzalez recommended the campus raise its own fruits and vegetables. Through a community-supported agriculture garden, Saint Mary's could grow organic food that could then be used in the dining hall and sold to the community, Gonzalez said.

Gonzalez said she was impressed by the widespread interest the Saint Mary's community expressed in environmental issues because every individual can make a difference.

Gonzalez lauded Saint Mary's for composting leaves and brush collected from campus grounds. She was also complimentary about a new position created at the College to oversee energy and resource usage.

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Graduate

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is that they don't want to take the load it would require to do it."

Mitchell Wayne, associate dean of the College of Science, said that the College is always trying to accommodate students' needs.

"This is my fourth year as associate dean and I can't remember a single case of someone not being able to graduate in four years because they couldn't get the classes they need," he said.

"The only issues that come up occasionally are when courses are for a given major and other majors need them as electives. Often we have to make sure the majors that really need it that semester get it first, and then the students that need it for electives come in after that."

In the School of Architecture, where students generally graduate in five years, scheduling is even less of a concern.

"The courses that are needed to graduate are guaranteed ... so that the biggest [problem] that [students] have is an issue of getting the section that fits their schedule," assistant dean Richard Bullene said. "Typically it's a pretty mundane operation."

Bullene said architecture classes hover between 45 and 55 students, so adjustments are rather easy to make, and students have some advantages when it comes to scheduling.

"They have the luxury when they register of worrying about their University requirements ... the things inside the school are taken care of for them," he said.

Bullene cited academic difficulties as the only reason a student would not graduate on time, calling such a situation "very rare."

"I'm not worried at all about graduating in four years, but it's annoying to deal with trying to make a perfect schedule," Zenker said. "I just hope something like going to Australia won't screw things up."

Going abroad is never a problem in the College of Business,

Gaglio said.

"Before a student can go abroad we make them fill out what we call a program of study," he said. "That program of study identifies the courses they're taking in the semester before they go, the courses they're going to take in their abroad semester, and then ... we make them plan out all the way to graduation and layout every course so that there is a systematic plan that makes sure they can graduate."

Representatives from the College of Arts and Letters and the College of Engineering were not available for comment, but both Colleges offer advising for students with regard to scheduling and requirements.

Gaglio's office at the College of Business has five advisors, and students are able to choose with whom they want to meet.

"You can call for an appoint-

ment because we value students' time as much as we value our own time, or you can walk in here," he said.

Gaglio's advice to students struggling with scheduling is simple — "Talk to us."

"If you came in here in September or February ... it is the perfect time to come in," he said.

While it's possible not to graduate in four years due to dropping a class or not passing due to the many prerequisites, there are almost always options, Gaglio said.

"We have a domino effect. However, during summer school at Notre Dame we always offer the sophomore year courses so that students can pick up the course they had difficulty with," he said.

Each year around 500 students — plus or minus 50 — are expected to enroll in the College of Business. According to Gaglio,

they try to offer enough courses to take care of incoming sophomores, and even try to offer some classes to the rest of the University, though "not as many as they would like."

While most students aim to graduate after their fourth year, exceptions do exist.

"The norm at Notre Dame is that everyone wants to graduate in four years, but there are a few that want to stick around ... normally to complete a second major," Gaglio said. "The next most common reason is that they graduate with two degrees."

According to Gaglio, no student has ever — in his 16 years at the College — asked him to have their schedule spaced out for five years just to ease the load. However, it is not unheard of at other schools.

"In California, it's actually quite common that you can only pick up three courses each semester at

the major institutions," he said. "If you look at the statistics, there are schools that average between five and five and a half years for the average undergraduate to reach graduation."

With nearly 90 percent of students graduating in four years, Notre Dame does not appear to be headed in that direction.

"We can validate that every single senior that has told us they want to graduate will graduate on time," Gaglio said.

Despite the certainty of having the required classes, individual scheduling tends to be much less comforting.

One of the best ways to ease frustration, Gaglio said, is to get requirements out of the way, because juniors and seniors have first pick of electives.

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Arts and Letters Forum on Attending Graduate School

Thursday, April 27, from 7-9 P.M. in 119 O'Shaughnessy

A panel of three current Notre Dame students will address those factors and people who influenced them to enter Ph.D. programs next year. A Notre Dame alum, now a 4th-year graduate student at Michigan State University, will offer her perspective on applying to and succeeding in graduate school.

Refreshments will be provided.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

30 arrests made in Egypt attacks

DAHAB, Egypt — Egyptian authorities, already struggling with elusive terror cells in the rugged Sinai Peninsula, moved quickly Tuesday — arresting 30 men in the triple bombings that ripped apart a resort town on a tranquil holiday evening.

Radical Muslim groups moved just as rapidly to distance themselves from the Dahab attacks, which killed 24 people. The leader of Egypt's banned Muslim brotherhood condemned them as "aggression on human souls created by God."

The militant Palestinian Hamas organization called them a "criminal attack which is against all human values."

Many frightened tourists fled Sinai coastal resorts where two previous bomb attacks — like the Dahab blasts — bore the hallmarks of al-Qaida-linked groups that appear to have a free hand to continue operations in the barren, backward and extremely rugged Sinai Peninsula.

Iran warns hidden nuclear program

TEHRAN, Iran — Iran ratcheted up its defiance ahead of a U.N. Security Council deadline to suspend uranium enrichment, threatening Tuesday to hide its program if the West takes "harsh measures" and to transfer nuclear technology to chaos-ridden Sudan.

Ali Larijani, the top Iranian nuclear negotiator, also renewed a vow to end cooperation with the U.N. nuclear watchdog agency and said increasing pressure on Iran would only stiffen its resolve.

"If you take harsh measures, we will hide this program. If you use the language of force, you should not expect us to act transparently," Larijani said, adding that Western nations "have to understand they cannot resolve this issue through force."

NATIONAL NEWS

Mayors attend gun control summit

NEW YORK — The mayors of more than a dozen U.S. cities gathered at a summit aimed at purging the streets of illegal guns, with organizers saying the federal government is not doing enough to stop the problem.

"If the leadership won't come from Congress or from the White House, it will have to come from us," said New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who led the summit with Boston Mayor Thomas Menino.

The mayors — from cities including Washington, Philadelphia, Dallas, Milwaukee and Seattle — gathered to exchange ideas, consult with experts and promote law enforcement cooperation among their cities.

Families advocate Flight 93 memorial

WASHINGTON — Family members of those killed on United Flight 93 are urging a North Carolina congressman to lift his hold on funding for a memorial planned for the Pennsylvania site where the plane crashed on Sept. 11, 2001.

Nearly a dozen family members are scheduled to meet with their members of Congress on Wednesday to encourage them to sign a letter that asks Rep. Charles H. Taylor, R-N.C., to support \$10 million for the project.

It was not clear if they would also meet with Taylor.

LOCAL NEWS

Police apprehend escaped inmate

NORTH VERNON, Ind. — Authorities have captured one of four inmates who smashed a first-floor window to escape from the Jennings County jail over the weekend.

Marion County Sheriff's deputies arrested David Fields, 36, Monday at an Indianapolis motel, said Mary Ristucci, the Jennings County jail commander. He had been serving time on a burglary conviction.

The three other escapees, Jeffery D. Boggs, 39, Robert Scott Pickett, 39, Gerald G. Perkins, 30, remained at large Tuesday morning, she said.

Bush eases environmental policy

President halts filling of oil reserves, urges clean air code waiver to fight gasoline prices

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Under election-year pressure to reduce surging gasoline prices, President Bush on Tuesday halted filling of the nation's emergency oil reserve, urged the waiver of clean air rules to ease local gas shortages and called for the repeal of \$2 billion in tax breaks for profit-heavy oil companies.

Still, experts said Bush's actions wouldn't have much impact on prices at the pump. The president warned that motorists would have to dig deep into their pockets all summer long.

Bush urged lawmakers to expand tax breaks for the purchase of fuel-efficient hybrid automobiles, a politically popular measure that's also supported by environmentalists. He also directed the Environmental Protection Agency to use its authority to temporarily waive air quality laws in states if that would relieve a local gasoline supply shortage.

The White House was unable to say how much Bush's actions could affect the price of gas.

Bush said, "Every little bit helps."

Wholesale gasoline futures prices for June delivery dropped 8 cents a gallon to \$2.10 on the New York Mercantile Exchange right after Bush's remarks. May gasoline futures settled at \$2.1291 a gallon, a decline of 4.48 cents.

Democrats, eager to blame Republicans for high gas costs ahead of the November congressional elections, said Bush has had five years to find a way to lower prices and has favored big oil companies over consumers.

"It's crystal clear that the current spike in gas prices is at least partly due to an act of greed," said Sen. Bob Menendez, D-N.J., who proposed a 60-day suspension of the federal gas tax. "Greed that has been enabled, abetted — even



Prices over \$3 a gallon are displayed on pumps at a gas station in New York City Tuesday. President Bush ordered a temporary suspension of environmental rules for gasoline.

encouraged, I would say — by this administration."

The country's three largest oil and gas companies were expected to report combined first-quarter profits later in the week in excess of \$16 billion, a 19 percent surge from last year. Bush, a former oilman, asked his administration to investigate possible price gouging and said Congress should revoke about \$2 billion in tax breaks that Congress approved and he signed into law to encourage exploration.

"Cash flows are up," Bush said. "Taxpayers don't need to be paying for certain of these expenses on behalf of the energy companies."

Menendez spoke at a press conference where

Democrats sought to turn gas prices — like Hurricane Katrina and the Iraq war — into an issue to undermine Bush's standing with voters. "What happened to Iraq oil, Mr. President? You said Iraqi oil would pay for the war. Ain't seen no oil," said Sen. Barbara Mikulski of Maryland.

The suspension of oil purchases for the federal emergency oil reserve until the fall is likely to have only a modest impact. The halt in deposits involves only 12 million barrels — less than the 20 million barrels of oil used every day in the United States for transportation.

Bush resisted calls for a suspension of shipments to the reserve in the past.

When his 2004 presidential opponent, Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., suggested the same idea during the campaign, Bush called it "playing politics."

On Tuesday, Bush said the nation's 685-million barrel petroleum reserve had enough fuel to guard against any major supply disruption over the next few months.

The president said Democrats in the past have urged higher taxes on fuel and price caps to control fuel expenses, but he said neither approach works. Instead, he called for increased conservation, an expansion of domestic production and increased use of alternative fuels such as ethanol.

IRAQ

Terror chief shows face in video

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi revealed his face for the first time Tuesday in a dramatic video in which he dismissed Iraq's new government as an American "stooge" and called it a "poisoned dagger" in the heart of the Muslim world.

The video, in which he also warned of more attacks to come, was posted on the Internet only days after a breakthrough in Iraq's political process allowing its Shiite, Sunni and Kurdish leaders to start assembling a government.

It also followed a high-profile audiotape from Osama bin Laden and seemed a deliberate attempt by al-Zarqawi to reclaim the spotlight following months of taking a lower profile amid criticism of bombings against civilians. It was his first message since January.

A U.S. counterterrorism official, speaking on condition of anonymity in compliance with office policy, said analysts believe al-Zarqawi is showing his face to demonstrate that he is still engaged as a leader of jihad, or holy war.

The message also appeared to be an

attempt by the leader of al-Qaida in Iraq to rally Iraqi and foreign fighters to his side at a time when U.S. and Iraqi officials are touting political progress as a setback to insurgents.

Al-Zarqawi appeared in the 34-minute Internet video, which he said was made Friday, dressed head-to-toe in black with a black scarf around his head and a beard and mustache.

He seemed healthy, shown in one scene standing and firing a heavy machine gun in a flat desert landscape that resembled the vast empty stretches of western Iraq, where he is believed to be hiding.

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this nation is way past due," Monterrosa said. "We have twelve million people here who are seeking a better way of life, [but lawmakers] need to do their research because [the laws] are not only going to impact those 12 million individuals."

Timothy Ready, director of research for the Institute for Latino Studies, presented statistics from the Pew Hispanic Center that said undocumented immigrants involve seven million families, whose members total 15 million in sum. Roughly two-thirds of children in these families are born in the United States.

Allert Brown-Gort, associate director of the Institute for Latino Studies, said current immigration law is "seriously out of whack from reality" and tends to "promote an atmosphere of law breaking."

"To me the state of immigration law is starting to look more and more like the law that gave us prohibition, he said. "The largest problem with that law is that it was so seriously out of synchronicity with reality."

Brown-Gort said the undocumented immigrants who cross the border to secure jobs and a better life for their families are needed.

"Immigrants aren't taking jobs away from Americans, they're just doing jobs that no one else wants," said Father Daniel Groody, director of the Center for Latino Spirituality and Culture in the Institute for Latino Studies. "The problem is not only with the immigrants — it's also with their employers."

Groody said throughout history immigrants have been valued for their capacity to provide cheap labor, but have rarely received adequate protection of their basic rights.

"[The enforcement of immigration law] occurs often enough so people will accept poor conditions, but never enough to really hurt the employers who are exploiting these vulnerable workers," said assistant professor of anthropology Karen Richman.

Though some employers are "unscrupulous and greedy," others are merely "trying to remain competitive," Brown-Gort said.

Richman said recent protests — including an April 10 demonstration in South Bend — suggest a "tremendous galvanizing moment" for immigration law activists.

"What happened at the march [in South Bend] is what we're seeing happen throughout the country," Monterrosa said. "We came out of the woodwork ... and it was so beautiful."

Ready said "a sleeping giant has awoken with the very large number of folks who have mobilized" — undocumented immigrants and U.S. citizens alike. Individuals from Rwanda, Nigeria and Bosnia also participated in the South Bend event, Monterrosa said.

Groody said he hopes protests lead to "a greater sense that there is something wrong here that needs to be changed." Americans must "cross the borders of [their] own minds and hearts" when contemplating the issue of immigration.

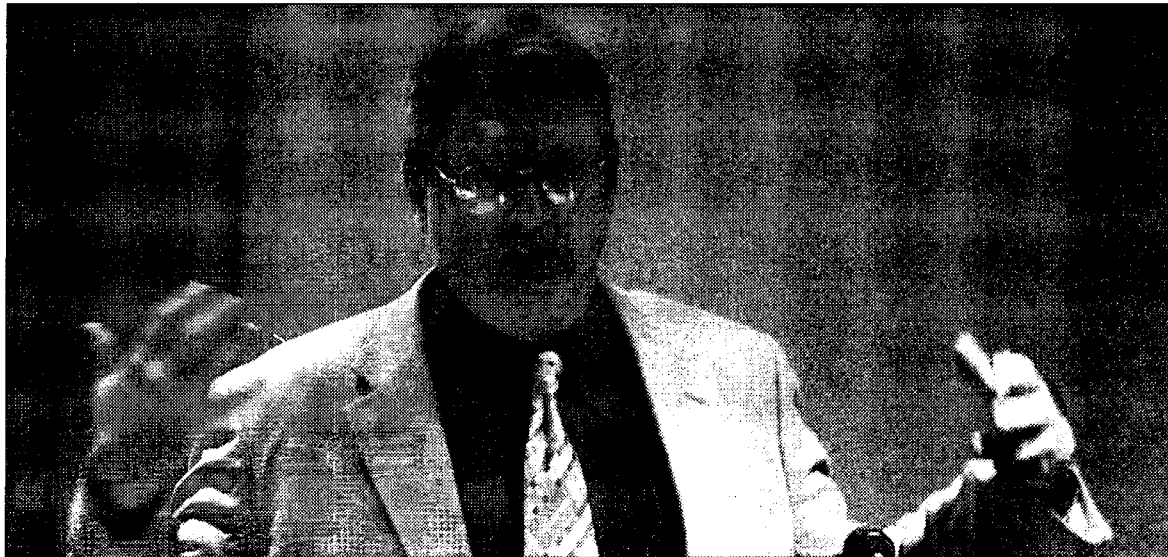
"When it comes to reform, there's a lot to be said about

the politics, but I'd like to see all of us have the capacity to go beyond our [own] needs and desires," he said.

"We have the opportunity at this University to bring facts, knowledge and learning and to have facts form a very strong value perspective," Ready said. "This is a Catholic university and let's think about all the values involved in the current immigration issue."

Notre Dame's Institute for Latino Studies, Kellogg Institute for International Studies and Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies co-sponsored the event.

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Timothy Ready, director of research at the Institute of Latino Studies, presented statistics on undocumented immigrants at the panel discussion Tuesday.

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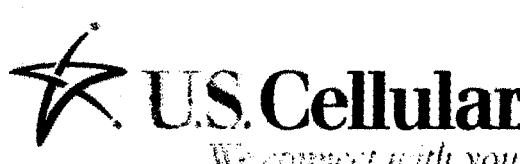
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JDS UNIPHASE CP (JDSU)	0.00	0.00	3.57

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IN BRIEF

Criticized SBA administrator resigns

WASHINGTON — Small Business Administration chief Hector Barreto resigned Tuesday after a tenure marked by criticism of the agency's response to the Sept. 11 terror attacks and the Gulf Coast hurricanes.

President Bush immediately announced a new agency chief, Steven C. Preston, an executive vice president for The ServiceMaster Co. The appointment requires Senate confirmation.

Barreto, a California businessman, was appointed head of the agency in 2001. After the Sept. 11 terror attacks that year, his agency provided nearly \$5 billion in economic disaster recovery loans to small businesses across the country.

The Associated Press reported last year, however, that many of the businesses that received loans said they neither wanted nor knew they were receiving money earmarked for terror victims. Companies receiving aid ranged from an Oregon winery to a Virgin Islands perfume bar, drawing outrage on Capitol Hill.

Steelmakers report decreased profits

PITTSBURGH — Steel producers United States Steel Corp. and AK Steel Holding Corp. posted lower first-quarter profits Tuesday as weaker sales and reduced operations hampered growth. Shares of both companies slumped.

U.S. Steel, the world's seventh-largest raw steel producer, said net income — after paying preferred dividends — fell to \$252 million, or \$2.04 per share, for the three months ended March 31 from \$455 million, or \$3.51 per share, in the year-ago period.

The Pittsburgh-based company's sales dropped to \$3.73 billion from \$3.79 billion in the same quarter last year, as revenue from flat-rolled products and its European operations declined. But tubular product sales jumped to \$177 million from \$122 million in the prior-year period.

U.S. Steel's results surpassed Wall Street expectations. Analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial expected earnings of \$1.48 per share and sales of \$3.65 billion.

The company said lower natural gas prices and the return to service of its newly rebuilt No. 14 blast furnace in Gary, Ind., helped its results.

Lay blames media for downfall

Enron Corp. founder points finger at publicity as cause of company's crash

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Enron Corp. founder Kenneth Lay blamed the media Tuesday for undercutting his company's strengths in the weeks before it crashed by highlighting problems at Enron that he said were already cleaned up.

