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## Mendoza ranked by BusinessWeek

Undergraduate business school listed seventh among top programs, drops four spots

By EVA BINDA  
News Writer

A new BusinessWeek ranking puts Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business seventh among top undergraduate business schools — a drop from last year's No. 3 ranking, but still ahead of 86 other programs.

Dean of the Mendoza College of Business Carolyn Woo emphasized that the ranking of 93 schools — included in Monday's edition of BusinessWeek but released to the University March 8 — wasn't the program's most important accomplishment.

"It's great to have national

recognition, but it is more important to focus on doing the best job we can to prepare our students," Woo said.

Woo said she believes the best preparation for business students "includes professional excellence, integrity and care for the common good."

Notre Dame's seventh-place ranking put it just behind Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Sloan School of Business. Notre Dame was the highest ranked Catholic institution with Georgetown and Villanova in the 11th and 12th spots, respectively.

Last year, BusinessWeek's first-ever list of 62 under-

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### TOP 10 UNDERGRADUATE BUSINESS PROGRAMS

1	University of Pennsylvania (Wharton)
2	University of Virginia (McIntire)
3	UC Berkeley (Haas)
4	Emory University (Goizueta)
5	University of Michigan (Ross)
6	Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Sloan)
7	NOTRE DAME (MENDOZA)
8	Brigham Young University (Marriott)
9	New York University (Stern)
10	Cornell University

SOURCE: BusinessWeek Online

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## Ruling affects ND endowment

IRS expands University investment options

By MARCELA BERRIOS  
Associate News Editor

A Dec. 21 federal ruling authorized Notre Dame — as the trustee of numerous charitable trusts — to invest the donors' contributions in the University's endowment, an investment option that will rival the Goliaths of national mutual funds with its diversified portfolio and 14.6 percent rate of return, Assistant Vice President of Development Jean Gorman said Tuesday.

"Not all institutions can outperform mutual funds offered by firms like Fidelity or Vanguard, and we feel that we can," Gorman said.

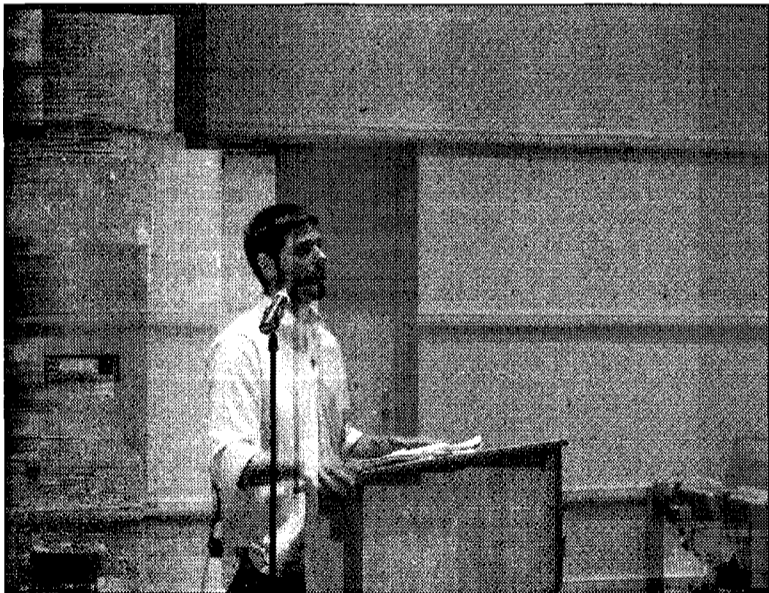
Notre Dame had been limited in the past in the investment vehicles available for these trusts — but an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) ruling opened up the possibility of growing the donors' capital, or trust corpus, on the University's own endowment.

"We are very excited about this opportunity for Notre Dame," Gorman said, celebrating the opportunity to expand both the charitable remainder trusts' corpora and the University endowment at the same time.

A charitable remainder trust, she said, is an income-producing gift that provides an annual payout to one or more income beneficiaries, or charitable organizations, dur-

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## Marine discusses opposition to war



LAURIE HUNT/The Observer

Liam Madden, a former Marine sergeant, spoke in DeBartolo Hall Tuesday about his experiences in and after Iraq.

By MEGHAN WONS  
News Writer

The war in Iraq has been a controversial issue for both American citizens and soldiers on active duty since it began four years ago. Liam Madden, a former Marine sergeant, spoke last night in DeBartolo Hall at a public lecture sponsored by the Progressive Student Alliance, Notre Dame Peace Fellowship, Center for Social Concerns and the Joan B. Kroc Institute entitled, "The Ground Truth in Iraq: A Marine's View."

Madden, honorably discharged in January, spoke about his experiences in Iraq and what made him begin to disagree with U.S. participation in the war.

"There are two futures colliding — there is the future we can cre-

ate, or the one that can be made for us," Madden said.

He is currently on a speaking tour, promoting awareness about the war and urging college students to reject complacency in this "time of moral crisis."

Madden opened his talk with a question — what does it take to burn down a forest? After someone in the audience responded, "a spark," Madden said he spent the last few months questioning, "how do you burn down a war?"

Madden said imagination and leadership are important if Americans hope to effect change. As co-founder of the Appeal for Redress movement — a movement of active duty, active reserve and Guard soldiers filing private grievances with their elected officials against the war — Madden

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## Forum hosts three-day series on global health

By BECKY HOGAN  
News Writer

After last fall's Notre Dame Forum on the global health crisis generated significant campus interest, the University decided to continue the initiative by hosting a three-day series of meetings for the Notre Dame community to further discuss its role in addressing these issues.

"I think when the global health forum happened on Sept. 14, it catalyzed a lot of conversations on campus about what we are as a University are doing to impact global health," Vice President and Associate Provost Dennis Jacobs said. "No one on this campus

knew all that was going on. There were a lot of initiatives happening on one side of the University that the other side didn't know about."

The meetings started Tuesday, focusing on the University's large project initiatives such as the Center for Global Health and Infectious Diseases, the Haiti Project and the Millennium Village Project. Today's meeting will address research initiatives on global health issues and Thursday's discussion will focus on service learning projects and outreach in developing countries.

The idea for a broader campus discourse on global health began

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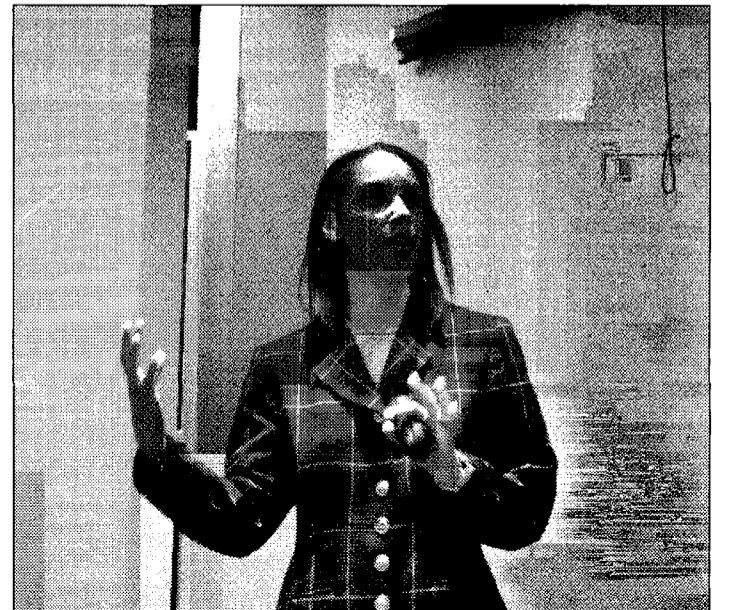
## Lecture examines public schools

By BRIGID FENLON  
News Writer

Cecilia Rouse, economist and professor at Princeton University, delivered the Provost Distinguished Women's Lecture last night. Her speech "Making Schools Accountable: Effects on Students and Schools," discussed the two dominant methods for improving public school systems in a monetarily efficient manner.

These "two basic flavors of school accountability," Rouse said, refer to test-based and market-based systems. These models intend to provide families with the appropriate information in order to make informed decisions about the best schooling for their children.

The test-based method, "holds the institution accountable and heavily considers test scores as a means of



LAURIE HUNT/The Observer

Economist Cecilia Rouse spoke Tuesday about improving the public school system and its effects on students.

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INSIDE COLUMN

# Pick fantasy baseball

As I go to outline what I'm going to write for this column on a piece of scrap paper, I see last year's statistics for pitchers Jeremy Sowers and Doug Davis on the other side. It makes me wonder, am I obsessed with fantasy baseball?

**Chris Massad**

For me, fantasy baseball is a good way to stay in touch with old friends and win respect from new ones. I remember my roommate always on the phone consulting with his dad or brother about his family's league during our first days on campus.

**Photographer**

A number of Web sites, like Yahoo, offer free fantasy sport leagues. For all you amateurs, fantasy sports include football, baseball, basketball and hockey. In most fantasy leagues, the game play is either "head-to-head," with pairs of managers competing in various statistical categories, or "rotisserie," where all the managers compete for rankings in the various statistical categories. At the start of the season there is a draft, and throughout the season there are trades, free agency pickups, and chatting on message boards.

