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STUDENT SENATE

Majority signs bill to begin senator's impeachment



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Morrissey senator Greg Dworjan asks senators Wednesday to consider his actions during recent student body elections a "foolish mistake."

By KAITLYNN RIELY
News Writer

The majority of Student Senate members signed a bill Wednesday to impeach Morrissey senator Greg Dworjan, who led a campaign to abstain during the period between the student body president election and the run-off election two weeks ago.

The Senate's decision was a "statement of signature" rather than an actual vote, student body vice president Bill Andrichik said. The Senate will vote next week whether to remove Dworjan

from office, which will require a two-thirds majority.

Dworjan was found guilty of violating two articles in the Student Union Constitution.

He used the copy machine in the student government office to make flyers that urged people to vote abstain in the run-off election, violating a rule that campaigning may not take place on the second floor of LaFortune in the student government office.

Dworjan also posted the flyers without getting them approved by the Judicial Council and the Student Activities Office, which was a second violation.

The Executive Committee of

the Judicial Council decided last week that these two allegations were not actual election violations and sent the issue to the Student Union Ethics Board for consideration.

The Ethics Board voted Tuesday 7-1 that Dworjan's use of student government resources was a violation of ethics and decided in a vote of 4-3-1 to recommend the Senate impeach Dworjan.

Before the impeachment vote, Dworjan took the podium at the Senate and gave a speech. He asked senators to consider his actions a "foolish

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Sex, gender issues examined on, off campus

Eve Ensler's 'Monologues' returns to community in off-campus venue

By KATE ANTONACCI
News Editor

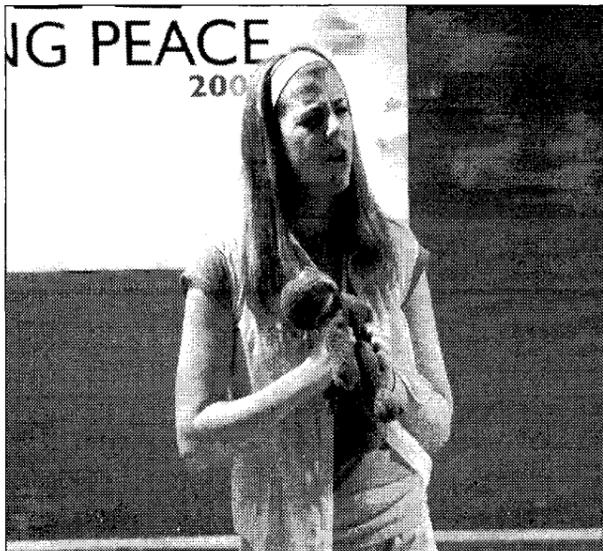
Against the backdrop of a stark shamrock green wall hung a simple white banner reading "V-Day, Reclaiming Peace 2007."

Though the room was modest, the message was strong as the 27 "Vagina Monologues" cast members took to the stage Wednesday night in their first production of the year at South Bend's First Unitarian Church — their new off-campus venue.

Despite the relatively low turnout of 50 to 60 people, organizer Michelle Lewis said she was "really, really happy with the way it went." Director Sarah Muscarella said she thought Wednesday would be the least popular night, but saw the effect of the move off campus.

"I think we would definitely have a higher number if

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PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Sophomore Lisa Floran performs during Wednesday's "Vagina Monologues" at First Unitarian Church.

'Sex and the City of God' stirs talk within Catholic context at University

By SONIA RAO
News Writer

A question posed by Sex and the City character Carrie Bradshaw — "Is it possible to be both Catholic and cosmopolitan?" — extended beyond the television screen to Notre Dame Wednesday night.

Faith confronted culture in a "Sex and the City of God" presentation, which was held in DeBartolo Hall. The event grew out of an ad hoc committee on gender relations University President Father John Jenkins created last spring, intended to stimulate discussion on issues raised by "The Vagina Monologues" with a focus on Catholic context.

"The goal is to bring the insights of the Catholic tradition into a frank conversation of contemporary topics ... at the cusp of the 21st century," said M.

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Institute gives ND poor grade

University policies rank low in report

By EVA BINDA
News Writer

With top athletic programs and consistent academic rankings annually in the nation's Top 20, Notre Dame is not used to receiving failing grades.

However, when the Sustainable Endowment Institute released its annual College Sustainability Report Card covering environmental and endowment practices, Notre Dame received a D-minus — the lowest grade given in the survey. Other institutions that received low grades included the University of Chicago, which received a D-

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COLLEGE SUSTAINABILITY REPORT CARD			
UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME		D-	
ADMINISTRATION	F	GEORGETOWN	C+
CLIMATE CHANGE & ENERGY	F	BOSTON COLLEGE	C-
FOOD & RECYCLING	D	DUKE UNIVERSITY	B
GREEN BUILDING	F	STANFORD	A-
ENDOWMENT TRANSPARENCY	F	NORTHWESTERN	C+
INVESTMENT	C	PRINCETON	B-
SHAREHOLDER ENGAGEMENT	D	DARTMOUTH	A-
		PURDUE	C

Source: Sustainable Endowment Institute

Run to raise funds, remember students

By MEGHAN WONS
News Writer

Welsh Family Hall will sponsor its sixth annual Clary, Murphy, Thomas Run Saturday to honor and raise scholarship funds in memory of three members of the Class of 2002 who lost battles with leukemia during their time at Notre Dame.

The Run is a 5K loop around campus that will begin and end in front of Welsh Family Hall, Welsh Family rector Candace Carson said.

Start time for the run is 10 a.m., and a post-race prayer service will be held in the Welsh Family Hall chapel

around 10:45 in remembrance of Brionne Clary, Miranda Thomas and Connor Murphy — the three students for whom the race is named.

Funds for the run are raised through runners' registration fees and all the money goes to scholarships that are not yet fully funded.

"Once they are funded, we will be able to award them to three students," Carson said. "The more students that participate in the event, the faster we can raise money for the scholarships."

Sophomore Drew Clary, a relative of Brionne, helped to organize this year's run and will attend both the race and

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INSIDE COLUMN

Musical flaws

As Scene Editor, I do a lot of music reviews, which I think are the most difficult. Music is a lot more subjective than movies and literature, because, as Duke Ellington once quipped, "if it sounds good, it is good." Yet a lot of really good bands and artists run into problems that are immediately noticeable to even the most casual listeners. Here are a few examples of bad musical decisions happening to good bands, and the biggest offenders.



Brian Doxtader

Scene Editor

◆ **Oversinging** — As much as I love Led Zeppelin, I could go without hearing Robert Plant yelp "oh yeah, baby baby, ooh yeah" on every single song. A lot of singers can't resist the urge to make sure their presence is known, resulting in some unfortunate vocal ad-libs, like Morrissey's yodeling at the end of The Smiths' "The Boy with the Thorn in His Side." This offense is particularly prevalent among groups that have a designated singer who doesn't do anything else. Biggest offenders: Robert Plant (Led Zeppelin), Bono (U2), Morrissey (The Smiths)

◆ **Overplaying** — This offense comes in two varieties: letting a song go on too long and too much showy musicianship. I remember when "Anthem" came on a classic rock station and my friend guessed that it was by Rush. When I asked how he knew, he replied, "Because it's ten times more complicated than it needs to be." Additionally, I never understood the point of jam bands — films and books get editors, sometimes bands need them too. Biggest offenders: The Grateful Dead, The Allman Brothers, The Dave Matthews Band, Phish.

◆ **Bad lyrics** — Here's the complete chorus set of Nirvana's "Lithium:" "Yeah yeah yeah yeah yeah yeah ..." It's actual longer than that, but you get the picture. Hardly a bastion of lyrical insight. A lot of artists just don't seem to care about lyrics, which is really the only conceivable way that we got Gwen Stefani spelling out "bananas." They'd be better advised to go to the "Yellow Ledbetter" route, on which Eddie Vedder sings so incomprehensibly that nobody knows what the lyrics are (try doing a Google search on it).

◆ **Over-saturation** — This one really isn't the band/singer's fault. I liked "Clocks," I liked "Hey Ya!," I even kind of liked "Chasing Cars" the first five or six hundred times I heard it. Nothing is more unkind to a good song than constant, consistent over-saturation. Hearing big hits on the radio, in the dining hall, in the mall, in the car, in the dorm bathroom, etc. just kills a song for people ... which is why you hardly ever hear "Hey Ya!" anymore.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT'S THE FIRST PAGE YOU TURN TO IN THE OBSERVER?



Davide Lionetti
sophomore
Stanford

"International news."



Noelle Crooks
sophomore
Cavanaugh

"The Question of the Day."



Justin Perez
freshman
Alumni

"I don't read The Observer."



Jeffrey Kraft
freshman
Alumni

"I read USA Today."



John Strong
junior
Alumni

"Question of the Day to see if I've been misquoted."



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Notre Dame students escape the winter weather Wednesday with a quick game of hoops at Rolfs.

OFFBEAT

Man tries to cash \$50K check from God

HOBART, Ind. — Kevin Russell found out it's not easy trying to cash a check from God. The 21-year-old man was arrested Monday after he tried to cash a check for \$50,000 at the Chase Bank in Hobart that was signed "King Savior, King of Kings, Lord of Lords, Servant." Hobart police Detective Jeff White said.

Russell was charged with one count attempted check fraud and one count intimidation, both felonies, and one count resisting law enforcement, a misdemeanor. He could face prison time. Police were called to the

bank after Russell tried to cash the check, which was written on an invalid Bank One check with no imprint, White said. Russell had several other checks with him that were signed the same way but made out in different dollar amounts, including one for \$100,000.

"I've heard about God giving out eternal life, but this is the first time I've heard of him giving out cash," White said.

Woman finds WWII grenade in potatoes

ROME — A woman in a town near Naples got an unwelcome surprise when

she bought a sack of potatoes at a nearby market, put them into water to peel and discovered one of them was a hand grenade apparently left over from World War II.

Olga Mauriello had put the potatoes in a vat of water and had just begun peeling them Tuesday when she found the explosive, covered in dirt, police said Wednesday.

An alarmed Mauriello, 74, called neighbors, who in turn called police.

Officers detonated the grenade in a park on Wednesday, state police said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Freshmen can vote today in the run-off election for the sophomore class council. Voting will take place between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. Students can access the voting Web site by clicking on a link in an e-mail from the Judicial Council.

The Department of Film, Television and Theatre presents Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap" on the Decio Mainstage Theatre at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. The show opens today at 7:30 p.m., and continues until March 4. Evening performances are at 7:30 and the Sunday matinee is at 2:30 p.m. Ticket prices are \$12 for the general public, \$10 for senior citizens, ND faculty and staff and \$8 for students.

Legends will host Last Comic Standing tonight at 10. Admission is free.

Stations of the Cross will be held at 7:15 p.m. tomorrow in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart. Stations will continue every Friday evening during Lent.

The Notre Dame Symphony Orchestra will perform tomorrow at 8 p.m. in the Leighton Concert, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Ticket are \$6 for the general public, \$5 for faculty and staff, \$4 for seniors and \$3 for students.

Finals for Bengal Bouts will be held Saturday at 8 p.m. in the Joyce Center Arena. Proceeds will go to the Holy Cross Missions in Bangladesh.

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

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OIT maintenance leads to outages

By GENE NOONE
News Writer

The Office of Information Technologies (OIT) recently performed maintenance on multiple University systems in advance of a large storage expansion planned for this summer.

The maintenance caused several services to be unavailable from 7 p.m. Saturday until 8 a.m. Sunday — including Webmail, insideND and WebCT.

"The planned maintenance this past weekend included a major upgrade to the University's data storage infrastructure," said Dewitt Latimer, assistant provost for OIT. "It required the main storage array to be taken offline, backed-up, removed, replaced, restored and finally tested for quality assurance. This was the first phase of a major expansion of storage planned for this summer."

The maintenance shutdown was the second in the past week. On Feb. 18, OIT upgraded several systems that also caused unavailable services. For many students, these recent shutdowns are becoming a common ordeal.

While the maintenance shutdowns may be frequent, students should understand that they are in the best interest of the University, Latimer said. OIT maintains more than 370 applications that form a highly interdependent information technolo-

gy infrastructure that helps run the day-to-day business of Notre Dame.

"In order to provide maximum uptime with the least impact to campus computer users, we employ two service windows per month," Latimer said.

These service windows typically occur on the second and fourth Sundays of every month from 2 a.m. to 10 a.m., Latimer said.

However, when the service window involves a large amount of work — as it did this past weekend — the maintenance window is expanded to ensure all work is done by 10 a.m. on Sunday.

OIT makes sure not to schedule maintenance during special events like football weekends, Junior Parents Weekend and alumni weekends, as well as important times of the year like finals week and the beginning of school, Latimer said.

That leaves little time for the OIT staff members to perform their responsibilities, often causing them to work before 5 a.m. and well into the evening.

Although students cannot avoid shutdowns, they can be prepared. OIT usually e-mails all students to notify them of upcoming maintenance and posts the information on its Web site.

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Conference to address diversity

Mooney, McIntosh to head forums at Saint Mary's during the weekend

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Diversity will once again become the main topic of conversation at Saint Mary's this weekend as the Student Diversity Board (SDB) hosts the second-annual Diverse Student Leadership Conference (DSLCL), which begins tonight with a reception and address by College President Carol Ann Mooney.

The Conference will continue Friday and Saturday with workshops throughout the day and a Diversity showcase in O'Laughlin Auditorium at 7:30 pm Friday.

The conference is intended to educate students about the different kinds of diversity each person encompasses, conference chair and student body president-elect Kimberly Hodges said.

"We try to celebrate all kinds of diversity," Hodges said. "We are attempting to educate participants about various modes of diversity, not generalized in a societal norm."

The weekends workshop titles include "Notre Dame vs. KKK", "HIV/AIDS Disproportionately Represented in African American Populations", "SMC and Beyond" and "Deriving Racial Understanding from our Own Experiences."

Peggy McIntosh will deliver a keynote address entitled "How I Came to See I Had

White Privilege and What I'm Learning I Can Do With It" at 4:15 pm Saturday in Carroll Auditorium.

Conference organizers collected pre-registration forms for the past two weeks and students are encouraged to register if they wish to attend the closing banquet, due to a lack of space in the West Wing of the Noble Family Dining Hall. Registration has been going on for about a month for members outside of the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame community.

The event received a lot of support from the College administration this year, DSLC faculty liaison Serita Fritzier said.

"There's been a lot of positive feedback from faculty," Fritzier said. "They were really willing to send their students, give extra credits and cancel classes."

It is also noteworthy that the conference netted a renowned figure like keynote speaker McIntosh, Hodges said.

"Pat White [last year's keynote speaker] was amaz-

ing, but being able to go from Pat White to Peggy McIntosh is a great achievement," Hodges said.

The conference was created last year when current conference chair Hodges, SDB president Angeline Johnson and Class of 2006 alumna Claradith Landry felt Saint Mary's needed an event that combined everything SDB discusses — a student group that represents diversity and tries to foster it through educational programs and events — as well as subjects not normally encountered on either campus.

Hodges said she hoped that this year participants absorb what they learn at

the conference and workshops and apply that to their own lives.

"This year, we will be not only able to offer all that we offered last year, but people will be able to take advantage to that," Hodges said. "It's a new year, and [the conference] is bigger and better this year."

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Kimberly Hodges
DSLCL chair

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Students bid to dine with campus figures

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

For most students, it isn't a usual evening when you can ask Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman to pass the salt, or ask for seconds from Mendoza College of Business Dean Carolyn Woo.

But for the highest bidders at the Breen-Phillips Hall Meal Auction Wednesday night, they'll soon have the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to dine with Poorman and Woo, among other campus icons.

The annual event held in the LaFortune Ballroom auctioned meals with "campus celebrities" to eager students, featured a silent auction and raffled off a football autographed by Brady Quinn — all in the name of charity.

Auction commissioner Christy Essay said this year's proceeds totaled around \$5,600 — all of which will go directly to Meals on Wheels of Mishawaka.

For senior Jessica Pryor, dinner with Poorman will cost \$195 per plate, for 12 plates — her winning bid in the auction.

"I heard it went for \$250 last year, so I was just going to wait and see what happened when it got that high," Pryor said.

Pryor said the other 11 guests would likely be a "bunch of friends from [Lyons Hall]." The evening includes a buffet in the Main Building and tours of the Dome, the Basilica bell tower and the game-day football locker room.

Other notable campus figures who offered up a night for the program included University President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh, student body president Lizzi Shappell, the acappella group The Undertones, leprechauns Kevin Braun and Juan Muldoon, Alumni Association President Chuck Lennon, Irish basketball coach Mike Brey and former Notre Dame running back Reggie Brooks.

Winners will enjoy a variety of activities ranging from home-cooked food by auctioned personalities to dinner at LaSalle Grill to ice cream at Coldstone Creamery.

This year's total of about \$5,600 exceeded the average \$5,000 the event usually raises, despite a similar turnout as past years, Essay said.

Dinner with Hesburgh was the highest bid per-plate of the night, at \$215 each for four guests, while Pryor's evening with Poorman brought in the largest total of all meals, with \$2,340 bid for the total package.

Proceeds will be delivered to Meals on Wheels of Mishawaka by the end of the week, Essay said. This is the first time the funds have been donated to a local organization.

"In the past we had donated to the American Diabetes Association, which was great, but we thought it might be fun to donate to a local organization so we could help out the local community," Essay said.

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Senate

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mistake," rather than unethical behavior.

Dworjan said his interpretation of the constitution was that it defined campaigning as "any public contact for the solicitation of votes. Personal appearances, placement of posters or distribution of election materials is considered campaigning."

Dworjan said he did not think he violated the part of the constitution that prohibits campaigning in the Student Union office.

"Does making copies of posters sound like openly asking for votes? I don't believe it does," he said.

Dworjan encouraged senators to reexamine the Student Union Constitution, which he said has many flaws.

Senators did spend approximately an hour and a half looking over amendments introduced by Senate Oversight committee chair Chris Hollon. Of the four resolutions Hollon introduced to amend the constitution, three passed.

The amendments stemmed from previous discussions in the Senate. The Senate unanimously passed a resolution to eliminate the presidential division budget from the Student Union Board (SUB)'s overall budget and to transfer this budget so it is under the Office of the Student Body President. Previous discussion in Senate

meetings said this would streamline the process by which student government can access this money.

The Senate also unanimously passed a resolution that would allow the Judicial Council president to sit on the Financial Management Board (FMB). Judicial Council president Liz Kozlow said this will greatly improve the communication between the two groups.

"Judicial Council's always asking for more funding," Kozlow said. "We request allocations just like any other student group."

FMB continued to play a role in Senate discussion, as senators disagreed with the wording of an amendment regarding FMB approvals. Currently, FMB approves requests of \$5,000 or five percent of the requesting organization's budget, and student groups only have to wait for FMB approval if their requests surpass that amount.

SUB manager Pat Vassel said increasing that level to 10 percent would enable his group to book events more quickly, without having to go through FMB. The senators agreed to raise the limit to 10 percent.

"SUB has a history of being fiscally responsible with who they decide to bring in," Breen-Phillips senator Maris Braun said. "If we decide to give them ten percent, I don't think the Student Union is going to go crazy. I think that SUB's purpose is to enhance daily life."

The Senate voted 22-1-1 to pass the amendment with the

change.

The resolution that did not pass was generated by the confusion surrounding the recent student body elections. No ticket received 50 percent plus one of the vote in the primary election. Neither the Liz Brown-Maris Braun nor the Danny Smith-Ashley Weiss tickets secured 50 percent plus one votes in the run-off election either, so in a closed meeting Feb. 18, senators voted 15-13 — according to the pluralities in their respective residence halls — to elect Brown and Braun.

Since this process created controversy in the Senate, the Oversight committee introduced an amendment that would change the election system so a plurality would win in the run-off election. In the event of a tie — which would be very unlikely — the votes would be broken down by dorm, and whatever ticket had the majority of dorms would win.

Senators disagreed about the wording of a new amendment and questioned the purpose of an abstain vote in the run-off election.

The amendment failed to win the three-fourths vote called for by the constitution regarding election bylaws during election season. Hollon said he would bring up the amendment again after election season, when it would only require two-thirds approval in the Senate.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iran and Syria to join U.S., U.K. in meeting

BAGHDAD — Iraq's neighbors including Iran and Syria have agreed to join U.S. and British representatives to discuss the Iraqi security crisis at a regional conference March 10 in Baghdad, the government said Wednesday.

Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari said he will be issuing formal invitations shortly to the neighboring countries and the five permanent U.N. Security Council members — the U.S., Britain, France, Russia and China — to send deputy foreign ministers or senior officials to the conference.

Zebari, in a telephone interview with The Associated Press from Sweden, said the Iranians agreed to participate in a meeting with the other neighbors but "they have some questions" about a separate session that would be held the same day with the five permanent council members.

Prescription drug abuse skyrocketing

VIENNA — Abuse of prescription drugs is about to exceed the use of illicit street narcotics worldwide, and the shift has spawned a lethal new trade in counterfeit painkillers, sedatives and other medicines potent enough to kill, a global watchdog warned Wednesday.

Prescription drug abuse already has outstripped traditional illegal drugs such as heroin, cocaine and Ecstasy in parts of Europe, Africa and South Asia, the U.N.-affiliated International Narcotics Control Board said in its annual report for 2006.

Discount medications that seem to be authentic often turn out to be powerful knockoffs concocted from recipes posted on the Web, he added.

Up to 50 percent of all drugs taken in developing countries are believed to be counterfeit, the board said, citing estimates from the World Health Organization.

NATIONAL NEWS

Dems seek immigration assurance

WASHINGTON — Democrats sought assurances Wednesday that President Bush will deliver Republican votes for putting illegal immigrants on a path to citizenship and creating a guest worker program.

The Senate, with Bush's backing, passed a bill last year that did both, but it wilted into campaign fodder for November's midterm elections after House Republicans staged hearings around the country opposing it.

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff and Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez told the committee that Bush is committed to seeing a sweeping immigration bill become law, though they were careful not to wade too much into details.

Old Man pleads guilty in Mob case

FORT LAUDERDALE — A 96-year-old mobster accused of overseeing robberies, money laundering and bank fraud for the Genovese crime family pleaded guilty to racketeering conspiracy Wednesday, but because of his age, he likely won't be sent to prison.

Albert "The Old Man" Facchiano, whose arrest record dates back 75 years, used a cane in court and needed a special headset to hear the questions from U.S. District Judge James Cohn. His attorney said he sees a doctor four times a week for back pain, arthritis and other ailments.