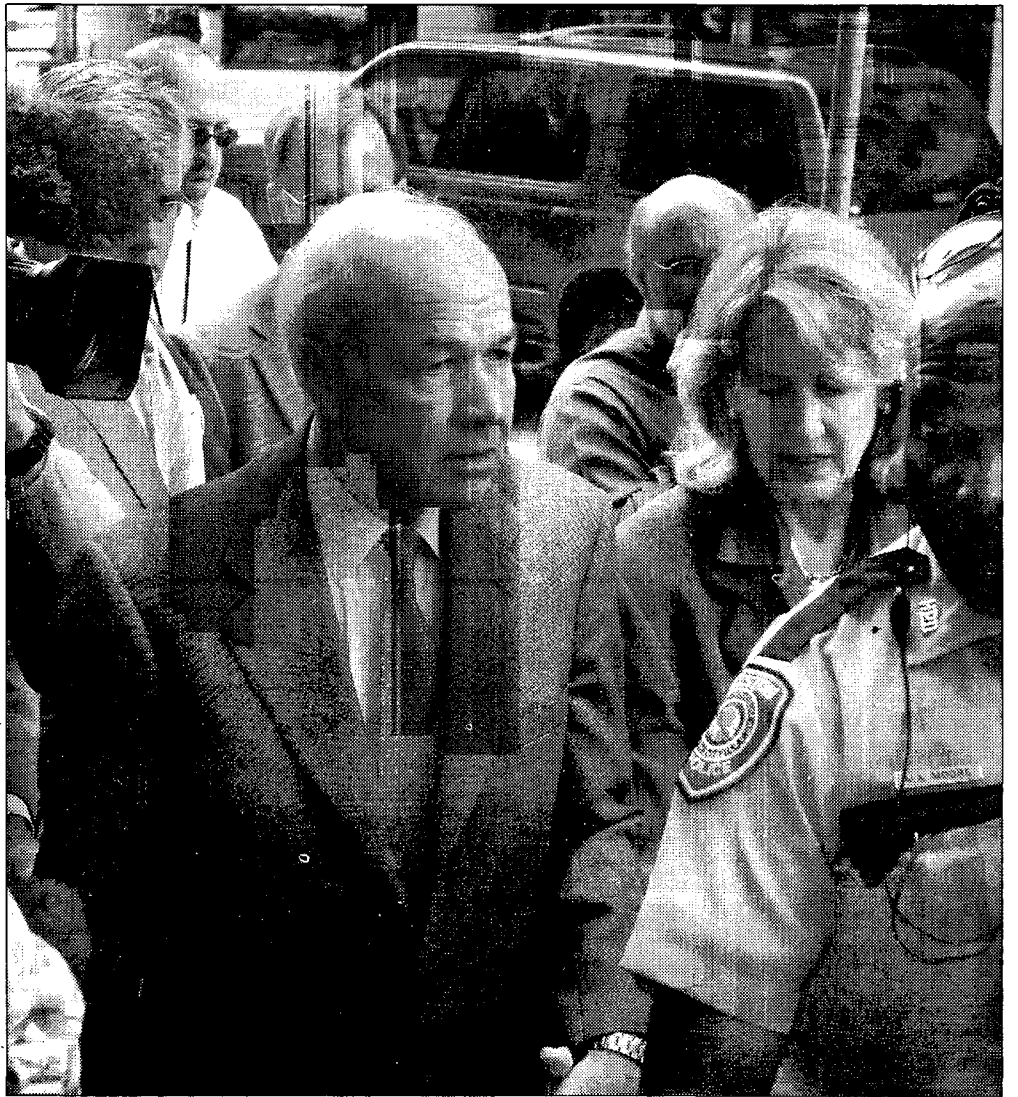
Yet he said more problems, including restatement of previously announced earnings that wiped out nearly \$600 million in profit for the previous four years, further pushed Enron toward bankruptcy protection as investor confidence eroded in October and November of 2001.

The restatement is unrelated to criminal counts against Lay, but he noted that it added to the firestorm he said was ignited by the media.

"Obviously, that was a devastating blow to the financial markets and us," an agitated and sometimes bristling Lay told jurors in his fraud and conspiracy trial.

The former chairman and chief executive appeared to be trying to control the examination by defense lawyer George Secret in his second day on the stand, saying, "I'm not sure where you're going with that," when Secret asked him to differentiate strategic from non-strategic assets. Lay then affably explained that a strategic asset is considered to be strategic to a certain business.

"He and [former Enron Chief Executive Jeffrey] Skilling could not be more different in their demeanor," said Philip Hilder, a former federal prosecutor who represents several ex-Enron executives, outside of court.



Enron founder Kenneth Lay and his wife Linda are escorted away from the Houston federal courthouse Tuesday on his second day of testimony in his fraud and conspiracy trial.

Skilling, Lay's co-defendant in the federal criminal trial, finished nearly eight days on the witness stand last week.

Hilder's ex-Enron clients include Sherron Watkins, a former executive who won fame for trying to warn Lay of the financial peril facing the company days after he stepped back into the CEO role after Skilling's abrupt resignation in August 2001.

Hilder said Lay appeared to be "taking control of the

questioning and charting his own course" to "reinforce his version of reality," while Skilling let his lead attorney, Daniel Petrocelli, guide his testimony.

Testimony in the three-month trial could last another three weeks, lawyers on both sides told U.S. District Judge Sim Lake Tuesday after jurors were dismissed for the day. The judge told the panel last month that the case could wrap up before the end of April. He said

Tuesday he may lengthen the court day or cut the daily 90-minute lunch break to pick up the pace, which seemed to drag as Lay and Secret often switched subjects without apparent organization.

"I respect the court, but I have a constitutional obligation to my client. I don't take it personally," Secret said outside of court. He said Lay has "waited a long time to testify. He's only been on [the witness stand] for two days."

Home sales barely increase in March

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sales of previously owned homes edged up in March, but the backlog of unsold homes still hit a record high, raising concerns that the once-booming housing market could be in for a rougher landing than expected.

The National Association of Realtors reported Tuesday that sales of existing homes advanced by a tiny 0.3 percent in March compared with February, rising to a seasonally adjusted annual sales rate of 6.92 million units.

The March increase followed a bigger 5.1 percent jump in February, which had been boosted by milder than normal weather this winter. Those gains followed five consecutive monthly declines in sales.

The median price of a new home rose to \$218,000 last month, a gain of 7.4 percent from a year ago. That price increase was far slower than the

double-digit gains turned in last year as the housing boom was peaking.

Analysts predicted that home prices will come under more pressure in coming months if sales slow more and the inventory of unsold homes keeps rising.

The number of unsold homes on the market at the end of March hit a record of 3.19 million units. At the March sales pace, it would take 5.5 months to eliminate the backlog of unsold homes, the longest period since 5.6 months in July 1998.

Some analysts expressed concern that the rising level of unsold homes would soon start putting more downward pressure on home prices.

"So far, the cracks in the housing market are not that great, but with inventories skyrocketing, that may not last long," said Joel Naroff, chief economist at Naroff Economic Advisors, a private consulting firm.

David Lereah, the Realtors' chief economist, said he was still looking

for a gradual slowdown in housing that would result in a drop of around 6 percent in home sales this year and a slowing in price gains to around 6 percent, compared with the double-digit gains in prices in recent years.

He said the fact that home prices have shown increases in the past two months was a good sign that sales are stabilizing after the five consecutive monthly declines.

"This is additional evidence that we are experiencing a soft landing," he said.

By region of the country, sales were up 1.7 percent in the Northeast and 1.2 percent in the Midwest but fell 0.7 percent in both the South and the West.

This year's rise in mortgage rates is dampening sales of both existing and new homes and forcing builders to cut back on construction of new homes. Housing has been one of the standout performers in the current four-year-long economic expansion.

Pulitzer

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ing. The stories, which stirred national debate over the use of earmarks in Congress, were published in the San Diego Union-Tribune, Copley's flagship newspaper.

"They got a lot of reaction," Kammer said. "If they weren't reprinted, they were cited. They got a lot of attention."

Kammer began working for Copley's Washington D.C. bureau in 2002, and was assigned to the Cunningham story in mid-2005, according to Kammer's biography on Pulitzer.org. Kammer said he wrote in-depth stories about the earmarking process, which Cunningham had used in his deals with defense contractors.

Copley and the Union-Tribune shared the national reporting Pulitzer with James Risen and Eric Lichtblau of the New York Times for their investigation of President George W. Bush's post-Sept. 11 secret wiretapping program.

Kammer, an English major and former club lacrosse player at Notre Dame, began his journalism career in 1974 at the Navajo Times in Window Rock, Ariz. He earned a master's degree in American studies at the University of New Mexico and later worked for the Arizona Republic as the paper's northern Mexico correspondent. In 1998, he joined the paper's investigative team in Phoenix, where he spent four years writing award-winning stories about Phoenix financier Charles Keating, who eventually became the symbol for the nationwide savings and loan scandal.

He said good journalism is about "looking beyond the immediate facts and digging

deeper to find the underlying facts ... All reporters should have [an] investigative mindset and set of investigative tools through public records and source development."

After two years as the Republic's correspondent in Washington, D.C., Kammer joined Copley News Service, where he specialized in immigration and U.S.-Mexico relations.

Noting his 16 years of Catholic education, Kammer said the atmosphere at Notre Dame fostered his sense of duty to serve the public.

"One of the things that was pervasive in that education was a sense of that obligation to the community and to society and I think I absorbed that and that value is central to journalism in a democracy," Kammer said. "The best thing journalists can do in a democracy is tell the people how power is being used in their name, particularly when it's being abused in their name."

"I definitely value tremendously my Notre Dame education and the friendships I developed there that reinforced the value system that is implicit [at Notre Dame]."

For the Cunningham project, Kammer and Stern were also awarded the 2005 George Polk Award for political reporting, and the Edgar A. Poe Award — which they will receive Saturday in Washington at the annual dinner of the White House Correspondent's Association. Kammer said President Bush is expected to hand him the award.

"Maybe [the annual dinner] is a good tradition [but] I think we should be more interested in keeping an eye on [the politicians] than socializing with them."

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Hospital

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her." Hospital officials confirmed the student was released Tuesday. They would not

comment on her condition at the time of admittance or release.

McDonald said the girl's family was notified of the medical emergency.

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ROTC

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Michael Willard.

"[The Pass in Review] is an excellent opportunity for the ND ROTC programs to show the Notre Dame family and greater South Bend community the impressive nature of one the most elite ROTC programs in the nation," said Lt. Col. Rachael Waters, this year's Tri-Military Commander. She added that the parade also gives the cadets and midshipmen the opportunity to share their accomplishments with the community, and thank them for support and encouragement.

According to Dukeman, the Pass in Review has its roots in the Middle Ages, when "rulers held reviews in order to show their strength to others." The American military picked up the tradition after the Revolutionary War, and Notre Dame has held the ceremony since the 1940s, he said.

In the past, the Pass in Review has been a source of controversy, not just its general presence on campus, but its specific location as well. The event has been marked with protests by the groups Pax Christi and the Catholic Peace Fellowship,

who broadly objected to the University's sponsorship of the ROTC program.

Then in 2001, the ceremony was moved to the Loftus Center from its prior location on South Quad, due to potentially inclement weather. It has stayed inside ever since, despite several petitioning efforts from the student body to have it held once again on South Quad.

Many of those against keeping the parade indoors claim that the move was made as an effort to minimize conflict between protesters and participants. Dukeman, however, disagreed.

"Due to uncertainty in weather at this time of the year, it was agreed upon by ROTC and University officials to hold the event in Loftus," he said.

There are those, Dukeman added, that still would like to see it returned to the outdoors.

"Several of the students would like to see it held in

South Quad as a return to tradition of the past when Notre Dame was a large commissioning source for the military," he said.

Waters concurred, emphasizing that the decision to hold the Pass in Review in the Loftus Center was a joint decision by University and ROTC officials.

"As always many locations were possibilities and considered, to include Loftus,

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**Lt. Col. Rachael Waters
Tri-Military Commander**

the [Joyce Center], DeBartolo Quad and South Quad. And after discussions with the ROTC programs and the University, all parties agreed to Loftus as the location for this year's Pass in Review," she said.

Also taking part in this year's ceremony will be the Great Lakes Naval Marching Band, who will be performing all the parade's music as well as a short concert immediately following the event.

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Guantanamo prisoner refuses to attend trial

Al-Qaida member may face up to life in prison

Associated Press

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL BASE — An alleged al-Qaida militant facing a military trial chose Tuesday to boycott the proceedings, dismissing the legal process and saying his fate was in the hands of God.

Jabran Said bin al-Qahtani did not return to the courtroom after an hour-long recess. His lawyer, Army Lt. Col. Bryan Broyles, said only force would get him back before the military judge.

In a brief earlier session, al-Qahtani, a Saudi detainee who was making his first appearance before the military tribunal at this U.S. military base, told the court he had no interest in participating in the proceedings.

"You judge me, and you sentence me the way you want, if this is God's will," he told the judge.

Al-Qahtani, who was arrested with senior al-Qaida lieutenant Abu Zubayda and other alleged militants on March 28, 2002, at an alleged al-Qaida safe house in Faisalabad, Pakistan, is charged with conspiring to attack U.S. military and civilian targets. The Department of Defense says that, among other things, he helped to prepare explosives for use against U.S. troops in Afghanistan.

Broyles had said he planned to argue that conspiracy to attack U.S. troops is not a war crime and that he hoped to have the military judge, Navy Capt. Daniel O'Toole, removed from the case for an unspecified conflict of interest. He also told

reporters that he believed some evidence against his client was obtained through torture, but declined to provide details.

It was clear as soon as al-Qahtani sat down that things would not go smoothly in the windowless courtroom with thick burgundy carpeting, leather-padded chairs and a varnished railing separating trial participants from spectators.

When O'Toole began to explain the legal process, al-Qahtani responded, "This is nonsense."

The judge then explained the benefits of having a lawyer, but al-Qahtani was not interested.

"I would prefer to be ignorant of these matters," he said, resting his head on his hands. "I don't care."

"I would prefer to be ignorant of these matters. I don't care."

**Jabran Said bin al-Qahtani
Guantanamo Bay prisoner**

At another point, the detainee, who has bushy black hair and a thick beard, told the judge that a lawyer couldn't help him, saying the U.S. can "either kill me or imprison me or God will

provide me with rescue, and then you will regret everything."

Broyles asked the court to delay the proceedings so he could research what his ethical obligations were to a client who did not want his assistance. When the hearing resumed, al-Qahtani was absent. The defense attorney then asked to reschedule the hearing, which O'Toole denied.

Al-Qahtani, who according to his lawyer is in his mid-20s and has a wife and two children, is one of 10 detainees at Guantanamo Bay who have been charged and are facing a military tribunal. He faces up to life in prison if convicted. There are about 490 prisoners at the Guantanamo Bay detention center.

UKRAINE

Survivors remember Chernobyl

Country observes 20th anniversary of world's worst nuclear disaster

Associated Press

KIEV — Ukrainian mourners carried single red carnations and flickering candles during a solemn ceremony early Wednesday to remember the 1986 Chernobyl explosion, an event that continues to scar this ex-Soviet republic 20 years later.

The April 26, 1986, pre-dawn explosion became the world's worst ever nuclear accident, ripping off the nuclear power plant's roof and spewing radioactive fallout for 10 days over 77,220 square miles of the then-Soviet Union and Europe. It cast a radioactive shadow over the health of millions of people; many believe it also contributed to the eventual collapse of the Soviet Union.

"My friends were dying under my eyes," said Konstantyn Sokolov, a 68-year-old former Chernobyl worker whose voice was hoarse from throat and lip cancer. Sokolov was among hundreds gathering for a middle of the night ceremony Wednesday in the Ukrainian capital, which President Viktor Yushchenko attended.

Sokolov said his memories of that time "are very terrible."

In Kiev, bells tolled 20 times starting at 1:23 a.m., marking the time of the explosion at Reactor No. 4 at the Chernobyl nuclear power station. Orthodox priests led the mourners in a somber procession.

Closer to Chernobyl in Slavutych — the town built to house Chernobyl workers displaced in the accident — the commemorations began an hour earlier to coincide with Moscow time, which was used in the then-Soviet Republic of Ukraine at the time of the accident.

Residents laid flowers and placed candles at a monument dedicated to Chernobyl as sirens blared.

Death tolls connected to the blast remain hotly debated, as do the long-term health effects.

At least 31 people died as a direct result of trying to keep the fire from spreading to the plant's three other operating reactors. One plant worker was killed instantly and his body has never been



Ukraine president Viktor Yushchenko lays flowers on a memorial to mark the 20th anniversary of the Chernobyl explosion.

recovered. Twenty-nine rescuers, firefighters and plant workers died later from radiation poisoning and burns, and another person died of an apparent heart attack.

Mykola Malyshev, now 66, was working in the control room of Chernobyl's Reactor No. 1 at the time of the explosion. He said the lights went off and on and the room shook. The workers were ordered to the destroyed reactor, but when they got there, their co-workers ordered them to flee

and save themselves. "They told us, 'We are already dead. Go away,'" Malyshev recalled at the Kiev ceremony. Thousands have been diagnosed with thyroid cancer, one of the only internationally accepted illnesses linked to Chernobyl, and the U.N. health agency said about 9,300 people were likely to die of cancers caused by radiation.

Some groups, however, including Greenpeace, have warned that death tolls could be 10 times higher and accused the U.N. of white-

washing the long-term effects of the accident in order to restore trust in the safety of atomic power.

Around 350,000 people were evacuated forever from their homes, leaving the whole city of Pripyat and dozens of villages to decay and rot away. Experts say some may not be habitable again for centuries.

Some 5 million people live in areas covered by the radioactive fallout, in Ukraine, neighboring Belarus and Russia.

Valentyna Abramovych, now 50, her husband and their infant son were forced to evacuate their home in the Chernobyl workers' city of Pripyat, leaving behind all their belongings. They were shuffled around, first to a nearby village then to a relative's house. "Every day, I would watch television and expect to hear when we could come back," Valentyna Abramovych said.

"Every day, I would watch television and expect to hear when we could come back," Valentyna Abramovych said. "When they said we could never come back, I burst into tears ... We feel like outcasts. No one needs us."

Ukraine hosted competing scientific conferences on Tuesday as this nation of 47 million and the international community tried to make sense of the catastrophe.

The whole country grieves and the whole world joins us in this grief."

**Lena Makarova
Ukrainian citizen**

"Every day, I would watch television and expect to hear when we could come back."