Coming from Connecticut, the boundary line between Red Sox nation and Yankee country runs right through my home state. This gave rise to heated online debates last year, particularly over the destination of Roger Clemens. With one of the other managers destined for the University of Michigan next year, I'm sure collegiate football will be thrown into the mix. We're already debating this weekend's hockey tournament.

The popularity of fantasy sports is apparent. Currently ESPN is advertising their free online fantasy baseball game with the slogan "It's free. And it rocks."

In the past, fantasy football has been marketed with reigning NFL MVP LaDainian Tomlinson. Another commercial featured a group of guys around the TV upset by a play while one ambivalent person exclaimed, "That guy's on my fantasy team!"

At times in past seasons, what's best for my fantasy team has been at odds with what's best for my favorite baseball club. This conflict of desires sometimes makes baseball less enjoyable for me ... but I came up with a reasonable solution. So far this year, I have no fewer than eight fantasy teams divided amongst Yahoo, ESPN and MLB.com. Between all those teams, I probably have most of the top 150 fantasy players on some team or another.

Am I obsessed with fantasy baseball? Well, if you are positioned in a baseball organization as a player or an executive in five, 10, 15 years or so, I would love it if you contacted me with any inside information. My message for you is this — cast aside your now defunct March Madness brackets (courtesy of Winthrop) and redeem yourself in a fantasy baseball league today.

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## QUESTION OF THE DAY: DO YOU THINK HIGH SCHOOLS SHOULD BE ABLE TO USE THE LEPRECHAUN LOGO?



**Sara Devore**  
freshman  
Welsh Family

"I think they should be allowed because everyone still recognizes it's the Notre Dame leprechaun."



**Adam Mathews**  
freshman  
Siegfried

"I think so, because no one's going to confuse those high schools for the real Notre Dame."



**Dan Dirscherl**  
freshman  
Sorin

"No, because they're always after me lucky charms."



**Kelly Kapshandy**  
sophomore  
Howard

"The mascot is ours. Hands off."



**Adam McGinn**  
freshman  
O'Neill

"I don't have a problem with using the name, but the logo is totally different."



**Joey Curcio**  
sophomore  
Knott

"I don't even understand the question."



LAURIE HUNT/The Observer

Boots were placed Tuesday outside O'Shaughnessy Hall to represent the soldiers who have died in Iraq. The memorial commemorates the four-year anniversary of the war.

## IN BRIEF

Registration for Summer Session at Notre Dame begins today. Students interested in taking classes during the summer can register through [insideND](http://insideND).

A screening of the film "Sometimes in April" will be held in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium tonight at 7 p.m. The screening is sponsored by BIRWA, an organization made up of survivors of the 1994 Rwandan genocide and The Kellogg Institute for International Studies.

The Notre Dame Chamber Players will perform with guest violinist Nokuthula Ngwenyama at 8 p.m. tonight in the Leighton Concert Hall of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$10; \$8 for faculty and staff; \$6 for seniors and \$3 for students.

The Ballroom Dance Club invites dancers of all skill levels to join them in 205 Rockne Memorial for a night of mambo and foxtrot tonight from 8 p.m. to 10. The cost for a night of dancing is \$4.

Dennis Jacobs, vice president and associate provost, and William Ramsey, associate professor of philosophy, will speak at Theology on Tap tonight at 9 p.m. The subject of the Legend's event will be "To Cheat or Not to Cheat? The Academic Honor Code."

Men's baseball will play South Florida Friday at 5:05 p.m. at Frank Eck Stadium. For tickets, call the Athletic Department's ticket office at 631-7356.

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

## OFFBEAT

### Teen stranded on ice chunk in Mississippi River

ANOKA, Minn. — A teenager got an unexpected, terrifying ride down the Mississippi River on a giant slab of ice that broke off as he stood along the shoreline.

Amos Benjamin Cohen, 19, stood frozen with fear as the six foot by 15 foot ice chunk swirled in the water, floating toward shore then drifting back to the middle of the river, witnesses and rescuers said.

"He stood there so still," like the Statue of Liberty, said Sue Hillberg who spotted him from her mother's kitchen window.

Ellie Ghostley said she

yelled to the boy that she was calling 911, then hopped in her car to see if he would get out all right.

A rescue team from the Anoka-Champlin Fire Department sent three firefighters in survival suits into the water. As Cohen approached, one of the firefighters managed to hop up onto the ice with him. The other two pulled them to safety, Fire Chief Charlie Thompson said.

### Nun seeks borough council seat

FOREST HILLS, Pa. — After attending borough council meetings for months, a nun has decided

to try to become one of the town's decision-makers. "I need to be on the other side of the table. I need to listen and I need to be a voice for the people," said Sister Matthias Wemm, one of four Democrats seeking three open council seats in the May primary.

Wemm, 66, a Sister of Mercy, said she sought permission from her order and from the Almighty to run for the office.

"He says, 'This is your decision. I'm with you and holding you in the palm of my hand,'" Wemm said.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 56 LOW 55	HIGH 46 LOW 45	HIGH 65 LOW 42	HIGH 62 LOW 46	HIGH 68 LOW 45	HIGH 65 LOW 42

Atlanta 70 / 53 Boston 39 / 17 Chicago 63 / 38 Denver 67 / 38 Houston 76 / 64 Los Angeles 67 / 53 Minneapolis 55 / 37 New York 47 / 25 Philadelphia 44 / 24 Phoenix 77 / 58 Seattle 44 / 35 St. Louis 72 / 53 Tampa 80 / 60 Washington 50 / 31

# RA selection begins at SMC

By BRIGID FENLON  
News Writer

With the room selection process only days away, Saint Mary's students are choosing their future roommates, dorms and lottery numbers. Many other students, however, have filled out applications and interviewed to become a part of the Residence Life staff, which was chosen just days before spring break.

The Saint Mary's resident assistant selection involves a three-part evaluation, which includes a written application, a group process interview and an individual interview. Saint Mary's expected to hire 42 RAs just before break, but the number could still change, depending on whether or not all floors of residence halls will be needed for the upcoming year.

"The RA job allows a student to work with their peers in a way most campus jobs don't. The RA not only plans section events, but acts as an adviser for a student with a simple problem or serious crisis situations," Director of Residence Life Michelle Russell said. "The RAs receive valuable training in conflict resolution and intervention. They are great resources and role models."

RAs are not only expected to be present for the students in their section but also to devote many additional hours to working with the hall staff on administrative tasks,

Russell said. "It can be stressful if the RA doesn't manage her time well," she said.

Junior Brittany Taylor, who is currently an RA in McCandless Hall, has both enjoyed and learned from her experience. "Being an RA at Saint Mary's has been one of the best growing experiences for me. I have been able to work with some great women here at SMC," she said.

Taylor, whose hall is mainly composed of freshmen, said she understands the importance of RAs in supporting first-year students.

"There is an excitement and energy among the first years that makes my job enjoyable," she said. "They are always willing to step up and partake in section events, and hall programming."

The Residence Life staff attempts to place RAs in the dorm most suitable for them after they are selected, Russell said.

"The pro-staff knew that my personality would work well within the dynamics of the McCandless hall and staff," Taylor said. "They knew what was best."

Applicants are asked to rank their dorm choices, although their first choice is

not guaranteed. For Taylor, McCandless was her third choice.

"I am grateful for being placed in McCandless, even though it was not my first choice," she said.

While the evaluation and application process is difficult, it has not changed much over the years, Russell said.

Students, too, recognize the need for a rigid selection process.

"The RA process is tough, and I think it weeds out people who don't care either way if they would be an RA or not," said sophomore Andrea Krebs, a current RA in McCandless.

The majority of RAs said the biggest benefits of the job are the people they meet.

"The other RAs are amazing — not just on Holy Cross' staff, but in the other residence halls as well," said Kathleen Dudek, a sophomore RA in Holy Cross Hall. "The biggest benefit has to be the people you meet. The girls and hall staff that I have become close with have made this year phenomenal."

"At times it is stressful and tiring," she said, "but in the end it is all worth it."

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**Brittany Taylor**  
resident assistant  
McCandless Hall

# Forum

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in the fall with the hope of carrying the discussion into the spring semester, Jacobs said.

"I think what happened shortly after the forum — a few weeks after — was that students, faculty and staff said, 'This is a big issue, what can I do?' What we didn't have to offer at that time was a vision of what the campus was doing," Jacobs said. "There were a number of individuals that wanted to participate, but there was no forum to allow them to do so."

Jacobs said the meetings are one way the University hopes to facilitate individual participation in dealing with the global health crisis.

"This week will create a mechanism for a set of opportunities, which is likely to draw more participation — the interest level is already there," he said.

Stephen Silliman, a civil engineering and geological sciences professor who is in charge of the committee responsible for this week's events, said the structure will be similar for all three meetings. Each meeting will include introductions of the overall projects, small group discussions and an examination of campus activities currently in place.