Facchiano pleaded guilty to a Florida charge of racketeering conspiracy and a New York charge of conspiracy to tamper with a witness.

LOCAL NEWS

Gas station pumps out water

HOBART — Jeffrey Crane got something unexpected when he stopped to gas up his pickup truck — a tank full of water.

Crane, who filled up at a Marathon Station in Hobart on Saturday, had his pickup towed to a repair shop when it failed to start Monday. He was surprised to discover what the problem was.

"I have a tank full of water," Crane said.

Ahmad Mochtar, owner of the Marathon station, said a cracked seal on a mechanical probe allowed ground water to seep into the northwest Indiana station's gasoline supply late Saturday.

Lawyers: Padilla unable to cooperate

Assistant U.S. Attorney says defendant using Al-Qaida training to appear incompetent

Associated Press

MIAMI — A federal judge who must decide whether alleged al-Qaida operative Jose Padilla is mentally fit for trial said Wednesday that the former Chicago gang member hasn't behaved strangely but may not be cooperating with his attorneys.

"I think everyone would agree that Mr. Padilla is almost polite to a fault," U.S. District Judge Marcia Cooke said on the fourth and final day of competency hearings.

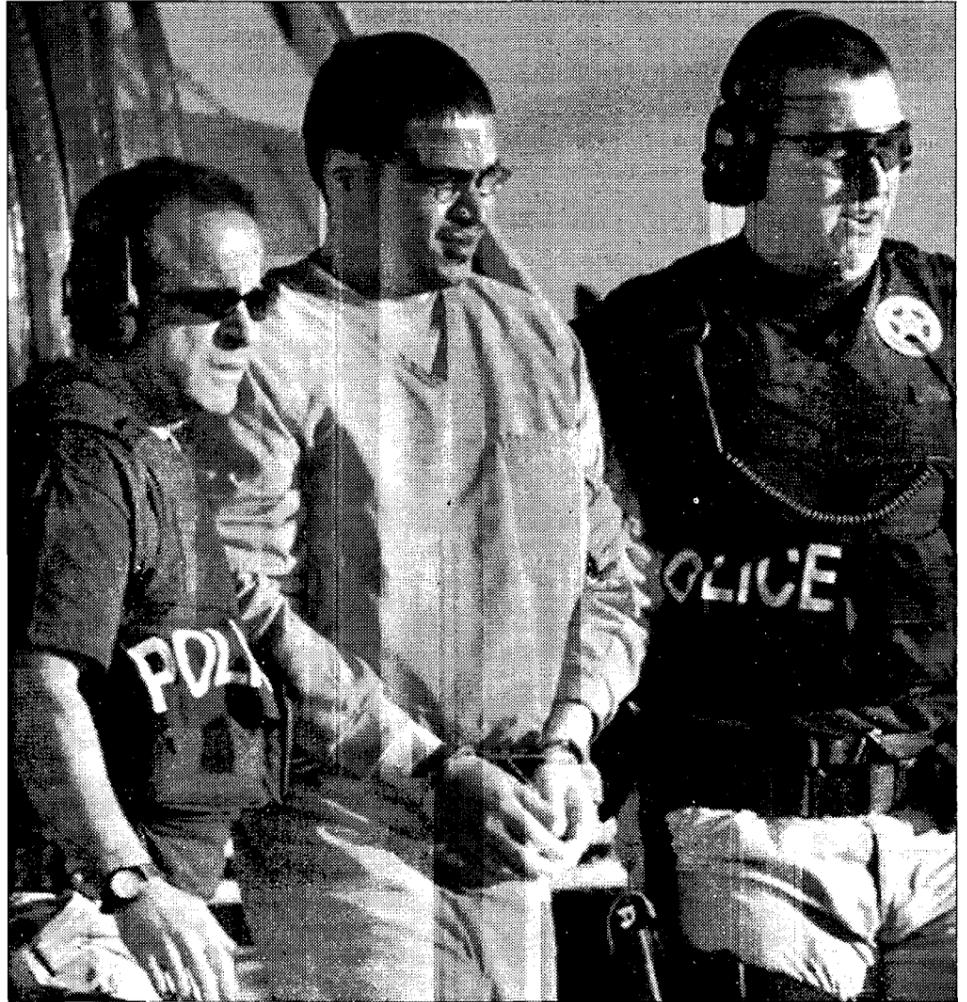
Cooke said that one psychologist had found Padilla "gracious," and she said he had not demonstrated any odd behavior or outbursts in the courtroom or while in custody.

But she also questioned prosecutors about defense lawyers' claims that the 36-year-old U.S. citizen had refused to discuss many aspects of his case. Defense attorneys say Padilla suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder stemming from isolation and interrogation during 3 1/2 years as an enemy combatant at a Navy brig.

"By refusing to discuss vast sections of his case — is that not in and of itself an inability to assist counsel?" Cooke asked.

Assistant U.S. Attorney John Shipley insisted there is ample evidence that Padilla has been assisting in his own defense and suggested that "al-Qaida training" was behind his choice not to cooperate on certain issues. Prosecutors contend that Padilla, a Muslim convert, attended an al-Qaida camp in Afghanistan that included indoctrination on resistance if captured.

"That is a decision made by this defendant. That doesn't mean he's incompetent," Shipley said. "The issue is whether the defendant



Two federal marshals escort alleged terrorist Jose Padilla in Miami Jan. 5. A judge is expected to rule on his competence to cooperate with lawyers.

has the capacity to assist."

Anthony Natale, one of Padilla's four court-appointed lawyers, urged Cooke to find Padilla legally incompetent to stand trial and send him to a mental health facility for at least three months. "It is better for this court to afford him an opportunity to get competent, to go to a facility where he can get treated," Natale said.

Cooke did not immediately rule.

Padilla's trial is set to begin April 16.

A psychiatrist and a psychologist hired by the defense concluded that Padilla suffers from post-traumatic stress disorder

that impairs his ability to assist lawyers. A court-appointed psychologist who works for the U.S. Bureau of Prisons rejected that diagnosis and determined that Padilla is competent, even if he has some anxiety and antisocial personality problems.

Prosecutors persuaded Cooke to sharply limit testimony by officials from the brig in Charleston, S.C., about Padilla's treatment there, arguing that her decision should focus on Padilla's current ability to understand legal proceedings and assist his defense team.

Padilla claims he was tortured and mistreated at the brig, a claim vehemently denied by U.S. officials.

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If Cooke finds Padilla incompetent, she has several options, according to legal experts. Among them would be sending him to a mental institution for treatment — possibly at a secure military base — or have him treated at the downtown Miami prison where he is held in a special unit.

Padilla is charged with co-defendants Adham Amin Hassoun and Kifah Wael Jayyousi with being part of a North American terror support cell that provided money, recruits and supplies to Islamic extremist groups. They face life in prison if convicted.

WEST BANK

Israel steps up search for militants

Associated Press

NABLUS — Israel on Wednesday clamped down on this West Bank city for the second time in a week, confining tens of thousands of people to their homes as troops moved house to house in search of wanted militants.

In nearby Jenin, undercover troops in a black car shot and killed three militants in a parking lot, including the chief spokesman for the Islamic Jihad group, Palestinian officials said.

The army has been operating in Nablus, the West Bank's commercial

center, since the weekend. Forces briefly withdrew Tuesday, but at dawn, dozens of jeeps backed by bulldozers moved back in.

In Jenin, Israeli undercover troops in a black car fired at a vehicle carrying three Islamic Jihad gunmen, witnesses said. The army confirmed its troops killed the men, saying they had helped to plan an attempted suicide bombing in Tel Aviv that was thwarted last week.

Two of the militants were killed instantly, and the third, Ashraf Saadi, was shot and killed after he scrambled out of the car and tried to escape, wit-

nesses said. Saadi was the spokesman for Islamic Jihad, a militant group backed by Iran and Syria, and responsible for dozens of suicide bombings and rocket attacks against Israel.

The army said the troops tried to arrest Saadi but he opened fire on them. Troops returned fire, killing two militants and injuring Saadi. After Saadi fled, continuing to fire, the troops shot him dead, the army said. One soldier was slightly wounded by gunfire.

In the Gaza Strip, Islamic Jihad spokesman Abu Ahmad vowed retaliation. Hamas also swore revenge.

Grade

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plus and University of Southern California, which received a D.

The Report Card "grades 100 colleges by looking at college greening practices and endowment policies," according to the organization's Web site. The grading is on an A to F scale and takes into account 26 indicators, ranging from green building initiatives to endowment investment policies. These 100 colleges represent the largest endowments of colleges across the country.

The highest grade attained in the report card was an A-minus, which Harvard University, Stanford University, Dartmouth College and Williams College all received.

Notre Dame received a failing grade in the categories of Administration, Climate Change, Green Building and Endowment Transparency. Its highest grade of a "C" was received in Investment Priorities. Notre Dame also received a "D" in the categories of Shareholder Engagement and Food & Recycling, with its recycling program being cited as a "good effort."

"As far as can be determined, the University of Notre Dame has not made any public

attempts to approach the issue of campus sustainability," the report card said.

However, the report card did report that there is a research center for alternative energies on campus.

Darcia Narvaez, an associate professor of psychology who is involved with environmental issues on campus, believes the University is working on sustainability, but does not publicize it enough.

"We're doing more than most campuses, but we just don't tell anybody," Narvaez said.

Some on campus are not surprised by Notre Dame's low grade and believe more can be done.

Narvaez is also a former Executive Fellow in the Dean of Arts and Letters' office.

"I anticipated it because I think Notre Dame has been dragging its feet on these issues," said Andy Weigert, a sociology professor and Fellow at the Institute for International Peace Studies.

Weigert also believes "more could be done academically in terms of teaching." He would like to see an environmental studies major or minor within the College of Arts and Letters.

However, Weigert said many initiatives are underway to make the campus more sustainable and eco-friendly.

Last year, Narvaez created an Arts and Letters Environmental Task Force

The task force released a call-to-action entitled "Our Environment in Crisis," a document that discussed the University's environmental responsibilities.

"We need to respond to the environmental crisis, especially as a Catholic university," Narvaez said.

Another group formed to find solutions to the University's environmental issues — the Energy and Environmental Issues Committee. According to its Web site, it was created to "broaden energy and environmental awareness, report on Notre Dame green initiatives and advise University leadership on eco-friendly opportunities."

In addition to these initiatives, Narvaez would like to see everyone on campus, from staff to faculty to students, get into a more environmental mindset.

"I'd like everybody on campus to have a sustainability mindset in everything they're doing," she said. "They should think about what's good for the environment, human health, society, the globe."

Weigert, who has taught at Notre Dame since the late 1960's, said it's important that students are mobilized on the issue.

"If the students got on board, they could have great influence on this issue ... I've seen students influence become very strong," he said. "You need a salient issue. Maybe if students could get mobilized, that would move the administration."

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Race

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prayer service, Carson said.

"Family members of Brionne and Connor are usually in attendance at the prayer service," Carson said.

The first run took place in 2001, when members of the residence halls of all three students wanted to do something to keep the memory of their classmates alive and positively contribute to the Notre Dame community.

Brionne Clary was a resident of Welsh Family Hall, Miranda Thomas lived in Walsh Hall and Connor Murphy resided in Zahm Hall, Carson said.

"After the passing of these students, all three of their halls wanted to do something to sustain their memories and honor them," Carson said. "Welsh Fam initiated the Clary, Murphy, Thomas Run, and it has become one of our

Hall's signature events."

In addition to organizing and sponsoring the run, Welsh Family Hall remembers its former resident Clary by awarding The Brionne Clary Memorial Award for sportsmanship. The Award goes to the "Welsh Fam senior athlete who best exemplifies the

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Candace Carson
Welsh Family rector

qualities of sportsmanship, dedication and courage, which Brionne held so dear," Carson said.

Welsh Family presidents, vice presidents, commissioners and residents have all contributed to planning the event and have volunteered to help on the day of the race.

"This year Lauren Murray, Lauren Shuttleworth, Amy Saxer, Catherine Reynolds, Georgia Steenberge and Drew Clary have all been instrumental in organizing the event," Carson said.

Runners can pre-register for the race today and tomorrow from 5 p.m. to 7 in LaFortune or South Dining Hall.

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Venue

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it were on campus," she said.

Though not at the 120-person maximum occupancy, the room was filled with a number of Notre Dame students. But also seated in some of the six pews and seven rows of chairs were members of the greater South Bend community, who were in attendance thanks largely to the off-campus venue, Muscarella said.

She also said that group of local adults came to watch the show from Dismas House, a local nonprofit organization that provides transitional housing and support services to men and women who have been recently released from prison or jail.

This year's performance had no affiliation with the University and was held off campus because organizers were unable to obtain sponsorship from different academic departments on campus.

Though last year's "Monologues" took place in an academic setting — performed in a classroom in DeBartolo Hall — a whirlwind of debate followed the play when the consistency of the message with the University's Catholic character was questioned. Following weeks of debate about academic freedom, University Father John Jenkins decided that the "The Vagina Monologues" would be allowed on campus but needed to

obtain sponsorship and approval just like any other campus event.

"Father Jenkins liked it last year," Muscarella said. "I talked to him about it."

Last year, however, Jenkins did question the "graphic" ways the play attempted to achieve its goals.

Still, after being performed on campus for six consecutive years as part of the anti-violence

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Wednesday, and nearly all of the funds from the three performance nights will go to the YWCA of St. Joseph County, which has the only overnight shelter in the county, Lewis said.

"I feel like it has a bigger purpose because we're allowed to raise money," Muscarella said.

Written by American playwright and feminist activist Eve Ensler, part of the play's intent is to donate money to local women's charities.

"The Vagina Monologues," which began in 1996 as an off-Broadway production, is an episodic, theatrical performance featuring a cast of women sharing experiences and views on the female reproductive organ. The monologues were written after Ensler conducted more than 200 interviews with all different kinds of women.

Of those monologues, Muscarella said that "My Little Coochie Snorcher that Could" — which features a 16-year old girl's lesbian encounter — is among the more controversial skits.

"But I think often [people] overlook some of the more meaningful ones," she said.

Though the play remains relatively the same each year, author Ensler usually writes an additional skit to be performed, like this year's "I Was There in the Room." A monologue about Native American women — called "Crooked Braid" — was an optional selection this year, Muscarella said.

Also included were "harmless references" to Notre Dame, she said.

"It felt great seeing different reactions to different parts that I wasn't expecting," said senior Ashley Mitchell, who performed the monologue "The Woman Who Loved to Make Vaginas Happy," which she called "exhilarating."

Mitchell said the play's message is about "awareness and letting people know that they're not alone."

She also said the goal serves to provoke discussion — something that happens more when the play is held on campus.

Still, Lewis said she is pleased with the off-campus venue.

"I think it's kind of amazing that the first three rows are pews," she said.

Senior Hamsa Subramaniam, who has seen the show before, said she was "really impressed."

"All the women in the show are just so strong," she said. "It's a shame that it couldn't be on campus."

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IN BRIEF

RIAA to amplify piracy crusade

LOS ANGELES — The recording industry said Wednesday it was amplifying its legal offensive against online piracy on college campuses by sending hundreds of letters warning students they will be sued if they don't accept settlement offers.

The Recording Industry Association of America said it intended to sue more students and others on campuses in the next three months than it has in the past three years.

The trade group said it would send 400 letters a month to computer users suspected of copyright infringement.

The letters targeted students at Arizona State University; Marshall University; North Carolina State University; North Dakota State University; Northern Illinois University; Ohio University; Syracuse University; University of Massachusetts, Amherst; University of Nebraska, Lincoln; University of South Florida; University of Southern California; University of Tennessee, Knoxville; and University of Texas, Austin.

Airbus, Boeing Co. compete for lead

PARIS — Airbus, steadily losing its market lead to Boeing Co., unveiled drastic plans Wednesday to follow in its U.S. rival's footsteps by cutting thousands of jobs, selling off manufacturing sites and outsourcing more work to external suppliers.

Strikes and protests greeted the European planemaker's long-awaited announcement that it intends to shed 10,000 staff and sell, close or spin off six plants, as it struggles to survive the crippling fallout from a two-year delay to its A380 superjumbo and the weaker U.S. dollar.

Airbus will sell off or shut down its French Saint-Nazaire-Ville plant and two German sites — Varel and Laupheim — as the company increasingly outsources "non-core" parts, Gallois said. Together, the three facilities currently employ over 3,000 workers.

Gallois is also seeking partners to back a belated push into carbon-fiber composite technologies by investing in three other Airbus sites that produce fuselage and wing parts: Meaulte in northern France, Nordenham in Germany and Filton in Britain.

Bernanke handles first market crisis

New Federal Reserve chairman carefully monitoring situation on Wall Street

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Ben Bernanke isn't a rookie anymore. He's got a year under his belt as chairman of the Federal Reserve and he's now endured his first market crisis.

Bernanke trooped to a crowded hearing room on Capitol Hill on Wednesday, the day after the market suffered its worst sell-off since the 2001 terrorist attacks, to deliver a simple message.

He said Fed officials were carefully monitoring the situation but so far had not seen anything worrisome in how the market had dealt with Tuesday's sudden decline.

His performance won praise from the lawmakers, economists and, most importantly, Wall Street investors, who triggered a small rebound in stocks on Wednesday.

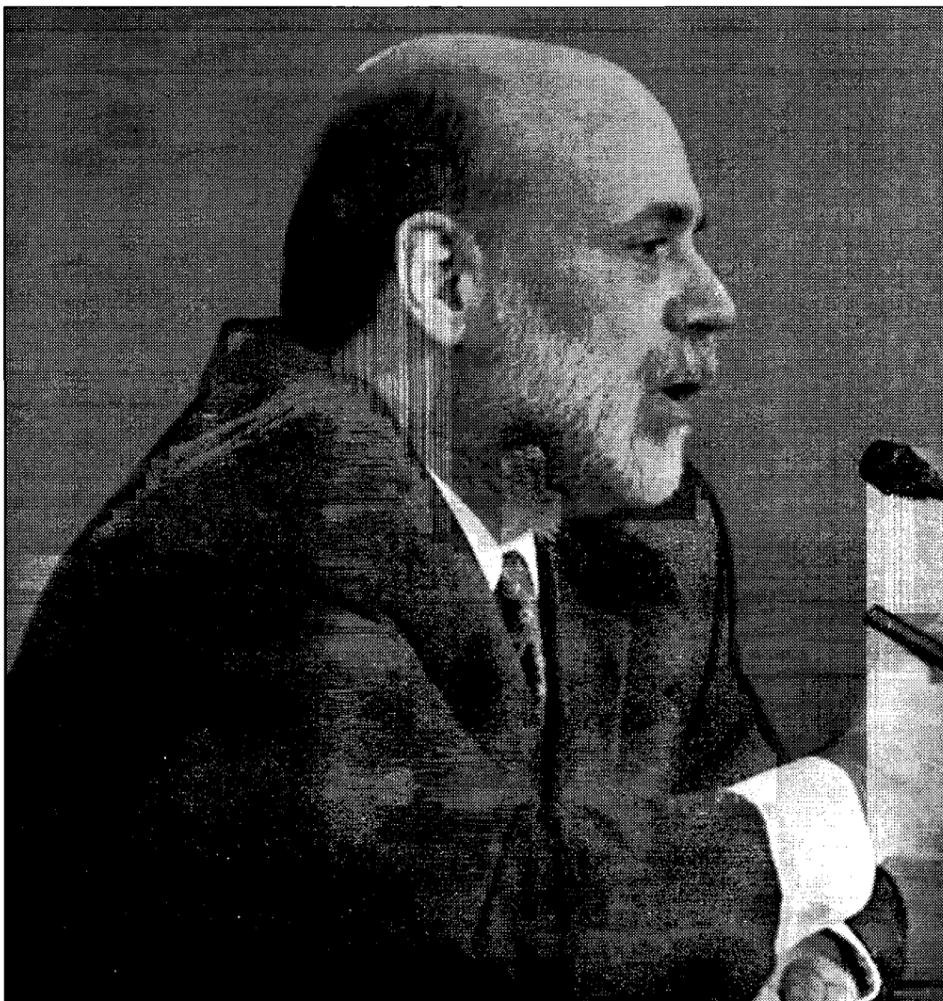
And unlike his predecessor Alan Greenspan, who would occasionally resort to his famously opaque speaking style to dodge questions he did not want to answer, Bernanke answered every question in a straightforward way that did not leave his listeners guessing.

House Budget Committee Chairman John Spratt, D-S.C., said in an interview after the hearing that Bernanke had given a credible performance by being careful to keep his comments "in the bounds of what he knows."

Said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Economy.com: "He did an excellent job. He exuded confidence."

Zandi praised Bernanke for clearly delivering the key messages that the markets were functioning well and the Fed's views on the economy had not changed.

That was important information because it let investors know the big



Federal Reserve Board Chairman Ben Bernanke speaks to the House Budget Committee in Washington on Wednesday, a day after the worst sell-off since 2001.

stock sell-off had not exposed any problems at major banks or brokerage houses and the Fed did not expect the sudden loss of \$632 billion in paper wealth to alter the economy's performance in a major way.

On Wall Street, investors responded by pushing the Dow Jones industrial average up by 52.39 points to close at 12,268.63, a small gain but better than Tuesday's 416-point loss.

Bernanke succeeded Greenspan, who had been Fed chairman for 18 1/2 years, on Feb. 1, 2006. He

told the House Budget Committee that there probably wasn't just one cause for Tuesday's sell-off.

The possible causes put forward by analysts have ranged from a record drop in China's Shanghai index, a surprisingly weak manufacturing report in the United States and weekend comments by Greenspan that had raised the possibility of a U.S. recession by year's end.

"There didn't seem to be any single trigger of the market correction we saw yesterday," Bernanke told the lawmakers, speaking in

a slow, deliberate voice with his hands folded in front of him at the witness table.

Bernanke let the lawmakers know he wouldn't be led into publicly contemplating what role Greenspan's remarks or any of the other developments had played in setting off the worst one-day point drop since Sept. 17, 2001, after the terrorist attacks.

"I don't think it would be useful for me to try to parse the movement into the components associated with different pieces of news or pieces of information," he said.

WellPoint Inc. appoints new CEO

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Mergers and consumer directed plans will be among the key drivers of WellPoint Inc.'s future growth, said Angela F. Braly, the newly appointed president and CEO of the nation's largest health insurer on Wednesday.

"We get talent and scale from mergers," said Braly in an interview with The Associated Press, two days after she was named to the job.

Mergers constitute WellPoint's roots. The company was formed in 2004 after Indianapolis-based Anthem Inc. acquired Thousand Oaks, Calif.-based WellPoint Health Networks Inc.