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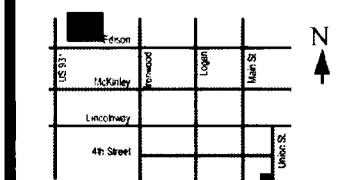
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U.S. citizen convicted for supporting al-Qaida

Prosecutors suspected man may plan attacks

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — A federal jury on Tuesday convicted a 23-year-old man of supporting terrorists by attending an al-Qaida training camp in Pakistan three years ago.

Hamid Hayat, a seasonal farm worker in Lodi, an agricultural town south of Sacramento, was convicted of one count of providing material support to terrorists and three counts of lying to the FBI.

The verdict came hours after a separate jury hearing a case against the man's father deadlocked, forcing the judge to declare a mistrial.

The father, 48-year-old ice cream truck driver Umer Hayat, is charged with two counts of lying to the FBI about his son's involvement in the training camp. Defense attorneys and prosecutors will meet in court May 5 to decide whether he will be retried.

Both men are U.S. citizens and stood trial in federal court before separate juries. They have been in custody since their arrests last June.

Both cases initially generated widespread interest because they raised concerns about a potential terrorist cell centered in the wine-producing region about 35 miles south of the state capital. But the government presented no evidence of a terror network during the nine-week trial.

Instead, the case centered on videotaped confessions the men gave to FBI agents and a government informant who secretly recorded hundreds of hours of conversations but whose credibility was challenged by the defense.

Prosecutors described Hamid Hayat as having "a jihadi heart and a jihadi mind" who returned from a two-year visit to Pakistan intent on carrying out attacks. Possible targets included hospitals, banks and grocery stores.

They presented no evidence to show that such attacks were imminent or even planned. But in closing arguments, a prosecutors said the case was intended to prevent terrorist attacks "long before anybody is hurt."

Defense lawyers for both men argued that the government didn't have a case against their clients because it had produced no evidence that the son ever attended a terrorist training camp.

Their biggest hurdle was trying to persuade jurors to discount the men's videotaped confessions. The statements were given separately last June during lengthy interrogations by the FBI in Sacramento.

Defense lawyers said the confessions were made under duress, after the men had been questioned for hours in the middle of the night.

The father and son eventually told the agents merely what they thought they wanted to hear, without realizing the legal consequences, their lawyers argued.

The trial is the result of

what the government initially thought might be a much larger case. Its investigation into Lodi's 2,500-member Pakistani community began after agents received a tip in 2001 that Lodi-area businesses were sending money to terrorist groups abroad.

That investigation ultimately fizzled, but it did lead agents to Naseem Khan. The 32-year-old former Lodi resident was working a variety of fast-food and convenience store jobs in rural Oregon when agents approached him in October 2001, just a month after the terrorist attacks.

Khan, a Pakistani native who moved to the U.S. as a teenager, was recruited to infiltrate Lodi's Pakistani community.

He initially investigated the money laundering allegations and then targeted a pair of local imams before finally befriending Hamid Hayat. The Hayats grew to eventually consider Khan almost a member of the family.

After Hamid Hayat left for Pakistan in spring 2003, Khan kept in touch and recorded their telephone calls — some of which show Khan urging Hayat to attend a jihadi camp.

In one conversation, Khan exhorted Hayat to "be a man — do something!"

Hamid Hayat's lawyers seized on such conversations to show that the FBI informant pushed Hayat to attend a training camp, but ultimately produced no evidence that he had.

They also questioned the informant's credibility, in part because of his own testimony. Khan said that just before he was recruited, he told FBI agents he had seen Osama bin Laden's physician and two other international terrorists living in Lodi during the late 1990s. At the time, they were wanted for attacks in the Middle East and Africa.

Defense attorneys and terrorism experts said it was highly unlikely they would have been in the U.S. at that time, a point prosecutors conceded later in the trial.

Bush elevates port security

Homeland Security to conduct background checks of 400,000 workers

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Seaport workers will undergo background checks for links to terrorism and to ensure they are legal U.S. residents, the Bush administration said Tuesday.

The announcement came after months of scathing criticism about security gaps at the nation's ports.

The heightened scrutiny — which will begin immediately — drew praise from some lawmakers and port associations that said the checks were long overdue. Others jeered the security measures as either too weak or too invasive of workers' privacy rights.

Names of an estimated 400,000 employees who work in the most sensitive areas of ports will be matched against government terror watch lists and immigration databases, Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said. They will be among roughly 750,000 workers — including truckers and rail employees — who have unrestricted access to ports and will be required to carry tamper-resistant identification cards by next year.

"What this will do is it will elevate security at our ports themselves so that we can be sure that those who enter our ports to do business come for legitimate reasons and not in order to do us harm," Chertoff said. He called the safeguards part of a "ring of security" around U.S. ports.

The background checks will not examine workers' criminal history, although Chertoff left open that possibility for the future.

How much the background checks will cost was not immediately available.

The Bush administration has been under fire for months for what critics call holes in security measures at ports, which were highlighted after a Dubai company's purchase of a British firm gave it control of six American ports. An outcry in Congress led the Dubai company, DP World, to decide to sell the U.S. operations to an American firm.

Congress is considering port security legislation this week, prompting some to question the sincerity and timing of Chertoff's announcement.

"It appears that DHS steps up to the plate to protect our national security only when the cameras are rolling and the whole world is watching," said Rep. Bennie G. Thompson, D-Miss., the top Democrat on the House Homeland Security Committee. He gave tepid praise for the push for ID cards, which he said should have been issued years ago.

In 2002, Congress ordered the Transportation Security Administration to issue biometric ID card to workers who passed criminal background checks. Those cards were supposed to be issued to port workers beginning in August 2004. By that December, the Government Accountability Office said, bureaucratic delays and poor planning were hampering development of the card.

Cargo industry officials have worried that a federal ID system aimed at boosting security could cost many port workers their jobs — leading to bottlenecks in the flow of goods destined for virtually every U.S. community.

"It seems to us that the biggest security threat is coming from the outside, and not from the workers who live and work in those communities," said Steve Stallone, spokesman for the San Francisco-based International Longshore and Warehouse Union.

The added scrutiny "looks a lot like harassment of the workers," Stallone said. Because some truck drivers are illegal immigrants who would quit rather than face identity checks, that could "seriously cripple" major ports, he said.

Still others questioned the

wisdom of checking for terror links without also examining a worker's criminal history.

"While today's announcement is an important and necessary first step, criminal background checks must eventually become a part of the screening process," said Anthony Coscia, chairman of the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

Some workers already have their criminal backgrounds checked by local authorities,

"What this will do is it will elevate security at our ports themselves so that we can be sure that those who enter our ports to do business come for legitimate reasons and not in order to do us harm."

Michael Chertoff
homeland security secretary

said Jim McNamara, spokesman for the International Longshoreman Union, which represents East Coast port workers and said it welcomed steps "to secure our ports in any way possible."

Since the DP World furor, Democrats have lambasted Homeland Security for

failing to screen and inspect all cargo that enters the United States at seaports. Senate Democrats are pushing legislation to require Homeland Security to outline how it will scan all cargo containers within five years. The department currently inspects 6 percent of cargo containers that enter U.S. ports.

Homeland Security treats port security like a "neglected stepchild," said Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y.

Chertoff said two-thirds of all containers will undergo radiation screening for nuclear materials by year's end and that 80 percent of cargo entering the United States comes from foreign ports with rigorous inspection standards. But he said it is impossible to physically inspect every cargo container without snarling port commerce.

"To call for all physical inspection of every container is like saying we're going to strip search everybody who gets on an airplane," he said.

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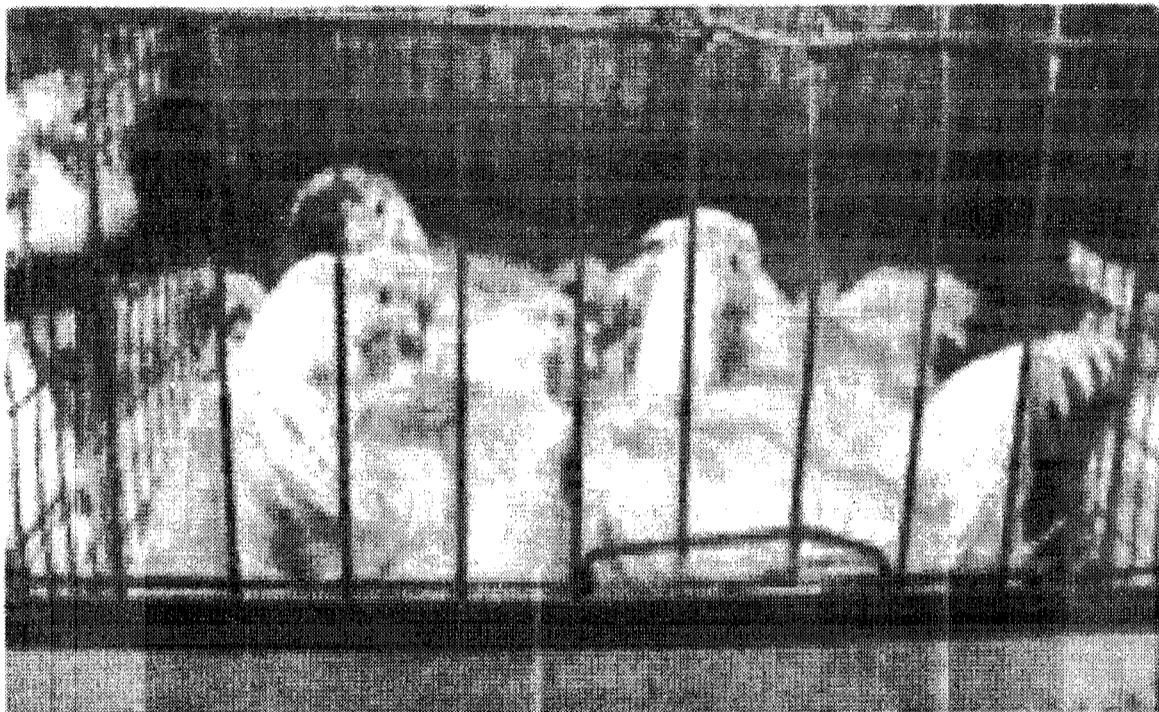
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Fond farewell

How many of us follow God's call for us? How many of us can even see it clearly? I see our greatest mandate in life as to "Love each other as I have loved you." The "I" being Jesus. This is a special calling to love, perhaps distinct to loving one another as we love ourselves. Our scriptures tell of God's unfaltering help to us, concern for the least in a society, and action taken to relieve people from suffering. This is our challenge today. Yet, far from the days of model saints, we need models of this existence to show us the way to love each other. One model laywoman, Margaret "Peggy" Roach, who has inspired so many even on this campus, has left this earth. Yet her legacy lives on in the action she took for the Kingdom of God.



Kamaria Porter

Black, Red and Catholic

Peggy Roach served the U.S. church as a laywoman, mentor and teacher. Last week she died of cancer in the company of friends and family. This week we celebrate her life in Chicago. Roach worked at the Archdiocese Council of Catholic Women in Chicago, then later at the national office in Washington D.C. fighting for social and racial justice issues. She was at the right place and time — in D.C. in the early 60s — and represented Catholic women at meetings of the National Council of

Leadership on Civil Rights. She marched alongside the thousands for racial justice. Local fights were also important to her. In Chicago, she was involved with the Contract Buyers League, a group trying to stomp out racist realtors who would intimidate or prey on whites moving from the city, buy their houses for cheap, then sell to black families for inflated prices. As Chicago faced its race question and more people left the city unwilling to integrate, people like Peggy Roach worked to stop the work of exploiters in hopes for peaceful race relations.

Roach is most well known as assistant to Monsignor Jack Egan, a social justice priest in Chicago. This is indeed how I met Roach last October. I was writing my senior essay on Msgr. Egan and eager to do some original interviews. I called her up and she happily agreed to meet me in the city to talk about Egan. I loved listening to her stories, because the work that I wanted to investigate of Egan was her work too. Egan was said to have the ideas and Roach the know how to get them done. They were a dynamic duo. Egan needed someone to organize him, in order to do his organizing.

When Egan left Chicago for Notre Dame, one of his initial questions to Fr. Hesburgh was whether he could bring Peggy Roach. During their 13-year stint under the Dome, Egan and Roach started the Catholic Committee of Urban Ministry. Basically pulling together their dual talents in net-working, CCUM hosted conferences, retreats and other programs to feed the people who do the Kingdom building in

their communities.

They returned to Chicago in the 1980s, working for the Archdiocese Office of Human Relations and Ecumenism and at DePaul University. Roach retired when Egan died in 2001, but kept in contact with friends in their circles. She was known for her notes and e-mails of encouragement to young people and former colleagues, always keeping them in her prayers and giving them advice for the journey. Peggy Roach took a life-long journey seeking and fighting for social justice, while touching the lives of people from all different generations and walks of life. She teaches us how to live out Jesus' teachings with courage of will and humble nature. I am reminded of a quote by another model of Christian existence, Cesar Chavez, "When we are really honest with ourselves we must admit that our lives are all that really belong to us. So, it's how we use our lives that determines what kind of [people] we are. It is my deepest belief that only by giving our lives to what we find life." Roach's dedication to Christian love and a better world for us all is stirring. She will be missed, yet she challenges us to remember her through our actions — fighting injustice wherever we find it.

Kamaria Porter is a senior history major. Thanks for the memories, angry e-mails, nice notes and the chance to talk and rant for three years. Bye.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Clarifying role of speechwriter

As someone whose byline graced the commentary pages of The Observer nearly three decades ago, I enjoyed the front-page article on my recent visit to campus. In an otherwise fine story, reporter Marcela Berrios stated that "speechwriters that are acutely opposed to one of the President's stances are generally assigned to work on an unrelated issue, to avoid a conflict of objectivity."

The reporter is, I believe, confusing what I had said about being an editorial writer with what I said about being a Presidential speechwriter. I had said that when I was at the Wall Street Journal, on some issues — especially social issues — we had a range of strong opinions among the writers, and no one would be asked to write an editorial taking a stand he disagreed with. Partly this is simple common-sense — no editor seeking to persuade people of his newspaper's view wants an editorial written by someone who does not believe what he is writing.

A presidential speechwriter has a slightly different role. He or she serves a president who has been elected by the people to implement his vision, and we are here to serve him and help him explain that vision to the public. It is a high privilege, and it comes with corresponding obligations. There are always going to be policy differences within any administration. But if a speechwriter does not support the agenda of the president he serves, the answer is clear — he should get another job.

William McGurn

Assistant to the President for Speechwriting
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Jenkins' decision fulfills obligation

Professor Charles Rice, once again, proves that bigotry and close-mindedness are common, even at a premier university like Notre Dame. In his latest diatribe, Rice actually has the audacity to compare "The Vagina Monologues" and the [former] Queer Film Festival with anti-Semitism. He goes on to question why such forums get an "easy pass" at Notre Dame.

The short answer, Professor Rice, is that University President Father John Jenkins understands that raising awareness and allowing for open discussion about important issues has a crucial place in a university setting. He realizes that limiting such discussion does nothing to promote moral values, rather it fosters bigotry and ignorance.

Unlike acts of anti-Semitism which promote hate, "The Vagina Monologues" and [former] Queer Film Festival provide venues for honest and candid discussion about tolerance and human dignity. This is not a contradiction of the values of Notre Dame, but rather the truest manifestation of academic freedom and Catholic teachings.

Fortunately, most of the Notre Dame community, including Jenkins, understands that the integrity of Notre Dame will only be undermined by the kind of intolerance represented in Rice's comments. While those guided by such fear might consider forums like the [former] Queer Film Festival to be "substantive defects," others realize that giving a voice to those who are discriminated against and subjugated is a moral responsibility.

Jenkins — please know that many of us in the Notre Dame community commend you for your bravery. Rice — it is you who should resign.

Ken Seifert

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"Perhaps the feelings that we experience when we are in love represent a normal state. Being in love shows a person who he should be."

Russian author
Anton Chekhov

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Monologues' produce confusion, not good

Dear Father Jenkins,
 I graduated from Notre Dame in 2004. At that time "The Vagina Monologues" was just beginning to reach its zenith on our campus. I particularly remember a day in LaFortune when I was studying for an exam. I was on my way out and as I was walking toward the back entrance, I was accosted by a young woman wearing only some flimsy crime tape around her in the shape of a bikini, telling me that as a woman I should be one of the first in line to attend this year's rendition of "The Vagina Monologues." I looked down at her "bikini" — the words wrapping around her said "Date Rape Free Zone." I looked up again into her eyes and asked, "Have you ever been raped?" Almost puzzled by the directness of my question, she cocked her head to the side before answering "no." I asked all the girls there — not one of them had actually been raped. I turned and walked away, feeling rather violated all over again because two years prior to graduation, I had been the victim of rape.

A little about me: I consider myself a very "liberated" woman. Growing up, I lived in 14 different states; cities as diverse as Los Angeles, Calif. to Paducah, Ky. In other words, I've been around. I can easily say words like vagina and clitoris. I don't really see this as a major accomplishment. I am a recent convert to Catholicism. I do not see myself as an "arch liberal," "arch conservative" or "arch anything." I do not pass judgment on an idea until I think I understand it.

When I was raped in 2002, I made a point to take a closer look at gender relations because I wanted to understand my own experience and be able to help others in similar circumstances. I read and watched "The Vagina Monologues" performed by Eve Ensler herself. I read books by Elizabeth Wurtzel, Betty Friedan and Jennifer Baumgardner, and I attended as many talks as I could on campus on the topic of violence against women. What I found was a mass of confusion, pain and bitterness. Only one talk on campus throughout my two years of avid, personal research touched me in any real way — that talk was given by Katie Koestner in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium about her horrible experience as an undergraduate at the College of William and Mary. Her speech was not overly dramatic or explicit, but it was real. The pain was real, the feelings were real and because it was so honest, respectful and simple, the discussions afterward on the topic of violence against women were more poignant and encouraging than any others I engaged in at Notre Dame. Unfortunately, this talk did not receive as much press as "The Vagina Monologues" that year because Koestner did not use words like vagina and cunt to describe her experience. She only used words like emptiness and fear.

So why am I against "The Vagina Monologues?" You would think that as a woman who has been sexually violated that I would want to believe "Cause at any cost; but that is just the point — I believe "The Vagina Monologues" does not further my cause or the cause of women. After many hours of reading and many hours of talking with others on this topic, I believe that despite the fact that Ensler's

play has garnered tremendous publicity, it has caused far more confusion about the true dignity of women than it has ever clarified. This is a cost that I am not willing to pay.

Before "The Vagina Monologues" became such a hot issue on campus, it was easy to see the real and unrehearsed reaction of students to the play. You would see some men coming out of Washington Hall either laughing hysterically because some woman was screaming cunt over and over again or a few others walking rather shamefully and awkwardly back to their dorms because the visual and audio stimuli was more like a free peep show. Some men just felt plain anger because of the absence of any significant story about a good experience that involved a man. Of course, the play generated conversations among women because, unfortunately, many of us have experienced some form of inappropriate sexual aggression, but I never found the conversations constructive no matter how open I tried to be. It was more like a group of women trying to out do each other with how horrific and miserable our experiences had been.