Silliman said the meetings would attempt to determine whether there are any "roadblocks" to pursuing solutions on issues of global health, and Jacobs said the conversations will focus on "how do we as a community respond."

"[These events are] much

more in the mode of action — they're about what can we do and what are we doing," Jacobs said. "... What I particularly like about this set of 'town hall meetings' is that they are really at the grassroots level — it is completely organized by individuals who are passionate about this cause."

Although next year's forum will focus on immigration, Jacobs said the University will continue its efforts to improve global health.

"In no way do we want to imply that we've solved the problem or that after one year there's no concern for global health now that we've moved onto immigration," Jacobs said. "I would hope that we don't just deal with an issue on an intellectual level but that we put into action what we value and believe — those kinds of initiatives always live on more than a one-year cycle."

The planning committee, which was formed in October, includes students, faculty and staff members of the University who were interested in the issues raised by the Forum, Silliman said.

Undergraduate students were instrumental in advertising the week's events, Silliman said, and several faculty members have contributed to the development of questions that will be addressed at the meetings.

"By putting our ideas together we can find more effective solutions [to the global health crisis] and create a great model for the University on how to solve problems, and this requires expertise from the entire University," Jacobs said.

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## Rankings

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graduate business schools ranked Mendoza third behind University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School and University of Virginia's McIntire School of Commerce. Both of these schools held on to their top spots in this year's list.

A "critical factor" in the ranking drop was due to a change in the rules regarding faculty ratio, Woo said. For 2007, only faculty members who taught in the undergraduate program in the last academic year could be counted.

Mendoza received an A-plus in the areas of teaching quality, facilities, services and job placement.

The rankings relied on a

survey of 77,000 graduating seniors from the 123 institutions eligible for ranking — including students from the only institution that declined to participate, University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School — as well as a survey of corporate recruiters.

In addition to the surveys, BusinessWeek looked at factors such as the median starting salary for graduates and the amount of graduates attending Top-35 MBA programs. An academic quality gauge included four measures: ratio of full-time faculty to students, average class size, percentage of business majors with internships and the amount of hours students spend every week on school-work.

Many Mendoza students said they were satisfied with Notre Dame's undergraduate pro-

gram.

"I think it's been a good experience compared to what I have heard from friends at other schools," said Ken Walsh, a senior finance major. Walsh plans to attend law school in the fall.

Sophomore accountancy major Alex Ericksen said he was "pleased" with Mendoza.

"I think it definitely belongs in the top ten," Ericksen said. Ericksen plans to intern this summer with William Blair & Company in London, a job he landed thanks to his experiences at Mendoza.

Although it is often difficult for sophomores to find summer internships in business, Mendoza students like Ericksen have been successful. Internship placement is an important criterion in BusinessWeek rankings and contributed to Notre Dame's

high score.

Sophomore accountancy major David Hillegass plans to intern with Comcast this summer.

"[Mendoza] has really helped me forward my business career by giving me opportunities to get internships and future job opportunities," Hillegass said.

Mendoza graduates have reason to be optimistic. Placement surveys from 2005 show the average salary for a graduate of the undergraduate program is \$48,500, according to the Mendoza Web site. Some of the firms that hired the most graduates in the past academic year include Deloitte & Touche, Ernst & Young and Goldman Sachs.

The BusinessWeek ranking said 71 percent of Mendoza students surveyed were

already employed by graduation, while 26 percent planned on immediately moving onto graduate school.

"I would definitely say that having [attended] Notre Dame and Mendoza will be beneficial in getting a job in the future," Walsh said.

Ericksen expressed disappointment with the college's recent drop to seventh place, but said other circumstances played into the shift.

"I don't think [Mendoza] got worse. It's just that other schools have gotten better," he said. "There's increased competition."

Walsh said Mendoza's ranking was "still respectable."

"Third would be better, but seventh is nothing to look down on," he said.

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## Trusts

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ing the donor's remaining lifespan or any contracted term.

When the contract expires or the donor dies, Gorman said, the University must use the remaining trust corpus for a purpose designated by the donor, or at its own discretion if the donor did not specify how Notre Dame should have disposed the remainder funds.

The growth the initial donation will experience through the duration of the trust — and consequently the proceeds for the beneficiaries — will depend largely on the investment vehicles the trustee utilizes, she said.

"Our endowment has traditionally outperformed the other investment vehicles that we have utilized for these

trusts," Gorman said. "If the trust corpus grows, the University will benefit and so can the income beneficiary."

The Notre Dame endowment consists of an assortment of financial assets, which includes traditional stocks and bonds in domestic and international markets, ownership equities, real estate and other types of securities rarely available to smaller investors, a press release from the Office of News and Information said.

As a result, University President Father John Jenkins echoed Gorman's enthusiasm about the ruling, saying the option to invest the trust's corpus in the Notre Dame endowment could serve as an incentive to increase Planned Giving programs, which are popular in universities, hospitals and museums across the nation.

"This option may be attractive to our benefactors from a

financial planning perspective," Jenkins said in the press release.

Planned Giving contracts between the donors and their appointed trustees are regulated by the United States Congress and the IRS, the National Committee on Planned Giving Web site said.

Gorman said another benefit that may stem from the new financial practice is the potential increase in the portion of the trusts' capital that may be presented to Notre Dame at the end of the trusts' lifespan.

"If the corpora of the trusts grow, then a larger remainder amount will be available for Notre Dame," she said.

Following in the footsteps of Harvard University three years ago, Notre Dame submitted an application to the IRS to get the green light to invest, as a trustee, the trust's corpus in the University's own endowment — a privilege also

given recently to Stanford University and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Gorman said.

"This is a groundbreaking development that has the potential to make an enormous impact on the

University's ambitious goals for students, faculty and programs throughout the campus," Jenkins said in the release.

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### Asian Summer Language Grant Program

Deadline is March 30, 2007.

The Center for Asian Studies is sponsoring a competition for undergraduates and graduate students who wish to study an Asian language not currently offered at Notre Dame. The program selected can be either in the U.S. or a foreign country.

It is expected that such study will contribute to the student's further education at Notre Dame. In most cases, language classes will be counted for academic credit at Notre Dame. The competition is not open to seniors or graduate students completing their degrees.

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### Essay Prize in Asian Studies

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Undergraduate submissions should be no longer than 20 pages. Graduate submissions should be no longer than 30 pages.

Submit three copies (two without author information) to:

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210 O'Shaughnessy Hall  
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[www.nd.edu/~cas](http://www.nd.edu/~cas)

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Russian nursing home fire kills 62

KAMYSHEVATSKAYA, Russia — Flames engulfed a nursing home in this village without a fire station Tuesday, killing 62 frail and elderly residents after the night watchman ignored two alarms and emergency teams took nearly an hour to arrive. At least 30 people were injured.

Coming a day after a gas explosion that killed more than 100 coal miners in Siberia, the fire could undermine Kremlin contentions that conditions are improving in newly prosperous Russia.

Angry residents hurled accusations of negligence at the regional envoy of President Vladimir Putin, who announced that Wednesday would be a national day of mourning for those killed in the fire and mine catastrophe as well as a plane crash Saturday that killed six.

Authorities blamed the nursing home disaster on safety violations at the home, toxic building materials used in a renovation, negligence by the staff and the nearest firehouse being about 30 miles from Kamyshevatskaya, a town on the Azov Sea in southern Russia.

### Referendum creates controversy

CAIRO — The Egyptian president on Tuesday scheduled a referendum next week on constitutional amendments that would limit the country's largest opposition movement, drawing accusations that the government was speeding up the process to avoid debate.

The government says the changes will help increase democracy in a country where President Hosni Mubarak has ruled unchallenged for a quarter-century. But opponents say the amendments are part of a plan to ensure the 78-year-old president's son succeeds him in a future election.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Purdue officials to investigate death

WEST LAFAYETTE — The discovery of the body of a missing Purdue University student in a dormitory's high-voltage utility room has school officials and his family wondering how a door to such a dangerous area was left unlocked.

School officials Tuesday said they would investigate why a door that opens to the outdoors was unlocked and why numerous searches for Wade Steffey, 19, since he went missing Jan. 13 did not include a full inspection of the room.

"The search for Wade Steffey is over, but the search for answers continues," Purdue spokeswoman Jeanne Norberg said.

### Prosecutor firings fuel party debate

WASHINGTON — The White House pushed back Tuesday against Democrats demanding answers on the firings of federal prosecutors, refusing to allow President Bush's top aides to testify publicly and under oath about their roles in the dismissals.

Democrats rejected the offer just as firmly. Said Patrick Leahy, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee: "Testimony should be on the record and under oath. That's the formula for true accountability."

## LOCAL NEWS

### High school coach accused of abuse

MISHAWAKA — The parents of a Mishawaka High School basketball player have gone to court with their claims that the school's coach verbally and psychologically abused him over the past two years. The lawsuit filed by Don and Shirley Ross states that their son, 6-foot-9 senior Jim Ross, was mistreated by coach Robb Berger. The suit claims that Berger asked the younger Ross why someone so tall couldn't make a layup and told him "You can't run, you can't jump, you can't play."