Braly said WellPoint would prefer to purchase Blue Cross plans — it is a Blue Cross or Blue Cross Blue Shield licensee in 14 states — but since there aren't any for-profit options available it would examine various opportunities. She also noted WellPoint would explore ways to

partner with the nonprofit Blue plans such as joining back office operations as a way to save money.

WellPoint's acquisition interests transcend not only just health plans but also include other related company such as those that sell dental, vision or life insurance, Braly said.

Two years ago, WellPoint purchased Lumenos, a company that specializes consumer-directed plans, products that combine high deductibles with a pool of money to help consumers pay for health expenses. Some experts believe that if consumers have more of their own money at risk, they'll make better health care choices that will ultimately bring down costs.

Braly said that creating affordable health care plans is a challenge for all insurers and that consumer directed plans are one way to create value.

"I think we have to maintain a focus on the consumer," Braly said. But she added

that insurers must continue to add ways for consumers to learn about the cost and quality of the hospitals and doctors involved in their care so they can make good choices.

Braly, a 45-year-old mother of three, will assume the top spot in June when Larry Glasscock retires. He will remain Wellpoint's chairman.

Some Wall Street analysts were surprised at Braly's appointment, with a few expressing concern that other executives that weren't tapped for the post might leave — most notably WellPoint CFO David C. Colby. Braly, who is currently WellPoint's executive vice president, general counsel and chief public affairs officer, said she expects the speculation about Colby's future to blow over soon.

"He's been very supportive...We are a team," said Braly, who was in New York to meet Wall Street analysts. "We are focused on competing effectively in the market."

God

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Cathleen Kaveny, law professor and panel moderator.

The presentation began with the showing of a Sex and the City episode entitled "The Domino Effect," then went to a panel of four faculty members and two students. The title "Sex and the City of God" is "an amalgam of sex and St. Augustine's famous work The City of God," Kaveny said.

"The Domino Effect," described by Kaveny as featuring "characters [dealing] with complex issues of love, sexuality, commitment and motherhood," served as a sounding board in comparing contemporary issues with faith-based concerns.

"We don't expect this event to answer all questions, but we hope it will start a discussion and if we do that we'll be very successful," Kaveny said before the episode began.

Panelists included Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman, Director of the Gender Studies Program Eileen Hunt Botting, Theology Department chair John Cavadini, Law School professor Margaret Brinig, "Loyal Daughters" author Emily Weisbecker and Jennie Bradley, a 2004 Notre Dame graduate currently attending Harvard Law School.

Each panelist took 10 minutes to address a specific question dealing with a certain aspect of Sex and the City within the context of a Catholic faith.

Poorman was asked what he would say to the show's characters if he were stuck in a cab with them on the way to the airport. Assuming they asked for his advice, Poorman said he would tell them he "detect[ed] a profound sadness in all of you."

"The constant frustration of seeming to have it all and not having what you really want is enough to depress even the most buoyant spirit. ... It's time to discover a deeper meaning in [their] lives than living in a rent-controlled apartment, finding the best sushi, and getting a fifteen percent discount on gallery art," he said.

Poorman said the show's characters could alleviate the sadness brought on by relationship instabilities and "the pathetic objects of attraction that [they're] associated with" by becoming engaged in activities that go beyond themselves.

"[The characters need to] reconnect with the God who gave [them] such privileged lives in the first place and spend [their] talents on people

who hunger for the benefits of [their] gifts," he said.

Botting discussed issues of feminism within the show, addressing whether or not Carrie and her friends were actually feminists or just overly affectionate about shoes.

"I do think that it is possible to appreciate the beauty of a pair of shoes or a beautiful piece of clothing and espouse feminist ideals," Botting said.

Though she would not classify any of the characters as fitting a particular school of thought or "a particular brand of feminism," Botting said the show is able to "set forth a variety of viewpoints on different subjects and forces us to ask tough questions."

Some of the tough questions, Brinig said, were what consequences real women would face if they lived like the show's characters.

"When you do things they have consequences and these women are headed for a number of them," she said.

Though "these women seem empowered women because they have jobs ... because they're beautiful and because they're free," they "aren't free to be vulnerable about very much," Brinig said. "They're not free to put sex together with affection."

Cavadini also said he was concerned by how the show portrayed the role of sex in relationships.

"It is only when they can't have sex that Carrie and Big [Carrie's love interest] have a real discussion," he said. "Only when they feel vulnerable in the face of sickness and death [do] they consider marriage as a likely possibility in the here and now."

Weisbecker brought a Notre Dame student perspective to the discussion.

"Students recognize that the show represents a romanticized version of life in the city," she said. "It's pretty obvious to everyone that these characters and lifestyles are not realistic."

Although Weisbecker said Notre Dame students realize that lives of promiscuous sex and exorbitant spending are unrealistic, she said Notre Dame has fallen victim in some ways to a "hookup culture."

"Even though we crave intimacy and closeness with people, we don't necessarily have the time to cultivate it," she said. "Hookup culture is the easy way out."

Bradley shared her experiences on life beyond Notre Dame — out from under the influence of what Weisbecker called "the whole Catholic sexual teaching thing" — and how students can remain true to values in environments that do not cater to them.

Many of her friends who

engaged in promiscuous sex had feelings of regret that they felt uncomfortable admitting to, Bradley said, since they were inconsistent with Sex and the City's message that says "yes, women can have sex like men,"

she said.

Bradley said her Catholic identity hasn't caused problems for her in urban environments, and has actually been considered refreshing.

I think people find me

"strangely fascinating, or maybe fascinatingly strange," she said.

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Kids gain weight at home

Study shows parents, not school lunches, responsible for poor diets

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — The nation's schools — under fire for unhealthy school lunches, well-stocked vending machines and phys ed cuts — may actually do a better job than parents in keeping children fit and trim.

A study found that 5- and 6-year-olds gained more weight over the summer than during the school year, casting doubt on the assumption that kids are more active during summer vacation.

The findings don't reveal what's behind the out-of-school weight gain, but the researchers speculate it's because the summer months lack the structure of the school year with all its activities and daily comings and goings.

Doug Downey, an Ohio State University sociologist who co-authored the study, said that for many youngsters, the lazy days of summer may offer plenty of free time to eat snacks and lounge about watching TV or playing video games.

He said the study seems to point to the need for parents to be more involved, as well as raising the idea of a longer school year and more after-school programs to keep children active.

And schools should continue their efforts to promote good health, he said.

"Trying to improve the quality of school lunches, getting the soda machines out of schools — those are still good approaches. But clearly the source of children's obesity problems lie outside of the school," Downey said.

For the study, Indiana University and Ohio State researchers studied the growth rates of the body-mass indexes of 5,380 kindergartners and first-graders. The data came from a National Center for Education Statistics survey that ran from fall 1998 to spring 2000 in 310 schools across the country.

The university sociologists discovered that the youngsters' BMIs increased on average more than twice as much during summer

break compared with the school year. That increase was even greater among black and Hispanic students and kids who were overweight at the start of kindergarten.

Once kids were back in school, however, the monthly growth rate of their BMIs fell, and the growth rate gap between the overall population and the minority and overweight groups shrank, the researchers found.

The study will appear in the April issue of the American Journal of Public Health.

Betsy A. Keller, a professor of exercise and sport sciences at Ithaca College in New York, said the pattern seen in the study's snapshot of the kids' kindergarten year, summer break, and first grade is "irregular" and does not mesh with kids' normal growth in height and weight.

Keller said it clearly points to a summer gain in fat mass, although she said data from later school years is needed to see if that trend continues.

Storm causes NASA to postpone launch

Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA on Tuesday postponed next month's launch of space shuttle Atlantis after a hail-storm left hundreds of small dings on the spacecraft's external fuel tank.

The launch, which had been set for March 15, was pushed back to at least late April to give NASA time to make repairs.

NASA technicians planned to move the shuttle back to a giant hangar as early as this weekend to examine the damage and decide whether repairs can be made at the Kennedy Space Center or whether the tank needs to be returned to its manufacturer in New Orleans.

"At this point, we don't see anything that looks irreparable, but we really want to get it back to where we can look at it up close," said John

Chapman, external tank manager.

The storm Monday lobbed golf ball-size hail at the launch pad, making a ring of hundreds, if not thousands, of dings on the upper reaches of the 153-foot-tall external tank. It crushed some foam along wedge-shaped brackets, an area where foam has been known to shed in the past.

The hail also caused cosmetic damage to more than two dozen tiles along the shuttle's left wing.

"This constitutes, in our evaluation, the worst damage we have ever seen from hail on the external tank foam," said Wayne Hale, manager of the space shuttle program. "We have had hail a number of times in the past. Hail is not unusual in Florida."

The launch of Atlantis would have to be after a Russian Soyuz vehicle completes a mission to the international space station in the first part of April, putting the next opportunity likely between late April and late May, officials said.

NASA managers had hoped to fly five shuttle missions in 2007, the most ambitious schedule in five years, and Atlantis' flight was set to be the first of the year. The next shuttle flight after that was set for June.

Hale said he was confident the goal of five flights could still be met. He said, "There might be some small effect on a couple of later flights, but by the time we roll around to the end of the year, I expect we would be fully able to catch back up."

During their 11 days in space, Atlantis' astronauts were scheduled to deliver a 35,000-pound addition to the international space station, the heaviest ever, along with a new pair of solar arrays. Crew members were tasked with unfurling the solar arrays, folding up an old pair and conducting at least three spacewalks.

The thunderstorms moved quickly and had winds of more than 60 mph. The hail was between a half-inch and 2 inches in diameter and hit only at the NASA space center. The National Weather Service considers three-quarters-inch hail to be severe, said David Sharp, a meteorologist with the weather service.

"Most people didn't see thunderstorms, let alone severe thunderstorms," Sharp said. "It only occurred in one location, and that was NASA's Kennedy Space Center complex."

In 1999, hail from a storm made 650 dings in space shuttle Discovery's external tank, forcing NASA to delay a launch and return the spacecraft to the Vehicle Assembly Building. In 1995, space shuttle Discovery was sent back to the Vehicle Assembly Building because of fuel-tank damage caused by a pair of woodpeckers that drilled about 200 holes in the rust-colored foam insulation, apparently in an attempt to roost and build nests.

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More time offered on driver's licenses

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration will give some states more time to bring their driver's licenses up to the standards required by a new federal law.

Responding to a revolt by governors, state legislators and members of Congress against the new requirements, the Homeland Security Department is planning to issue rules Thursday that will extend the May 2008 deadline set by Congress two years ago.

"There is a provision in the law to permit extensions, which we will of course grant to states that need more time," Secretary Michael Chertoff told reporters Wednesday.

The law, passed in response to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, requires all states to bring their driver's licenses under a national standard and to link their record-keeping systems.

"There's vividly in my mind a picture of the Florida driver's license Mohammed Atta carried that he used to get on an airplane to drive it into the World Trade Center," Chertoff said. "Shame on us if we don't do something to get a handle on what is the principal form of identification used in this country."

The administration is issuing

the rules at the same time the Senate is considering ordering a two-year extension of the driver's license deadline as part of its debate over homeland security legislation.

In January the Maine legislature overwhelmingly passed a resolution objecting to the law, and about a dozen other states have also balked at complying with it. Several are expected to pass laws or adopt resolutions declining to participate.

State officials have been complaining about the 2005 law since its enactment, saying Congress didn't give them the money to convert their databases or enough time to develop driver's licenses that critics complain amount to a federal ID.

Privacy advocates also have griped that a national database linking all the states' systems could promote identity theft.

The digital photo, and possibly digital fingerprint, encoded on the ID cards could make them more valuable to identity thieves because they would be more widely accepted, they claim.

"It's going to be a honey pot out there that's going to be irresistible to identify thieves," said Barry Steinhardt, a lawyer with the American Civil Liberties Union.

SOUTH KOREA

U.S. Medalist meets with father

Olympic skier Toby Dawson reunites after adoption 2 decades ago

Associated Press

SEOUL — Far from the mountain where he skied to Olympic fame, Toby Dawson found his family.

More than two decades after he was lost in a South Korean market and eventually adopted in the United States, Dawson was reunited with his father Wednesday.

They embraced, and Dawson said a Korean phrase he had learned for the meeting — "I've been waiting a long time, father."

Hugging his son at a hotel, Kim Jae-su teared up.

"I am glad to meet my son and see that he has grown up so wonderfully," Kim said. "I am thankful that he has come to look for me even after such a long time."

The reunion, which included a brother, was made possible by the bronze freestyle skiing medal Dawson won at the Turin Olympics last year. The victory earned him wide attention in the country of his birth.

Following the Olympics, dozens of would-be parents came forward to claim Dawson was their child, including Kim. But after years of dashed hopes, the 28-year-old Dawson put off an earlier planned trip to Korea and waited for confirmation from

genetic tests before traveling here this week.

Dawson was 3 when he was lost in a market by his mother in the southern port city of Busan, Kim said. A truck driver at the time, Kim said it was too late when he got home to start searching for his missing child, whose original Korean name was Bong-seok. Over the next few days, he said he scoured local orphanages but was unable to find his son.

"I went to many orphanage houses only to hear that they didn't have anyone like him. They wouldn't let me come inside and look for him," the 53-year-old Kim said, adding he would search orphanages whenever he had time but eventually gave up.

"I'm not here to beat him up for what happened," Dawson said, adding that he had a fortunate life growing up with his adoptive parents, who were ski instructors in Vail, Colo.

At the start of a news conference, Dawson gave his biological father a Norwegian skiing sweater that he said signified his upbringing in the sport, which Kim immediately put on.

Dawson said he plans to use a new foundation he is starting in his name to help work to avoid cases like his in the future.

"Being caught in limbo between two different coun-

tries and not looking like your family is going to be tough," he said. "We need to try to keep our children and work a little bit harder to keep these circumstances from happening."

Dawson noted how he shared his healthy sideburns with his father, who during the news conference reached over several times to touch Dawson's face while they also held hands.

"My life until now has been confused," Dawson said. "I looked at my parents and I didn't look like them. Then I also felt if I went to Korea I didn't belong there."

"I felt like I was still lost, stuck between two different worlds," he said.

Dawson said he hoped to eventually stage a reunion with all his parents. He also mentioned again his desire to become a professional golfer within five years, after retiring in September from professional skiing.

Kim declined to talk publicly about Dawson's biological mother.

Also at the reunion was Dawson's younger brother, 24-year-old Kim Hyun-cheol, who was wearing an earring in his left ear similar to those Dawson has in both ears. All three men wrapped their arms around each other before heading to a family lunch.

'N' word outlawed in New York state

Associated Press

NEW YORK — New York declared the n-word off limits to all races Wednesday in a purely symbolic resolution prompted by the common, casual use of the slur in hip-hop music, comedy and street slang.

"People are using it out of context," said Leroy Comrie, a black city councilman who sponsored the unanimously passed measure. "People are also denigrating themselves by using the word, and disrespecting their history."

New York's resolution is not binding and merely calls on residents to stop using the slur. Leaders of the nation's largest city also hope to set an example.

Rudis Mata, 21, of New York said it was pointless to ban the word if the city had no plans to enforce it, adding that he thinks it's a violation of free speech.

"I don't necessarily think people should ban the word, but it's a derogatory term and it shouldn't be used," he said. "It's different from other curse words. It has a history."

Other municipalities have already passed similar measures in a debate that rose to a fever pitch late last year after "Seinfeld" actor Michael Richards spewed the word repeatedly at a comedy club in Los Angeles.

At New York's City Hall, supporters cheered passage of the resolution, with many of them wearing pins featuring a single white "N" with a slash through it.

Hip-hop pioneer Kurtis Blow Walker said when the resolution was proposed that blacks needed to stop using the word so "we can elevate our minds to a better

future."

Others argue that use of the word by blacks is empowering, that reclaiming a slur and giving it a new meaning takes away its punch. Oscar-winner Jamie Foxx, for example, said he would not stop using the word, and did not see anything inappropriate about blacks using it within their own circles.

But in the uproar over Richards' outburst, black leaders including the Rev. Jesse Jackson and California Rep. Maxine Waters said it is impossible to paper over the epithet's origins and ugly history of humiliating blacks. They challenged the public and the entertainment industry to stop using the epithet.

"I forgive those young people who do not know their history, and I blame myself and my generation for not preparing you," Councilman Albert Vann said. "But today we are going to know our history. We are not going to refer to ourselves by anything negative, the way the slave master referred to black people, using the n-word."

New York's action resonated far beyond the city.

In Miramar, Fla., 27-year-old Alexa Cabrera said she hopes the resolution will at least cause people to stop and think about their use of the word.

"It's a derogatory term no matter who uses it. Like if the KKK uses it, it's wrong, but if 50 Cent uses it, it's OK? I don't understand that," said Cabrera, who is black.

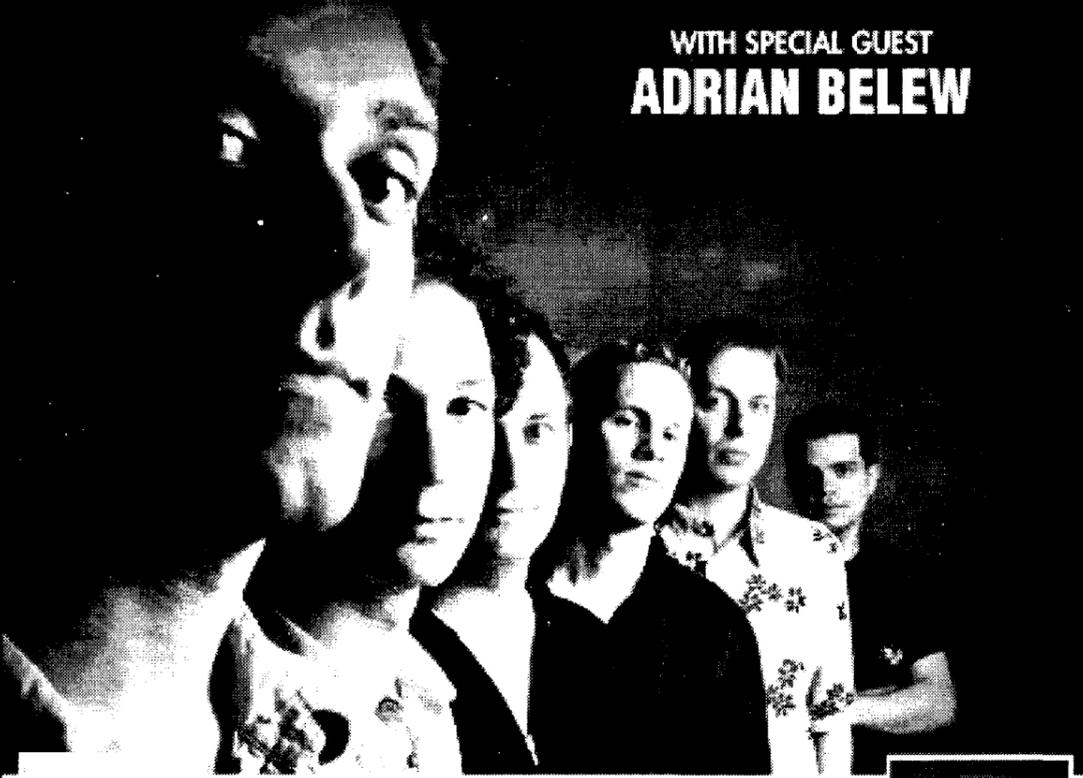
Dallas bank manager Ed Romero, who described himself as black and Hispanic, said he would like to see the spirit of the New York resolution spread until the word's use is stamped out.

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Gov. removes prison official

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Gov. Rick Perry removed a leader of the Texas Youth Commission on Wednesday, while the lieutenant governor angrily demanded its entire board be fired for the cover-up of sexual abuse of inmates.

In addition to removing the board's chairman, Perry has asked it to replace the acting executive director with a top official from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. The Texas Senate, over which Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst presides, was unexpectedly scheduled to reconvene late Wednesday to address the concerns.

The moves come a day after an emotional hearing about investigations that found high-ranking officials at the West Texas State School in Pyote had repeated sexual contact with inmates.

Perry cannot kick a board member off the panel, spokesman Ted Royer said. But his decision to remove Pete C. Alfaro as chairman sends a strong signal of his

displeasure with the agency's actions.

"This agency has not been headed in the right direction, and that needs to change," Royer said.

Commission spokesman Tim Savoy did not return a telephone call seeking comment. The Associated Press also left a message at a telephone number belonging to a Pete C. Alfaro in Baytown, where the former chairman used to be mayor.

Lieutenant governor's spokesman Rich Parsons said he could not immediately comment on Perry's actions.

Dewhurst said he made the recommendation over breakfast with the governor and House Speaker Tom Craddick.

"I want the problem solved," he said. "This is not right."

Commission facilities house offenders ages 10 to 21 who are considered the most dangerous, incorrigible or chronic. The West Texas State School at the heart of the controversy holds 250 male inmates.

An internal investigation found

that many prison staff members had complained about the abuse to their supervisors and to officials in Austin, but that for more than a year, no one in charge did anything to stop it.

A Texas Rangers investigation in 2005 found that the prison's assistant superintendent and the school's principal had repeated sexual contact with inmates.

The officials involved resigned in 2005. The agency's former executive director, Dwight Harris, resigned last week.

Neither of the investigations has produced criminal charges, though Sen. John Whitmire, the Democratic chairman of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee, said a special prosecutor is on the case.

The Senate panel is considering legislation that would create an independent investigator and increase youth corrections staff and training. It also would prevent the agency from housing inmates as young as 11 with inmates in their late teens and early 20s.

Inuits say pollution devastating hunting



Pitseolak Alainga, an Inuit hunter, stands with his dog in Iqaluit, Nunavut Territory, Canada.

Associated Press

IQALUIT, Nunavut Territory — Simon Nattaq lost both feet to frostbite when his snowmobile crashed through the ice, made thin by rising Arctic temperatures.

All his gear plunged into the water too, leaving him stranded for two days. He now walks — and still hunts — with prosthetic feet, and believes God kept him alive to warn the world about global warming.

"Today I am here because the creator allowed it," says Nattaq, 61, a city counselor for Iqaluit, a one-time U.S. Air Force base that is today Canada's northernmost city with 7,000 residents.

Nattaq and other Inuit, the Arctic people of the United States, Canada, Russia, and Greenland — in Alaska where they're known as Eskimos — have been warning the world for more than a decade about the shifting winds and thinning ice. Hunting patterns thousands of years old are in jeopardy.