The only people on campus who seemed to truly "understand" this play and its direct correlation to helping stem the tide of violence against women were the faculty endorsing it and the small group of students dedicated to seeing the production through. Being a philosophy major, I had to ask myself, "why?" As I became acquainted with most of the faculty and students involved with the production of "The Vagina Monologues," I quickly noticed a rather common trend. Despite being dedicated to the protection of women, most of the women I encountered who were directly involved with the production of "The Vagina Monologues" held a very limited and sometimes even warped understanding of a woman's true beauty and power. They simply equated sexual forcefulness with liberation and healing. In essence, they advocated a position that it is healthy for women to act in a similar manner to the men who had hurt them — domineering, insensitive and completely self-absorbed. It was hard for me to warm up to this idea.

During my final years at Notre Dame, I began to read Pope John Paul II's Theology of the Body. I also took a theology class on this topic and participated in conferences and talks given by Christopher West, a Catholic scholar on the Church's teaching of sexuality. I wanted to ensure that I was seeing both sides of the gender dialogue at Notre Dame, and I think it really did help me to see the difference between constructive and destructive dialogue.

Standing against "The Vagina Monologues" is a hard thing to do because to do so is to risk being persecuted as

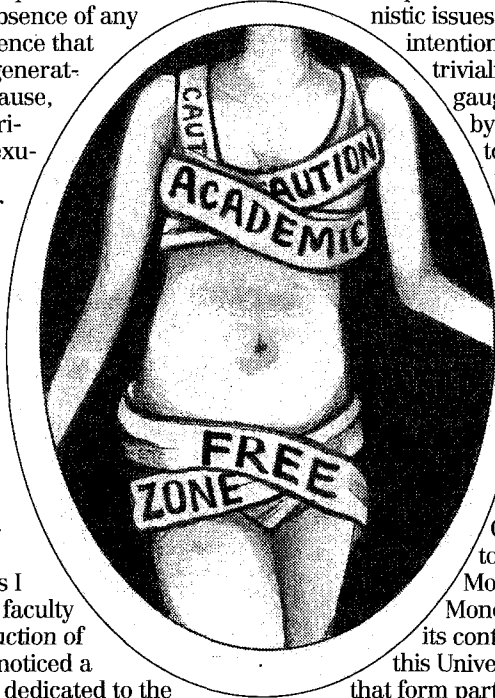
anti-woman, anti-feminist and to be framed as an ultra-legalistic conservative — afraid of sexuality, crude words and scantily clad women — a fact that I think has contributed to much of the success of "The Vagina Monologues." I am not afraid of my sexuality. I will be married this fall and I look forward with anticipation to a happy and frequent sex life. I am not afraid of crude words. I have a very quaint grandmother who when given the proper provocation can make even a truck driver blush. And I am certainly not afraid of scantily clad women, fighting for women's protection or raising awareness for true feminist issues. However, despite the author's good intentions, "The Vagina Monologues" clearly trivializes the dignity of women because it gauges the health of a woman's sexuality by her ability to personify her vagina, not to mention the blatant misogyny throughout the dialogues making it seem more like a work of hate than of love.

Am I saying that "The Vagina Monologues" should be banned from the campus in any form? No, I would never place such a restriction on academic freedom, and I believe that any book or media with academic interest and merit should be available for study at Notre Dame. What I am saying is that I am shocked and very sad to hear that you, a Catholic priest and philosopher, choose to keep a spotlight on t" "The Vagina Monologues" and claim that "The Vagina Monologues" is not, "overt and insistent in its contempt for the values and sensibilities of this University, or of any of the diverse groups that form part of our community." I refrained from

writing earlier because I believed given your initial statement on academic freedom that I would really have nothing to worry about. Your recent statement on "The Vagina Monologues" shocked and, quite frankly, depressed me. To say that "The Vagina Monologues" does not violate our Christian identity or show contempt for part of our community is to cross over onto very thin ice. As Catholics we are not allowed to do even a small amount of evil so that good may be obtained. I believe that "The Vagina Monologues" does more than a little evil by further confusing the dignity of women and obtains only an infinitesimal amount of good through its efforts to raise awareness of violence against women. There are much better ways to accomplish this goal while still preserving an open, academic environment.

You remain in my prayers.

Amelia Marcum
 alumna
 Class of 2004
 April 12



War and peace

The Pass in Review celebrates and memorializes the legacy of ROTC at Notre Dame. We, the co-presidents of the Notre Dame Peace Fellowship (NDPF), would like to personally acknowledge the dedication, hard work and courage of our ROTC cadets and officers.

As you may know, NDPF has a history of protesting the annual Pass in Review. Although we take issue with this current war and look to the traditions of non-violence and Just War as guides, our club is not organizing a protest this year. We wish to both show our respect and build bridges of communication. We recognize that we are all working toward the same goal of an increase of peace and justice, and often within the same Christian framework.

This day let us commit to understanding each other's common goals and aspirations for a more peaceful world. Division and stereotyping only alienates and offends. We likely agree that in order to make peace in the world, we first have to make peace among ourselves. Last semester, you may have attended a few dialogues between NDPF and ROTC. They will start up again in the fall, providing us all with an opportunity to understand each other's ideologies and collaborate in an effort to find common ground. We look forward to dialoguing with you next semester.

Clare Feeney
 sophomore
 off-campus
 April 25

Respect education program

I would like to dispute the opprobrious and shabbily written "salute" offered to the education majors of Saint Mary's in last Friday's Inside Column by Laura Baumgartner, "Student teachers." As an education major, I felt that it was demeaning on several levels. The first of these was the outright criticism of the faculty of our esteemed institution. I feel that the professors of any education department have an especially daunting task when it comes to the field of education, simply because of its nature. The education of children, or, for that matter, of adults, is not an exact science. Here at Saint Mary's, we are very fortunate to have a department that is filled with teachers who are competent, understanding and, most importantly, present us with new challenges daily. They push us to explore the latest and best practices and present us with opportunities to push ourselves to new levels both in and out of the classroom.

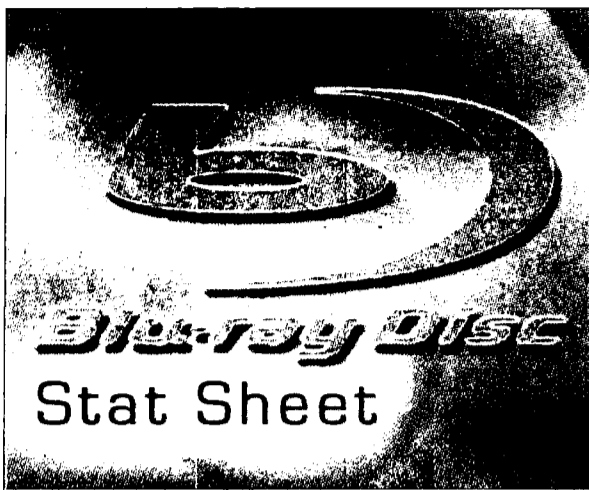
When it comes to your promulgation, I would like to agree with you on one point. You are clearly in no position to judge any member of this faculty, as is clearly evidenced by your poor

writing and thoughtless public presentation of your own thoughts. This leads to my second point of dissension. Your writing is atrocious. I read your article several times over, pausing and rereading to ensure that it was no trick of the imagination or computer screen. I find it difficult to believe that an attendee of this College would be so impudent as to insult tenured staff in the midst of writing littered with run-on sentences, misspelled words and blatant syntax errors. You can rest assured that your teachers and professors — present and past — would be less than pleased with your latest literary venture.

And finally, I speak for many of the women who share your campus when I express displeasure at your seemingly backhanded concluding statements. While it may be true that you meant no offense to the student-teaching body, how is it that you conceived the idea of undermining our entire major and department as being complimentary of our future roles as educators? In one sentence you debased the entire core of our education, and in the next you thank us for devoting our

time to tasks you have already deemed worthless. And, for someone who so clearly stated that she could "only imagine the challenges" that educators face on a daily basis, you are quick to point out faults in a system with which you claim to have no firsthand experience. The focus of your hand is so unclear that it leaves me wondering what your point was. Were you looking to uncover an education program that is in dereliction of its duties? That is in dereliction of its duties? Was your concern an underhanded strike at pre-service educators? Or was it simply a poorly planned lament spurred by junior-year stress and the bellyaching of close friends? Whatever the case may be, I certainly hope that the many readers of The Observer can look past this misinformation and poor representation of our student body so that the true value of our institution, its professors and all of its students will not be overlooked.

Kate Keating
 senior
 Le Mans Hall
 April 25



THE WAR FOR D

Companies Take Sides as a Con

STORIES BY SEAN SWEANY

While HD-DVD may have jumped the gun with early releases of both HD-DVD players and titles, Team Blu-ray is hoping to play the tortoise to HD-DVD's hare and prove the old adage that "It's not how you start the race, it's how you finish it." With the upcoming release of Playstation 3, Blu-ray is hoping to hit the afterburners and outstrip the rival HD-DVD technology.

Evil Corporate Conglomeration Backing Blu-Ray: The Blu-ray Disc Association.

Corporate Muscle: With member companies Apple and Hitachi, in addition to film studios 20th Century Fox, MGM Studios and Disney, Blu-ray holds a decided advantage in terms of the movie titles which will be available in Blu-ray. Also, video game ringer Sony has jumped ship and joined the Blu-ray Disc Association. In addition, popular video game developer Electronic Arts is in the Blu-ray fold, although HD-DVD boasts computer software behemoth Microsoft.

Storage Capacity: Single-layer Blu-ray DVDs will be able to hold 25 gigabytes per layer, a considerable amount more than HD-DVDs. As a result, their dual-layer discs will have 50 gigabytes of storage space as opposed to HD-DVD's 30.

DVD Laser Size: 405 nanometers.
Laser Color: Blue-violet.

Affiliated video game console: Blu-ray DVD players are expected to be on the Playstation 3 video game console to provide significant benefits to Blu-ray technology. At the present time, the Blu-ray Disc Association is the only organization that has the right to use the Blu-ray Disc logo.

Blu-ray Disc Association could have had a significant impact on which DVD format would become the standard. However, the Blu-ray Disc Association's decision to support Blu-ray over HD-DVD was a significant factor in the Blu-ray Disc Association's decision to support Blu-ray over HD-DVD.

Out of the box, Blu-ray DVDs and players aren't out yet, but the discs are expected next month and Blu-ray players are expected in late June. Also, Playstation 3, sporting Blu-ray Disc technology, is expected to be in stores this month.

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CROSSING LASERS: A TALE OF TWO TECHNOLOGIES

In this age of technical advancement and weekly technological breakthroughs, being equipped with the most up-to-date gear has become a desired goal. With the arrival of HD-DVD and the forthcoming release of Sony's Blu-ray system, the next step in technology upgrades has arrived.

Now that these high quality disc players are available for sale, consumers must soon decide which type of player to buy. Will a regular DVD player still do the trick? Is it a better decision to buy an HD-DVD player or a Blu-ray? What is the right plan of action?

One certainty is that regular DVDs will eventually go the way of the eight-track record. Buying a high-end DVD player or thousands of movie titles for a library is a waste of money at this point. The way of the future lies in one of the forms of high capacity DVDs. The multi-million dollar question is now whether to invest in HD-DVD or Blu-ray.

HD-DVD has a lot going for it right now. Since it's already available in stores, it gains a distinct advantage in media attention and advance sales over the Blu-ray player. Another factor could be the price. Blu-ray players will cost about \$1,000 while a low-end HD-DVD player runs just under \$500. Obviously, both these prices will drop over time, but the lower initial price of HD-DVD could help it capture more of the market.

For anyone eager to own one of these systems immediately, the support of various movie studios could influence

a decision. Unfortunately, movie studios have split opinions over which format to back in production of their newest titles. Major supporters of HD-DVD are Paramount, Universal and New Line Entertainment, while studios like Disney, 20th Century Fox and Sony Home Entertainment will back Blu-ray. The Blu-ray discs offer more copy-protection features — a factor Sony used to gain support from various film companies.

Currently, the only HD-DVD titles available are "The Last Samurai," "Million Dollar Baby," "The Phantom of the Opera," "Serenity," "Apollo 13" and "Doom." The first Blu-ray movies will go on sale in May, although Blu-ray players are not expected to be available until late June. The first titles that will be sold for Blu-ray include "Hitch" and "50 First Dates." While more titles will be added to the Blu-ray fold in the future, HD-DVD holds the advantage in terms of availability in the near future.

One of the major selling points for Blu-ray players will be its inclusion in the new Playstation 3, expected to hit stores in November. This will be a huge draw for the college crowd in spite of the total lack of compatibility with HD-DVD. While the Xbox 360 will have an HD-DVD add-on at some point, video game enthusiasts should wait until the Playstation 3 arrives since Blu-ray will be integrated into the system.

At this point in time, it's difficult to recommend either player to the average con-

sumer. It is almost certain that only one format will survive and prosper in the marketplace. Some forecasts predict HD-DVD will win because of its lower price, early release and backward compatibility with regular DVD. Others believe Blu-ray will become standard mainly due to the Playstation 3 and the increased storage capacity.

Undoubtedly, the best thing to do right now is wait. Many HD-DVD players in use have experienced glitches that may require upgrades or recalls to fix. So few titles are currently available that there is no use trying to build an HD-DVD library. Also, these current titles feature very few of the functions HD-DVD is capable of performing since the technology is largely untested. HD-DVD is basically a more expensive version of DVD at the moment, with a barely noticeable quality difference.

Once Blu-ray arrives in stores, the battle will rage until one system achieves dominance in the marketplace. Once that happens, prices will drop and every company will switch to the new standard to take full advantage of the high capacity discs. Only after this will it make sense to purchase whichever player becomes the standard. This new format war will demonstrate that good things come to those who wait.

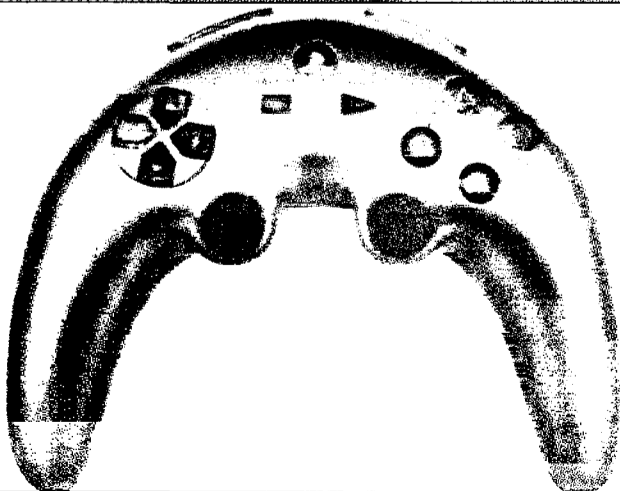
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Hitting the U.S. in March 1997, DVD discs ushered in a new era of watching movies at home. With their clarity in sound and a drastic improvement in picture quality over existing VHS video formats, DVD discs hold more information than VHS and present the consumer with a more enjoyable viewing experience. Since then, DVD has become the industry standard in releasing feature-length films into American households. But a new system is on the horizon and it seems the transition will not be so easy. The end of the DVD is nigh and the High Definition (HD-DVD) and Blu-ray systems are vying for position. The fight has been waged only over movie titles, but also video game computer users.

On Nov. 19, 2003, the DVD Forum, a group of software, hardware companies dedicated to the research and development of DVD technology. At the DVD Forum, the group decided that HD-DVD would be the definition successor to the DVD. The DVD Forum is known for its focus on consumer electronics and the Japanese market. It is responsible for the specifications of DVD and several of its founders include Sony, Philips and Time Warner. Companies would have to be chief players on both HD-DVD/Blu-ray divide.

In response to the decision to back HD-DVD, the Blu-ray Disc Association was formed on Oct. 4, 2004 that includes Apple, Hitachi, and 20th Century Fox. Also, Microsoft



Blu-ray backers are betting that video gamers will pick up new Playstation 3 system controllers and consoles, which will pack Blu-ray DVD technology.



New HD-DVD titles are already out and pictured above. HD-DVD beat Blu-ray

DVD SUCCESSION

Consumer Market Waits for a Winner



Stat Sheet

BY AND MARTY SCHROEDER

CONGLOMERATES COMPETE FOR DVD DOMINATION

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founder Sony has joined the Blu-ray Disc Association. This is significant for two reasons — the Playstation 3 (PS3) home game console will be using Blu-ray technology and since Sony owns the entirety of the massive MGM film library, all new home releases from this extensive catalogue will be released on Blu-ray instead of HD-DVD.

HD-DVD and Blu-ray are moving forward by improving on already existing DVD technology. Where DVD players use an infrared laser to read and write on the discs, HD-DVD and Blu-ray use blue-violet lasers. The key difference is the size of the laser. Where DVD technology uses a 650 nanometer (nm) laser, HD-DVD and Blu-ray use 405 nm lasers. This reduces diffraction and allows the smaller laser to read information on the disc at a higher density, increasing the capacity of the disc.

The multi-layer capacity of the DVD is also being used. HD-DVD is currently able to store 15 gigabytes (GB) on a single layer as opposed to 8.5 GB for dual-layer DVDs. Dual-layer HD-DVDs in development are already moving the capacity to the ceiling of 30 GB. Blu-ray, on the other hand, is able to hold 25 GB per layer. This means 50 GB for the already developed dual-layer. One hundred GB four layer and 200 GB eight layer discs are also currently in development.

Sony is arguably the most high profile member of the Blu-ray Disc Association with its influence in the home console market. In only five years and nine months of its release, Sony had shipped 100 million Playstation 2 (PS2) units. This broke the previous record of nine years and six months held by

the first Playstation. The PSP hand-held console has also helped Sony garner brand loyalty and open its markets. As a result of the dominance that began in 1995 with the release of the original Playstation, companies interested in Blu-ray are paying attention.

Of all the major Hollywood studios, only Universal has said it will support HD-DVD exclusively. Paramount and Warner Bros. are in non-exclusive deals with both and will be releasing their titles on both formats — claiming this will give the consumer more choice in the matter. Sony Pictures, MGM, 20th Century Fox and Disney, on the other end of the spectrum, have joined the Blu-ray camp exclusively. As aforementioned, the PS3 is expected to be the first high definition DVD player in most homes. Due to this, Hollywood studios will be sure to note market trends, as they want to make sure the world is watching their respective movies.