In a filing with St. Joseph Circuit Court, Berger denied the lawsuit's allegations.

The lawsuit claims that Jim Ross suffered emotional distress and withdrew because of Berger's treatment.

## IRAQ

# Saddam's former deputy hanged

*Taha Yassin Ramadan buried in regime graveyard, executed for role in killings*

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Hundreds of chanting mourners buried Saddam Hussein's former vice president near the ousted dictator, his sons and two other executed deputies Tuesday in a spot that has become the graveyard of the ousted regime.

Taha Yassin Ramadan's body, which was covered with the Iraqi flag, was interred in a building courtyard in the Tigris River village of Ouja hours after he was hanged for his part in the killings of 148 Shiite Muslims following a 1982 assassination attempt on Saddam.

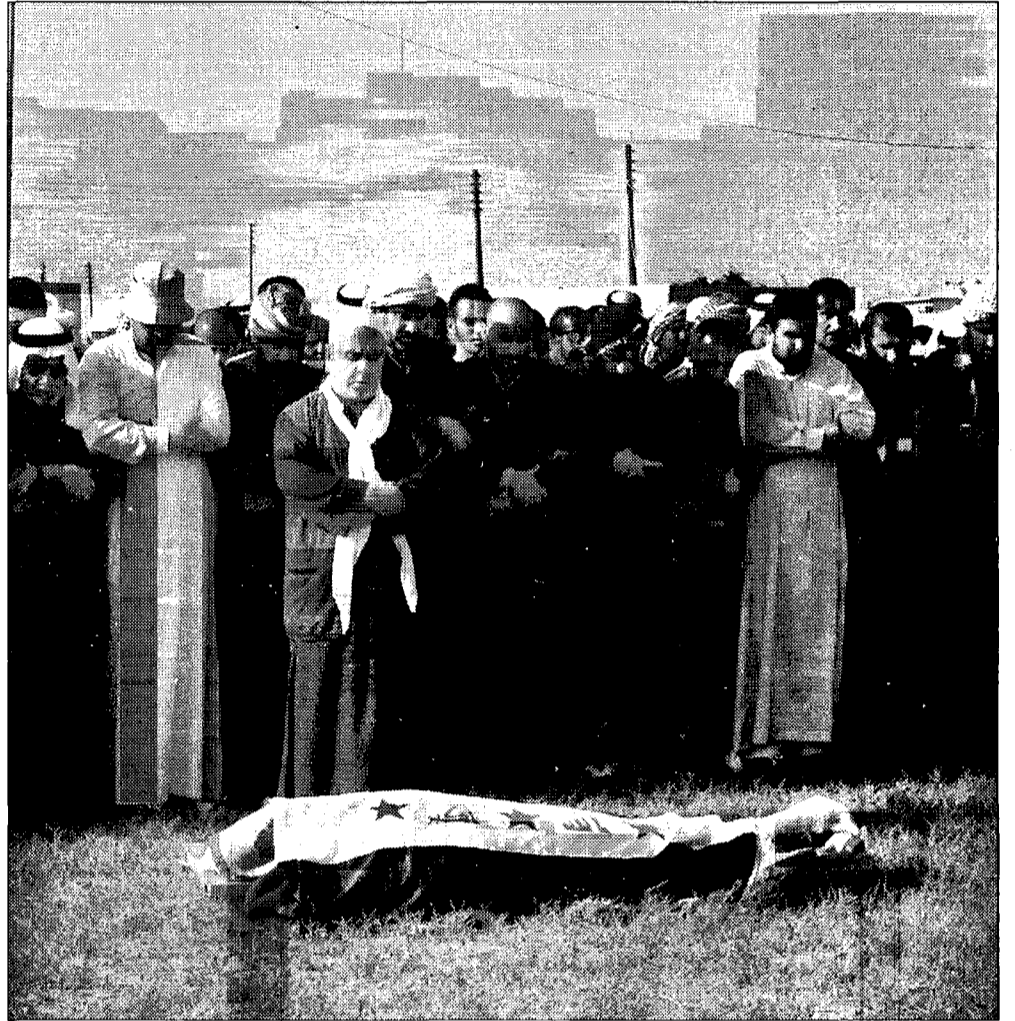
Police, meanwhile, found the bullet-riddled bodies of 32 men scattered across Baghdad. The corpses showed signs of torture and were the apparent victims of sectarian death squads, most of which are believed to be operated by Shiite militias.

That number was below the average of 50 bodies that were turning up daily on the capital's streets before the U.S.-Iraqi security operation started Feb. 14. Militia fighters have been lying low to avoid a confrontation with American troops.

The number of execution-style deaths was notable, however, because the toll had fallen as low as seven a day, prompting American and Iraqi officials to express cautious optimism that sectarian violence was ebbing. Three bodies were found in the northern city of Mosul as well.

At least 18 other people were killed Tuesday by bomb and mortar attacks in Baghdad on the fourth anniversary of the start of the Iraq war, including two U.S. soldiers hit by a roadside bomb.

Ramadan, Saddam's vice president at the start of the war, was hanged before dawn in what was once Iraq's military intelligence headquarters in Baghdad.



People pray near the body of Saddam Hussein's former deputy Taha Yassin Ramadan during his funeral in Ouja, Iraq, after he was hanged before dawn Tuesday.

Police in Tikrit, Saddam's hometown, said the body was flown to the area by the U.S. military, then driven to Ouja to be buried near the flower-covered graves of co-defendants Barzan Ibrahim and Awad Hamed al-Bandar, who were executed in January.

Saddam's sons Odai and Qusai and grandson Mustafa also are buried in the courtyard, and the former dictator's grave is inside the building.

Yahya Ibrahim, a Sunni Arab cleric and member of the Association of Muslim Scholars, said Ramadan had asked in his will to be buried at the site, which has become a focal point for loyalists of the former regime.

Ouja, just outside Tikrit and about a 90-minute

drive north of Baghdad, is near where Saddam was captured by American soldiers in December 2003.

Reaction to Ramadan's execution was muted compared with Sunni outrage that erupted after a clandestine video showed Saddam being taunted on the gallows before he was hanged Dec. 30 for his role in the killings and when Ibrahim was inadvertently decapitated at his later execution.

Bassam al-Husseini, a close aide to Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, said three U.S. forensics experts were called in two weeks before Ramadan's hanging to help prevent a repeat of the gruesome scene at Ibrahim's execution.

"We ran test runs using a dummy and they were successful," he told The Associated Press. "We marked the rope at several points to show the maximum weight allowed. Iraqis have been trained by the experts. All this was done at the request of the prime minister."

Ramadan, who was nearly 70, was weighed before the hanging and the rope was chosen accordingly, al-Husseini said.

The execution closed the legal books on the 1982 killings of 148 adults and children from Dujail, a town 50 miles north of Baghdad. Besides the four men executed, three other defendants were sentenced to 15 years in jail. One was acquitted.

# 10 million flu vaccines to expire

Associated Press

Millions of doses of flu vaccine will expire at midnight June 30, unsold during this year's mild flu season and written off as trash. Still perfectly good, and possibly useful for a few more years, the vaccine will wind up being destroyed.

This annual ritual is supposed to ensure that Americans get the most up-to-date vaccine, but the leftovers — more than 10 million of a record 110 million doses produced — will be destroyed before a new supply is guaranteed.

An Associated Press examination of this long-standing practice raises questions about its consequences. For years, policymakers have talked about letting doctors keep unused vaccine until new doses are in hand, donating leftover supplies to poor countries, or pushing back the expiration date. Wasted vaccine means lost money for drug companies and one stopped making flu shots because of it — setting the stage for a flu shot shortage in 2004.

Having no vaccine in the summer deprives travelers of the chance to get a shot before they visit places where flu is in season. It also prevents

summer vaccinations for children, who need two doses the first time around.

All of those issues have come up in the past, but there is a strong reluctance to change policy, said Dr. William Schaffner of Vanderbilt University, a government vaccine adviser. "These ideas clearly have merit and at the very least ought to be discussed."

The June 30 expiration date is set by the federal Food and Drug Administration and has less to do with the vaccine's shelf life than with the desire to tweak the recipe each year to include the three strains causing the most cases.

# War

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knows that "people gravitate toward leadership."

What started out as a two-person movement now has 1,700 signed members.

"You never know what fires your sparks will create," Madden said.

Madden drew several parallels between the current situation in Iraq and the Vietnam War.

"I don't want to wake up in 2015 to a war in Iraq like [the Americans] did in 1971, questioning if they could have done more in '64 or '65 to stop the war in Vietnam," he said. "I'm not pretending to be great, but I felt there was a great need to be filled."

This need, he said, is to open the eyes of the American public to the fact that the war he believes America never should have gotten involved in will not go away without a struggle.

He spoke about the importance of understanding the history of social change if our generation of college students hopes to effect change today.