"Our way of life is at stake," says Sheila Watt-Cloutier, just nominated with former U.S. Vice President Al Gore for a Nobel Peace Prize for their work on climate change.

Watt-Cloutier will argue before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in Washington on Thursday that the United States, as the world's largest emitter of heat-trapping greenhouse gases, is violating her people's rights.

While for many global warming is a distant threat, for the Inuit its impact is a reality now. "It's about real people who live on top of the world," she said this week before leaving for the hearing.

The commission, part of the Organization of American States, has no authority over the U.S. government. But Watt-Cloutier says she's looking for a moral and political victory, to help make climate change a bigger issue in future elections.

Nattaq is one of 63 Inuit from Canada and Alaska on the OAS petition she is representing, filed on behalf of the world's 155,000 Inuit.

An anchor sits as a memorial in Iqaluit's stark cemetery. The field of simple white wooden crosses sits next to the frozen Frobisher Bay, a massive inlet of the Labrador Sea on the southeastern corner of Baffin Island about 200 miles south of the Arctic Circle.

Alainga pointed across the cemetery from the warmth of his pickup truck. He recalled how the lessons his father taught him, handed down through generations of Inuit hunters, helped to keep him alive for three nights

and four days without food or water.

"My father used to teach me how to take a layer of snow off frozen salt water and eat only the fresh snow," said Alainga, a 40-year-old father of three boys. "We take the first top half of the snow and we make a ball out of it and put it into our mouths and let it melt. He told us not to chew the snow, he told us to swallow it when it was warm."

The Arctic is the region of the globe hardest hit by rising temperatures. In a major report Feb. 2, a U.N.-sponsored network of scientists said some projections show the Arctic's late-summer sea ice will disappear almost entirely in the second half of this century, unless emissions are dramatically reduced by such developed nations as the United States, which is responsible for one-fourth of world's greenhouse gases.

The shrinking ice cap already is forcing the polar bear, seal and walrus to migrate farther north in search of solid ice. Inuit hunters report painful scenes of stranded walrus and seal pups left to die on floating ice because their mothers are too heavy to share the rafts.

Scientists last December discovered the 41-square-mile Ayles Ice Shelf had broken free in just a matter of hours from the coast of Ellesmere Island, 500 miles from the North Pole. The ice shelf was one of six major shelves remaining in Canada's Arctic, some packed with ancient ice more than 3,000 years old.

The Canadian weather service said last winter was the warmest on record there since they began keeping records in 1948.

Watt-Cloutier hopes to put a human face on the statistics.

"There's no heartbeat to any of these global negotiations," said Watt-Cloutier, 53, past chair of the highly respected Inuit Circumpolar Conference. "We bring that urgency, that immediacy, because we tell the story of the Inuit hunter who falls through the depleting ice, how it's connected to the industries, connected to the disposable world."

Watt-Cloutier, who traveled only by dog sled when she was a child, fears her 9-year-old grandson could be from the last Inuit generation to know how to read the stars, the wind and the clouds, to hunt the food that keeps them healthy, and the furs and skins that help them survive the elements.

"Within my grandson's lifetime, he will lose what I had," she said. "The wisdom and answers from our hunting culture may leave us, because the ice is melting so fast."

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Gloom and doom in America

"I'm a Sales Rep ... which means that my job is to speak to clients on the phone about, uh, quantity and type of paper, whether we can supply it for them, and whether they can pay ... for it ... and I'm boring myself, talking about it." Thus spoke Tim Canterbury, the self-deprecating everyman from the British comedy "The Office." Tim perfectly summarizes a common attitude toward the modern workplace: it's dull, boring and unfulfilling. And it's not just the paper merchants who feel that way.

The show was British, but workers on our side of The Pond share this gloomy sentiment (although the show's American counterpart tones down the dark humor). A survey conducted by The Conference Board — the marketing information company that puts out the Consumer Confidence Index — found that fewer than half of Americans feel satisfied with their jobs. This marks a low in the 20-year history of the survey. Workers under 25 have the lowest job satisfaction rating — something to look forward to after you leave the shadow of the Golden Dome.

You would think, as easy as we have it, that we would find more satisfaction in our work life. In an age of unsurpassed wealth, we have more freedom than ever to pursue a livelihood of our choosing. You would expect our pride in work to reach new heights, paralleling our financial luxury — but instead, we have effectively trapped ourselves. We have a consumer's market that thrives on the possession and consumption of property and material goods. Mass media controls our collective fancies, all our desires align and we all want the same things. More "things" must be produced to meet our demands, and this whole process requires an economic infrastructure to support it.

Enter our depressing modern economy, an indisputable force of powerful sway

and infinite reach. Its army is the workforce, soldiers sporting slacks and white shirts and ties. As we dread our impending future of dark grey business suits and cold white office walls, where only water-cooler small talk breaks the monotony of boring days, that future has already arrived. All the tech-sector commercials you see on television advertising an exciting and hip world of innovation and excitement merely paint a pretty face on the unencouraging reality underneath. Those jobs aren't hip and young and exciting; they dull your senses, stifle your creativity and suppress your originality.

Our jobs fail to interest us because they lack human interaction, a problem in turn stemming from our decadent affluence and unchecked consumption of material goods. The cultural zeitgeist reflects this by spawning such dark art as "The Office" or the also aptly-named 1999 movie "Office Space." That film's anti-hero, Peter Gibbons, has an awakening and realizes his job is boring and his life meaningless.

"Human beings were not meant to sit in little cubicles staring at computer screens all day, filling out useless forms and listening to eight different bosses drone on about mission statements," he moans.

Peter finds true happiness in the film only when he stops caring about work and starts enjoying himself by getting a girlfriend, going fishing and sleeping in.

"Office Space" took aim at the tech sector's zombie-like stupor, and succeeded because that niche's "hip" advertisements stray so far from reality that they become easy targets for mockery. People like Peter Gibbons — and all Americans, these days — hate their jobs. We're so sundered from work creating objects for a real purpose, so far removed from jobs with a real connection to the service procured, that we can't possibly take pride in our work.

We never see the faces of the people we serve. When the service-consumption equation lacks human interaction, when all we do is produce goods to be consumed and placate our materialist desires, when we're constantly reduced to cogs in the corporate machine, we can

never expect satisfaction from our jobs and we can't help but be depressed.

I'm not saying factory workers, paper merchants or software engineers are evil. People need money and jobs to support their families. The economy is a created structure, and those are the jobs it offers. To break out of this cycle of work-consume-repeat, we must end our fixation on the acquisition of material goods. If we do that, the need for so many faceless jobs declines, and the economy shifts to adapt. Just imagine if every factory job was turned into a humanitarian effort dedicated toward providing medical aid to the sick or food to the hungry. Fewer DVD players, sure, but much happier workers.

Why should we care about this here at Notre Dame? Because factory workers aren't the ones hoarding those material goods — they often don't have the option. That sin lies at the feet of the upper class, the wealthy, the privileged. We hate to admit it, but at Notre Dame, that means us. We are the ones that must use our gifts for others' benefit, with the responsibility to change our ways and curb our material desires. This change can filter from the top economic strata of society all the way down to the lower fringes — and maybe then we would start seeing more humanitarian work.

When you walk around campus, note all the iPods and fancy phones, the designer clothes and keys to deluxe cars. Imagine how the economy would change if we checked our luxury desires. Jobs could focus more on human interaction instead of production of mass goods. People could find more happiness and more interpersonal connection in their work. It won't be easy — but as David Brent of "The Office" said, quoting another famous philosopher: "If you want the rainbow, you've gotta put up with the rain."

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The trouble with censors is that they worry if a girl has cleavage; they ought to worry if she hasn't any."

Marilyn Monroe
actress

Light in Lent

Have you noticed that the days are growing longer? Not, as we might wish, in total hours per day; that's still stuck at 24. However, we are at least getting a little more bang for our buck in the daylight department. Today the sun rose at an early 7:21 a.m. and won't set until 6:34 p.m. In just ten days, for the second year now we'll be returning to Daylight Savings Time and you can enjoy a late sunset at 7:45 p.m.

Kate Barrett

FaithPoint

It seems fitting, then, that we're also in the midst of Lent, a word which shares its roots in the word for "spring." Lent was originally associated with the change of seasons from winter to spring, and particularly with the lengthening amount of sunlight in each day. Images of light and darkness are plentiful during Lent, with darkness getting one last try on Good Friday as Jesus hung dying on the cross. As you'll hear in Luke's gospel on Palm Sunday, "It was now about noon and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon because of an eclipse of the sun" (Lk. 23:44-45).

This Sunday, however, we will hear of a moment when light takes center stage, when Jesus' disciples get a sneak preview of the glory of the resurrection. On the second Sunday of Lent each year we hear the story of the Transfiguration, when Jesus, along with three of his

disciples whom he has invited along, goes up a mountain to pray. Suddenly, Luke tells us, his appearance changed and "his clothes became dazzling white" (Lk. 9:29). Matthew's gospel even says that "his face shone like the sun" (Mt. 17:2). The Transfiguration revealed that Jesus was God in an extraordinary way: God's glory actually shone through Jesus' physical body.

So why should we care about this reading? It's sort of weird, really, describing as it does a sort of mystical experience Jesus shares with a few of his close followers. Well, let's think about what we know about Jesus. He is God's beloved son, sent to save the world and to lead us all back to the Father. He is not the kind of savior anyone would have ever expected. He is about to go to Jerusalem and experience an absolutely humiliating and painful death. And we know, as the disciples did not yet know, that Jesus rose from the dead to become the light no darkness can overcome. Every baptized Christian, then, as members of Christ's body, shares in that light. During the season of Lent we prepare — again and again, because it's the work of a lifetime — to renew our baptismal promises at Easter and to live out those promises in our lives.

Perhaps your mom used to tell you (as mine told me, and as I tell my own kids) that "no one can 'make' you do anything." This universal "mom response" to kids

brought to face the music — "I wasn't going to do it, but he made me!" — has been repeated through so many places and generations because our parents, who love us, want us to become who God truly means us to be, not just to follow the crowd to the latest attraction or distraction. If we can imagine that God loves us even infinitely more than that, and wants us to become a part of the Body of Christ on earth, we can begin to understand why the story of the Transfiguration matters; why Lent matters. As the Transfiguration hints at, and the Resurrection tells us definitively, Jesus gives us the power to be light in darkness, which no one can take away from us. Jesus uses the power of love, no matter what happens to him, to save the world, and he gives that to us as well.

During this Lent as the light begins to push back the night each morning and evening, try contributing your own light to the effort. Become the light of Christ wherever you find darkness in the world around you.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

PEPYND dinner thanks

I wanted to sincerely thank all students who attended PEPYND's fundraising dinner on Tuesday night. We raised \$1,050, pushing PEPY over the \$20,000 target for the new school and other education projects. Thank you so much for your support! Your donations will make a major difference in the lives of so many Cambodian children.

Tim Rann
 senior
 off campus
 Feb. 27

U-WIRE

You're so vain

If you are a college student — congratulations. You have more education opportunity and career prospects available to you than members of your parents' generation. Oh, and you're probably more self-absorbed and conceited than they were, as well.

That assertion is based on the work of professor Jean Twenge of San Diego State University and W. Keith Campbell of the University of Georgia. The two researchers examined the responses of 16,475 college students who responded to questions in the Narcissistic Personality Inventory between 1982 and 2006. They say the number of students with above-average NPI scores increased 30 percent over 24 years. The trend is disturbing considering the effects of excessive hubris.

As Twenge relates, narcissists "are more likely to have romantic relationships that are short lived, at risk for infidelity, lack emotional warmth and to exhibit game-playing, dishonesty and over-controlling and violent behavior." Ultimately, narcissists tend to lead a less-than fulfilling life.

Confidence is an essential seasoning in a well-balanced personality. A healthy degree of self-assurance enables us to look future employers in the eye when we tell them about our capabilities, and it can be helpful in developing social relationships. But just like salt, if it is used too liberally, it can ruin even the most delectable entree.

Narcissism is no new phenomenon; it existed long before the disorder's namesake Narcissus became enamored with his own reflection in the spring at Donacon, and history is replete with anecdotes of epic megalomaniacs. King Darius, who fancied himself a god, ordered soldiers to whip the sea when a storm stalled his invasion of Greece. And, in more recent history, Lee DeForest, the self-proclaimed father of radio, tried unsuccessfully to commission his wife to author an autobiography titled "I Married a Genius." Stories such as these illustrate the imbalance individuals face when they can't reconcile reality with their inflated egos.

Each of us needs to find that golden mean between self-effacement and self-exaltation. Only when we strike that balance are we able to attain the truly happy life.

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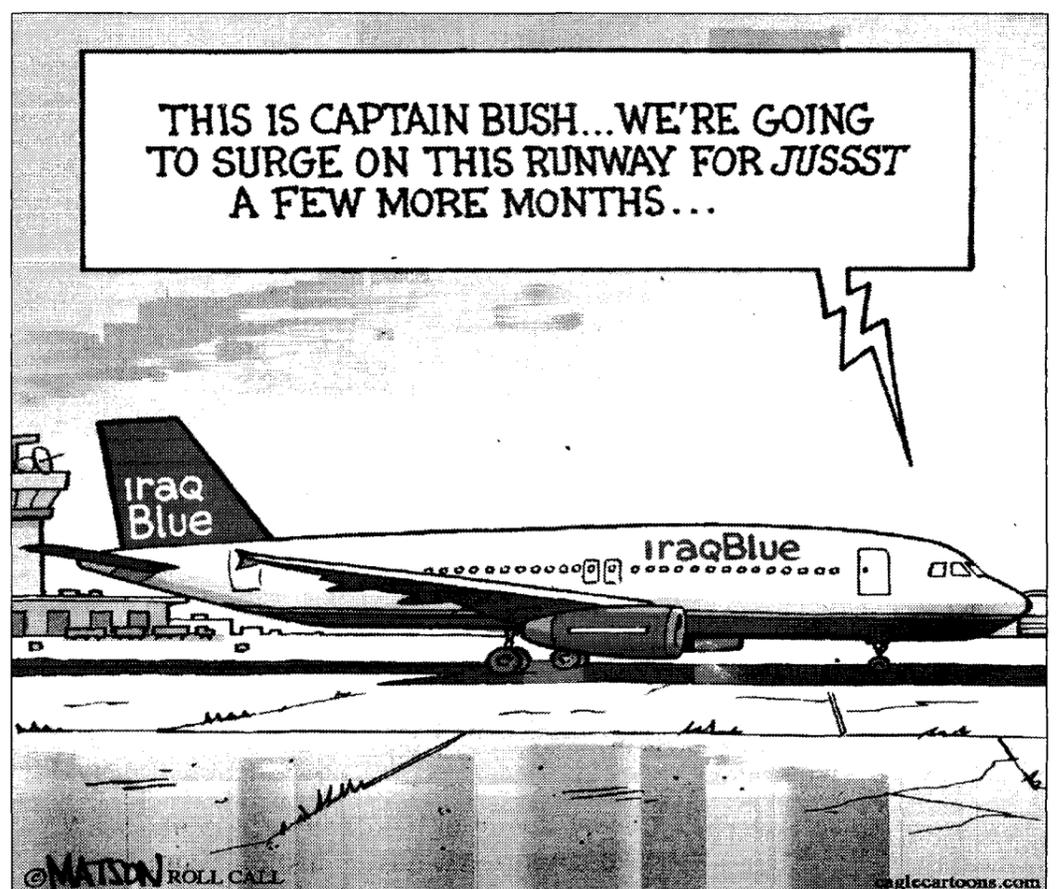
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iPods ought to be called mePods. Nothing screams "leave me alone, I'm busy" more than a bundled-up student staring down a sidewalk, earbuds in, listening to some squeal of a song. To dining halls, DeBartolo and dorms we plod, sullen and impersonal faces on conveyor belt sidewalks. In truth, we plug ourselves in only to unplug ourselves from the world around us: we iPlod. It's a great virtue to be mindful of your surroundings, and what surroundings are more worthy of mindfulness than Notre Dame's? With white wires from our ears, don't we take for granted the sounds, sights and people around us? Do we want to graduate knowing that in ten-minute bouts of iPlodding we have taken for granted the Golden Dome, neglected to hear the pianos playing from the Crowley Hall of Music or ignored a cute and interesting classmate walking right beside us? No, we want to graduate knowing that we've never missed a moment, especially one lost to K-Fed. We most likely iPlod for short-lived escapes from the daily grind. Or maybe iPlodders mistakenly think that they exude some nonchalant coolness. Regardless, I propose we do with a little less stimulation on this cusp of spring and beginning of Lent. As the snow melts and birds sing again, let's wholeheartedly open our ears and minds to all the extraordinary things and people around us. Maybe you're reading this in the dining hall right now, and maybe you're listening to music too. Pocket that pod and talk to the person down the table. I promise you won't regret it.

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EDITORIAL CARTOON



DVD REVIEW

Ferrell's 'Fiction' filled with laughs, love

By TAE ANDREWS
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IRS auditor Harold Crick (Will Ferrell) lives a very by-the-numbers life. He tallies everything he does to the exact count and his meticulous daily routine is planned down to the minute with the aid of his trusty wristwatch.

So naturally, when he wakes up one day to hear a voice in his head narrating everything he does and predicting his imminent demise, this throws a monkey wrench into his neat and tidy little life.

Unfortunately for Mr. Crick, little does he know that he is actually the tragic protagonist of a novel in progress. Author Kay Eiffel (Emma Thompson) is writing a book in which Crick is the main character and the events of his life unfold exactly the way she punches them into her typewriter. Unfortunately for him, Eiffel is dead-set on killing him off at the end of her story.

Hilarity ensues as Ferrell yells at his toothbrush, attempts to contact the omnipotent author of his life and holes up in his apartment in an attempt to stave off death by lying on his futon and doing absolutely nothing.

In an effort to stay alive, Crick enlists the aid of English professor Jules Hibbert (Dustin Hoffman) to help him decipher the plot of his life. Along the way, Harold runs into Ana Pascal (Maggie Gyllenhaal), a bakery owner who he's auditing for tax fraud.

Pascal eventually manages to free Crick from the doldrums of his hum-drum life with an infusion of love in the form of chocolate chips and TLC. In other words, this anal-retentive calculator jockey goes from number-crunching to cookie-munching, falling in love with Pascal along the way.

By awakening the Cookie Monster inside of Crick, she proves the old adage true — "The best way to a man's heart is through his stomach." Or is it, "if you give a mouse a cookie...?"

Gyllenhaal is very good and strangely attractive as the film's love interest. Although she doesn't fit the prototypical bill of a Hollywood blonde bombshell, she has an endearing appeal as the "girl next door" type, or at least the heavily-tat-



Photo courtesy of movieweb.com

Harold Crick (Will Ferrell) and Ana Pascal (Maggie Gyllenhaal) develop a romantic relationship while he audits her bakery in "Stranger Than Fiction."

toed, cookie-baking shop owner around the corner. She slinks and smiles throughout the film in a way that's both cute and sexy.

What makes "Stranger Than Fiction" work so well is Ferrell himself. Much like Michael Jordan on the '98 NBA Champion Chicago Bulls, Will Ferrell picks and chooses his spots to shine — he knows when to defer to his teammates and when to take over.

In a surprising move, this film is less of the straight-up comedy it's advertised as in the trailers. To be sure, "Stranger Than Fiction" has more than its fair share of funny moments sprinkled in, but for

Ferrell fans used to knee-slapping and hee-hawing at every line he drops (and then subsequently regurgitating those lines ad nauseam to friends and family), the film is a change of pace.

It's often said that real life is "stranger than fiction." Oddly enough, for a film that has a preposterous premise (is it art imitating art imitating life, or is it art imitating art determining life?), "Stranger Than Fiction" not only rings true, but is as warm and likeable as a fresh batch of chocolate chip cookies.

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Stranger Than Fiction

Sony Pictures

CD REVIEW

The Ataris' latest album not a 'welcome' addition

By CHRIS McGRADY
Assistant Scene Editor

Some bands, as they mature, grow into their progressing sound naturally. Like a new pair of shoes, eventually they fit just right. Finally, the music they make they can claim as their own. Other bands try to grow up too quickly and they overdo things. They end up swimming in their music like an oversized sweatshirt you borrow from your older brother. Given enough time, there might be a chance to grow into the right size.

Only The Ataris haven't grown up yet. The group's newest release "Welcome the Night" has the feeling of just not fitting. This album gives a distinct sense that The Ataris tried to change sound too quickly for their own good. The listener gets the idea that perhaps the group was looking up to its "older brothers" — The Killers, for example — and said, "Yeah, yeah ... we can do that too." The problem is, sometimes it's just best to admit you aren't the same as your older siblings and move in your own direction. The Ataris should have done that instead.

Realistically, this band shouldn't be making this type of music, not yet. The sound just gives off the feeling that the notes coming from the speakers shouldn't belong to The Ataris. It is natural, and actually great, for a band to mature over time. The great modern rock bands — Incubus, The Killers, or (a bit further back) U2 — all changed their sound over the course of their albums. The difference, however, is that with those bands, the change was moderate and slow and eased the listener in until they were ready.

Even though The Ataris had success as a pop-punk and rock band, they changed to something completely different overnight. This was the band that, at one time, toured with Blink-182 (pre-"Take Off Your Pants and Jacket") and MXPX and it is clear that the group no longer wants that identity. This is immediately obvious when the CD opens with the driven anti-love-ballad "Not Capable of Love," which is the album's first single. A far cry from the punk-feel of The Ataris old work, even the lead singer's voice seems to have changed. However, this is one of the stronger songs on the album.

Very expectedly, the best songs on the album are those that sound the most like the group's old work — "The Driftwood Sinn" and "The Cheyenne Line" are two tracks that have the same feel as the band's old work. Notice, however, that the songs are not exactly the same.



Photo courtesy of timemerrick.com

The Ataris have developed a large fan base since their 1997 debut, but "Welcome the Night" is a far cry from where they began and may drive fans away.

The group still shows growth in these pieces, but does so slowly and assuredly.

Even with all of its flaws, the thing about this album is it really is not bad. In fact, it is very listenable and several of the tracks are really quite good. The problem with the album is just that it sounds forced. It's like the band is trying to sound like someone else, which isn't necessary.

Right from the beginning of the CD, it's obvious that lyrically the album is solid and it is very clear the members of the band — vocalist/guitarist Kris Roe, guitarist Marco Peña, bassist Mike Davenport

and drummer Derrick Plourde (formally of Lagwagon) — are musically talented. However, it's just the feeling that the band is trying to be something they are not, at least not yet, that makes the CD slip from possibly something very good, to something that is just alright.