The software companies are also throwing up their banners in support of one or the other. Video game behemoth Electronic Arts (EA) — known for its sport gaming titles — has supported Blu-ray technology. Sports gamers form a large section of the video game market so fans of the NCAA football, NFL football and other series of sports games should take note. Square Enix, makers of the famous "Final Fantasy" series of role-playing games, is releasing Final Fantasy XII exclusively on the PS2. This seems to indicate the series is returning to releases only on Sony platforms that began with Final Fantasy VII and was only interrupted by the multi-platform Massively Multiplayer Online RPG (MMORPG) Final Fantasy XI.

However, HD-DVD is not without its backers. PC goliaths Microsoft

and Intel have announced their support for HD-DVD. Microsoft — estimated at having 90 percent of the client operating system market — is a giant in terms of the computer market. With their Windows operating systems and software suites such as Microsoft Office, they are an inescapable software developer. Also, their foray into the gaming world began with Xbox and has continued with the Xbox 360, which was released earlier this year. While having nowhere near the clout that Sony has in the home console arena, they have developed a niche using online systems that enhance the multiplayer gameplay of titles such as "Halo 2."

As far as release dates are concerned, HD-DVD has hit the market first. Toshiba has released a HD-DVD player and Warner Home Video has released "The Last Samurai" and "The Phantom of the Opera" — among several other titles — into the US market. On the Blu-ray end, Sony has claimed difficulties in the development of their Blu-ray technology and has delayed the release of the

PS3 in the United States to fall of 2006. In light of this, the rest of the Blu-ray Disc Association has delayed the release of Blu-ray products until June 2006.

With no clear-cut front-runner, it will take a major release to give one the advantage over the other. This will come with the PS3 and, once it is released, the two groups can gauge the market response and a clear frontrunner will emerge. If the PS3 has the success that its predecessors had, it may well be that Blu-ray DVDs will become the basis of American home entertainment.

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In the corporate arms race currently enveloping the new-wave DVD technology market, it would appear that the HD-DVD camp has jumped out to an early lead, with HD-DVD titles and players already out there for consumption. However, concerns over film title availability may cut down HD-DVD's lead, even though software giant Microsoft is on board.

Evil Corporate Conglomerate Backing HD-DVD: The DVD Forum

Corporate Muscle: While Universal Studios is the only major film company to sign an exclusive contract to present their DVDs in HD-DVD format, the DVD Forum still boasts heavy-hitters Microsoft, Intel, Toshiba and AOL/Time Warner. Controlling over 90 percent of the client operating system market, Microsoft lends HD-DVD a decided advantage in terms of the computer market.

Storage Capacity: Single-layer HD-DVDs can store up to 15 gigabytes of information, up from 8.5 gigabytes on conventional dual-layer DVDs. Dual-layer HD-DVDs currently in development are expected to store 30 gigabytes.

DVD Laser Size: 405 nanometers.
Laser Color: Blue-violet.

Affiliated video game console: Microsoft's Xbox 360, currently available for purchase, will eventually have an HD-DVD add-on thrown in as part of its package.

Out now: HD-DVD players are already available on the market, as are HD-DVD titles, including "The Last Samurai," "Million Dollar Baby," and "Apollo 13" among others. Blu-ray titles won't hit shelves until May and Blu-ray players aren't expected until late June.

Less is more: A low-end Toshiba HD-DVD player costs around \$500, as compared to a much higher asking price for Blu-ray players, which figure to run nearly twice as much at around \$1,000.

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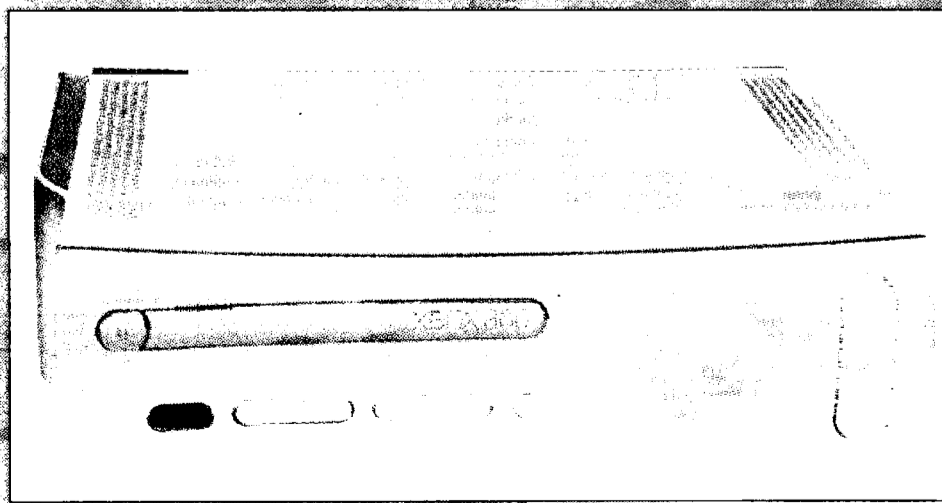


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purchase, such as "The Last Samurai," to the punch with faster title releases.

Xbox parent company Microsoft is backing HD-DVD technology. Xbox 360 consoles like the one featured above will eventually sport an HD-DVD add-on.

MOVIE REVIEW

'Dreamz' film fails to capture imagination

By CASSIE BELEK
Scene Critic

Good movie satires engage ripe and sometimes controversial topics with hilariously witty dialogue that guarantees not only a good laugh, but a genuine social commentary. Think "Dr. Strangelove" first, then "Clueless," followed by "This is Spinal Tap" and "Office Space." Unfortunately, "American Dreamz," written and directed by Paul Weitz, fails to live up to its predecessors' caliber despite a spectacular ensemble cast and a juicy inspiration — more people vote in the "American Idol" competition than vote in the U.S. presidential elections.

"American Dreamz" presents a number of (Dennis Quaid), a dimwitted leader of the free world controlled by his powerful Chief of Staff (Willem Dafoe). President Stator suffers somewhat of a breakdown, causing him to actually read newspapers and non-fiction books. After disappearing from the public eye, his Chief of Staff encourages him to be a guest judge on the singing contest show "American Dreamz," hosted by Martin Tweed (Hugh Grant). Contestants of "American Dreamz" include white-trash starlet Sally Kendoo (Mandy Moore) and secret Arab terrorist Omer (Sam Golzari).

It's a brilliant plot combination that falls flat. The jokes don't come quick

enough and when they do, they linger in an abyss. The first half of the movie drags on as we wait for the "American Dreamz" competition, where the real excitement starts.

On the way there, "Tweedy" finds someone as heartless and miserable as himself in Sally, and decides to help her through the competition. Enter the sexual tension that isn't quite there. Grant and Moore make an odd combination, and despite Grant's dashing looks, his age shows against Moore's youthful glow. Both characters could be more sinister, and don't hold a candle to Simon Cowell's cruelty. In fact, Cowell is an exaggerated version of Tweedy instead of the other way around.

Shining stars include Golzari as Omer, the budding suicide terrorist, and Chris Klein as William Williams, Sally's dedicated Iraqi war veteran ex-boyfriend.

Omer's assignment is to blow up the president, but he's starting, but he enjoys his singing fame and life with his spoiled cousins. Meanwhile, Sally is pretending to be in love with William in order to garner more votes on the

show. Golzari successfully portrays a reluctant terrorist seeking a normal life filled with song and dance and Klein plays the red-blooded, devoted, high school sweetheart with just the right amount of exaggeration.

With its talent-heavy ensemble, "American Dreamz" is guilty of not using all its resources. Judy Greer settles for her typical high-strung sidekick part



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Singing hopeful Sally Kendoo (Mandy Moore) gushes onstage as "American Dreamz" show host Martin Tweed (Hugh Grant) offers some constructive criticism.

when we know she is capable of more, especially after her stint in "Arrested Development." Jennifer Coolidge is another underutilized comedic force, playing Sally's mother — a very uninteresting part. These are roles that could have easily gone to unknowns but instead were wasted on quality actresses. It's doubtful either will be remembered in their roles, a fault not of their own, but of the movie's.

"American Dreamz" is funny, but not funny enough to rank high on satire

lists. With so many different plot threads, the movie doesn't completely gel until it's time for the competition, and it comes too late in the action. The Bo Bice look-alike is priceless and Mandy Moore has perfected the blonde brat routine, but "American Dreamz" lacks the meat and potatoes of a quality comedy. The movie is good for a laugh, but doesn't break any new ground in the field of satires.

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HOME VIDEO PLAYERS IN CONTEXT

Betamax vs. VHS: an old-school technology battle

By SEAN SWEANY
Scene Writer

In a time before DVD, Dolby Surround Sound and digital movie projection — when hair bands and disco ruled our culture — a format war overwhelmed the entertainment world just as the HD-DVD vs. Blu-ray conflict does today. Known today mostly to older generations and collectors, it was the fight between Betamax and VHS.

In the early 1970s, home videocassette recorders became available to the public at cheap prices. The first successful system was the Sony-produced Betamax. It was named "Betamax" because the shape of the tape running through the cassette looked like the Greek letter "Beta."

One year after the debut of Betamax, JVC introduced a rival product, the VHS, or Video Home System. VHS works by running a magnetic tape between two spools, which is then passed over various playback and recording heads in a Video Cassette Recorder (VCR) to produce an image.

The original Betamax systems featured a high recording quality but only held one hour's worth of footage — that's less than a feature film. VHS, on the other hand, lost some quality, but could manage two hours of recording thanks to larger cassettes and slower tape speed. Betamax made changes to its cassettes to eventually have space for over three hours, but VHS could record eight hours of footage.

In the beginning of its production,

Betamax cornered the market and held nearly 100% market share because of the incompatibility of other formats. However, VHS sales quickly overtook those of Betamax for several reasons.

First was the superior recording time of VHS over Betamax. In spite of numerous product revisions by Sony, VHS always enjoyed a longer recording time. Along with this, both VHS tapes and recorders were available at prices cheaper than those of Betamax. Betamax machines eventually became easier to rent, but by that point VHS had already cornered nearly 70 percent of the market for recordable tapes.

Sony again made a crucial mistake in the marketing of its Betamax product. Whereas 40 companies utilized the VHS format by 1984, only 12 used Betamax. Sony's refusal to sign licensing agreements with movie studios and cassette hardware companies led to a further reduction in market share. By contrast, VHS became more widely available.

By the late 1980s, nearly every street corner store held a rack of VHS tapes available for sale, while Betamax tapes were almost impossible to find. In 1988, Sony began to manufacture VHS recorders, conceding defeat in the format war. VHS went on to dominate the industries of home recording and movie distribution until the introduction of the DVD in 1997.

While Betamax died a silent death in the home video market, it lived on for a time in personal camcorders and a derivative called Betacam is now one of the standards in the professional and

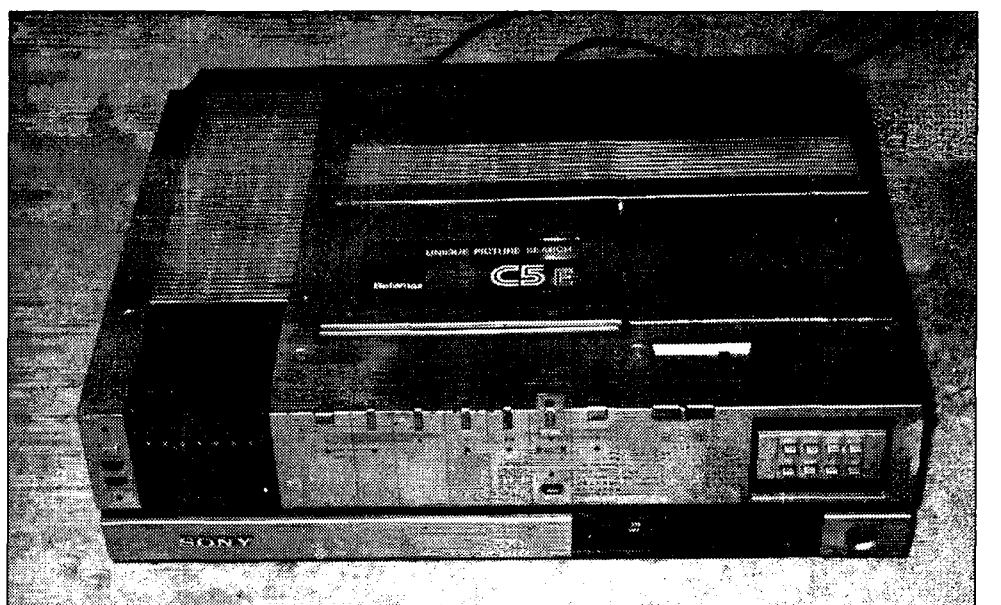


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Its low storage capacity and higher price tag eventually doomed the Betamax player in its evolutionary war against VHS, making it an obsolete dinosaur.

broadcast video industry. Nevertheless, the public popularity of Betamax dwindled through the 1990s, except for several niche groups. Sony finally gave up on the dying brand, producing its last Betamax player in 2002.

The format war between Betamax and VHS is a classic case of market competition and has been applied to many battles in the computer industry, including Apple vs. IBM, Macintosh vs. Windows and Microsoft vs. Netscape.

While marketing competition existed as one dimension of this format war, the major reasons Betamax failed were the decisions made by Sony concerning

the length and licensing of its product. If different decisions had been made, DVD may have phased out Betamax instead of VHS.

However, as it turned out Betamax fell hard, while VHS went on to dominate the marketplace for over a decade. While there have been numerous throughout history, the Betamax vs. VHS conflict is one of the most well known and studied, thanks to its enormous and lasting effects on the entertainment industry.

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NBA PLAYOFFS

Wizards fight back to even series with Cavs

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The Washington Wizards got mad, then got even.

Angry at allowing LeBron James to dominate them with a triple-double in Game 1, the Wizards roughed up Cleveland's superstar and downed the Cavaliers 89-84 Tuesday night to tie their Eastern Conference series at a game apiece.

Gilbert Arenas scored 30 points, Antawn Jamison added 21 and Caron Butler was the primary defender on James, who wasn't the same after he got wrapped up by massive Wizards center Brendan Haywood in the first quarter.

"Actually, that wasn't the plan going in," Arenas said of Haywood's hack. "Brendan just decided he was going to give a hard foul to let him know he was there. For some reason, that just threw him off a little bit."

James got 32 points, 11 rebounds and 11 assists in his playoff debut, but he played like a mere mortal in his second

postseason game as a pro.

He finished with 26 points on 7-of-25 shooting, and matched his career high with 10 turnovers. James also made some mental errors, including a costly one late when he made an out-of-bounds save under his own basket that was picked off by Arenas for an easy layup.

The Wizards, who returned to Washington after Game 1 to regroup, came up with all the right adjustments and snatched away Cleveland's home-court advantage.

"We destroyed ourselves in Game 1," Arenas said. "So we decided to come out and play better basketball."

The Wizards stopped James and also snapped Cleveland's 12-game winning streak at home. Instead of double-teaming the 6-foot-8 James, who dissected them with passes to open teammates in Game 1, Washington coach Eddie Jordan let Butler and Jared Jeffries guard him with no assistance.

"They had a great scheme by playing me 1-on-1," said James, whose 10 turnovers were a

team playoff record. "I missed a lot of shots, layups that I usually make. They did a great job. I didn't come to play."

The series shifts to the Verizon Center for Game 3 in the best-of-seven series on Friday night.

Drew Gooden scored 24 points on 11-of-12 shooting and added 16 rebounds, and Larry Hughes had 16 points for the Cavaliers, who trailed 85-77 with 1:34 left following Arenas' gift layup and free throw.

A free throw by James and two by Gooden got the Cavs within 85-80, and Cleveland was still alive when Arenas missed an ill-advised 3-pointer.

Nets 90, Pacers 75

The Indiana Pacers know what to expect from Vince Carter and the New Jersey Nets. They don't quite get the officials.

Carter rebounded from a dismal shooting performance to score 33 points Tuesday night and lead the New Jersey Nets to a victory over the foul-plagued and undermanned Pacers, evening their first-round series at a game apiece.

"Maybe it came off as a chip, it was just focus," Carter said when asked if had a chip on his shoulder for Game 2. "I wanted to get my first win here. They brought me here not to just win 49 games but to win playoff games. That was my goal. It was important for me to come out and just be Vince."

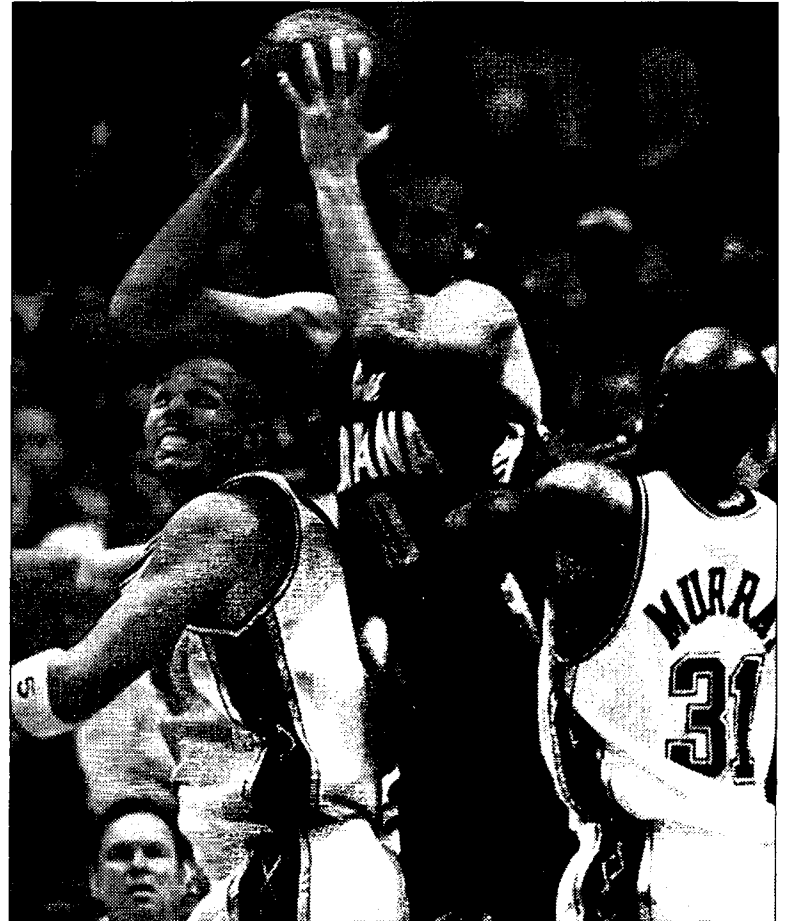
Carter had plenty of help. Richard Jefferson added 21 points and Nenad Krstic had 20 points and 10 rebounds as New Jersey avoided losing the first two games at home.

Game 3 is at Indiana on Thursday night.