"Research shows that no social change has occurred because Congress granted it," Madden said. "It was because people wanted it ... they had to struggle for it. People didn't ask politely for these things, they struggled for them."

"We need to shift from a 'me' oriented society to an 'us' oriented society. While we are thinking about the 'me' decisions, the 'us' decisions are being made for us."

Madden acknowledged the conflict many Americans feel between being patriotic and voicing dissent. Dissent and patriotism are not necessarily in opposition, however, he said.

"We need to distance ourselves from people who say that supporting our troops is the only thing we can do that is patriotic," Madden said. "If I feel anything about patriotism, it's that questioning ... is the foundation of patriotism."

Madden said he has done a lot of questioning since the war began, and that his "main qualm about the war" is that he believes the United States should not be in Iraq at all.

"I don't think people should die for lies, I don't think people should die for oil, and I don't think people should die for empire," he said.

He said that other things are "subordinate" to the "main crime that we are in Iraq in the first place."

Examples of those "subordinate crimes," he said, are the use of depleted uranium in weapons — a toxic substance that quickly infiltrates areas.

"The cancer rate has gone up over 1,000 percent in Iraq since we began using depleted uranium," he said.

This substance affects American soldiers who return home, too, he said. The toxicity in their bodies potentially contributes to birth defects in their children or creates future illnesses for those exposed to the uranium.

Another problem with the war is that it is not and has never been a part of the Congressional budget, Madden said.

"We are not paying for the war now," he said, "So our children and our grandchildren will be paying for it."

Madden concluded his presentation with a call to action.

"I want to end by submitting my sincere plea — that we all consider doing more, that we all consider being leaders ... so we don't wake up in eight years to a war in Iraq," he said.

Madden's speech was followed by a question and answer period, when members of the audience

raised issues such as the implications of cutting back on the defense budget and the role that rhetoric has played in the war.

Madden's lecture was part of the Progressive Student Alliance's "Week of Action."

Michael Angula, vice president of the PSA, and Professor David Cortright, a research fellow at the Kroc Institute, both reflected briefly on the war and the importance of voicing dissent.

Cortright became a member of the GI peace movement after he experienced a "crisis of conscience" when he was drafted for the Vietnam War after his graduation from Notre Dame in 1968, he said.

Cortright met Madden in Norfolk, Virginia, after an active duty sailor contacted Cortright to speak to a group of sailors who had read his book, "Soldiers in Revolt: GI Resistance During the Vietnam War," and wanted to know what it meant for them as active duty soldiers during the Iraq war.

Ultimately, Madden said Cortright started a discussion that sparked the creation of the Appeal for Redress.

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measuring a schools' success and merit," Rouse said.

The market-based method, conversely, "allows the marketplace to decide which schools are most successful, largely based on popular demand."

Despite the different premise from which each method stems, the two have many similarities, including standardized testing, the public release of school-level test scores, rewards for high-performing/improving schools and sanctions for low-performing schools, Rouse said.

Rouse addressed some of the hypothesized effects of test-based school accountability systems.

"Efficiency of all schools will increase, and, in turn, the outcomes and degree of achievement will improve for all students," she said. "Market-based accountability systems, on the other hand, involve greater parental choice through school vouchers or public school choice."

Rouse emphasized that this "increase in parental choice within the system improves efficiency of the school because the schools are

afraid of losing students."

In order to make higher-quality schools available to all students of varying economic backgrounds, vouchers often serve as an effective and appealing option, Rouse said. Rouse illustrated their direct and indirect effects. Vouchers enable students to attend better, safer schools and allow for higher family satisfaction with their educational choices.

"Vouchers directly improve the outcomes for a student's education and indirectly improve the outcomes of non-voucher students by increasing the efficiency of public schools," she said.

With more efficient schools, comes an increase in the desire to attend these schools. The goal of this healthy competition, Rouse said, is to stimulate the improvement of all schools, providing a variety of sought-after options for children. This competition, however, is dependent on parental decisions.

"If parents chose a school for their children based on location or convenience, rather than academic strength, we will not see any significant improvement in the school system at-large," she said.

Rouse also referred to the Bush administration and its emphasis on educational opportunities nationwide. The No Child Left Behind Act, which reflects the test-based

method, was implemented to improve schools and close the achievement gap between minorities and others.

"Bush claims that the No Child Left Behind Act has resulted in improvements in all students, particularly those of minority races," she said.

The results of the act, Rouse said, are based in the National Association of Educational Progress [NAEP], which takes into account the test scores of college-bound students, but fails to measure the achievement levels of those students who are not planning on higher education.

"Everyone in the country was subject to this law, so we lack a counterfactual so we can not know if it was due to 'The No Child Left Behind Act,' or other strict rules that were put into place" Rouse said.

While both the test-based and market-based methods should work in theory, they each have pitfalls and "mixed empirical support," she said. Therefore, it is exceptionally important to hold schools accountable for their success by implementing standards, incentives and sanctions.

"At the heart of the matter is the need for good teachers," she said.

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HEWLETT PACK CO (HPQ)	-1.49	+0.60	39.61
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	+0.04	+0.01	27.84

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.53	-0.024	4.547
13-WEEK BILL	+0.31	+0.010	4.910
30-YEAR BOND	-0.21	-0.010	4.707
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.62	-0.028	4.470

Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	+0.14		56.73
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+4.70		659.00
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+0.35		103.55

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**IN BRIEF**

**Cocoa futures reach four-year high**

NEW YORK — U.S. cocoa futures broke out to nearly four-year highs Tuesday on the New York Board of Trade, led by speculative buying and bolstered by a sharply lower U.S. dollar against the British pound.

Most-active May cocoa rose \$86 to settle at \$1,864 a metric ton.

Once May cleared the \$1,815 contract high, then scaled the March 2005 high of \$1,850, a wave of stops was tripped and the contract ultimately rose to an \$1,870 high — the strongest price cocoa has seen since it reached \$2,078 a ton in May 2003, according to a monthly continuation chart.

"We just saw some speculative and fund buying after taking out contract highs, and the strength in the British pound pushed the market higher here today," said Boyd Cruel, senior softs analyst at Alaron Trading.

Fundamental factors — increased chocolate consumption, demand for dark chocolate and somewhat lower world production — are also supportive for prices, Cruel said, though the market has already factored in a smaller Ivory Coast crop.

Arabica coffee futures blunted a speculative-led slide to five-month lows. The May contract closed down 0.95 cent at \$1.0930 a pound, with July off 1.00 cent at \$1.1215.

**Fed expected to leave rates on hold**

NEW YORK — Wall Street advanced for a second straight session Tuesday as investors placed bets that the Federal Reserve won't indicate that it's leaning toward an interest rate hike.

Market watchers are anticipating that the Fed on Wednesday will leave rates on hold and say that economic growth is cooling while inflation remains a concern. The central bank has maintained this general stance for several months now, suggesting that rates are staying put.

Investors would ideally prefer a shift in posture toward cutting rates; such a move could boost consumer spending and make mortgages cheaper. But they appeared to be content to hear the status quo for now, and are tentatively optimistic that a rate hike isn't in the offing given that recent economic data has shown slowing growth and that inflation, though high, hasn't been running rampant.

**Housing rebounds, faces trouble**

*Construction recovers in February; building permit decline indicates future setbacks*

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Construction of new homes rebounded in February after a big decline in the previous month, but building permits slid further, indicating more problems down the road for the troubled housing industry.