Eventually, if The Ataris can somehow claim this sound as its own, the band can have a fighting chance at being something special.

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The Ataris

Welcome the Night

Sanctuary Records

Recommended tracks: "The Driftwood Sinn" and "The Cheyenne Line"

TV REVIEW

Saying farewell to 'The OC' hard for fans

By ERIN MCGINN
Assistant Scene Editor

Dearly Beloved, we are gathered here today to memorialize the death of a close friend. Last Thursday brought us, as Seth Cohen would say, to the end of an era as "The OC" aired for the final time.

If seniors weren't nostalgic enough already about life at Notre Dame quickly coming to a close, the end of "The OC" is another brick being laid down on the path to graduation. "The OC" began four years ago, as the senior class entered Notre Dame as freshman. During that year, "OC" watches were held every Thursday in nearly every dorm on campus. A couple of times there were campus-wide watches held in LaFortune. For that precious hour on Thursday, much of the campus was brought together. People instantly bonded over their mutual love for "The OC."

While "The OC" fell under the teen drama umbrella, it quickly surpassed others of its ilk through its snappy dialogue and well-developed characters. "The OC" began with Ryan Atwood (Benjamin McKenzie) coming in off the streets and living with the Cohen family — kindhearted public defender Sandy (Peter Gallagher), his loving wife Kirsten (Kelly Rowan) and their son Seth (Adam Brody) — in the posh suburbs of Newport Beach. He quickly learns the perils of party girls, water polo players and the dreaded Newsies. In the meantime, he falls in love with the girl next door, Marissa Cooper (Mischa Barton), and Seth with Marissa's best friend, Summer Roberts (Rachel Bilson).

Seth, Summer, Ryan and Marissa quickly became nothing short of pop culture sen-

sations. Seth, a lovable comic book geek, in particular became popular as the poster-child for the emo crowd that was just starting to emerge. His quips and pop-culture references rocketed him to a special place in the hearts of fans. His "Seth Cohen Starter Pack" and Christmas and Hanukkah hybrid, were instant classics, and both the starter pack as well as Chrismukkah accessories can be purchased on sites like eBay.

The first season was a great success, and fans eagerly awaited to see what would come next for their beloved Newport crew. The second season brought new faces, with the introductions of Alex and Lindsay, as well as Ryan's troubled brother Trey. Although fans held high hopes, "The OC" didn't shine nearly as bright as it used to. Aided by Alex, Marissa experimented with her sexual orientation, Lindsay was (in)conveniently discovered to be related to the Cohens and Trey almost killed Ryan.

With the beginning of the third season, "The OC" was starting to lose the fans that were so enamored with the show's first season. The charm and character that was such a mainstay of early episodes had greatly diminished. With the death of Marissa at the end of the season, fans left in droves, and the fans that stayed worried about the future of the series.

At the same time, another show was gaining momentum, one that would eventually lead to the death of "The OC" — "Grey's Anatomy." While "The OC" was losing ground, "Grey's Anatomy" was rapidly picking up a large fan base. When "The OC" returned for its fourth season, it was in direct competition with the medical



Photo courtesy of theocitalia.com

Ryan Atwood, Marissa Cooper, Seth Cohen and Summer Roberts became the star icons of teen culture starting in 2003 on "The OC," which ended last week.

phenomenon.

Although few of their fans remained, the show returned to its roots and produced some of the best episodes to date. It was nice to see "The OC" restore the luster of its brilliant first season. Unfortunately, it couldn't survive against "Grey's." Fox tried to move it to Wednesday, but that placed it against the other titan, "LOST." Fox isn't exactly known for its support of promising young shows (see: "Family Guy," "Arrested Development" and "Firefly") and early in 2007 they declared that "The OC" would be coming to a close.

The final episode, aired last Thursday, did the show justice, and cemented its

legacy. Flashes of scenes from the first season, of Ryan in the Cohen's house for the first time or of seeing Marissa in the driveway, were heartwrenching and nostalgic for fans.

Although "The OC" might be off the air, it will certainly live forever in the hearts of its fans. Horses named Princess Sparkle and Captain Oats, true love atop a coffee cart and the further adventures of Kid Chino, Little Miss Vixen and The Ironist are unlikely to be forgotten, at least in this television lifetime or the next.

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CD REVIEW

Final 'OC Mix' heads for cover with hit songs

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One of the numerous highlights of "The OC" was the strength and quality of its soundtrack. Each episode used a variety of current hits, as well as songs from less well-known bands that become popular due to their exposure on the show. On top of using these songs as background music, "The OC" frequently incorporated performances by bands such as Rooney and The Killers into episodes.

"The OC Mix 6: Covering Our Tracks" is the final soundtrack collection from the television show. This mix is unique because it is a collection of covers from songs that previously played a role on the television show.

In each episode of "The OC," the songs are often as integral to the storyline as the dialogue, frequently adding a new dimension or highlighting an element of the plot. Because these individual songs play such an intertwining role with a specific plot

element, the covers of these songs playing in an episode not only create their own unique value but also evoke the memories and emotions of when the original song played. Typically whatever is going on in the storyline when the cover is played reflects back on what happened in the series when the song was previously used. The cover songs were mostly used in episodes from the fourth season.

Josh Schwartz, the creator of "The OC," claims that "these are the happiest versions of some of the angriest songs ever written." This is true, in most of the cases.

The album opens with Goldspot's cover of "Float On," originally recorded by Modest Mouse. While Modest Mouse's version would typically be considered a happy song, the cover by Goldspot is infinitely happier and catchier than the original version. After hearing the Goldspot version it's difficult to even remember the tune to the original song. This version of "Float On" was prominently featured in "The Sleeping Beauty," when Taylor tries to be Ryan's sleep therapist.

Not all of the covers take on a happier spin. Mates of State covered Phantom Planet's smash hit "California" in one of the more depressing songs on the album. Fans of the show will remember this version as the replacement theme song in "The Chrismuk-



Photo courtesy of theoc.free.fr

The Killers perform their song "Smile Like You Mean It" at the Bait Shop during the second season of "The OC." Their song is one of many covered on "The OC Mix 6."

hub?" episode from this last season. Although this song is much less upbeat from the original version, it is still a quality song on its own.

Similar to the cover of "California" is Tally Hall's cover of The Killers' "Smile Like You Mean It." Tally Hall's version is slower and more drawn-out than the original version, while still being greatly enjoyable to listen to. Their cover was featured in last season's New Year's episode, "The Earth Girls Are Easy."

Not all the covers appear as shiny and new as the aforementioned ones. "Come Into Our Room" by The M's and John Paul White's cover of "Can't Get It Out Of My Head" are hardly arranged any differently

from the original versions, and are even slightly weaker than their source material.

While not everything on "The OC Mix 6: Covering Our Tracks" stands out, there are definitely enough strong songs to make this album a worthwhile purchase. It is also a great way to end the solid collection of CDs that make up the soundtracks for "The OC."

It's absolutely necessary for fans of the show and those that enjoy the music that defined — and was defined by — "The OC."

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Various Artists

The OC Mix 6:
Covering Our Tracks

Warner Bros. / Wea



Recommended tracks: 'Float On' and "Smile Like You Mean It"

NBA

Shaq takes over as Miami downs Washington

Iguodala scores 24 points and Willie Green adds 20 more as Philadelphia takes care of business against Phoenix

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Shaquille O'Neal took over the game in the fourth quarter, assuming command of the paint by scoring 10 of his season-high 23 points to lead the Miami Heat to a 92-83 victory Wednesday night over the Washington Wizards.

In a game without Dwyane Wade, Caron Butler and Antawn Jamison — and with Gilbert Arenas having another poor shooting night — O'Neal became the unstoppable star when it mattered most. He scored all 12 of Miami's points over a 13-minute span, using a variety of moves against helpless Wizards center Brendan Haywood.

When Eddie Jones hit a 3-pointer with 1:12 to play, it broke the all-Shaq Miami parade and gave the Heat a nine-point lead, essentially sealing the game. Meanwhile, the Wizards were absolutely cold at the other end, shooting 7-for-26 in the fourth quarter of their fourth straight loss.

O'Neal, carrying much of the load while Wade is out with a shoulder injury, finished 11-for-17 from the field and also had 10 rebounds and four assists. He would have scored more had he not missed six of seven free throws.

Jason Williams also scored 23 points, and Udonis Haslem had 12 points and 16 rebounds for the Heat, who are 2-2 since Wade's injury. Wade is scheduled to get a second opinion

Thursday to determine whether he should have season-ending surgery.

Arenas, basically a one-man band for the third straight game because of injuries to Butler (back) and Jamison (knee), scored 15 points on 3-for-18 shooting. He is 14-for-61 over his last three games. He missed all eight of his 3-point attempts and has made only 19 of his last 101 3-pointers, a skid that started the day after his 25th birthday.

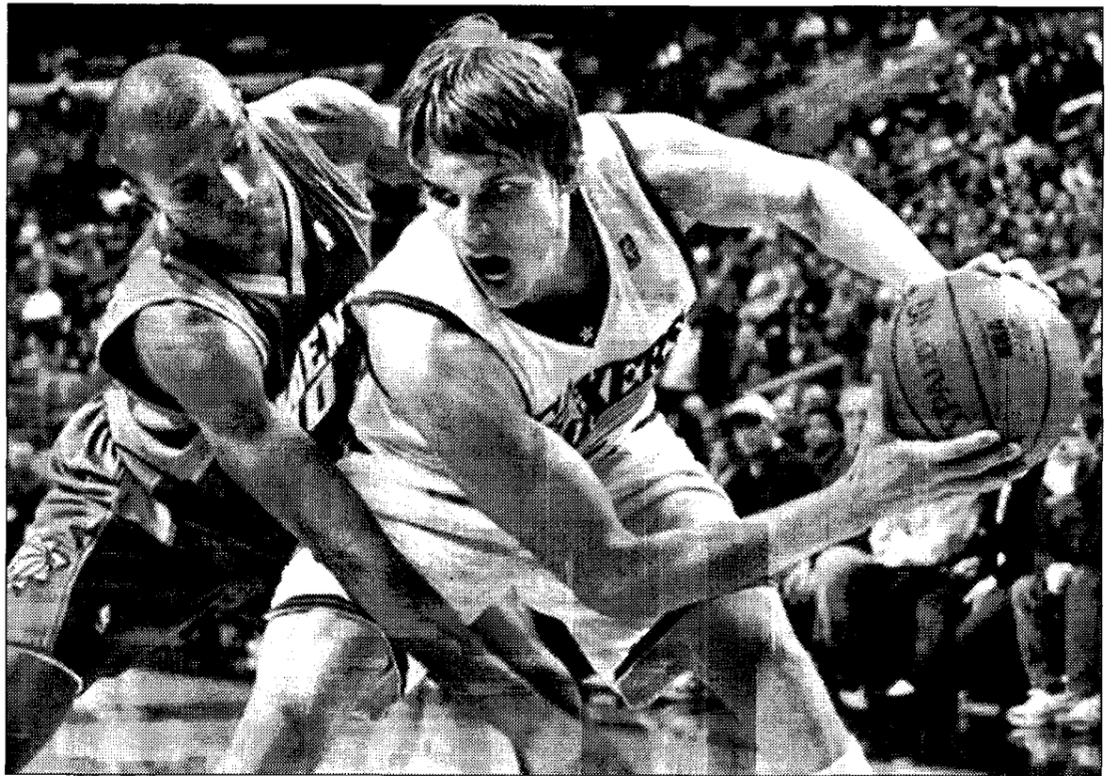
Philadelphia 99, Phoenix 94

Andre Iguodala scored 24 points, Willie Green had 20 and the Philadelphia 76ers never trailed Wednesday night in a win over the Phoenix Suns, who lost on the road to an Eastern Conference team for the first time.

The Suns won their first 14 on the road against East teams and failed in their bid to become the first team to sweep its road games against the opposite conference. It was also the first time the Suns failed to even hold a lead.

With the Suns playing without Shawn Marion and Boris Diaw, the Sixers were able to pull off their most impressive win of what's mostly been a miserable season.

Amare Stoudemire had 31 points and 14 rebounds, and Steve Nash scored 23 points. Marion sat out his first game of the season because of a bruised right hand and bruised left



Philadelphia forward Kyle Korver fends off Phoenix guard Leandro Barbosa in the second half of the Sixers 99-94 win Wednesday night in Philadelphia.

quadriceps suffered against Indiana on Tuesday night. Diaw had back spasms.

So the Suns matched the only other team that finished with one road loss against the opposite conference: The 1982-83 Sixers who went on to win the NBA championship. And the star point guard on that title team? Current Sixers coach Maurice Cheeks.

Boston 102, New York 94

Gerald Green scored 10 of his 21 points in the fourth quarter, including seven straight after Boston had finished blowing a 23-point lead, helping the Celtics beat the New York Knicks on Wednesday night.

Al Jefferson had 26 points and nine rebounds and Paul Pierce added 24 points for the Celtics, who have won two in a row for the first time since winning five straight Dec. 9-16. After that, they lost 25 of 27 games, including 18 straight losses that set a franchise record and made a run at the NBA mark of 24.

Rajon Rondo had nine rebounds and eight assists for the Celtics in their first game in Boston since former point guard Dennis Johnson died last week at the age of 52. The Celtics observed a moment of silence in his memory, and even former nemesis Isiah Thomas paid tribute.

Quentin Richardson scored 24

and Stephon Marbury had 23 for the Knicks, who entered the night in 10th place, two games out of the race for the eighth and final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

New York came back from a 23-point deficit in the first half and led 88-87 with just under five minutes left when Eddy Curry, who scored 16, made a hook shot. But Green took over, and he didn't even need to call on one of the trick shots that helped him win the NBA's slam dunk contest.

Utah 104, Memphis 88

Carlos Boozer had 24 points and 16 rebounds, and reserve Matt Harpring added 25 points to lead the Utah Jazz to a 104-88 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies on Wednesday night.

Boozer shot 12-of-16 from the field and Harpring was 7-of-12, helping Utah overcome early shooting woes and finish the game at 54 percent.

Pau Gasol led Memphis with 28 points and 13 rebounds. But he had only six points after half-time, missing six of his seven shots.

Mike Miller added 17 points for Memphis, while Hakim Warrick finished with 13.

Utah, which trailed by as many as 16 in the first half, pulled even in the third, and put together a 33-10 run spanning the third and fourth quarters to

build the lead to 95-77. From there, Utah maintained the advantage for its ninth win in the last 11 outings.

New Orleans 107, Atlanta 100

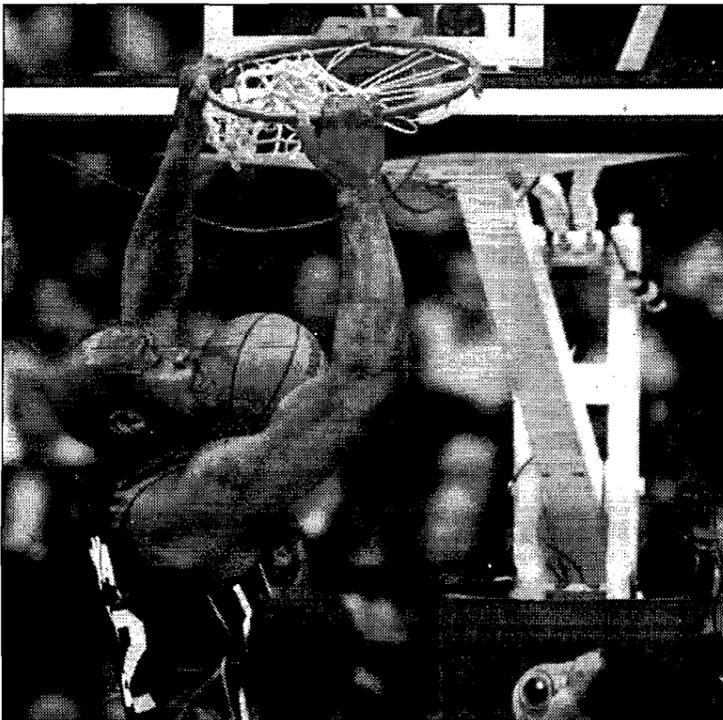
Chris Paul had 24 points, 13 in the fourth quarter, Tyson Chandler added 18 points and 13 rebounds, and the New Orleans Hornets beat the Atlanta Hawks Wednesday night.

Devin Brown scored 19 points and David West 17 for the Hornets, who began the night a half-game behind the Los Angeles Clippers in the race for the final playoff spot in the Western Conference.

Joe Johnson led the Hawks with 27 points. Josh Smith had 17 points and nine rebounds.

New Orleans outscored the Hawks 30-12 at the free throw line and sealed the victory by going 7-of-8 from there in the final 32 seconds. Paul had two big ones with 14 seconds left after Atlanta had gotten within 103-100 on a 3-pointer by Salim Stoudamire.

After two jumpers by the Hawks' Anthony Johnson had tied the score at 80, the Hornets put together a 10-0 run capped by an alley-oop dunk by Chandler on an assist from Paul. Paul then scored the Hornets' next six points and assisted on another basket. He finished with eight assists.



Heat center Shaquille O'Neal dunks during the second quarter of Miami's 92-83 win Wednesday night over the Wizards.

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Kvok, You have no clue.

AROUND THE NATION

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NCAA Baseball

Associated Press Top 25

team	record	previous
1 Vanderbilt	10-0	1
2 Florida State	13-0	2
3 North Carolina	7-0	3
4 South Carolina	8-1	4
5 Clemson	6-1	5
6 Rice	9-4	6
7 Nebraska	5-2	7
8 Virginia	10-1	11
9 Oregon	11-2	9
10 Arkansas	9-3	10
11 Cal State Fullerton	9-4	8
12 Arizona State	10-3	14
13 Pepperdine	10-3	18
14 Georgia Tech	6-4	15
15 Miami	6-5	16
16 Mississippi	6-3	13
17 Arizona	11-3	17
18 Wichita State	8-2	19
19 Texas A&M	11-1	24
20 Long Beach State	8-4	20
21 San Diego	11-5	21
22 Texas	9-6	22
23 Texas Christian	7-4	12
24 Auburn	10-1	NR
25 North Carolina	8-1	NR

Men's Basketball

ESPN/USA Today Top 25

team	record	points
1 Ohio State	26-3	772
2 UCLA	25-3	742
3 Kansas	26-4	680
4 Florida	25-4	646
5 Wisconsin	26-4	628
6 Texas A&M	24-4	608
7 Memphis	25-3	603
8 North Carolina	24-5	584
9 Nevada	26-2	526
10 Georgetown	22-6	515
11 Southern Illinois	25-5	451
12 Pittsburgh	25-5	447
13 Washington State	23-5	412
14 Duke	22-7	303
15 Texas	21-7	272
16 Butler	26-5	222
17 NOTRE DAME	22-6	217
18 Oregon	22-7	181
19 Louisville	21-8	170
20 Air Force	23-7	141
21 Marquette	22-8	137
21 Virginia Tech	20-8	137
23 Vanderbilt	19-9	100
24 USC	21-8	90
25 Virginia	19-8	86

NCAA Fencing

Coaches Poll Top 10

Men's

team

Penn State
Ohio State
Columbia
Harvard
St. John's
NOTRE DAME
Pennsylvania
Princeton
Stanford
Duke

Women's

team

1 Penn State
2 Columbia
3 Harvard
4 NOTRE DAME
5 Ohio State
6 Northwestern
7 St. John's
8 Pennsylvania
9 Temple
10 Princeton

MLB



Law enforcement officials raid Signature Pharmacy in Orlando Tuesday, after a New York state grand jury investigation into Internet drug sales. Four pharmaceutical officers were arrested and several MLB players were implicated.

Matthews implicated in steroids ring

Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — Athletes were involved as customers in an illicit steroid distribution network that led authorities to raid two Orlando pharmacies and arrest four company officials, a New York prosecutor said.

Albany County (N.Y.) District Attorney P. David Soares refused to identify any steroid recipients, saying prosecutors were focused on producers and distributors.

Customers allegedly include Los Angeles Angels outfielder Gary Matthews Jr., according to the Times Union of

Albany, which first disclosed the investigation, citing unidentified sources.

The paper said the names of Matthews, along with former heavyweight champion Evander Holyfield and former baseball star Jose Canseco were allegedly included on customer lists for Applied Pharmacy Services in Mobile, Ala. The two owners have been indicted by an Albany County grand jury.

Matthews, speaking to reporters at the Angels' spring training camp in Mesa, Ariz., said he wasn't "in a position to answer any specific questions."

"I do expect it to resolve itself here in the near future. ... Until we get more information, I just can't comment on it," he said Wednesday.

Canseco's attorney, Robert Saunooke, told The Associated Press he would be surprised if the former slugger had been a client.

"I would find it highly unlikely," Saunooke said. "All the steroids that he got were prescribed to him or were from people in the gym. There's never been anything he's gotten online."

Saunooke added that neither he nor Canseco had been contacted by any investigators in the case.

"Just Senator Mitchell," he said, referring to baseball's ongoing investigation into steroids.

A message left with Holyfield was not immediately returned.

The Times Union said investigators found evidence that testosterone and other performance-enhancing drugs may have been fraudulently prescribed over the Internet to current and former Major League Baseball and NFL players, college athletes, high school coaches, a former Mr. Olympia champion and another top contender in the bodybuilding competition.

IN BRIEF

Ravens cut Lewis four years after 2,000-yard season

Jamal Lewis, whose 2,066 yards rushing in 2003 were the second most in NFL history, was cut by the Baltimore Ravens on Wednesday.

Lewis was one of several players released as teams maneuvered to find salary cap space before the free-agent period started Friday. However, the Ravens said they are still attempting to re-sign Lewis.

Among the other name players cut were Cincinnati linebacker Brian Simmons; Minnesota quarterback Brad Johnson, a 15-year veteran; and wide receiver Eric Moulds, who played for Houston last season after 10 years as a standout with Buffalo.

The 27-year-old Lewis, the NFL's offensive player of the year after his big season, had slipped in recent years and rushed for 1,132 yards last season with just a 3.6 average. His problems were due to injuries and perhaps to a term in prison in the 2005 offseason.

Activists, NCAA president discuss lack of black coaches

WASHINGTON — The lack of black head coaches in college football was lamented in powerful language Wednesday by the Rev. Jesse Jackson, NCAA president Myles Brand and congressmen from both parties.

"When African-American coaches do well, we're delighted," Jackson told a House subcommittee. "Only the ignorant are surprised."

Amid the strong words, however, the solution might come in a subtle threat uttered near the end of the hearing. Perhaps, the point was made, it's time to make Title VII do for black coaches what Title IX did for women's sports.