Jason Kidd added six points, 13 assists and 11 rebounds in a game the Pacers probably felt was decided a little too much by an officiating crew that included Violet Palmer, the first female to referee a postseason game.

The crew called two fouls apiece on Indiana's Jermaine O'Neal and Stephen Jackson in the first quarter, and the Pacers were never able to find their offense on a night forward Peja Stojakovic was also sidelined with a sore right knee.

"It's hard when both of us are in foul trouble," Jackson said. "If one of us is in foul trouble, the other can play. But when



Pacers' center Rick Foster, middle, pulls down a rebound over Nets' guards Jason Kidd, left, and Lamond Murray.



Cleveland Cavaliers' forward Drew Gooden, left, looks to make a pass while guarded by the Washington Wizards' Antawn Jamison.

both of us are out, it's hard. Our teammates play off us a lot, and it didn't make it no better that Peja wasn't playing. It's hard to win a game like that."

The Pacers' trio averaged a combined 56 points during the regular season. Jackson had 10 points before fouling out in the fourth quarter. O'Neal finished with 12 points on 3-for-12 shooting and five fouls.

Both O'Neal and Jackson chose their words carefully when asked about the officiating.

"I don't quite understand it," O'Neal said. "This is my 10th year. These are the same moves I made the previous four or five years that made me an All-Star. On the flops, they're holding onto me. They're not calling them on the other end."

Spurs 128, Kings 119

Maybe the Sacramento Kings would've preferred another trampling over what the San Antonio Spurs did to them.

Dominant early and resilient late, the Kings were forced into

overtime by a 3-pointer from Brent Barry that hit the rim twice, went high and fell through with 4 seconds left in regulation.

Then Manu Ginobili carried the defending champions to a victory Tuesday night in Game 2 of their first-round series.

Game 3 is Friday night in Sacramento. With so many days off, Kings fans might start wondering whether the Spurs could possibly find another way to break their hearts.

San Antonio had its way with Sacramento in the opener, breaking things open in the second quarter and winning by 34. Perhaps thinking this one would be just as easy, especially with Kings forward Ron Artest serving a one-game suspension, the Spurs came out flat and were down by five at halftime.

Although San Antonio snapped out of it and went up by 10 in the third quarter, Bonzim Wells, Shareef Abdur-Rahim and Artest's replacement, Kevin Martin, refused to let Sacramento go away.

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NHL PLAYOFFS

Senators defeat Lightning, grab 2-1 advantage in series

Quick goals by McCarty and Regehr lift Flames over Mighty Ducks in game dominated by power play scoring

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — The Ottawa Senators are determined to shake their reputation as playoff failures.

Two nights after a third-period collapse at home revived talk about past postseason disappointment, the top-seeded team in the Eastern Conference regained control of its first-round series against the Tampa Bay Lightning with an impressive 8-4 victory on Tuesday night.

Ottawa leads 2-1 in the best-of-seven matchup. Game 4 is Thursday night in Tampa.

Martin Havlat scored his third and fourth goals of the playoffs, and defenseman Wade Redden had a goal and two assists after missing Game 2 to fly to Saskatchewan to be with family following the death of his mother.

Antoine Vermette also scored twice for the Senators, who got another solid performance from goaltender Ray Emery. The rookie stopped 35 shots and again showed why Ottawa is confident it can go deep into the playoffs, even without injured goalie Dominik Hasek.

The Senators have been one of the top two seeds in the East four times since 1999, but have yet to advance to the Stanley Cup finals. They entered this series as heavy favorites after sweeping four regular-season meetings and taking 17 of 20 games from the Lightning over the past five years.

Paul Ranger scored twice and Martin St. Louis once for the

Lightning, who trimmed a four-goal deficit to 5-2 on Ranger's unassisted goal just 20 seconds into third period. But any realistic chance to make it interesting faded when Tampa Bay's Chris Dingman gave the Senators a 7-minute power play by drawing penalties for instigating and fighting.

Dany Heatley and Zdeno Chara scored during the stretch for Ottawa to make it 7-2. Tampa Bay came back with power-play goals by Ranger and Pavel Kubina, but by that time the game was well out of reach.

Heatley and Chara didn't make it to the end as they were part of a brawl with 2:17 left.

Heatley squared off in a fight with Nolan Pratt, and Chara locked up with Vincent Lecavalier. Ottawa's 6-foot-9 defenseman cocked his right arm and held it menacingly over Lecavalier, who was down on the ice, but restrained from throwing the big punch.

The melee, sparked by Vaclav Varada's boarding penalty against Tampa Bay's Ruslan Fedotenko, capped a physical game that featured 139 penalty minutes — 79 for Tampa Bay — five fighting majors, and seven misconducts.

Despite winning Game 2 to even the series and end a nine-game losing streak against the Senators, Lightning coach John Tortorella insisted earlier Tuesday that the pressure to win the series remains on Ottawa because of expectations created by a stellar regular season.

The Senators answered questions about how they would

respond by scoring three times in their first 11 shots, with Havlat finding the net for the third straight game and Redden and Patrick Eaves adding their first goals of the playoffs.

The Lightning were fortunate to only trail 3-1 after one period.

Tampa Bay has been putrid on the power play in the first three games of the series, going 4-for-23 with two of the goals coming in 5-on-3 situations, including St. Louis' shot that got through Emery late in the first period.

The Lightning yanked goalie John Grahame after Havlat's second goal made it 5-1 midway through the second period. Backup Sean Burke yielded goals to Heatley, Chara and Vermette in the third.

Flames 5, Mighty Ducks 2

Darren McCarty and Robyn Regehr scored 34 seconds apart in the third period to break open a tight game and lift the Calgary Flames to a playoff victory over the Anaheim Mighty Ducks on Tuesday night.

Calgary took a 2-1 lead in the first-round Western Conference series. Game 4 of the best-of-seven matchup is Thursday night in Anaheim. The teams will return to Calgary to play the fifth game on Saturday night.

McCarty scored his second goal of the series 4:59 into the final period, then Regehr quickly added his first goal of the playoffs on a power play to give the Flames a three-goal pad.

Chuck Kobasew's goal at 15:34 of the second period snapped a 2-2 tie.

Calgary scored five times on



Senators' goalie Ray Emery flips Lightning defenseman Paul Ranger after Ranger scored a goal in Tuesday's 8-4 Lightning win.

only 24 shots against goalie Jean-Sebastien Giguere. Miikka Kiprusoff faced 29 Anaheim shots.

Kristian Huselius had a goal and two assists for Calgary. Daymond Langkow also scored for the Flames.

Defenseman Francois Beauchemin provided all the Ducks' scoring, becoming the first Anaheim rookie to notch two goals in a playoff game.

McCarty got the puck just behind the Ducks' goal line, cir-

led toward the crease, reached around and poked the puck past Giguere for a 4-2 lead. Regehr scored off a faceoff, falling down as he got off the shot from the circle that sailed past the Anaheim goalie.

Only two goals were scored at even strength.

The first four came during power plays — two by each team — and included Beauchemin's second-period goal with the Ducks holding a two-man advantage.

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NCAA Baseball Rankings

	team	record	prev.
1	Cal State-Fullerton	31-10	1
2	Rice	35-9	2
3	North Carolina	34-8	3
4	Nebraska	32-6	4
5	Oregon State	28-9	9
6	Alabama	31-12	11
7	Texas	28-15	5
8	Georgia Tech	32-9	13
9	Clemson	29-13	6
10	Oklahoma	32-10	15
11	Arkansas	30-12	12
12	NOTRE DAME	32-8	18
13	Kentucky	30-10	21
14	South Carolina	30-11	7
15	Florida State	33-10	8
16	Arizona State	28-14	10
17	College of Charleston	33-8	19
18	North Carolina State	31-13	14
19	Houston	28-15	NR
20	Virginia	34-10	NR
21	Vanderbilt	25-16	16
22	UCLA	23-16	NR
23	Mississippi	26-15	NR
24	Mississippi State	29-11	17
25	Old Dominion	35-8	20

NCAA Women's Softball Top 25

No.	team	record	prev.
1	UCLA	36-4	1
2	Texas	45-5	2
3	Arizona	34-8	3
4	Alabama	40-7	4
5	Stanford	33-10	5
6	Tennessee	47-6	7
7	Arizona State	41-7	8
8	California	38-8	6
9	Oregon State	33-7	9
10	LSU	44-7	11
11	Georgia	46-11	10
12	La.-Lafayette	39-8	13
13	Michigan	31-12	12
14	Northwestern	33-10	16
15	Washington	29-15	14
16	Nebraska	35-8	15
17	Texas A&M	32-13	17
18	Baylor	33-17	19
19	Auburn	31-13	18
20	Fresno State	31-13	20
21	North Carolina	46-13	22
22	Louisville	30-8	23
23	Oklahoma	29-18-1	21
24	San Diego State	27-8	NR
25	Virginia Tech	33-14	NR

NCAA Women's Softball Big East Conference

team	conf.	overall
NOTRE DAME	13-1	31-13
USF	11-1	41-20
Louisville	9-3	30-8
Syracuse	12-6	30-19
DePaul	9-5	24-15
Providence	9-7	26-14
Pittsburgh	8-10	27-24
St. John's	6-10	23-23
Connecticut	5-9	18-22
Seton Hall	6-12	28-24
Rutgers	4-14	12-34
Villanova	2-16	13-32

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 Dallas at Colorado, 9:30 p.m., OLN

MLB

Atlanta at Milwaukee, 1:05 p.m., TBS

NFL



The Dolphins' Ricky Williams smiles in the final seconds of Miami's 33-21 win over the Oakland Raiders on Nov. 27, 2005. Williams was suspended for the 2006 season for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy.

Miami's Williams done for another year

Associated Press

MIAMI — Miami Dolphins running back Ricky Williams was suspended for the 2006 season by the NFL on Tuesday for violating the league's substance abuse policy for the fourth time.

The league announced the suspension after Williams' appeal of his latest positive drug test was denied. Williams met with NFL counsel Jeff Pash on April 10 in an attempt to have the league overturn the test.

"I'm disappointed with the decision, but I respect it," Williams said in a

statement released by the team. "I'm proud of my association with the National Football League and look forward to returning to the Dolphins in 2007."

Williams' previous positive tests were for marijuana, which he acknowledged using. The latest test apparently involved a drug other than marijuana.

Williams had been participating in the offseason training program at the Dolphins' complex and was there working out shortly before the league announced its decision.

The 1998 Heisman

Trophy winner at Texas and 2002 NFL rushing champion, Williams retired and sat out the 2004 season, then returned last year to play for new Miami coach Nick Saban.

Williams served a four-game suspension at the start of the 2005 season for his third violation of the drug program, then ran for 743 yards and averaged 4.4 yards a carry while sharing playing time with rookie Ronnie Brown.

News that Williams had failed another drug test surfaced in February, while he was in India studying yoga and holistic medicine.

Saban repeatedly has praised Williams' conduct and performance last season and supported him in the appeal process.

"This is a league decision, and we are disappointed in what it means for Ricky and the team," Saban said in a statement. "Ricky did an outstanding job for the Dolphins, not only as a player but also what he added as a person to the team's chemistry and to our overall success."

Attorney David Cornwell represented Williams in his appeal.

"We raised substantial and legitimate issues."

IN BRIEF

Duke lacrosse player to face charges in separate case

WASHINGTON — A Duke University lacrosse player charged with raping a stripper in North Carolina was ordered Tuesday to stand trial in Washington on an unrelated assault charge from last fall.

The assault charge against Collin Finnerty, 19, could have been dismissed if he completed 25 hours of community service and stayed out of trouble, but a Washington judge doubted his arrest in the rape case violated that agreement.

Finnerty and two friends are accused of punching a man after he told them to "stop calling him gay and other derogatory names," according to court documents.

Finnerty remains free pending a July 10 trial in the Washington case. He could get up to six months in jail and a fine of up to \$1,000 if convicted of simple assault.

Judge John Bayly also set a 9 p.m. curfew, ordered him to report by phone to court officials every Friday, and required that he stay away from places that sell alcohol.

Federer beats Murray to advance to third round

BARCELONA, Spain — Fifth-seeded David Ferrer withstood a strong challenge from British teenager Andy Murray, winning 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-1 to reach the third round of the Open Seat Godo on Tuesday.

Ferrer took 65 minutes to win the second-set tiebreaker, then eased through the final set.

The second-highest ranked Spaniard after No. 2 Rafael Nadal, No. 12 Ferrer is streaking after reaching the semifinals at Key Biscayne and the quarterfinals at Monte Carlo last week, losing both times to Roger Federer.

Also cruising into the third round was Nicolas Almagro, who beat 13th-seeded Gael Monfils of France 6-2, 6-

4. Including his first ATP title in Valencia as a qualifier, Almagro has won 10 straight matches on clay.

He'll next face third-seeded Guillermo Coria, who beat seeded wildcard Galo Blanco 6-7 (4), 6-0, 6-2. Coria made 11 of his total 16 double faults in losing the first set, then breezed through the next two sets.

Earnhardt to drive replica of father's car at Talladega

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The one thing a NASCAR driver never wanted to see was the black No. 3 Chevrolet closing on his rear bumper. One glitch of the car in the rearview mirror was enough to send tremors through any competitor.

Dale Earnhardt Jr. hopes to achieve that same effect this weekend at Talladega Superspeedway, where he'll mark his late father's birthday by driving a replica of the famed car.

Junior's trademark red Chevy will be painted predominantly black, with white lettering and silver and red stripes.

MLB

Chipper Jones hits two-run dinger in return to lineup

Jeter hits homer and drives in three runs in 9-1 Yankees win

Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — Prince Fielder took advantage of an infield shift by the Atlanta Braves, singling in the go-ahead run in the sixth inning to lift the Milwaukee Brewers to a 4-2 victory Tuesday night.

The Brewers trailed 2-1 going into the sixth, but scored two runs with two outs to take the lead.

Gabe Gross doubled with one out, then advanced to third when Braves starter Tim Hudson had to duck a broken bat on a groundout by Geoff Jenkins.

Carlos Lee singled sharply to center field, scoring Gross to tie the game. Lee stole second with Fielder batting.

The Braves are using an infield shift on the left-handed Fielder, moving their shortstop to the right side of second base. But Fielder chopped a 2-1 pitch through a gaping hole into left center field, scoring Lee to give the Brewers a 3-2 lead.

Chipper Jones, who came off the disabled list Tuesday after missing 13 games with a sprained right knee and ankle, hit a two-run homer that put the Braves ahead 2-0 in the fourth. Jones, who hit into a double play in his first at-bat, added a single in the sixth.

Brewers starter Tomo Ohka (2-1) gave up two runs and seven hits in seven innings. Derrick Turnbow pitched the ninth for his seventh save in as many chances.

Hudson (1-2) gave up only one hit in the first three innings before Jenkins hit his fourth home run of the season, a solo shot in the fourth inning that cut the Braves' lead to 2-1. It was the second home run Hudson allowed in five starts this year.

Damian Miller's RBI single in the seventh put the Brewers ahead 4-2.

Struggling second baseman Rickie Weeks, who had two errors for Milwaukee on Monday night, tried to backhand a

grounder by Jeff Francoeur and lost the ball in the seventh inning, but the play was ruled a base hit. Brewers manager Ned Yost said before the game that he will continue to take a patient approach with Weeks, who is considered one of the team's rising young stars.

Reds 6, Nationals 5

Edwin Encarnacion drove in four runs, and the Cincinnati Reds took advantage of Washington starter Billy Traber's wildness to take an early lead Tuesday night, then held on for a victory over the Nationals.

The Reds have won six of their last seven to improve to 14-7, their first time seven games over .500 since July 4, 2004.

Washington, meanwhile, dropped to 1-6 at home. Traber (1-1) lasted only 1 1-3 innings, and the Nationals had to go deep into their bullpen, using five relievers.

Cincinnati starter Dave Williams (1-2) wasn't brilliant but good enough for the win, allowing four runs and nine hits in five-plus innings. He gave up rookie Ryan Zimmerman's two-run homer in the second and Alfonso Soriano's solo shot in the fifth.

Traber faced 11 batters, and seven reached base — four hits, two walks and a hit batsman. A night after scoring three first-inning runs off Livan Hernandez, the Reds scored four in the opening inning off Traber, who walked in a run and gave up Encarnacion's two-run single and Brandon Phillips' sacrifice fly.

Traber began the second by walking Williams, drawing some boos. After Felipe Lopez followed by singling to center, Traber was removed.

It was a big falloff from Traber's debut with the Nationals last week, when he gave up two hits in 5 2-3 innings in a win over Philadelphia. That was the lefty's first start in the majors in more than 2 1/2 years, because he missed all of 2004 after having reconstructive elbow surgery the previous September.

The Reds went up 6-2 in the fifth on Encarnacion's two-run double off Felix Rodriguez. Left fielder Soriano appeared to mis-



Braves' third baseman Chipper Jones, right, is congratulated by right fielder Ryan Langerhans after hitting a home run Tuesday against the Brewers. The Brewers won 4-2.

judge the ball, moving forward before having to backpedal, and the ball sailed over his glove.

Yankees 9, Devil Rays 1

Derek Jeter homered and drove in three runs, Mike Mussina had another strong outing and the New York Yankees got off to a much better start against the Tampa Bay Devil Rays this season with a victory Tuesday night.

Jason Giambi also knocked in three runs to give him eight RBIs in two games. Jeter finished with three hits and scored three times. He has 16 hits in his last 30 at-bats (.533).

Mussina beat 22-year-old lefty Scott Kazmir and shut down a depleted lineup missing Carl Crawford, Jorge Cantu, Aubrey Huff and Julio Lugo. The Devil Rays, swept in Texas last weekend, have dropped four straight.

Last-place Tampa Bay won the season series a year ago, going 11-8 against New York — including 6-3 at Yankee Stadium after finishing 0-10 in the Bronx in 2004. The Devil Rays were the first team since the 1974 Detroit Tigers to finish last and beat New York 11 times.

But the Yankees had an easy time in the first of 18 meetings this year. They have outscored their opponents 22-3 in winning three in a row, and New York

pitchers have allowed only one run in four of their past five games.

Pitching at home for the first time this year, Mussina (3-1) yielded only a solo homer to Yankees nemesis Jonny Gomes in six-plus innings. The right-hander allowed four hits, struck out seven and did not walk a batter for his fifth solid outing in five starts this season.

He left with an 8-1 lead and improved to 14-5 against the Devil Rays with his 227th career win.

Blue Jays 7, Orioles 3

Vernon Wells doubled home the go-ahead run in four-run seventh inning, backing Gustavo Chacin and leading the Toronto Blue Jays over the Baltimore Orioles Tuesday night.

Chacin (4-0), who has won each of his starts this season, allowed three runs and six hits in seven innings. He lowered his ERA from 5.60 to 5.11.