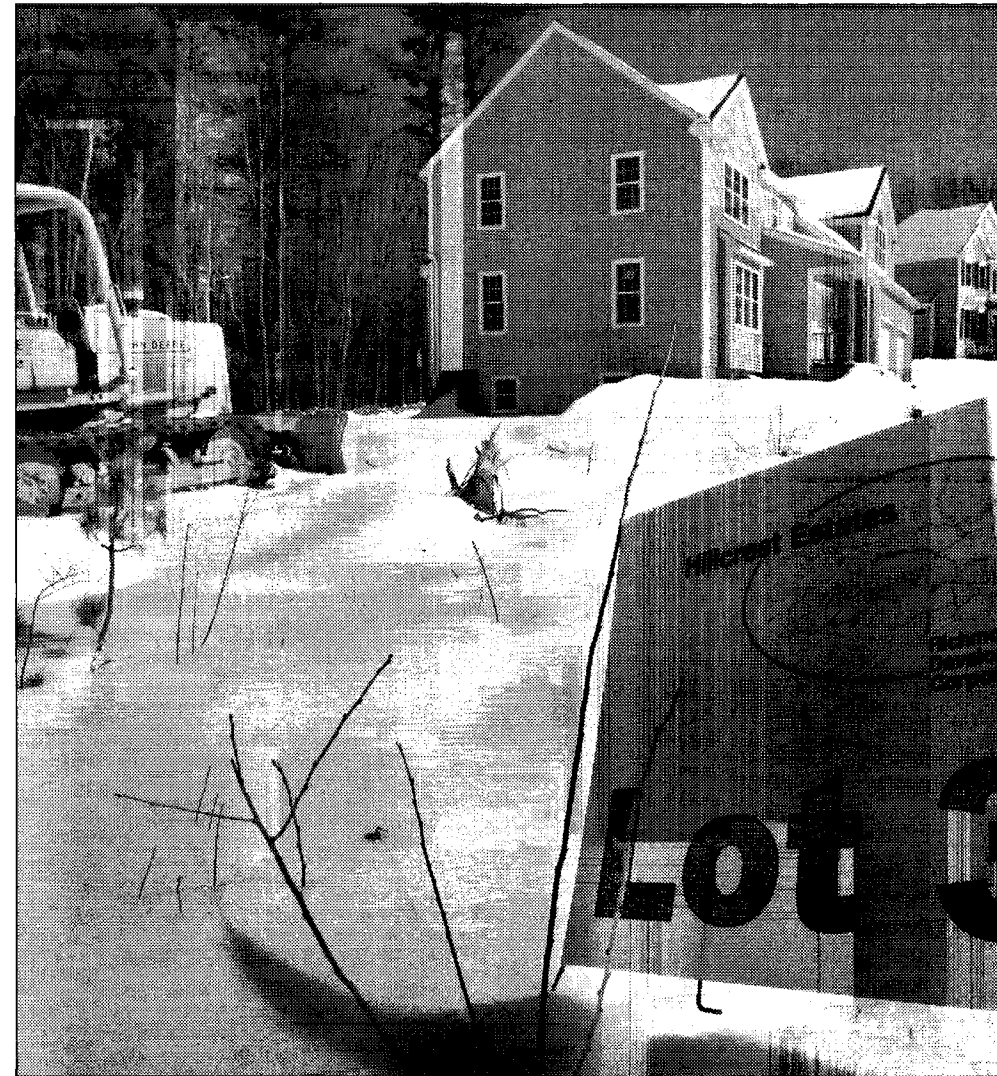
The Commerce Department reported that construction of new homes and apartments rose by 9 percent in February to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.525 million units. That represented a better-than-expected rebound after construction activity had plunged by 14.3 percent in January to the slowest pace in more than nine years.

But builders' applications for new permits, considered a more reliable gauge of future activity, continued falling in February, dropping by 2.5 percent to an annual rate of 1.532 million units. That marked the 12th decline in the past 13 months in building permits and underscored the construction industry's steep slump.

The 9 percent rebound in housing in February had been expected given that construction had fallen so much in January, a month when a return to more normal winter weather had pushed construction activity lower after an unusually warm December.

After enjoying five boom years of record sales of new and existing homes, the housing industry has been mired for the past year in a steep slump as demand has fallen sharply and home prices, which had been surging, have stagnated.

The housing slump has already dragged down overall economic growth. Financial markets have been thrown into a frenzy in the past several weeks over worries that rising mortgage defaults could threaten the financial health of lenders, especially those who had a major



Construction on neighborhoods like this Ashland, Mass. development rose last month, but the housing industry is still struggling.

presence in the subprime market, which offered loans to people with weak credit histories.

Normally, the Federal Reserve could be expected to cushion the credit crunch by cutting interest rates. However, the central bank is widely expected to keep rates unchanged at this week's meeting out of concern that the slower economy has not sufficiently dampened inflation pressures.

By region of the country, the gain in construction last month included an 18 percent jump in activity in the South, the biggest percentage gain in that region in nearly two years. Construction was also up strongly in the West, rising

by 26.4 percent, the best showing since January 1997.

Construction fell by 29.7 percent in the Northeast, the biggest one-month plunge in that region since December 1990. Construction also fell in the Midwest, dropping by 14.4 percent after an even bigger 16.4 percent drop in January.

The National Association of Home Builders reported Monday that its survey of builder sentiment fell in early March, reflecting worries about the financing troubles in the subprime mortgage market. The builder confidence index dropped to 36, down from a February reading of 39.

"Builders are uncertain

about the consequences of tightening mortgage lending standards for their home sales down the line and some are already seeing effects of the subprime shakeout on current sales activity," said David Seiders, chief economist for the home builders.

The concern is that with banks and other lenders tightening up on loan requirements because of rising defaults, it will make it even harder for potential home buyers to qualify for mortgages, reducing the demand for homes even more.

In addition, the higher level of borrowers defaulting on their mortgages means even more supply dumped on the market.

**State considers 'raw milk' demand**

Associated Press

WESTMINSTER, Md. — It may look just like milk at the grocery store, but dairy farmer Donald Dell says his product is superior.

It hasn't been pasteurized.

As a growing number of people seek so-called "raw milk," Maryland legislators are considering a law allowing the state's embattled dairy farmers to sell milk straight from the cow to niche customers.

"The milk you buy at the store is hardly milk," said Dell's grandson, Gary Dell, who oversees operations at the family's 470-acre Cranberry Meadows dairy farm just outside

Westminster. "It's been beat up, burned up, torn up and mixed back up again."

Gary Dell told The (Baltimore) Sun he'd be happy to sell raw milk, even though pasteurization can prevent some bacteria from reaching consumers.

The change is needed, Gary Dell said, for a dairy industry in sharp decline.

The industry "can't get any worse than it already is today," he told the newspaper.

Not everyone thinks that allowing raw milk sales is a great idea. Earlier this month two people in Pennsylvania were sickened from drinking raw milk, leading to a warning from that state's

health department.

Twenty-eight states allow raw milk sales, The Sun reported. Some others, including Virginia, allow multiple owners to buy a cow and share its milk.

Despite an apparent market for old-time milk, the Maryland Farm Bureau and the state Health Department opposes the legalization of raw milk sales.

"We don't need to open up or expose people to a risk we know is dangerous, for whatever benefits," said Ted Elkin, head of the state's division of milk control. "When you have an outbreak, children are often affected. Their immune systems are not completely intact."





# Boy Scout rescued in North Carolina wilderness

12-year-old Michael Auberry wanders away from troop, found after intensive four-day search in wooded mountains

Associated Press

McGRADY, N.C. — A 12-year-old Boy Scout whose favorite book was about a youngster lost in the wilderness now has his own harrowing survival tale to tell after rescuers found him Tuesday, dehydrated and disoriented from four days in the wooded mountains of North Carolina.

A rescue dog picked up Michael Auberry's scent less than a mile from the campsite where he had wandered away from his troop Saturday. The boy's father speculated that he was simply homesick and wanted to hitchhike home. The disappearance touched off an intensive search involving bloodhounds, heat-seeking helicopters and dozens of volunteers on foot.

"He saw the helicopters and heard people calling him, but he yelled back and they didn't hear him," said his father, Kent

Auberry. "He's very tired. He's very dehydrated. But he came through this in unbelievable fashion."

With tears in his eyes, Auberry added: "To have our son back is a tremendous blessing."

It was not immediately clear exactly how the boy was able to survive or whether he put any of his Scout wilderness training to use. A few hours after an emotional reunion, Kent Auberry said he still didn't know much about his son's ordeal, mostly because he decided not to ask too many questions.

"What he tells us is he was on the move," Auberry said. "He slept in tree branches. He curled up under rocks."

Michael had worn two jackets, one of them fleece, and was believed to have a mess kit and potato chips with him when he disappeared. He told the rescue team he had been drinking water from streams, and lost his hat and

glasses in the woods.

Searchers spotted Michael walking along a stream before he saw them.

"They called his name. He didn't respond ... Once they said 'We're here to rescue you,' the first thing he said is he wanted a helicopter ride out of there," said Blue Ridge Parkway ranger David Bauer.

Aside from a few cuts and scratches, Michael was in good health and could walk and talk. Because he had been without food and water, he was carried on a stretcher to a nearby road and then taken to see his parents. "A lot of tears, a lot of hugs," said Tina White, spokeswoman for the National Park Service.

Later, Michael went by ambulance to a medical center. Along the way, he received IV fluids to help him rehydrate and told his father he wanted to sleep, said ambulance driver Bud Lane.

Hours earlier, the boy's father

had talked about one of Michael's favorite books when he was younger, a story titled "Hatchet" about a boy whose plane crashes in the Alaskan wilderness, and how the boy survives on his own.

"I think he's got some of that book in his mind," said Kent Auberry, whose son had camped overnight several times. "They do a great job in the Scouts of educating the kids of what to beware of and tips. I'm hopeful that Michael has taken those to heart."

Bauer said as many as 100 people searched for Auberry on Tuesday, including Misha Marshall, whose dog Gandalf picked up the boy's scent.

The black 2-year-old Shiloh Shepherd "popped his head three times" — and there was Michael, she said.

"He was a little dazed," Marshall said. "You are totally overwhelmed. You at first don't believe he's the person you're looking for."

Searchers gave the boy granola bars, crackers and water. At a nearby hospital after his rescue, he ate chicken fingers and asked for cookies.

"The whole family has got to get some sleep," Kent Auberry said. "Tomorrow will take care of itself."

Authorities had said Michael probably wandered into the woods to explore, but Kent Auberry said he was homesick because some of his friends didn't come on the camping trip.