"I think it's pretty clear that embarrassment hasn't been enough," said Richard Lapchick, director of the Florida-based Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport. "One of the things we're thinking about is Title VII lawsuits."

Attorneys for Nifong defend procedures in Duke case

RALEIGH, N.C. — The former prosecutor in the Duke lacrosse sexual assault case did not intentionally break ethics rules, his attorneys argued Wednesday as they sought to keep him from being disbarred.

Attorneys for District Attorney Mike Nifong acknowledged that he made many of the comments the state bar deemed misleading and inflammatory. But they denied that Nifong intentionally withheld DNA evidence from defense attorneys — the most serious of the ethics charges faced by the veteran prosecutor.

"A lot of people have been rushing to judgment on both the underlying case and this case," attorney Dudley Witt said. "I think you will find that he didn't do anything wrong."

Nifong's attorneys made the statements in a 50-page response to the bar's complaint.

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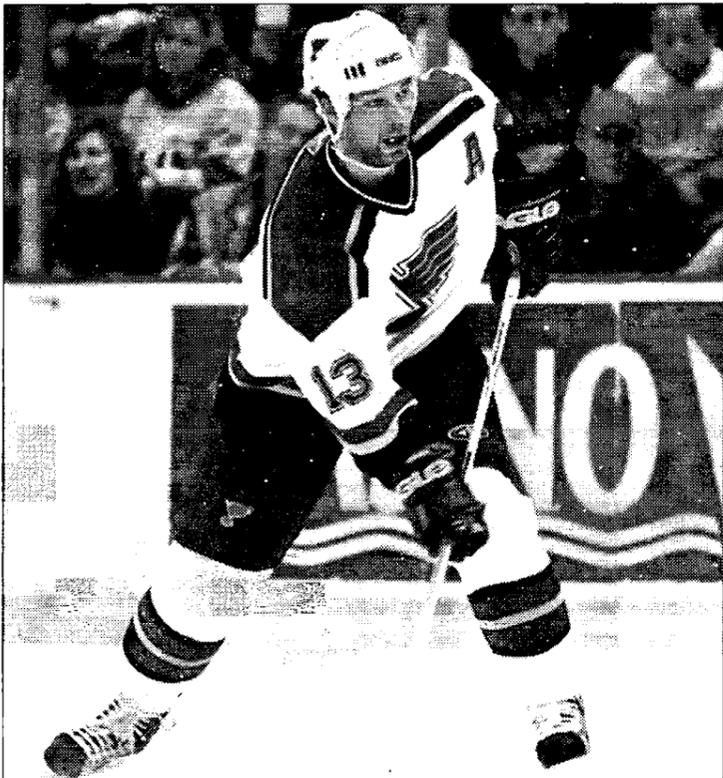
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NHL

Rosters' finalized after trade flurry



Blues left wing Bill Guerin was one of the marquee trades made Tuesday before the midnight deadline.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Now that the traded players are in place, NHL coaches must quickly make them fit.

Swaps for the playoff push are only as good as the wins they produce. After a furious day of wheeling and dealing Tuesday, the time has come to bring old and new players together into a cohesive mix for a run toward the Stanley Cup.

"What we were trying to identify was we needed a little bit more leadership in the room," San Jose Sharks coach Ron Wilson said after the acquisition of top forward Bill Guerin from St. Louis. "We actually don't have anybody on our team, outside of Billy now, who's played on a Stanley Cup champion."

Entering play Wednesday, only seven of the 30 NHL clubs were more than 10 points below the playoff cutoff. Some, such as Edmonton and Florida, fall into that range but used deadline day to work toward the future.

The rest hope to catch a spark in the final five weeks of the regular season.

"It sends a clear message to our players that we believe in our team," Wilson said. "We think that by adding Bill it makes us even stronger in our push to try and win a Stanley Cup this year."

Only defending champion Carolina, Montreal and Vancouver were inactive in the final six hours before the swapping stopped. Each made deals, however, in the days leading up to the deadline. There were a record-tying 25 trades Tuesday involving 44 players.

Edmonton created the biggest stir by sending favorite forward Ryan Smyth to the New York Islanders 20 minutes before the deadline. Smyth became the face of the franchise during his 11-plus seasons with the Oilers.

But his pending unrestricted free agency and the inability for the left winger and the team to reach a new contract in time forced general manager Kevin Lowe to move him.

Smyth had a tearful goodbye at the Edmonton airport before boarding a flight to Long Island on Wednesday. Dubbed "Captain Canada," the 31-year-old Smyth has gone from being the most-popular Canadian on a Canadian team to a newcomer in New York.

"Any time you're with one organization for as long as Ryan has, there's certainly going to be a little bit of sadness leaving an organization that he grew up with," coach Ted Nolan said. "To fly him overnight and get him down here and put a New York Islanders jersey on him, that's not going to make him an Islander right away.

"It's going to take some time to adjust, to adapt and all the things of a normal learning curve."

New York paid an expensive price to land Smyth, the Oilers' leading scorer who could walk away at season's end. But by giving up two prospects and this year's first-round draft choice, the deal brought in an impact player without causing a roster ripple.

"That's one of the things we looked at," Nolan said. "Usually you have to give up one or two players from your roster to make a trade. Sometimes that can have an effect in the dressing room. One thing I have to say about our team, we've got some real good character-type of guys.

"To make a move like this with no disruption in the room, I think that's as important as getting Ryan here."

The Islanders faced a similar dilemma as the Oilers. Top scorer Jason Blake was on the block because of his impending free-agent status and for recently going public with contract demands.

But New York held onto him, and Blake responded with a hat trick hours after the deadline in a 6-5 victory over Philadelphia. He has a career-high 32 goals and will be a key factor in determining whether the Islanders hang onto eighth place in the Eastern Conference and get into the playoffs after a one-year absence.

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NASCAR

Suspended crew chiefs return for special race

Associated Press

BRISTOL, Tenn. — Robbie Reiser was so anxious to get back to the track, he struggled to fall asleep. Kenny Francis battled a bit of nervousness.

The crew chiefs received a temporary respite from their four-race suspensions this week when NASCAR allowed them to participate in the two-day Car of Tomorrow test at Bristol Motor Speedway. Both have been sidelined since Feb. 13, when NASCAR kicked them out of the Daytona 500 in a cheating scandal that snared five teams.

Reiser, crew chief for 2003 series champion Matt Kenseth, and Francis, crew chief for Kasey Kahne, also were fined \$50,000 each. Both drivers also were docked 50 points as NASCAR took the unprecedented step of taking points before the season started.

The crew chiefs will go before an appeals committee next week as they attempt to portions of the penalties — including the points — reduced. But they aren't fighting the suspensions, so the COT test was the first time they have been permitted in the garage.

"I am a pretty old guy and I have been doing this a long time,

and this is going to sound stupid, but I almost couldn't sleep last night," Reiser said Wednesday.

Forced to miss the season-opening Daytona 500 and Kenseth's win last week in California, Reiser has been filling his weekends by clearing land at his North Carolina property. He said he occasionally flipped on the races, but struggled emotionally to sit through them from start to finish. Daytona was the first race Reiser has missed since the No. 17 team was formed in 1999 — a streak of 255 races.

"I don't know how to explain what it was like," Reiser said. "It's like if you are a die-hard Green Bay Packers fan and you are watching the game, are you emotional? Of course. That's how I feel when I watch something I can't be a part of."

It was mixed feelings on Sunday when team engineer Chip Bolin led Kenseth to victory.

On one hand, Reiser was thrilled to see his hand-picked crew rally in his absence. But he missed being part of Kenseth's win — the first celebration he's missed in 15 trips to Victory Lane.

"Our team has been built from family and years of loyal employees, so if you look at our

team now, it's probably one of the only teams that's been that way," Reiser said. "Chip's been here since we started the program. When you look at the core group, that kind of team together, and you look at it on TV you just think 'That's the way it's supposed to be.'"

"But it's tough not being there. There's no way around that."

So Reiser couldn't wait to get back into the action this week — albeit briefly. He has two more races to sit out before he's cleared to return for the March 25 race here.

"Did you ever have a Lab, a hunting dog? The kind you keep in a cage all year long and you only let it out when it's time to go hunting? That was Robbie this morning," Kenseth said. "His tail was wagging and he was ready to go. Came running into the garage."

Things were a little more subdued with Francis and Kahne, who were eager to get some work in and get their program back on track. Although Kahne was seventh at Daytona, an engine failure led to his 38th-place finish last week in California.

The poor finish and the loss of points has Kahne sitting 32nd in the standings right now.



Matt Kenseth's pit crew refuels his car at the Auto Club 500. Crew chief Robbie Reiser will rejoin the team this weekend.

MLB

Wainwright, Cardinals back in action after short offseason

Big leaguers in full swing as exhibition games get under way

Associated Press

Adam Wainwright threw the final pitch of last season and one of the first at spring training this year.

Wainwright, who closed out the St. Louis Cardinals' World Series win in October, opened his bid for a job in his team's

rebuilt rotation with three hitless innings Wednesday in a 6-3 victory over the Florida Marlins.

Wainwright earned the win on the first day of exhibition play between major league teams. He walked one and fell behind several other batters at Jupiter, Fla. But he still needed only 30 pitches — 15 strikes — to get through the first three innings, facing 10 batters.

"I did some things well to get some first-pitch outs, but I did a lot of things I'll need to

improve on," he said. "All in all it was a good first time." Manager Tony La Russa agreed.

"I thought he was great," La Russa said. "He was impressive, just the way he has been since the first day he started throwing down here. I mean, he wants that job."

Wainwright will likely be a starter this season, unless closer Jason Isringhausen has a setback in his rehabilitation from hip surgery. Wainwright filled in for an injured

Isringhausen last October, allowed no earned run in 9 2-3 postseason innings and saved the clinching games against the New York Mets in the NL championship series and the Detroit Tigers in the World Series.

"It feels like three days away," Wainwright said. "No offseason — I spent a lot of time with these guys. But at the same time, my thinking was it was a million years away. I'm really trying to forget about that."

"I feel I haven't proved anything yet. I have to prove myself all over again as a starter. Hopefully

I can persuade some of these guys I'm going to do all right."

Former Cardinals pitcher Rick Ankiel, bidding for spot on the roster as an outfielder, went 2-for-2 with a two-run single but was thrown out at the plate twice.

At Tucson, Ariz., White Sox closer Bobby Jenks threw nine pitches in Chicago's opening spring training game before being taken out against Colorado because of tightness in his right shoulder.

Jenks, who led the White Sox with 41 saves last year and was an instrumental part of Chicago's late season run to the 2005 World Series, was to be evaluated Thursday.

He faced only three batters in a 12-4 loss to Colorado before manager Ozzie Guillen took him out. Jenks doesn't expect to miss any game action.

"There is no pain at all, no sharp pain, just one pitch where it caught right away," Jenks said. "That is why I called Ozzie out there. There is nothing wrong with it. It is just tight. I couldn't get the extension, and I can't accelerate through the ball because I have no range right now."

Jenks is in his second full year with the White Sox. He said the tightness had been there since he arrived at spring training.

"Coming into camp there was a little tightness back there, but I have been working all spring to loosen the back

of my shoulder. I had no internal rotation," Jenks said. "The combination of that and today using bad mechanics of dropping my elbow was not good. It caught the back of my shoulder and tightened it up, but there is nothing to worry about."

At Port St. Lucie, Fla., New York Mets pitcher Oliver Perez hit a Sports Illustrated photographer on a leg with one of his warmup pitches. His control improved, his results did not.

Perez walked only one batter in two innings, but gave up four runs and five hits as the Mets lost 5-4 to the Tigers.

"I got hit pretty good," said the photographer, John Iacono, who was shooting from near the backstop before the game. "At the last minute, I saw it coming. I turned my left leg just enough so I didn't get it head on."

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Jesse Jackson upset with lack of black coaches

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The lack of black head coaches in college football was lamented in powerful language Wednesday by the Rev. Jesse Jackson, NCAA president Myles Brand and congressmen from both parties.

"When African-American coaches do well, we're delighted," Jackson told a House subcommittee. "Only the ignorant are surprised."

Amid the strong words, however, the solution might come in a subtle threat uttered near the end of the hearing. Perhaps, the point was made, it's time to make Title VII do for black coaches what Title IX did for women's sports.

"I think it's pretty clear that embarrassment hasn't been enough," said Richard Lapchick, director of the Florida-based Institute for Diversity and Ethics in Sport. "One of the things we're thinking about is Title VII lawsuits."

Title VII of the 1964 Civil

Rights Act makes it illegal for employers to discriminate on the basis of race.

The criticism of the colleges comes after a Super Bowl in which both teams were led by black coaches: Tony Dungy of the Indianapolis Colts and Lovie Smith of the Chicago Bears. The NFL has made significant strides in hiring black coaches in recent years following the implementation of the "Rooney Rule," which forces any team seeking a coach to interview at least one minority.

But at the college level, there are staggeringly few blacks in charge. Of the 119 Division I-A schools, only six have black head football coaches. There are even fewer in the lower divisions: five in Division I-AA, two in Division II and one in Division III. The figures exclude historically black colleges.

In addition, there are only 12 black athletic directors in Division I-A, and not a single major conference commissioner is black.

"Sadly, if the pace of progress remains the same, it will be approximately 80 years before we reach a percentage (of coaches) that even approximates the number of African-Americans in the general population," Brand told the House Subcommittee on Commerce, Trade and Consumer Protection. "This is not only unacceptable, this is unconscionably wrong."

The NCAA lacks the power to tell its schools whom to hire — or even whom to interview — so Brand has sought to influence them in other ways. The Black Coaches Association's annual report card on minority hiring has added some transparency to the process, and the NCAA has set up academies for potential coaches.

But those measures haven't

been enough to break through the network that picks a new coach. The president, athletic director, search committee, board of trustees and deep-pocketed boosters all seem to have a voice, and often they like to play it safe by hiring established coaches.

Changing such a culture is difficult, but Brand doesn't think the NCAA needs its own Rooney Rule to do so.

"I think we have all the tools in place," Brand said. "What we don't have is talented, superb African-American

coaches brought into the informal networks of athletic directors and others who are making the final recommendations. We need to find a way to open up that closed circle."

Kansas State athletic director Tim Weiser, who hired a black

coach two years ago, suggested giving financial incentives to schools who hire minorities, but several witnesses went in the other direction, saying the force of law is needed to tear down racial barriers.

"History has proven that in order for any significant progress to be made in eradicating a social injustice, legal action has been the catalyst for change," said Floyd Keith, president of the Black Coaches Association.

Change could come in dramatic fashion if Lapchick and Keith succeed with their plans to file a Title VII lawsuit, which Lapchick said could happen in a year or so. They are looking for the right case, one backed by a discriminated coach willing to take a stand.

The Title IX lawsuits decades ago revolutionized women's sports, and it was the threat of a lawsuit from Johnnie Cochran and Cyrus Mehri several years ago that prompted the NFL to institute the Rooney Rule.

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Rev. Jesse Jackson
activist

NBA

Celtics broadcaster apologizes for sexist remarks about ref

Associated Press

BOSTON — Boston Celtics radio analyst Cedric Maxwell apologized on the air Wednesday night for saying that a female referee should "go back to the kitchen" after he disagreed with one of her calls.

Maxwell made the comment during the Celtics' 77-72 victory over the Houston Rockets on Monday. He subsequently said "Go in there and make me some bacon and eggs, would you?" in reference to referee Violet Palmer.

"If I said anything that might

have been insensitive or sexist in any way, then I apologize because she worked extremely hard to get where she is now, end of quote," Maxwell said before the Celtics' game against the New York Knicks on WEEI-AM, which is owned by Entercom Communications.

"This really has been a fire storm," he added later.

Maxwell's co-announcer, Sean Grande, followed the apology by saying their show

would not change. "We are not changing the way we do our jobs because of the tendency of media outlets to present people's comments in a

way that serves their story," Grande said.

Maxwell declined further comment following the on-air exchange.

Jason Wolfe, Entercom's vice president of AM programming and operations in Boston, said the station does not condone Maxwell's comments, which he called a poor attempt at humor.

"Cedric is an excellent analyst and has been an exemplary employee in the more than 10 years I've known and worked with him," Wolfe said in a statement.

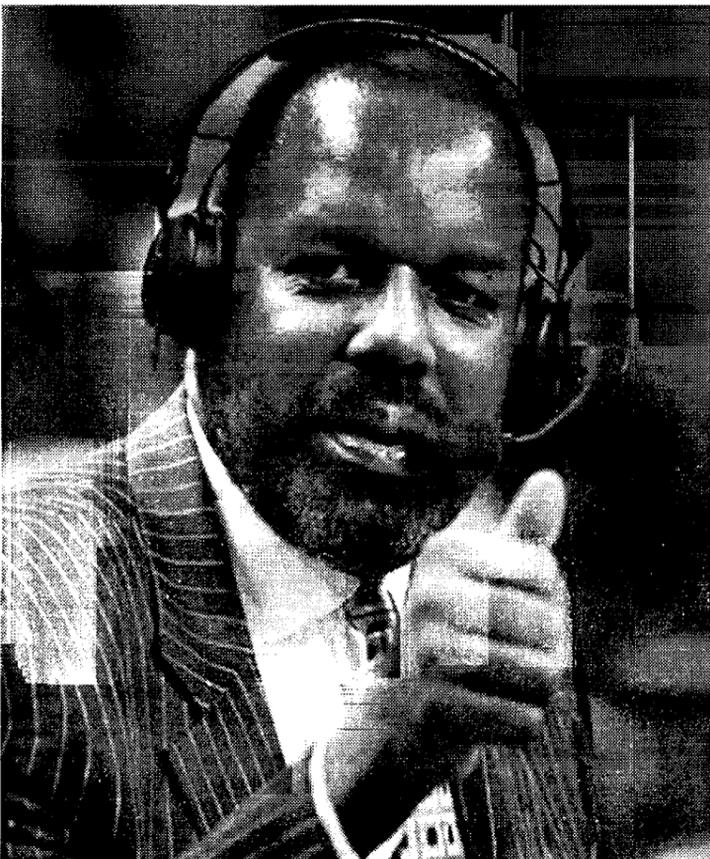
Entercom owns WEEI and WRKO-AM. Celtics games are usually broadcast on WRKO, but Monday and Wednesday night's games were on WEEI.

Maxwell is a former Celtics player and the MVP of the 1981 finals, won by Boston 4-2 over the Rockets. The team retired his number in 2003.

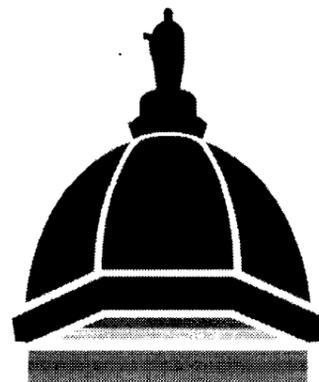
Entercom fired former WRKO talk show host John DePetro in November after he called Green Party gubernatorial candidate Grace Ross a "fat lesbian" on the air. DePetro later apologized.

"Go in there and make me some bacon and eggs, would you?"

Cedric Maxwell
Celtics radio analyst



Celtics radio analyst Cedric Maxwell apologized Wednesday for his sexist comment during Boston's 77-72 win over New York Tuesday.



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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Longhorns edge Aggies in double overtime win

Texas takes down rival for chance at Big 12 title against Kansas

Associated Press

AUSTIN, Texas — Kevin Durant had 30 points and 16 rebounds to help No. 15 Texas outlast No. 7 Texas A&M 98-96 in double overtime Wednesday night, denying the Aggies their chance to clinch a share of their

first Big 12 title.

The win keeps the Longhorns (22-7, 12-3) within sight of the conference title, which they can share with a win Saturday at No. 3 Kansas.

The Aggies' Acie Law forced both overtimes with 3-pointers. His first over Durant with 1.1 seconds left in regulation tied it at 78-78. He did it again when he hit another with 26 seconds left in the first overtime to make it 88-88.

It looked like he would do it

again when he drove to the basket for a tying layup at the end of the second, but his shot was blocked by Damion James with 15 seconds left.

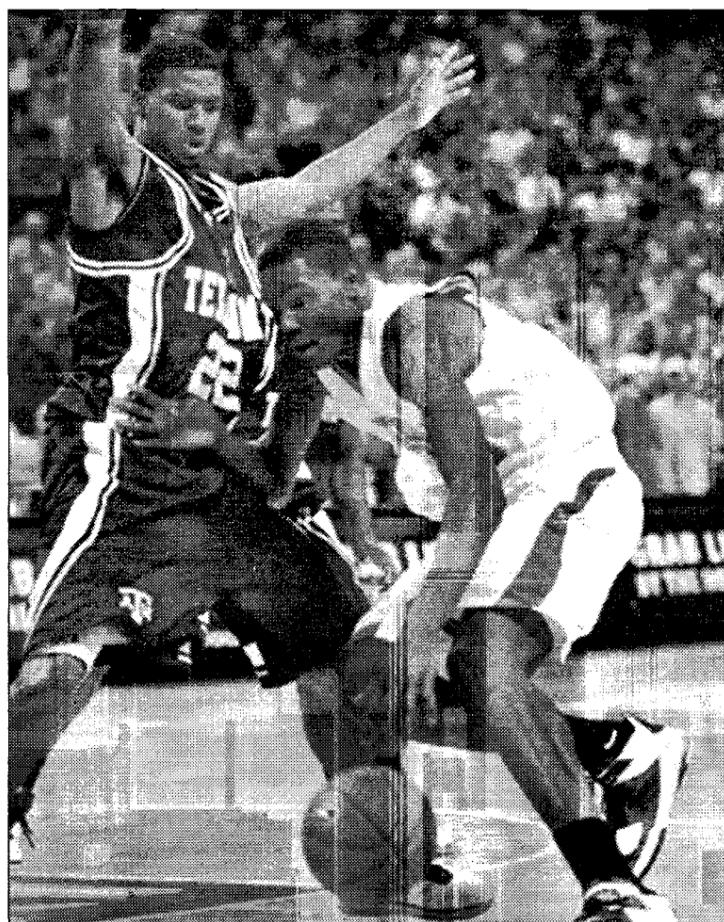
Durant hit three of four free throws in the final seconds to seal the win.

Law, who finished with 33 points for A&M (24-5, 12-3) got to the free throw line with the Aggies down by three with 1.4 seconds left. He made the first to pull them within two but was forced to miss the second to give his team a chance to grab the rebound but the final putback was well off the mark.

D.J. Augustin added 25 points for the Longhorns. James scored 22.