Justin Speier and Scott Schoeneweis each followed with a hitless inning.

Rodrigo Lopez (1-2) gave up four runs, five hits and four walks in six innings. The Orioles have lost three straight after winning nine of 12.

Baltimore, which has scored just five runs in its last three games, tied the score 3-3 in the

seventh on a two-run homer by Jay Gibbons, who is 9-for-17 (.529) against Chacin.

Rodrigo Lopez (1-2) walked Russ Adams leading off the bottom half, and Jim Brower relieved and walked Frank Catalanotto with one out. Wells doubled for a 4-3 lead, Troy Glaus was intentionally walked, John Halama came in and pinch-hitter Shea Hillenbrand hit a two-run single. Bengie Molina added a two-out RBI single.

Cubs 3, Marlins 1

Dontrelle Willis lost for the first time in April, with rookie Sean Marshall pitching seven scoreless innings on a cold night to lead the Chicago Cubs over the Florida Marlins Tuesday.

Willis (1-1) allowed three runs, five hits and three walks in seven innings, striking out six. He had been 9-0 with a 2.20 ERA in 14 April starts.

Willis also began the night 2-0 with a 1.01 ERA in four starts at Wrigley Field. He was selected by the Cubs in the eighth round of the 2000 amateur draft, then was traded to the Marlins in May 2002 as part of a deal that brought pitchers Antonio Alfonseca and Matt Clement to Chicago.

Marshall (2-0) allowed two hits, struck out seven and walked two in his fourth career start.

Ryan Dempster pitched a perfect ninth to complete the five-hitter. It was his sixth save this year and his 25th straight save conversion dating to July 24.

The gametime temperature was 39 degrees, and the wind was blowing in at 18 mph, but an announced crowd of 38,680 came to Wrigley Field.

Marshall didn't allow a hit until Chris Aguilera singled with one out in the fifth, then got Reggie Abercrombie to hit into an inning-ending double-play. The 6-foot-7 left-hander, using a big curveball to fool the Marlins hitters, struck out the side in the sixth.

Matt Murton's RBI single put the Cubs ahead in the fourth following a leadoff walk by Aramis Ramirez. Murton added a run-scoring double in the seventh and scored on a squeeze bunt by Jerry Hairston Jr., sliding home ahead of Willis' throw.

Dan Uggla hit an RBI single off Bobby Howry in the eighth.

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fundamentals," Shadley said.

No. 20 Huggie's Place 21 No. 10 Hannah's Storm 11

Huggie's Place — made up of four O'Neill Hall residents and an NDSP officer — upset Hannah's Storm's five athletic department employees to make it to the round of 16. The two teams traded baskets to start, with Huggie's utilizing an effective fast break offense and the Storm hitting shots from the outside to even the game at four.

Huggie's won most of the battles in the post, and scored seven consecutive buckets after the early tie to take an 11-4 halftime lead.

The Storm endured harassment from opposing fans but battled back in the second half on the strength of Allen Greene's outside shooting and post defense. But the team was unable to overcome Huggie's inside offense, which drew seven fouls on Storm defenders. Huggie's Tom Martin converted on the foul shot from the seventh foul to give his team a 19-10 lead.

Martin finished the Storm off a few possessions later with an alley-oop layup.

"They outplayed us," Storm's Matt Tallman said after the game. "They knew what they had to do. They came to play and we didn't."

For Martin, the victory offered true satisfaction.

"We came out ready to play," he said. "We've lost the past two

years, so it's great to win this year."

Martin also credited his opponents.

"They really stepped it up and played a great second half," he said.

No. 13 Rocco's Pizza 21 No. 20 Sparkle Motion 18

No. 13 Rocco's Pizza erased a six-point second-half deficit with an 8-1 run on its way to a 21-18 victory over No. 20 Sparkle Motion Tuesday at the Bookstore courts. Rocco's win advanced the team to the Sweet 16.

With his team trailing 14-8, J.P. Lichon spearheaded Rocco's charge with seven second-half points.

With the score tied at 18, Rocco's tallied the final three points on two baskets from Lichon, who finished with eight total, and the game winner from Ted Christopher, who tallied four.

"We shot well in the first half," said Sparkler Dave DiLorenzo, who led his team with seven points in the losing effort. "They were on fire in the second half."

Rocco's shot 7-for-37 in the first half, but turned in a 14-for-28 performance in the second stanza. Sparkle Motion shot 11-for-32 in the first but just 7-for-36 in the second half.

In the first half, Sparkle Motion's disciplined 2-3 zone limited the effectiveness of Rocco's quick ball movement and kept Rocco's out of the paint, forcing them to take most of their shots from the corners. But in the second half, Rocco's got some transition baskets and their outside shots began to fall.

"We weren't hitting anything in the first half, but some shots



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Clover Ridge's John Carlson, center, elevates to take a shot in the team's game against Five Hot Girls Who Probably Won't Get Past the First Round But Hope to Get Lucky Tuesday.

started to fall in the second half," Rocco's Kern Creevey said. "It was a gutsy performance."

Rocco's also played a 2-3 zone, except for a brief period in the second half when it switched to man-to-man. Rocco's defense, which rotated between a box-and-one and straight zone at times, forced Sparkle Motion to take a slew of perimeter shots — the same effect as Sparkle's zone.

Rocco's just hit those outside shots when they counted the most.

"We got some unlucky bounces, some shots went in and out and they got some easy buckets," Sparkle Motion's Chris Merino said.

His teammate Zach Ortiz agreed.

"There wasn't enough sparkle in our motion," he said.

The game was the last Bookstore contest as undergrads for four of Sparkle's members, who played together all four years and went 14-4.

"I'm disappointed [to see it end]," Sparkle senior Ian Ward said. "We had a lot of fun."

No. 9 Bad Boyz 21 No. 24 League of Shadows 10

Despite a self-proclaimed advantage in strength, No. 24 League of Shadows fell to No. 9 Bad Boyz 21-10 Tuesday night the Bookstore courts.

"We definitely had the strength advantage. They just scrapped it out," League player Mike Tallarico said. "I'm sure we can beat them in a pushing contest."

Bad Boyz had the maximum quota of three football players on its team, while League of Shadows had none.

Pat Kuntz led the Boyz with nine points and Derrell Hand added six.

In the early going, the Boyz failed to break open the game, giving the League a glimmer of

hope by keeping the score close at 6-4.

But the Boyz went on a 7-0 run to make the score 11-4 at the half.

The second half saw more of the same, as the Boyz tried to show off their "mad skillz" for the crowd. The No. 9 team took a 15-8 lead and closed on a 6-2 run to finish off the League of Shadows.

"We're kind of sad it is over, but we are very happy that we got this far," the League's Brian Moy said.

Moy led League of Shadows with six points.

During the game, League players hit several shots from outside the arc, but could not take advantage of their 3-point shooting, as all baskets are worth a single point.

"If they were counting twos, we probably would've only lost [by] six or so," League guard John Roche said. "The refs definitely robbed us of the game."

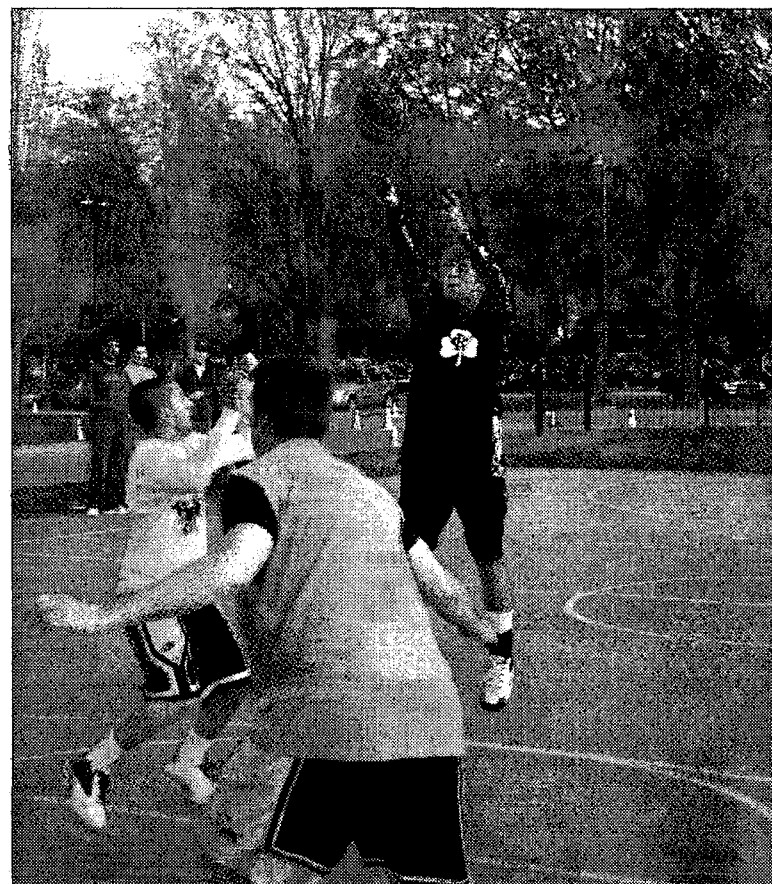
The Bad Boyz were unavailable for comment after the game.

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U Got a Bad Draw's Chris Devitt, left, drives past We Surely Received an Unfortunate Draw's Rick Loesing during Bad Draw's 21-10 victory Tuesday at the Bookstore courts.



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Lee Goeddel of Clover Ridge shoots a jumper in his team's game against Five Hot Girls Who Probably Won't Get Past the First Round But Hope to Get Lucky Tuesday.



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Belles postpone final non-conference game

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's postponed its final non-conference game Tuesday due to inclement weather and rescheduled the contest against Goshen for today at 3:30 p.m.

Belles head coach Erin Sullivan said that the change will not adversely affect the team's play. In fact, she thinks that it may even help the Belles.

Sullivan said Saint Mary's will use the extra time to focus on improving its play from behind the plate.

"We are going to work on getting more consistency driving through the ball," Sullivan said. "Get more power."

Today's contest against the Maple Leafs is the last home game for the Belles. Saint Mary's will honor its senior class as it plays its second-to-last regular season matchup.

Eleven underclassmen will recognize pitcher and outfielder Bridget Grall, outfielder Audrey Gajor and second-baseman Meghan Marenkovic.

"Everybody is excited to have a good day and get two wins for the girls," Sullivan said.

Goshen brings a 21-game losing streak into the contest. The Maple Leafs last played Kalamazoo Saturday in a doubleheader and lost both games, 6-5 and 2-1. The team has struggled offensively, posting only three hits in 9-0 and 3-0 losses to the University of St. Francis April 15.

Goshen will rely on sophomore pitcher Erin Layman. Layman recorded a single against St. Francis and went 1-for-3 from the plate.

Sullivan said that Belles will look to add two more wins to the season, but are looking to try people in different positions. The team might move freshman Calli Davison to the mound in order to prepare for the loss of Grall next season.

Even with movement around the field, Saint Mary's hopes to shut down Goshen's offense.

The Belles head into their match against Goshen with the MIAA tournament only nine days away. Sullivan said the team wants to finish the season off strong and look toward the league tournament.

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish reschedule matchup

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will have to wait until Thursday for its game against Valparaiso. But the Irish won't have to wait for accolades from this past week.

Inclement weather Tuesday forced the postponement of Notre Dame's (31-13, 13-1 Big East) game with the Crusaders (18-25, 5-11 Mid-Continent) to Thursday at 3:30 p.m. (CDT), which will kick off a five-game road trip that includes games against conference rivals Louisville and South Florida — third and second behind the Irish in the Big East, respectively.

"This postponement won't have any effect on our momentum or anything," Irish pitcher Brittney Bargar said.

Bargar and her battery mate, catcher Mallorie Lenn, were named to the Big East Honor Roll for their performances last week.

Bargar won three games for the Irish, posting a 1.05 ERA that helped push Notre Dame into the top spot of the conference standings. Lenn led the offense in Notre Dame's six games, hitting .474 with two doubles, a

home run and seven RBIs.

"It's exciting that both of us were honored this week," Bargar said. "It's pretty cool that it was the pitcher and catcher."

Notre Dame outscored its opponents 39-12 and posted two shutouts while winning five out of six games, including all four of its Big East contests. The Irish moved to the top of the Big East standings, passing South Florida, whose record dropped to 11-1 after the Bulls fell to Syracuse 1-0 Sunday.

The postponement should have little effect on the Irish, who merely shifted gears quickly for their doubleheader today against Purdue at Ivy Field beginning at 4 p.m.

Notre Dame holds a 10-7 all-time series lead over Purdue (27-27, 5-10 Big Ten), and the Irish won the last game in 2005, 4-1.

"We just have to prepare for Purdue just like every other game," Bargar said.

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Notre Dame catcher Mallorie Lenn rounds second base in an April 11 game against Ball State. The Irish won 6-0.

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NBA

Johnson wins coach of the year

Associated Press

DALLAS — During Avery Johnson's playing days, many executives and players thought the point guard would make a great NBA coach. Still, he had to be convinced it was time to make that transition.

Now, after his first full season leading the Dallas Mavericks, Johnson was honored Tuesday as the NBA coach of the year.

Mavericks owner Mark Cuban remembers talking to Johnson nearly two years ago about retiring as a player and becoming the top assistant — and eventual successor — to Don Nelson.

Cuban told Johnson, "I know you can still play, but we want to start you on the path to being a Hall of Fame coach." Johnson's response then, "I don't know, I don't know."

There's no more doubt. Johnson is a coaching natural.

Johnson led the Mavericks to 60 victories this season, matching the team record for wins. That mark was first set three years ago, when Johnson was still playing for Dallas.

"I think I'm gifted to do what I'm doing, that this is what I'm here for," Johnson said. "I felt like a coach when I was a player. ... In a lot of ways, I know some things are still new to me. But in other ways, I just feel like I've been doing this a lot of time, and a lot of it just comes naturally."

Johnson retired as a player and became a Mavericks assistant coach before the 2004-05 season. After replacing Nelson as head coach on March 19, 2005, he reached 50 wins faster than any other coach (62 games) and recorded the best start by a first-time coach in league history by winning 66 of his first 82 games — the equivalent of a full season. He is 76-24

overall and coached the Western Conference All-Star team this season.

"Avery's making me look really smart," Cuban said.

Johnson got 63 first-place votes from the panel of 124 sports writers and broadcasters. He had 419 points, 172 more than Phoenix coach Mike D'Antoni, last year's winner. D'Antoni had 27 first-place votes.

Dallas plays Game 2 of its first-round Western Conference series against Memphis on Wednesday night. The Mavericks won the first game 103-93.

Maybe more impressive than his record is how Johnson has transformed the Mavericks into a defensive squad.

While the 2002-03 team was known only for its scoring, this year's squad ranked in the league's top 10 in scoring and points allowed.

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five-stroke win.

Last year, in Kubinski's first season with Notre Dame, the team won the Big East Championship by playing only 18 holes before the final two rounds were snowed out.

This year's victory marks the third straight, and Kubinski is pleased with the progression of his program.

"Winning three in a row shows we've arrived," he said. "It's a good step for the future, but we also want to take the next step now when we play at the NCAA [Championships]."

Winning its third consecutive Big East Championship wasn't the only noteworthy accomplishment for Notre Dame, as the team set multiple records throughout the championship.

The team's first round score of 281 Monday morning was the best post-season mark ever for the Irish and the third lowest score in school history.

But even that score wasn't enough to give Notre Dame the first-round lead as Louisville opened with a 279.

"We were surprised that after shooting a 281 [that] we didn't have the first-round lead," Kubinski said. "It opened our eyes and surprised us a bit, and we didn't play a good second round."

Monday afternoon, the Irish carded a 1-over 289 to give the team a 36-hole score of 570 — 11 shots better than the old 36-hole program record of 581 set at the 1968 Notre Dame Invitational.

But it was only good enough to put them in third place, 12 strokes behind Louisville.

"After the first day, we knew we had to get out to a strong start and make some birdies," Kubinski said. "Since it was team golf, the twelve-stroke margin didn't seem as daunting. We only had to make up three shots a person instead of twelve."

Senior Mark Baldwin led the second-day charge for Notre Dame, shooting a 6-under 66.

The performance propelled Baldwin to a fifth-place overall finish with a three-round total of 4-under-par 212.

But Baldwin was not the only Irish player in the red

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**Jim Kubinski
Irish coach**

Tuesday as senior Scott Gustafson fired a 5-under-par 67, senior Tommy Balderston carded a 4-under-par 68 and junior Cole Isban posted a 1-under-par 71.

Although his score on Tuesday did not count, freshman Josh Sandman played a crucial role in the team's victory as he shot a team-low score of 141 (3-under) through the first two rounds, in addition to his birdie on the playoff hole.

By winning the Big East Championship, Notre Dame gains an automatic berth in the Central Regional of the NCAA tournament, which will begin May 18 in Chardon, Ohio.

The top four teams in the regional automatically advance to the national championship beginning May 31 at the Crosswater Golf Club in Sunriver, Ore.

"We were just out of the top four teams last year," Kubinski said. "We want to take the next step this year."

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Nakazaki

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ance] was kind of unfortunate," Brophy said. "We shot ourselves out of the tournament."

Nagasaki's 71 finished a solid week for the junior, who finished second in the individual competition.

In its first year in the Big East, Louisville captured the conference title.

The Cardinals were paced by the event's individual winner Adrienne White, who shot an even-par 216 (74-69-73), just four shots ahead of Nakazaki (220, 71-78-71).

Nakazaki and teammate Brophy, who finished in seventh place with a 227 (77-79-71), both earned All-Big East individual honors for the third time.

Notre Dame rebounded behind the steady play of all its top-three players Tuesday to capture the third-place tie. Seniors Lauren Gebauer and Suzie Hayes rounded out the Irish lineup with third-round

81s.

"We're happy with the way we finished," Brophy said.

The team, however, failed to live up to its pre-tournament No. 1 seed.

"We're disappointed," Irish coach Debby King said. "We felt like we should win it, but we had one decent round, one really bad round and one outstanding round."

"It just wasn't enough." Notre Dame is unsure if it will compete again this season. The Irish will now wait to see if they receive an at-large berth to one of three NCAA women's golf championship regional tournaments. The tournament field will be announced Monday, May 1.

King said that her team's strong play in the final round sent a message to the tournament committee.

"I feel like they'll look pretty hard at that 294," she said. "[In the third round], we did what we had to do to still have a shot at the NCAA regionals."

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and walking just one. "Early in the count you focus on getting ahead of hitters, not really strikeouts," Korpi said. "But once you get two strikes you go for that out pitch."

While Korpi extended Notre Dame's winning streak, another Irish streak came to an end.

Notre Dame first baseman Craig Cooper was 0-for-4 at the plate, ending his school-record-tying hit streak at 21 games.