"He was homesick," Kent Auberry said. "He started walking. He thought he'd walk to the road and hitchhike home."

Searchers found his mess kit within a mile of the camp site a few hours after he disappeared.

"Michael wasn't real sure he was being rescued," Bauer said. "He was very tired, very hungry. ... He wasn't necessarily looking to be rescued, he was looking for his Boy Scout troop."

# DNA test ordered on daughter of Anna Nicole Smith

Associated Press

NASSAU, Bahamas — A Bahamian judge ordered a DNA test Tuesday on Anna Nicole Smith's infant daughter to identify the girl's father, an attorney for the baby's grandmother said, in what could signal an end to a bitter custody feud sparked by the death of the former reality TV star last month.

Larry Birkhead, an ex-boyfriend of the Playboy playmate who asked the judge to

order the test on 6-month-old Dannielynn, pumped his fists in the air and jumped up and down as he emerged from the private court hearing.

"It's been a good day in court for me," he told reporters. Asked if he thought he would be see the girl soon, he only smiled and winked.

Deborah Rose, an attorney for Smith's mother Virgie Arthur, confirmed that the judge ordered the test but she and others who attended the hearing declined to describe

the proceedings.

Authorities left the building after the hearing and could not immediately be reached for comment.

Smith's most recent companion Howard K. Stern, who is listed as the father on the girl's birth certificate, left the courthouse in a black sport utility vehicle as Birkhead greeted a crowd of cheering tourists.

Smith, 39, died Feb. 8 after collapsing in a Florida hotel. Authorities have not disclosed

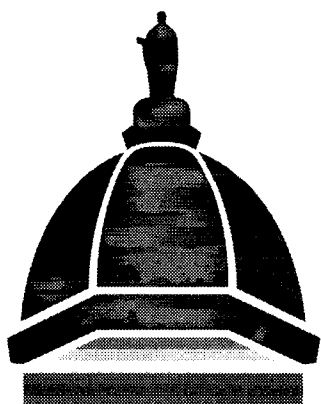
the cause.

Stern has been caring for the girl in the gated, waterfront home where he lived with Smith in the months before she died. The Bahamian courts have ordered Stern not to leave the country with the girl before a custody ruling.

Arthur wants to take Dannielynn from Stern, arguing she could provide a more stable home. She did not speak as she exited the courthouse and left in a white limousine.

The girl, Dannielynn Hope Marshall Stern, could inherit millions from the estate of Smith's late husband, Texas oil tycoon J. Howard Marshall II. Smith had been fighting his family over his estimated \$500 million fortune since his death in 1995.

Frederic von Anhalt, the husband of Zsa Zsa Gabor, also says he may be Dannielynn's father. Last month, he too filed legal documents seeking a DNA test to determine if he is the father.



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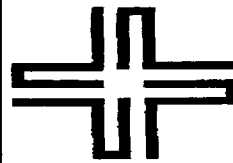
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## 'Generation Me'

Remember back in grade school, during city-league soccer, how every team would get a trophy and a pizza party at the end of the season?

Whether your team went undefeated or only scored two

goals the entire season, each player went home with some hardware and a pat on the back from either your dad or your best friend's dad, cleverly disguised as the team's head coach. Or what about on elementary school exams? Remember how everyone received a sticker at the top of their paper, either for earning an A-plus or for a "good effort" when half the page was filled with red check marks? I don't know about you, but I have boxes full of trophies stacked in my basement from my grade school days, and I wasn't exactly the athletic type. But I was proud of those trophies, and my parents were proud of me for always "trying my best" and often told me I was the best player on the team. But back then, who wasn't?

Unfortunately, a recent study now shows that all those trophies and inflated accolades are hurting my generation and causing our society to suffer. The study states that because we were surrounded by such exaggerated support and confidence during our adolescence, my generation now suffers from an extreme case of narcissism. The study projects this narcissistic generation — or "Generation Me" — will result in a society full of self-

centered, temperamental individuals who are unable to build or keep strong relationships with others.

Being a part of the newly dubbed "Generation Me," I cannot help but find truth in this new study. Throughout the country, high school and college students are constantly trying to build their resumes and make connections so that they may one day have the most lucrative jobs and luxurious lifestyles. Students are volunteering now more than ever and participating in community service activities on a regular basis. One cannot help but ask him or herself if the surge in volunteerism is a result of compassion or of competition.

As college students, we all know what it takes to get in to prestigious schools and how to secure those competitive internships. We understand that it takes hard work and more than just straight As to make it in today's world. However, far too many of us have focused too much on "making it" and measuring success based on financial wealth and status instead of what we have contributed to the world.

While there are many students on this campus — as well as others throughout the country — that are genuinely concerned about the well-being of others and hope to one day use their talents and education for the betterment of society, the majority of my generation is focused on looking good on paper so that it may one day achieve personal success. Because my generation has been brought up with inflated positive self-esteem and a "you are the best" mentality, the focus of "Generation Me" lives has been skewed. Instead of cherishing relationships, caring about society, and enlightening and educating ourselves

about the world and its inhabitants like previous generations, many members of my generation have devoted their lives to gaining financial success and an impressive job title, leaving their relationships with family and friends by the wayside.

But is never too late to change. One does not need to give up his or her goals or self-confidence to shed the "Generation Me" title, as long as we realize we are not always going to be the best. We can, and should, still strive to become successful in our careers, and it is not wrong to want a luxurious lifestyle. We just cannot ignore the people we meet along the way. The relationships we make on our journey to success should not be taken for granted. While members of "Generation Me" have been accused of taking advantage of people and using community service not as a means of serving the community but rather as a as a way to climb up the ladder of success, the rest of us must realize that we need to serve out of the goodness of our hearts and cherish the relationships we have with others and our community — for that is the true measurement of success.

While it is said that it can be lonely at the top, it doesn't have to be. For many victims of "Generation Me," that saying will prove to be true. For the rest of us, however, let's prove these studies wrong and have a party at the top once we get there.

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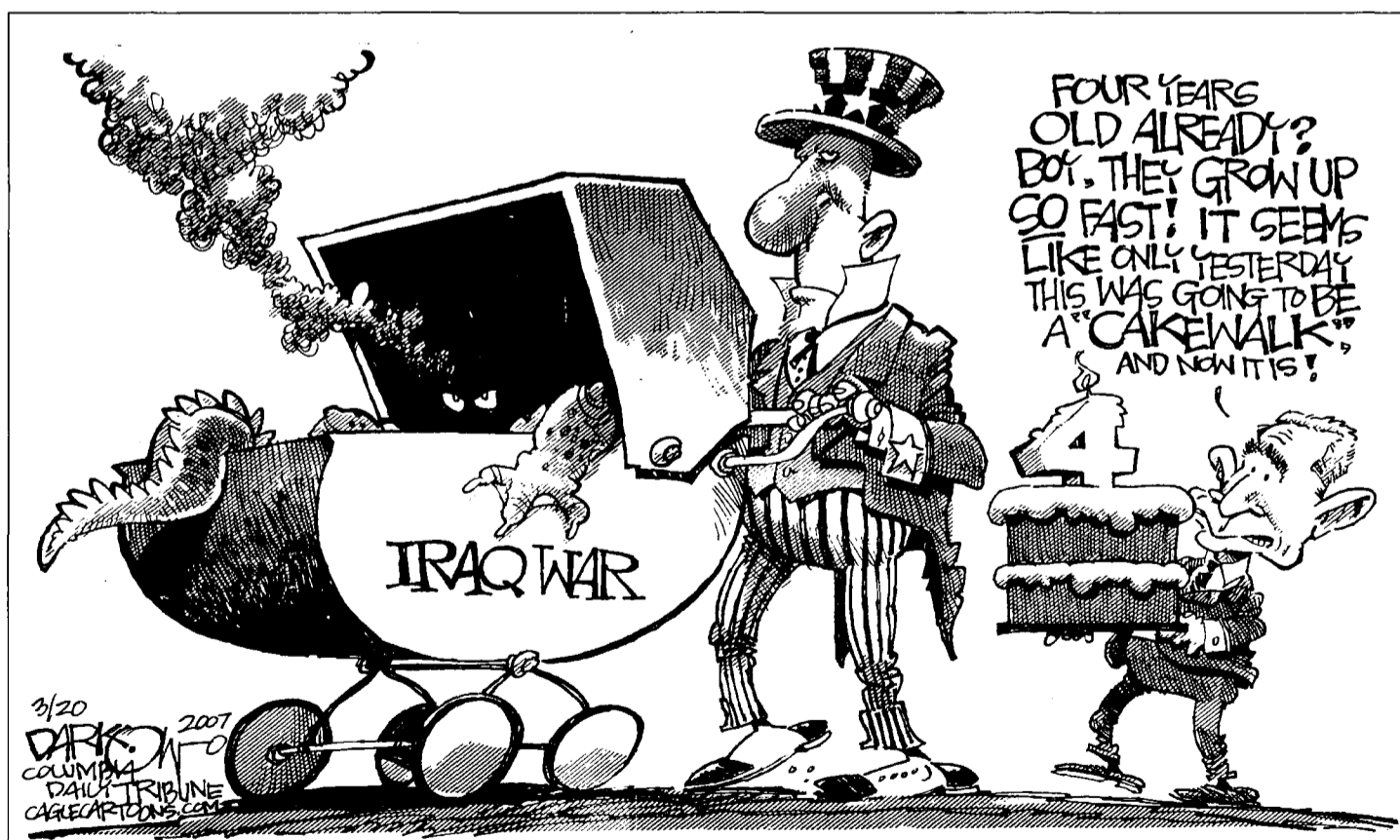
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Katie Palmitier

A Word to the Wise

### EDITORIAL CARTOON



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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"The amount of noise which anyone can bear undisturbed stands in inverse proportion to his mental capacity."