A boisterous sellout crowd came to see what might have been Durant's last home game at Texas — many expect he'll go to the NBA after this season — but nearly saw Law spoil the party.

After each of his game-tying shots, Law posed and pointed his right forefinger in the air to the contingent of Aggie fans in the arena's upper deck.



AP
Texas forward Kevin Durant drives for two of his 30 points during the Longhorns' 98-96 win Wednesday night.

Maryland 85, Duke 77

Mike Jones scored 25 points and D.J. Strawberry had a pair of baskets during the decisive second-half spurt Wednesday night to lead No. 24 Maryland past No. 14 Duke.

Strawberry finished with 17 points for the Terrapins (23-7, 9-6 Atlantic Coast Conference), who have won six straight games — all in the conference — to firm up what looked to be a shaky NCAA tournament resume only a few weeks ago.

Ekene Ibekwe also scored 17 points, while freshman Greivis Vasquez added 13 points and 12 assists to help Maryland sweep the season series with the Blue Devils for the second time in three years.

Greg Paulus scored 20 points to lead Duke (22-8, 8-7), which rallied from a 12-point second-half deficit to tie it but couldn't push ahead.

The Blue Devils had won four straight since losing at Maryland 72-60, a defeat that dropped the Blue Devils out of The Associated Press Top 25 for the first time in 11 years.

But the Terrapins — who looked lost at 3-6 in the ACC just a few weeks ago — maintained their February surge with a successful follow-up to an 89-87 weekend win against North Carolina. Maryland shot 52 percent for the game, hit 7 of 13 3-pointers and blocked eight shots while committing just 13 turnovers.

With the score tied at 64, Vasquez knocked down a hanging layup over the 6-foot-10 Josh McRoberts to put the Terrapins ahead for good with 5:11 left.

Then, after DeMarcus Nelson was whistled for an offensive foul, Strawberry went to work. He first knocked down a 3 from the left wing off a kickout from Ibekwe, then followed with a layup over McRoberts for a 71-64 lead with 3:50 left.

Duke certainly didn't help itself when the game hung in the balance. After a jumper from Paulus cut the deficit to 71-66 with 3:35 left, the Blue Devils didn't manage another field goal until Paulus' layup made it 79-70 with 49.7 seconds left. In addition, Paulus and Gerald Henderson each missed the front end of 1-and-1s during that stretch, allowing Maryland to

slowly build its lead.

Maryland pushed the lead to as many as 10 points in the final seconds, punctuating the victory with a breakaway dunk from Ibekwe with 9.4 seconds left.

Texas Tech 85, Baylor 74

Jarrius Jackson scored 26 points to lead Texas Tech past Baylor on Wednesday night.

Jon Plefka had a career-high 22 points for the Red Raiders. His previous high, 19 points, came in a 73-70 loss to Baylor in Waco last month.

Tech has wins in four of its last five games and needs a victory at Iowa State on Saturday to go above .500 in Big 12 Conference play for the season.

The loss was the sixth in the past seven games for Baylor (13-15, 3-12). Tech held Aaron Bruce, the Bears' second-leading scorer, to two points.

Tech (19-11, 8-7) got its biggest lead at 75-62 with 4:56 remaining on a bucket by Jackson. The Bears pulled within 82-74 on two free throws by Tweety Carter with just more than a minute remaining. They got no closer down the stretch.

The Red Raiders trailed only briefly early in the game and withstood a couple of runs by the Bears in the first half. Baylor pulled within 53-51 early in the second half and stayed close the rest of the way only because they got the ball inside to Mark Shepherd and Josh Lomars.

The Bears finished with 42 points in the paint.

But fouls hurt Baylor. Lomars fouled out with just more than six minutes remaining in the game and Mamadou Diene, another of Baylor's big men, fouled out with about 13 minutes remaining in the game.

Curtis Jerrells scored 20 points and Carter added 13 to lead Baylor.

Jackson, Plefka and Martin Zeno finished with a combined 22 of 36 from the field for 48 points. Together they added 17 points on free throws.

Tech led most of the first half,

and a livid Bob Knight was off the Red Raiders bench often. In one instance he stalked one official all the way to the baseline by the Tech bench to complain about a call.

At the break, he remained on the court and shouted at more than one official at center court before he walked off the court to loud applause from Tech fans.

The Red Raiders were hot early in the opening half, at one point hitting 81 percent from the field. They used a 15-4 run — including 3-pointers by Zeno, Darryl Dora and Plefka — to go up 21-9.

Iowa State 69, Nebraska 63

Wesley Johnson scored a career-high 22 points as Iowa State built a 16-point lead midway through the first half, then turned back three Nebraska surges to win Wednesday.

Mike Taylor added 19 for Iowa State (15-14, 6-9 Big 12), which led the entire second half and held Nebraska to 38 percent shooting.

The Cyclones led by 11 at half-time. But Nebraska (16-12, 5-9 Big 12) hit four of its first six shots in the second half during a 13-3 run that pulled the Huskers within 39-35 after a dunk by Aleks Maric with 15:40 remaining.

The Cyclones then put together an 11-4 run to take a 50-39 lead on Dodie Dunson's 3-pointer with 9:16 left.

The Huskers came within three on Maric's hook shot in the lane with 2:45 left, but Taylor extended the lead to 60-54 after hitting a short jumper and converting the free throw.

Iowa State took control in the first half with a 21-4 run highlighted by eight straight points from Mike Taylor, who hit a pair of 3-pointers. Taylor then gave the Cyclones a 20-8 lead with a spinning reverse dunk with 12:03 remaining in the half.

Nebraska hit three of its first five shots, then went two for its next 15, falling behind 26-10 with 9:10 left in the half.

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Sports Writer

165 lbs. — Preston "Punch Throwin' Idahoan" Carter def. Matt Decker

Carter had more stamina than Decker and was able to penetrate his defenses for the unanimous win. The first round was intense and filled with aggression as both fighters threw a lot of punches. Decker's left hook kept him out of trouble in the second round, during which both fighters began to tire. Carter took advantage of Decker's exhaustion in the third round and landed some big punches to put the match away.

165 lbs. — Michael Smith def. Jon "Duck" Kelly

Smith refereed over Kelly after the referee stopped the fight in the second round.

At first Kelly protected his head well from Smith's long reach and strong right hooks, but Smith went to the body, landing numerous solid shots to put Kelly away.

A hard shot by Smith sent Kelly to his knees in the second round. He continued, but after another barrage from Smith and another stoppage, the referee stopped the contest.

170 lbs. — Steve "Ogie" Hansen def. Stephen Klein

Bouts veteran Hansen advanced to the finals, going the distance for the unanimous win over Klein.

Klein made use of his size and reach advantages with solid defense and body shots, but Hansen landed good shots in the first round. Hansen's left hook was on in the second round — ducking a Klein attempt and coming back with four quick shots. Both fighters boxed well in the third round, landing solid shots to their opponent's head. Klein was somewhat defensive, and Hansen capitalized on opportunities when Klein did throw a punch.

170 lbs. — Conor McLaughlin def. Joe "Joe-Pacalypse" Hagmann in a walkover.

175 lbs. — Mike "Double Fist" Lee def. Mike Cimino

Lee put down Cimino in a third-round, referee-stopped contest.

Lee's footwork put him in better position to throw powerful punches in the first round. Lee had more power and quickness than Cimino. The second round saw some confusion over proper etiquette following a standing eight count. But there was no confusion when Lee, after ducking a Cimino attack, dropped his opponent to the mat. Lee again took over the match in the third round, which culminated in a barrage of punches and a left hook that forced the referee to stop the fight.

175 lbs. — Andrew "Rage" Massari def. Greg "Busta" Brown

Massari's left hook worked well in the first round, but it

was his right that put Brown on the mat to advance with the unanimous decision.

In the first two rounds he came out firing, taking advantage of Brown's weak defenses and setting up combos with his hook. The round ended in Brown's own corner, with Massari peppering him with punches. In the third round, Massari boxed more conservatively, waiting for Brown to throw his jab and then striking back.

180 lbs. — Dan Ward def. Adam "Alpha Fox" Frisch

Senior captain Ward eliminated Frisch after a three round unanimous decision victory.

Ward controlled the first round, keeping Frisch on the perimeter and pressuring him the entire round. Ward's longer reach and sharper, quicker style benefited him greatly. Frisch went on the attack in the second round, but got sloppy, as his form broke down. Frisch kept Ward away for most of the third round, but Ward was still able to take advantage of Frisch's weak defense.

180 lbs. — Leo Rubinkowski def. John Soltis

The lefty Rubinkowski used a sinister shot to end Soltis in the third round when the referee stopped the bout.

Rubinkowski gave Soltis some problems with his right-handed jab in the first round, a punch that set up his strong left cross. Soltis landed three consecutive rights, but Rubinkowski countered with a left that knocked Soltis off balance. Soltis' aggressive style in the second round flustered Rubinkowski, but Rubinkowski's reach advantage prevented him from doing any damage. Rubinkowski landed a solid left that ended the fight midway through the third round.

Heavyweight — Stu "Man Eater" Stypula def. Karl Kadon

Stypula joined off-campus housemates Hennig and



Defending champion Chris Calderone, left, fends off a jab from fellow senior Bryan Marek in their semifinal bout Wednesday night. Calderone won and will fight Alex Duffy in the final Saturday.

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Oglethorpe as he advanced to the finals with a unanimous decision victory over Kadon.

Stypula made up for his size disadvantage with quick footwork, dancing away after throwing a punch, before Kadon's left hit home in the first round. Kadon couldn't protect himself as well in the second round and Stypula capitalized. Stypula's left-handed attack seemed to trouble Kadon. Kadon couldn't effectively engage his jab because it came on the same side as Stypula's.

Heavyweight — Pat "Third Degree" Burns def. Chris Nanovic

Burns put away Nanovic with a unanimous win.

Nanovic's weak defense hurt him in this fight. Burns' defense was strong and didn't allow many of Nanovic's jabs to open the door in the first

round. Nanovic's low hands cost him in the second round, allowing Burns to land many strong shots to the head. Burns' left hook caught Nanovic twice in the third round, pausing the fight both times.

Super Heavyweight — Tony "Tiny Bubbles" Cunningham def. Geoff "Wrongside" Spiess

Cunningham beat Spiess in a split-decision bout that featured contrasting styles of boxing to make it to the super-heavyweight finals for the second year in a row.

Cunningham didn't throw many punches; but when he did they were sharp, accurate and hard. After taking some hard shots in the first round, Spiess became conservative in the second, mostly limiting himself to jabs and only engaging when cornered. Neither

fighter landed any decisive punches in the third round, as Cunningham held on for the win.

Super Heavyweight — Patrick "Funk" McInerney def. Cole Davis

McInerney tore through Davis en route to the finals, as the referee stopped the fight in the second round.

Both fighters made effective use of body shots in the first round. McInerney finally got his hook to land in the second, delivering a powerful shot that bloodied Davis' face.

McInerney did a good job of avoiding Davis' right hook during the fight, only allowing one to catch his head. Davis' bloody nose caused the referee to stop the fight at the beginning of the second round.

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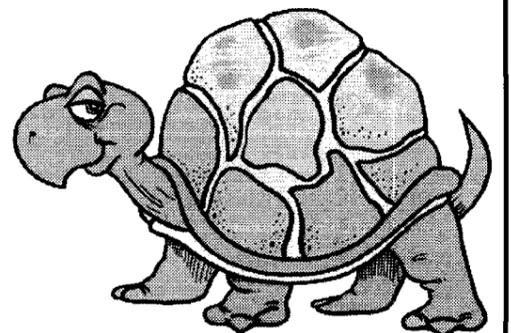
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The Hoosier-Illini Classical perennially features the best teams in the country, and this year was no exception. Eighteen of the top 30 thirty teams were among the 40 in attendance as the No. 10 Irish traveled to Bloomington to play among the nation's elite.

The Irish opened on Saturday with pool play, where they were first paired up against the Illinois' B team. Behind the pinpoint passing of libero John Tibble, Notre Dame made quick work of the Illini, closing the match in straight sets, 25-19 and 25-23.

Notre Dame's second match was against Western Illinois, who proved to be a much stronger opponent than the Illini. The Leatherbacks caught the Irish off-guard in the first set, taking an early lead and eventually winning 25-19. Notre Dame recovered after the first set loss and controlled the second behind the back row play of Frank Dax.

Dax gave the Irish the boost they needed, leading to a match-tying second set victory of 25-19.

"Yes, I did play pretty well, didn't I?" Dax said of his second set performance.

The momentum carried into the third set as the Irish dominated the Leatherbacks, 15-8.

Looking to finish pool play undefeated, the Irish first had to beat Ohio State. Notre Dame again started off slowly and was unable to recover in the first, leading to a 25-14 Buckeyes win. The Irish refused to give in and played with ferocity in the second set.

Crucial blocks late in the game by middle blocker "Lips" Foresman swayed the game and momentum in the favor of the Irish, as they tied the match up with a set victory of 25-23. With confidence and the momentum, Notre Dame easily wrapped up the match with a third set victory of 15-10.

After coming out of their pool in first, Notre Dame was given an opportunity to improve their seeding in a match against No. 2 Arizona. Even though setter Nolan Kane — who was later named to the tournament all-star team — efficiently ran the offense, the Wildcat offense was too much for the Irish. After a hard-fought two sets, Arizona came out with the victory in straight sets, 25-19 and 25-17.

Notre Dame opened up early Sunday morning in position to make a run for the championship as the single elimination tournament play began. Its first round matchup was No. 3 Penn State. Behind the intensity of junior Jamie Ward, Notre Dame willed itself to an easy match victory in straight sets, 25-20 and 25-16.

Notre Dame then faced No. 1 Wisconsin-Oshkosh, the defending national champions. The Irish started the match strong, holding an early lead, but ran into a strong server who rallied off a long string of points. Momentum shifted into the hands of the Titans, who dominated the rest of the set, winning 25-13. The second game was a dogfight from the beginning, largely in part to the attacking of outside hitter Dan Zibton. But the Titans proved to be strong enough to end the Irish's run towards the championship, taking the match with a 22-25 second set victory.

Women's Water Polo

In a big step for its program, Notre Dame swept their league opponents this weekend at the Midwest Conference Tournament at Bowling Green.

The first match on Saturday was a 14-2 win over Eastern Michigan. Bridget O'Neill and Cristina Romano led the Irish offensively, scoring four goals apiece. M.C. Cimino added two, and Kat Kennifer, Kristin Schmitt, Kelly Horner and Katie Godfrey each scored

once. Goaltenders Betsy O'Neill and Maggie Hyde recorded seven and eight saves, respectively.

Notre Dame then faced host Bowling Green, and again prevailed 15-2. Schmitt and Romano led the scoring with four goals each, O'Neill added two and Cimino, Godfrey, Horner, Meghan Pearl and Emily Harig each had one more. Hyde made eight saves.

The third match of the day pitted the Irish against Grand Valley State. Notre Dame once again won easily, upending GVSU 15-4. Romano led the Irish with five goals, while O'Neill and Schmitt each added four to the Irish effort. Kennifer and Harig rounded out the score with one each. Goalie O'Neill came up huge with 16 saves for an 80 percent save ratio.

On Sunday, the Irish played their final game against Western Michigan, again winning 16-3. Ten different players scored for the Irish, with O'Neill and Cimino both recording hat tricks. Romano, Pearl and Schmitt each added two, and Kristin Harchut, Ali Schilling, Godfrey, Horner and Betsy O'Neill all had one. Goalie Hyde controlled the cage with three saves. The Irish will face its next competition over Spring Break in Southern California.

Cycling

Notre Dame took 10 racers to Ohio State University this past weekend to compete in the opening race of the season. Saturday's race was a criterium, a race best described as NASCAR on bikes.

Meghan Johnson, Jenn Perricone and Elizabeth Israel competed in the 30-minute Women's B's race. Johnson rode strong with the first chase pack and crossed the line with an impressive ninth place finish, gaining conference points for the team. Perricone and Israel finished farther back, but still rode strong for their first race experience.

Andy Steves, Peter Nistler and Ty Baker lined up next for the start of the 45-minute Men's B's race. Nistler and Baker missed some key moves that prevented them from finishing the race with the pack, but both rode strong for their first B's race. Steves rode well but a flat tire in the last laps prevented him from contesting the field sprint.

Matt Prygoski, Mike Lavery, Tim Campbell and Neil Griggs lined up next for the Men's A's race. The race got off to a fast start with speeds often over 30 mph. Campbell and Griggs got caught behind slower riders at the beginning and couldn't catch up to the main group. Prygoski and Lavery hung with main pack for the entire 60-minute race. Prygoski finished in 16th place earning Nationals qualifying points. Lavery crossed the line a few seconds later.

The road race on Sunday was canceled due to poor weather and road conditions.

Women's Ice Hockey

This weekend the Women's Hockey Club traveled to Northbrook, Ill. to compete in the WCHL playoffs, playing four games to reach the championship game on Sunday morning.

The team started the tournament with a game against Quad Cities Saturday morning. Sophomore Margaret Knoedler opened the game with a goal assisted by freshmen Emily Chappell, which was followed by a heads-up goal by senior Annie Tilton from a shot from fellow senior Julia LaPointe.

In the second period Knoedler lifted the puck over Quad Cities' goaltender's shoulder on a rebound from sophomore Lauren Beuke for her second goal. Tilton added another goal off of a pass from junior Casey Bouskill. Beuke skated coast-to-coast and scored an insurance goal at the end of the second period, giving Notre Dame a 5-0 lead. The Irish were backed up throughout the game by

solid goaltending by senior Mindy Stack, who left with another shutout.

Saturday night's game was hard fought as Notre Dame faced-off against Wisconsin-LaCrosse, a team it had never faced. Chappell opened the game with a goal off of a pass from Knoedler, which started a rally between the two teams. With only two minutes left in the first period LaCrosse scored two goals, but the Irish did not just sit back and watch. Chappell scored again at the opening of the second period from Knoedler. After a pair of goals from LaCrosse in the third period, Notre Dame responded with a one-timer pass from Chappell to Beuke for the goal. LaCrosse scored once more, and after pulling the goalie the Irish could not muster another goal, falling 5-3.

Sunday morning the girls faced Northwestern in the third game of the tournament. Tilton started the scoring for the Irish with a goal halfway through the first period off of a pass from LaPointe. In the second period Beuke found Knoedler in position in front of the net for Notre Dame's second goal of the game. At the end of the second period, Chappell scored off of a rebound from Beuke's shot, to finish the scoring at 3-0.

Notre Dame got a second shot against Wisconsin-LaCrosse on Sunday in the championship game. The Irish started strong and scored the first goal in the middle of the second period with a shot from Beuke and an assist from Knoedler. LaCrosse responded at the period's end with a goal, and scored twice more in the third period.

After getting two penalties within the last two minutes of the game, Notre Dame pulled its goalie and stacked the ice 6-on-3. They were unable to put one in, but the Irish skated away from the tournament in 2nd place, the highest position the club has ever achieved.



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separate for the close victory.

Sagar Navare def. Will Marra

Navare, an off-campus senior, received a unanimous decision over Marra in an offensive showcase.

The first round started with crazy combinations being thrown by both fighters, as the beginning minutes became a slugfest. Marra, a junior from Zahm, was able to land some punches because of his height and longer reach.

The second round started with some more tactical boxing, as Navare landed several powerful hooks to go along with his jab.

Navare started the third round by landing some nice jab-hook combinations that kept Marra at bay. After several more exchanges, Marra's corner needed to clear some blood dripping from the fighter's nose. Navare proceeded to land more punches to the face as he punched his ticket to Saturday's finals.

132 lb.

Paul Oddy def. Chris Lee

Off-campus senior Chris Lee fell short to Paul Oddy, a sophomore from Keenan who won unanimously.

The first round saw the fighters exhibit patience, but Oddy displayed superior technique, able to avoid many of Lee's punches while landing several power punches. Oddy also showed great footwork while earning points from the judges early on.

The second round started with a wild exchange, with Lee landing the majority of punches. However, Oddy quickly countered with a forceful combination, causing a standing eight count.

Both boxers seemed to tire in the third round, as Oddy went to his jab to consistently land punches. In the end, Oddy's consistent fighting and technique enabled him to advance.

Chris Cugliari def. Connor Cain

Cugliari earned himself a unanimous decision over Cain, an off-campus senior.

The first round showed both fighters display patience. Cugliari, a freshman from Dillon, defended Cain's charges well with nice footwork and was able to land some early jabs.

Cugliari attempted to not only work Cain's head in the second round, but targeted his body as well, landing several blows.

Cugliari continued his fine technique in the final round and landed some combinations. Cain, who fought back with a sense of urgency, was able to connect on several late punches, but it wasn't enough.

140 lb.

Kris Perez def. Eric Feduska

Perez, a sophomore Manonite, became the next unanimous winner, dismissing Feduska.

In the first round, Perez was able

to land some solid punches to the body and the head. Feduska, a sophomore from Siegfried, attempted to block many of Perez's blows but failed early on. Feduska fought back strong and was able to recuperate some points with a strong surge to end the round.

The second round started with Perez trying to land some combinations. Perez's quickness enabled him to retreat from Feduska's punches and connect on some counter hooks.

Feduska came out firing in the third, but Perez managed to thwart the attack and land many of his own shots. Both fighters tried to knock their opponent out with some aggressive fighting. Perez worked his jab, until both boxers tired and could not muster much power behind their punches.

Chris Hartstein def. Michael Johnston

Hartstein, a freshman from Keough, entered the final round with a unanimous victory over Johnston.

The fight started slowly, until Hartstein was able to connect on a combination in the first. Johnston, a freshman from Dillon, responded later in the round and proceeded to land a series of powerful jabs and hooks. As the bell rang, Hartstein finished the round off with a nice one-two.

Johnston tried to gain ground on his opponent in the second frame with fancy footwork, but Hartstein quickly responded with powerful counterpunches. Hartstein landed a series of combinations to the head and the body to end the round.

In the final round, the Keough Roo relied on his quick combinations, but Johnston replied with his own barrage of punches. Both fighters displayed fatigue after a close round, but in the end, Hartstein was too much for Johnson.

145 lb.

Mike Hennig def. Matt Posluszny

Hennig will defend his title Saturday after beating Posluszny, a St. Ed's sophomore, in a unanimous decision.

Posluszny started the first round firing, but Hennig, an off-campus senior, landed a fury of punches as his opponent tried to retreat from the attack. Hennig kept Posluszny off-balance, and the sophomore failed to put much behind his punches.