During the streak, which dated back to Notre Dame's 11-9 victory over Central Michigan March 22, Cooper hit .471 with nine home runs and 27 RBIs.

"He's no Joe DiMaggio, and he's no Superman," Mainieri said. "[Cooper is] a consummate team player and I'm sure he's just happy we won and isn't worried about it."

The Boiler-makers (21-15, 8-8 Big Ten) scored their lone run in the top of the first on an RBI single by third baseman John Hunter — one of only two Purdue hits in the contest.

Korpi retired the next 17 batters he faced, not allowing

another base runner until a walk to Hunter in the seventh inning.

"I was thinking about it a little bit in the dugout," Korpi said of the batters-retired streak. "But when I was on the mound it wasn't really on my mind."

After scoring 11, 15 and 14 runs against Rutgers over the weekend, Notre Dame (33-8, 14-1 in the Big East) mustered just six hits and two runs against the Boilermakers.

"What I really love about our team is that if we have to win a 2-1 game, we can do it with our pitching and defense and an occasional clutch hit, or if we have to win a slugfest like we did [against Rutgers] we can do that because of our hitting," Mainieri said.

"[Korpi is] the consummate crafty left-hander. When he's getting his curve ball and changeup over, his fastball looks like it's coming in at 100 miles per hour. He was just carving them up tonight."

Paul Mainieri
Irish coach

"Whatever game gets thrown at us we have to find a way to win."

Down 1-0 in the bottom of the second, the Irish scored their only two runs of the game. Catcher Sean Gaston sparked the rally with a single to right field, and left fielder Matt Bransfield followed with a

single of his own to left field. Two batters later, shortstop Greg Lopez drove in both baserunners on a two-run double to right center field.

Purdue starting pitcher Trae Douby (2-4) pitched six com-

plete innings and took the loss in his first start of the season. He allowed two runs on five hits while striking out six and walking one.

Notes:

◆ Korpi's 11 punchouts marked the second time the sophomore has struck out double digit batters this season.

He became only the fifth Irish pitcher all-time to record double digit strikeouts multiple times in one season and the first since Danny Tamayo and Aaron Heilman both did it in 2001.

◆ Korpi may have to pitch again Sunday on short rest in place of senior left-hander Tom Thornton, who took a sharp grounder off his leg in Sunday's 14-12 win over Rutgers.

Thornton had an X-ray Monday that came back negative. The team is awaiting results from an MRI Thornton had Tuesday.

"He's a little sore still," Mainieri said. "But we're hoping everything we'll come out okay after the tests."


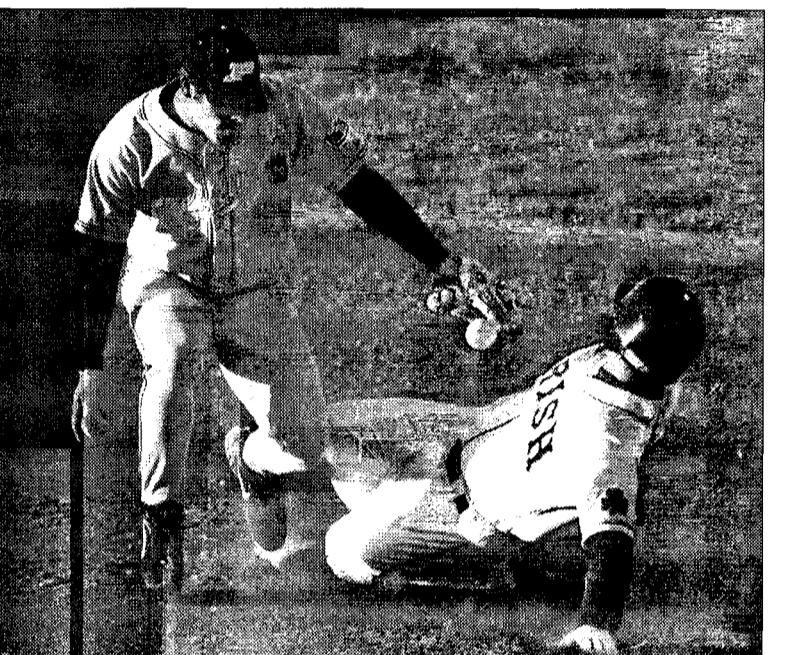
◆ Mainieri said after the game that he had hoped to keep Korpi's pitch count under 80, but with the left hander rolling along, he saw no reason to take his starter out until he reached 99 pitches.

"He wasn't laboring," Mainieri said. "It was an easy 99 pitches. He'll be fine for Sunday."

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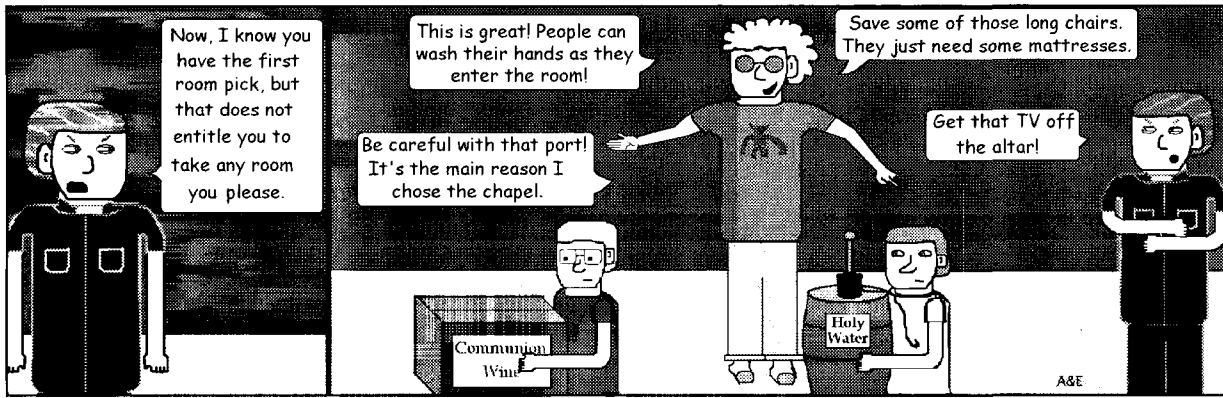


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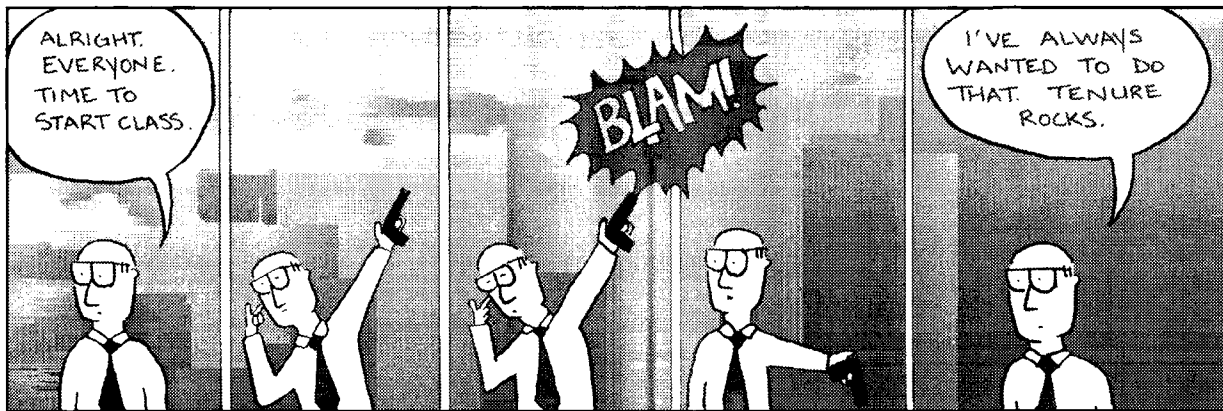
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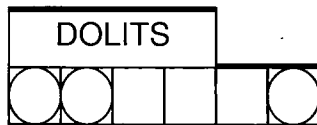
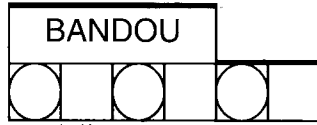
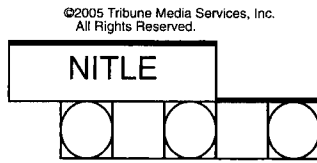
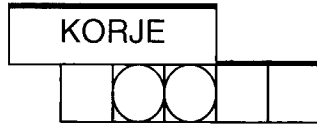


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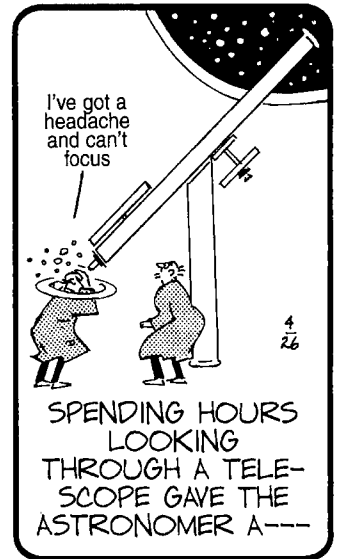
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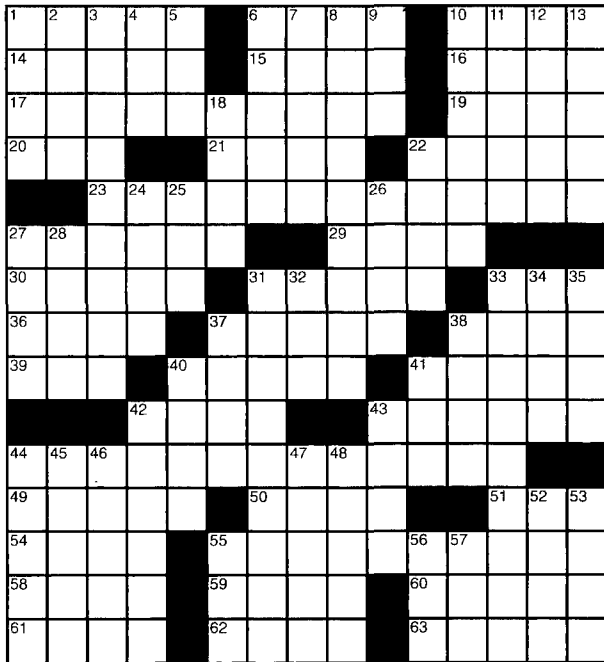
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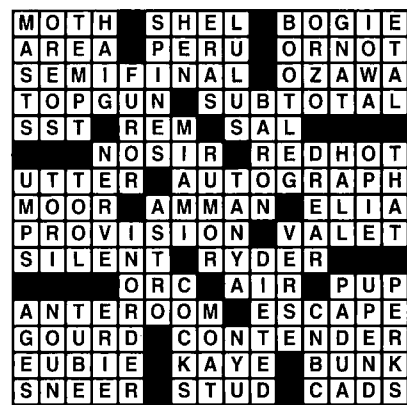
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Happy Birthday: You have added drive and determination this year so don't let it go to waste. You will be fortunate when it comes to gifts, winnings and investments. Rethink your commitments. Your numbers are 5, 13, 20, 28, 29, 40
ARIES (March 21-April 19): Being on edge will make everyone around you nervous. Travel a short distance if it will help you close a deal. 3 stars
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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Stick to your basic principles and you won't go wrong. Someone may try to lead you astray but, if you follow your intuition, you will stay on track. 3 stars
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Consider what you can do to make improvements to your lifestyle. Strive for greater balance in your life if you want to feel better. Creative ideas will come to you and must be developed. 3 stars
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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXV

Drawn out

Unfortunate Draw falls to U Got a Bad Draw 21-10

By TIM KAISER and CHRIS HINE
Sports Writers

You Surely Received An Unfortunate Draw jumped out to a 2-1 lead against No. 1 U Got A Bad Draw in this matchup of celebrities and knock-off namers, but the former champions rallied for a 21-10 victory Tuesday night at the Bookstore courts.

The scrappy Unfortunate Draw team used good ball movement to create open shots and, despite its height disadvantage, played strong post defense, employing a strategy similar to "hack-a-Shaq" against the taller players of Bad Draw.

Unfortunate Draw quickly committed the seven fouls and sent Bad Draw to the line. Bad Draw sank just one of five baskets from the charity stripe and held only a four-point lead at halftime.

The game attracted a huge fan turnout, most cheering for the underdogs, subjecting the Bad Draw players to constant heckling. Frustrated at their lack of success in the first half and the way they were being tormented by the fans, Bad Draw members came out aggressively in the second half, using their size to grab offensive rebounds and increase their scoring opportunities. Unfortunate Draw was ultimately unable to overcome the deficit.

"The other team definitely came out to play," U Got a Bad Draw's Eric Laumann said. "They had crazy fans. It was a good



U Got A Bad Draw's Eric Laumann, right, drives past Bill Ehrlich of We Surely Received an Unfortunate Draw Tuesday night at the Bookstore courts. Bad Draw won 21-10.

matchup and a good game to play before heading into the final 16."

With the win, U Got a Bad Draw advances to the Sweet 16 beginning Thursday.

You Surely Received An Unfortunate Draw was no doubt happy to have played so well against the top seed, but was perplexed at the loss.

"We kept it close," Unfortunate Draw's Fritz Shadley said. "They were big guys,

and they had three Division One athletes and one potential NFL star in Dave Fitzgerald."

"We've been conditioning, so we thought we could outrun them," Unfortunate Draw's Eric Cherney said.

"We thought we were more athletic, but they just came out here and beat us with

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ND WOMEN'S GOLF

Team ends conference tourney 3rd

Nakazaki finishes second in individual competition with 216

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

After struggling in the second round Monday, Notre Dame rallied to shoot a 6-over-par 294 Tuesday — tying the best team round of the tournament — to finish tied for third place at the Big East Championships in Dade City, Fla.

Irish senior co-captain Katie Brophy, freshman Lisa Maunu and junior Noriko Nakazaki each posted a 1-under-par 71 in the third and final round to lead the charge for the Irish.

Notre Dame posted a 16-over-par team score of 304 in the first round but finished the day in fourth place and well out of contention following a second-round 316 (28-over).

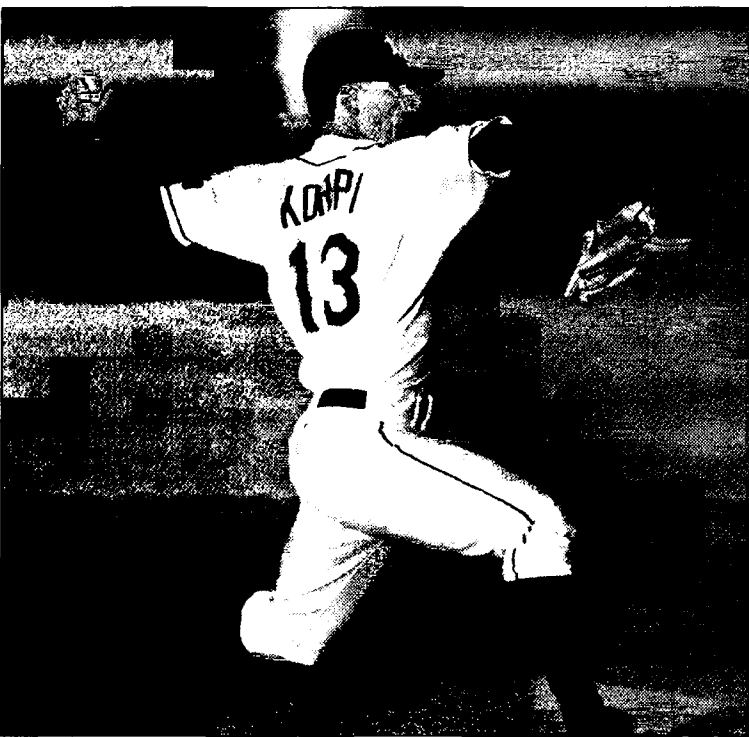
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BASEBALL

Korpi continues winning ways

Irish capture 23rd straight victory, Cooper's hit streak closes at 21



PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Irish sophomore Wade Korpi delivers a pitch in his win over Purdue Tuesday at Frank Eck Stadium. Korpi improved to 5-1.

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sports Editor

Another day, another dominant outing for Wade Korpi.

The sophomore left-hander allowed just one unearned run in seven innings as Notre Dame extended its school-record winning streak to 23 games with a 2-1 win over Purdue Tuesday at Frank Eck Stadium.

"He just keeps pitching like that every game," Irish coach Paul Mainieri said of the sophomore. "He's the consummate crafty left-hander. When he's getting his curve ball and changeup over, his fastball looks like it's coming in at 100 miles per hour."

"He was just carving them up tonight."

Korpi (5-1) pitched seven complete innings, allowing one hit while striking out 11

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MEN'S GOLF

Down a dozen, birdie hunters recover to win

ND erases 12-shot deficit in final round to take Big East title

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

Notre Dame hasn't seen a comeback of this magnitude in a long time.

Down by 12 strokes through 36 of the 54 holes of the Big East Championships at Lake Jovita Golf & Country Club in Dade City, Fla., the Irish shot a Big East record 16-under-par 272 in the final round Tuesday to force a one-hole playoff in which they defeated Louisville by two strokes to win their third consecutive conference title.

All five players from each of the two teams regrouped to replay the 18th hole with the top four scores from each

squad counting. Louisville finished the hole with three pars and a bogey, leaving the door open for Notre Dame.

Led by freshman Josh Sandman's 10-foot birdie putt, the Irish sank the Cardinals with three pars and Sandman's birdie.

"Josh's putt was key because it gave us some cushion," Irish coach Jim Kubinski said. "It took the pressure off and allowed [junior] Cole [Isban] and [senior] Scott [Gustafson] to relax on their par putts."

Notre Dame is not a newcomer to either Big East Championships or dramatic victories.

In the Big East tournament two years ago at Notre Dame's Warren Golf Course, the Irish trailed Virginia Tech by four strokes going into the final 18 holes before emerging with a

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SPORTS
AT A GLANCE

SMC SOFTBALL

Maple Leafs at Belles

Saint Mary's final non-conference game was rescheduled for today at 3:30.

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ND SOFTBALL

Purdue at Notre Dame Ivy Field, 4 p.m.

The Irish take on the Boilermakers a day after postponing their home game with Valparaiso.

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MLB

Yankees 9 Devil Rays 1

Derek Jeter blasted a homer and had three RBIs in New York's first night win of the season.

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NFL

The league suspended Miami's Ricky Williams for the 2006 season after the running back failed the fourth drug test of his career.

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NHL Playoffs

Ottawa 8 Tampa Bay 4

Martin Havlat and Antoine Verette both scored two goals for the Senators in the win.

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NBA Playoffs

New Jersey 90 Indiana 75

Vince Carter scored 33 points as the Nets evened the first-round series at one game apiece.

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