Round two started with Hennig ferociously charging toward his opponent, landing punches through Posluszny's defense. As the round slowed down, both fighters traded combinations.

Chants of "Mike" sounded from the crowd in the third round, and the boxer gave his entourage reason to cheer with several powerful combinations. He continued to be the aggressor of the match, but Posluszny did not back off, connecting on some of his jabs and straights to keep Hennig at bay. By the bell, though, Hennig was the clear winner.

Lawrence Sullivan def. Philip Hicks

Sullivan, an off-campus junior, held off Hicks' late charge to win one of the night's most entertaining fights.

Hicks, a junior from Dillon, couldn't block Sullivan's early combinations in the first, but he settled down to land some jabs and straights. Sullivan came back with a nice uppercut-jab combination to force a standing eight count.

Sullivan landed quality punches to start round two, but Hicks was able to capitalize on a momentary hole in his opponent's defense and landed a combination of his own. Hicks blocked well and recuperated some points with efficient counterpunches starting from his jab.

Hicks continued to work his jab over Sullivan's low hands in the final round. Behind a favorable crowd, Sullivan opened up blood from Hicks' face.

150 lb.

Tommy Forr def. Alex Gonzalez

Forr, a senior from Morrissey, earned a spot in the final round with a unanimous decision over Gonzalez.

The first round started with both boxers trading punches well. Forr effectively used his height and reach to land his jab. However, Gonzalez fought back with a series of solid connections.

Forr continued to set up his combinations with his jab in the second round. Gonzalez's blocking improved late in what was a close round.

In the final round Gonzalez continued to draw Forr to the ropes and land punches. Both fighters showed some fatigue, but continued to trade punches as the bell sounded. In the end, Forr's consistent jab earned enough points for the victory.

Joey Leary def. Jesse Brawer

Both fighters tried desperately to fight their way into the finals, but the honor went to Leary, a sophomore from Dillon, who bested Brawer with a split decision victory.

The first round started with Leary landing some head shots through Brawer's defense. The agile Leary also avoided Brawer's throws. However, Brawer fought back strong with a surge of combinations to end the round.

Leary played successful defense in the second round, continuing to effectively block Brawer's punches.

The final round started with Brawer beginning a series of punches in an attempt to score points with the judges. With chants of "Joey" behind him, Leary attempted to land his jab and then retreat to avoid any counterpunches, causing Brawer to waste some attempts. As a result, the judges gave Leary the decision.

155 lb.

Dan Rodgers def. Andrew McGill

In perhaps the biggest upset of the night, Rodgers knocked off senior captain and defending champion McGill in a split decision thriller.

In a patient and technical first round, McGill, an off-campus senior, was able to block well and then counter with a series of power hooks. Rodgers, a sophomore from Siegfried, blocked some of his opponent's blows, but stayed on the defense throughout the round.

McGill continued his masterful footwork and head movement in the second round, thwarting Rodgers' attack. McGill shook up Rodgers when he connected his powerful left hook. But Rodgers did not go quietly and landed a nice series of one-two's stemming from his jab to end the round.

In the final frame, both fighters traded punches into protected defenses. As the crowd cheered to finish off the close fight, Rodgers and McGill each landed their share of punches.

The crowd stood stunned when the referee announced his decision in what was one of the better fights of the night.

Bret Shapot def. Mark Bond

Shapot followed up the drama by flying through Bond, a sophomore from Stanford, in a unanimous decision.

As both fighters traded a series of punches, they fought an even first round.

The second round started with a wild exchange by Bond, but Shapot landed a powerful jab that sent Bond into a standing eight count.

The final round began with Bond fighting desperately to gain points. However, the southpaw continued to land his jab. The round ended in a series of solid exchanges, eventually giving Shapot the nod.

160 lb.

Ryan Smith def. Joseph Meares

Smith, an off-campus senior, advanced to the finals with a split decision over Meares in a close fight.

Round one saw both boxers patiently wait for weak spots in their opponent's defense. Smith was the first to land a string of connections. Meares, a St. Ed's freshman, also landed some combinations in what proved to be an evenly matched, technically sound round.

As the round two bell sounded, both fighters were back at their tactical styles. Meares seemed to be fighting defensively, while Smith aggressively pursued his opponent. Both continued to trade punches effectively.

Both boxers swung wildly in the last round. Smith used his height to land some punches and distance himself from Meares. The defensive strategy was dropped and both boxers traded solid punches. Meares formed a late charge, but could not overtake Smith.

Parfait Mwez def. Hunter Land

Mwez took a split decision from Land, a junior from O'Neill, to march on to the finals.

In round one Mwez, a Zahm senior, landed a series of combinations stemming from his effective jab. Land retreated around the canvas

as he tried to avoid his opponent's blows. Land connected on some counterpunches later in the round.

The second round saw Land connect with a high percentage of his body punches. However, Mwez fought back and harmed his opponent with his hook. Mwez then began to use his jab efficiently to land some head shots.

Both fighters had displayed solid defense until the final round, as some wild exchanges were shared. Both boxers traded punches and the close round came to an end. At the end of the fight, Mwez took the fight with a split decision.

163 lb.

Chris Calderone def. Bryan Marek

Calderone, an off-campus senior, earned the close victory with a split decision over Marek.

The first round began patiently, but quickly sped up when a wild exchange ensued. Calderone landed a series of jab-hook combinations, but Marek, a senior from Knott, counterpunched successfully.

Round two began with Marek on the offensive. Calderone was able to land his share of hooks, but Marek responded with his own series of combinations, including a vicious punch to the body.

The final round saw both fighters patiently seek an opening. Calderone was able to land some jabs and straights to the head, but Marek quickly worked the body. Several punches were traded to end the close match. In the end, Calderone advanced to the finals with the decision.

Alex Duffy def. Nazur Ahmed

The first round bells sounded the beginning of one of the most technically impressive fights of the night as Duffy, a sophomore from Dillon, earned his entry into the finals with a split decision win over Ahmed.

Round one began with both fighters patiently awaiting their opportunities to attack. Duffy based his attack off of his jab, which he consistently used throughout the match. Ahmed, a sophomore from Keough, displayed excellent footwork and blocking skills.

The second round continued in the same format as the first. Duffy went back to his jab and continuously landed several to Ahmed's head. Toward the middle of the round, the fighters began to attempt more punches, and at one point, Ahmed tried to block Duffy's arsenal of jabs against the ropes.

Both boxers had a legitimate shot at advancing until the final bell. With his masterful footwork and blocking, Duffy was able to land some solid jabs and a powerful hook against Ahmed. In the end, both fighters were bloodied, but Duffy's persistent jab proved to be the difference maker on his way to the finals.

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interview with The Observer from his winter home in Florida.

Foge Fazio and Tony Yelovich, both former members of Holtz's coaching staff, will serve as Holtz's assistants. Former Irish quarterback Tony Rice, who led Notre Dame to a national title in 1988 under Holtz, will be the captain for his old skipper's squad.

Parseghian said a slew of his old assistants still live in the area, including Tom Pagna, who now writes for Blue and Gold Illustrated.

"It's unbelievable how many guys are still in town, and it shows how much of an impact Notre Dame had on their lives," Parseghian said, before quipping, "I may petition for more assistant coaches."

With sophomore Evan Sharpley, freshmen Zach Frazer and Demetrius Jones and early-enrollee Jimmy Clausen set to battle for the starting quarterback job this spring, Parseghian said he's excited to meet the future of the program.

But he's not going to be too involved in the passes they'll throw.

"I won't be calling any of the plays," Parseghian said with a laugh. "It is a very important time for the building of the Notre Dame football team because the spring practices [are] where you make changes where improvement is needed."

Parseghian, who coached the Irish from 1964-74, said the media and fan attention for the

spring game now is greater than when he was coach, but not by much. He estimated 25,000 to 30,000 people annually attended the Blue-Gold games when he led the Irish.

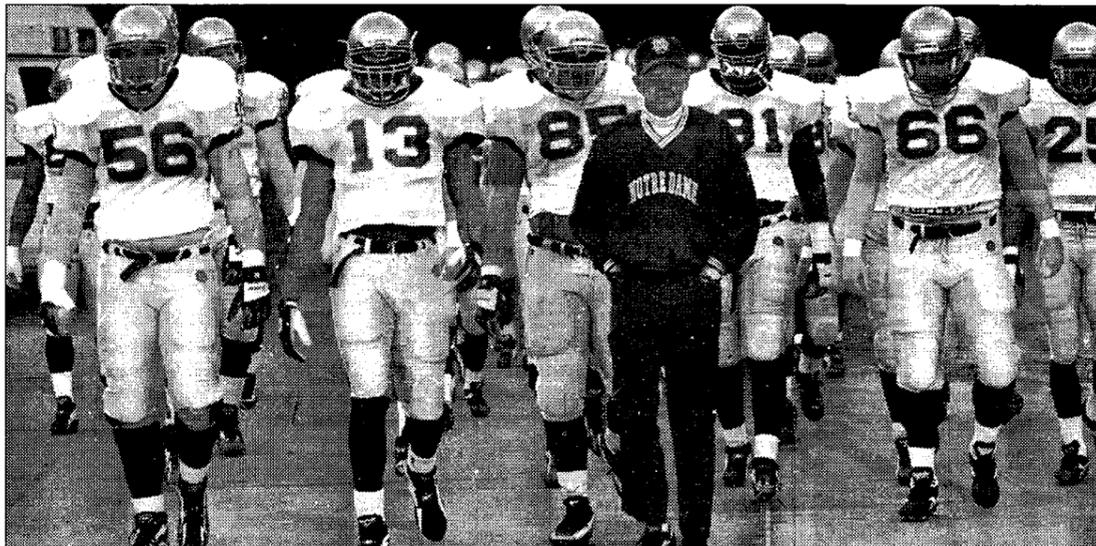
"There was always a lot of interest because it was a preview of what was to come," he said.

Tickets for the Blue-Gold game go on sale March 26.

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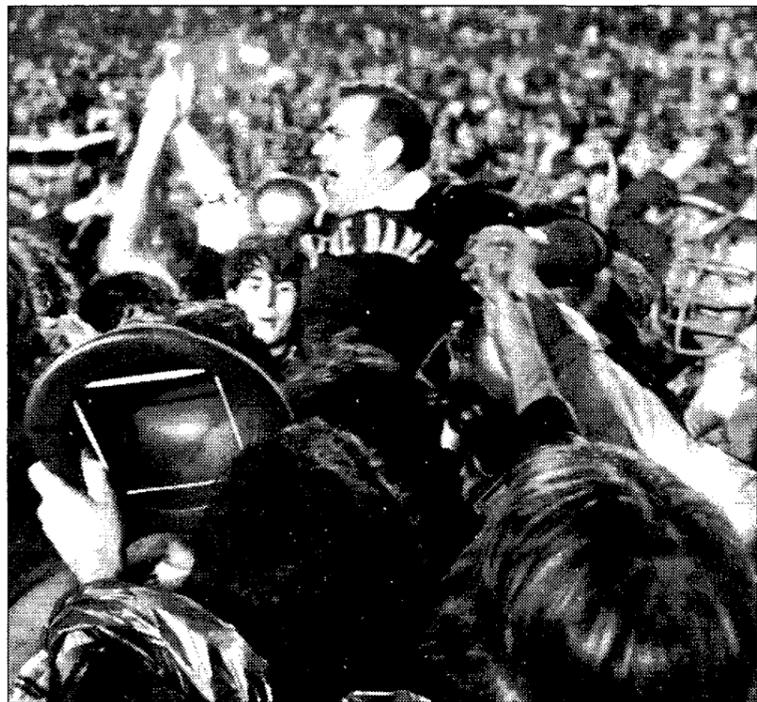


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Above, former Notre Dame coach Lou Holtz leads the Irish for the last time in a 27-20 loss at USC in 1996.

Left, former Irish coach Ara Parseghian celebrates a national title after beating Alabama 24-23 in the Sugar Bowl in 1973.

Below, former Irish quarterback Tony Rice rushes in Notre Dame's 36-31 win over Virginia on Sept. 1, 1989.



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had seen the all-Missouri Valley Conference catcher play numerous times as the skipper of conference rival Evansville.

"[I knew Schrage] just through playing against him," Weglarz said.

Despite the team's 2-4 start, the graduate student has been a bright spot thus far. Last Saturday against No. 12 TCU, Weglarz stroked three doubles in Notre Dame's 4-1 victory.

"It felt good to finally get some hits," said Weglarz, who was 0-for-9 in his first three games with the Irish. "It was really good to win a game. That's the biggest thing."

The veteran catcher has also handled a pitching staff that has posted a 3.07 season ERA with a .250 opponent batting average.

"It's been good to work with [the pitchers], just learning what they want to do in certain situations, what pitches they're comfortable with," Weglarz said of his battery mates. "They've kept us in a lot of games."

After the Irish allowed just one stolen base in three games last weekend, Schrage said he was impressed by his team's ability to limit opponents' running games.

"That was one of our goals going in, so that was a real positive that I saw," Schrage said.

Keeping runners static on

the base paths begins with the catcher, and Weglarz is beginning to again feel comfortable in the role of starting backstop.

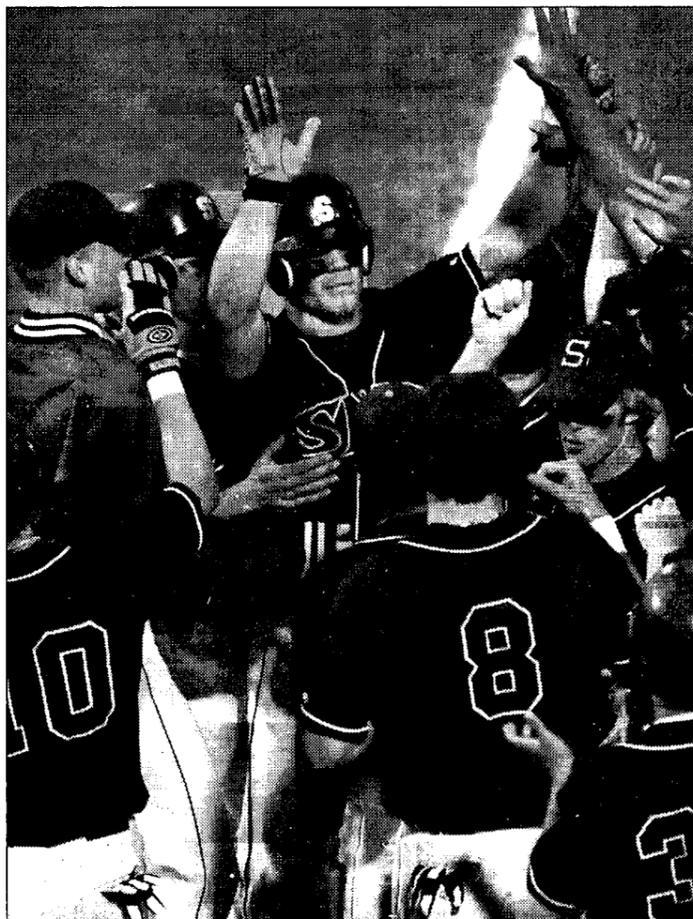
"Coming in, I felt like a mix between a freshman and a senior," Weglarz said. "But it's been a lot of fun."

The catcher also expressed

confidence that he and his teammates will turn around their early-season troubles at the plate.

"The hitting's going to come," he said. "It always does."

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Catcher Tony Piazza celebrates with his Southwest Missouri St. teammates during the Bears 2003 College World Series run. Matt Weglarz sat out the entire 2003 season with an injured foot.

Lacrosse

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Kjellman, last year's Tewaarton Trophy winner for the best female lacrosse player in Division I. Kjellman scored 72 goals in 21 games last season and was named to her second straight All-America team as a junior.

Kjellman is just one of three Wildcat seniors named to the pre-season All-American team. Attackers Aly Josephs and defender Lindsay Finocchiaro were also named to the first team, and Notre Dame will work to contain them as well.

"They definitely have a very prolific offense," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said Wednesday. "We know they will get their goals, but we also feel very prepared defensively that we can counter their offensive sets and try to limit their fast breaks."

The Irish rallied to beat Stanford 12-11 in double-overtime.

Notre Dame trailed 11-9 with less than eight minutes left in regulation when junior attacker Caitlin McKinney scored to pull the team within one. Senior midfielder Lena Zentgraf then scored off an assist by McKinney with 4:02 remaining to send the game to extra minutes.

Both teams went scoreless in the first three-minute overtime

period, with both defenses stonewalling the offenses. It appeared the game would advance into sudden-death overtime when McKinney netted the unassisted goal for the victory.

"Even in a game when we faced adverse circumstances, we had the confidence and focus to pull through," Coyne said after Saturday's game.

Though sophomore attacker Jillian Byers netted three goals for the Irish, the hero of the game was McKinney. The junior midfielder/attacker scored a game-high six goals and was named Big East offensive player of the week for her performance.

McKinney's play in the clutch has been crucial for the Irish. In victories over James Madison and the Cardinal, she recorded eight goals and an assist. In addition to the game-winner against Stanford, McKinney scored two game-tying goals late in the game against James Madison.

"Caitlin has really worked hard on her game, and now that effort is being rewarded," Coyne said. "She's earned every bit of success she's had."

Notre Dame and Northwestern faced off early last season in Evanston. The Wildcats overcame a 9-8 half-time deficit before rolling to a 21-12 victory over the Irish.

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Irish coach

Attention Seniors!

Notre Dame's Office of Undergraduate Admissions anticipates hiring Admissions Counselors this spring!

As part of the Undergraduate Admissions staff, the counselor is expected to make an important contribution to the recruitment and selection of the first-year class by managing relations with the prospective applicants, their parents, high school personnel and alumni in an assigned geographic area.

Responsibilities include extensive planning, travel and communication within the geographic area, assessment and evaluation of applications and conducting group/individual information sessions on campus

Among our candidates, we will seek a **Latino Recruitment Coordinator**.
(Fluency in Spanish will be strongly preferred.)

We will also seek an **Asian Recruitment Coordinator**.

Additional responsibilities will be assigned by the Assistant Provost for Enrollment.

Candidates should possess a bachelor's degree and strong familiarity with all aspects of student life at Notre Dame.

Essential qualities include strong communication and organizational skills, enthusiasm, diplomacy and the willingness to work long hours, including many evenings and Saturday mornings.

Please Note: Interviews will not be held until late March.

Preferred start date is July 1, 2007.

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BENGAL BOUTS — SEMIFINALS

Bell tolls

Sophomore Rodgers moves onto championship round with victory over McGill

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

Chris Izaguirre started the 129 lb. semifinal round Wednesday by eliminating defending sophomore champion Matt Gelchion by split decision.

The first round was fairly even. Both fighters displayed very good defensive tactics, blocking punches with efficiency. Both boxers traded combinations, but defense dominated the round.

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The second round was close as well with polished defensive fighting. Izaguirre, a senior from Zahm, was not intimidated by the former success of Gelchion, a Fisher resident, and the fight continued to be evenly matched as both fighters traded combinations.

Entering the final round in a dead heat, Izaguirre managed to avoid Gelchion's blows and successfully landed several punches earning him valuable points to



LAURIE HUNT/The Observer

Dan Rodgers, left, surprises senior Andrew McGill with a left-handed shot during Rodgers' split-decision upset win Wednesday night at the Joyce Center.

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FOOTBALL

Ara, Holtz will coach Blue-Gold

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

Four fresh faces at quarterback will work under two living legends.

Notre Dame announced Wednesday that former Irish coaches Lou Holtz and Ara Parseghian will serve as the honorary coaches for the April 21 Blue-Gold game, the team's annual spring scrimmage.

Former Parseghian assistant coaches Brian Boulac and Joe Yonto will return to the sidelines as assistants. Former Irish defensive end and College Football Hall of Fame member Ross Browner will serve as the honorary captain for Parseghian's team. Browner started on Parseghian's 1973 national championship squad.

"Of course it will be a privilege to come back and to come back on the field again, which I hadn't been on the field since 1974," Parseghian said Wednesday in a telephone

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BASEBALL

Grad student, catcher gets one more chance

Gaston's injury puts Weglarz behind plate

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

When he graduated from Missouri State in 2006, Matt Weglarz thought he might have played his last varsity baseball game. But after coming to Notre Dame as an MBA student in the fall, Weglarz was asked by Irish coach Dave Schrage to join the team as a backup catcher and has since taken on a much larger role.



Weglarz

"[Schrage] called me in and said he might need another

bat in the lineup," Weglarz said.

The Kansas City native was granted an extra year of NCAA eligibility due to a foot injury that wiped out his 2003 freshman season, one that saw the Bears earn a trip to the College World Series. Though he came to Notre Dame understanding he would probably be a role player for the Irish, he jumped at the chance to play another season.

Now, Weglarz is anything but a backup. When senior Sean Gaston, who started at catcher the past two seasons, was lost for the season due to shoulder surgery, Weglarz became a key to Notre Dame's season plans.

"After Sean got hurt, I knew I was really one of the only ones who had caught," Weglarz said.

First-year coach Schrage

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish host No. 1 Wildcats

Two-time defending champs enter Loftus after crushing Vandy

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

No. 5 Notre Dame will face off against No. 1 Northwestern tonight at 7 in the Loftus Center in the toughest test for the Irish so far this season.

The Irish (2-0) take on the two-time defending champion Wildcats after squeaking out overtime wins against James Madison Feb. 18 and Stanford Saturday.

The Wildcats are 1-1 heading into this battle of top-five teams. Northwestern dropped a tough 10-9 overtime match with No. 4 North Carolina Feb. 17 before rebounding with a dominating 20-2 win over No. 18 Vanderbilt Sunday.

The Irish will hope to contain Northwestern star Kristen



ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

The Irish celebrate attacker Caitlin McKinney's goal in ND's 12-11 win over Stanford Saturday at the Loftus Sports Center.

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SPORTS AT A GLANCE

CLUB SPORTS

**UW-Oshkosh 2
Notre Dame 0**
Defending volleyball champion Titans beat the Irish in straight sets.

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BENGAL BOUTS

Steve Hansen advances to finals with a unanimous decision victory over Stephen Klein.

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NCAA BBALL

**Texas 98
Texas A&M 96**
Texas forward Kevin Durant scores 30 as Longhorns beat Aggies in double overtime.

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NBA

Boston Celtics radio analyst Cedric Maxwell apologizes for sexist remarks made on the air.

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MLB

Baltimore Orioles centerfielder Gary Matthews, Jr. is implicated in East Coast steroid ring.

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NBA

**Philadelphia 99
Phoenix 94**
Philadelphia forward Andre Iguodala drops 24 points in the 76ers win.

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