Arthur Schopenhauer  
German philosopher

## A burning issue

"I think we should burn the chair."  
 This comment, made by a colleague many years ago, is not the sort of thing that usually comes from the mouth of a professor of philosophy. We're more inclined to pursue what are (to normal people) curious inquiries into, say, the relationship between the chair and the hunk of wood of which it's made. Mundane practical activities, such as burning chairs, we leave to others.

**Thomas  
 Flint**

*Guest  
 Columnist*

What occasioned this remarkable outburst by my colleague? We had just concluded listening to testimony in an honesty committee hearing. The student under suspicion of violating our honor code had been caught red-handed submitting a paper that had been cobbled together from a number of internet sources. Rather than confess, this fine young man insisted that he should be commended for having found all these Web sites and for having put the material together so effectively. Duplicity and arrogance streamed from his every pore and sat-

urated the chair on which he sat. Hence, upon his departure, my colleague's incendiary suggestion.

Despite the black humor evidenced by this suggestion, honesty hearings are rarely much fun. I've attended more than a hundred hearings, and they're generally remarkably depressing affairs. Sometimes one leaves with little more than a reminder of humanity's fallen nature. Even when students admit to their mistakes, an empty sense of mere justice — of confession without remorse or absolution, so to speak — can fill the room. Occasionally one feels that some significant moral progress has occurred — for example, that a student has come to regret his cheating, not just because he got caught, but because the act itself was so ugly. I'd like to report that such conversions of heart are the norm, but as a fine moral philosopher once noted, you can't always get what you want.

All of us, though, should want something better than we currently have at Notre Dame with respect to our honor code. Two years ago, a survey of student and faculty attitudes and behavior related to academic integrity revealed

that we have thousands of violations of the honor code annually at Notre Dame, that our faculty report violations they're aware of only five to 10 percent of the time, and (ready for the good news?) that the average American university has an even bigger problem than we do. Our problem is big enough, though, and each of us should feel a degree of shame about it, especially at this time of year. Lent is a season when the Church encourages us to recognize where we're falling short of our ideals, and to think about what we can do to attain them. Homilists rarely talk about cheating on tests, or plagiarizing papers, or copying homework, but there are few topics more worthy of our Lenten reflection.

One concrete step to further such reflection might be to attend the upcoming Theology on Tap session on academic integrity. From 9 p.m. to 10 today at Legends, three local luminaries will be speaking before opening the floor to questions and discussion. Dennis Jacobs, a celebrated teacher of chemistry and the associate provost who co-chairs the University Code of

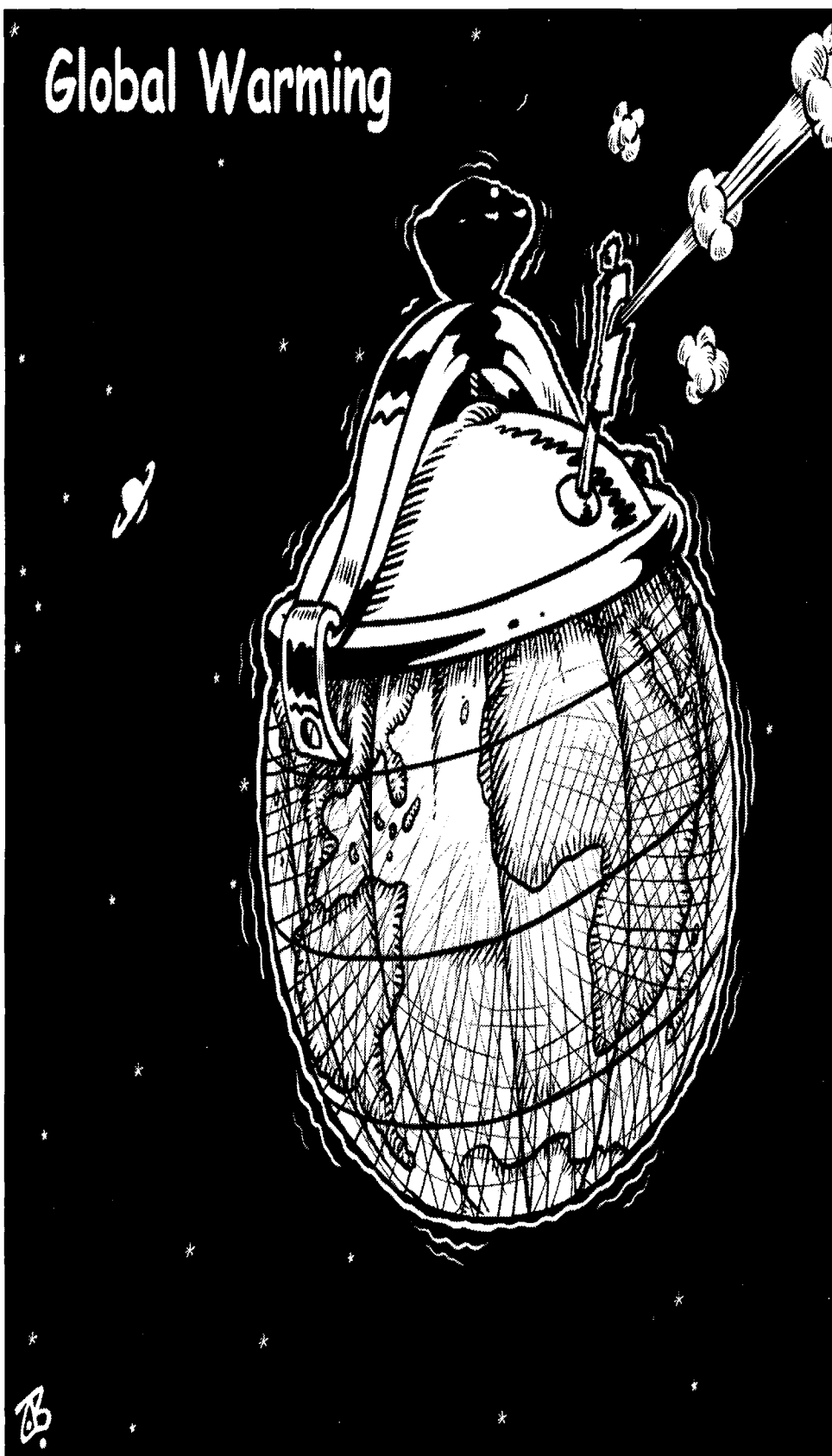
Honor Committee, will share the administration's concerns about the issue. My colleague Bill Ramsey, a legendary lecturer and the former chair of philosophy's honesty committee, will address (surprise) the philosophical and moral dimensions of the topic. And senior Sarah Glatt will offer a student's perspective. It promises to be a legendary session.

Whether or not you attend the Theology on Tap meeting, I hope you'll spend some time this Lent reminding yourself of the ideal of academic integrity that Notre Dame tries to promote by having an honor code, and of how you as an individual and we as a community might do a better job of living up to that ideal. As my colleague of years ago might say, it's a burning issue.

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### EDITORIAL CARTOON



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## No consensus exists

Last month, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change provided a report to the United Nations that explains the answer to all of our problems. Why did we have several huge snowstorms this past winter?

Global warming.

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warming. It's

about time we

have an answer to all the questions that

life gives us.

In the now famous IPCC report on global warming, a summary was given of the findings of about 1,500 scientists. In this summary, it was proclaimed that man is responsible for global warming and drastic measures must be taken to counteract man's damage to the global climate.

Although this summary was entirely expected, the astute student of science and politics noticed some red flags regarding this earth-shattering news. The report to the United Nations was not a full report but rather a summary of a future full report. None of the research or data was provided, only a brief 18-page summary. Why would they release the summary but not the research? If they can convince people global warming is man-made with their summary, by the time the full report comes out, it will be old news and there will be little incentive to dig deep into the research and data.

The second thing to notice about the report is, although 1,500 scientists contributed to the report, they didn't all agree on each other's work. In fact, one of the lead authors of the report, Dr. Christopher Landsea from the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, withdrew his name from the report when the other authors would not accept his contributions. The panel decided they would take the stance that global warming causes increasingly severe hurricanes and storms. Dr. Landsea, however, maintained that his research showed no such correlation. Regardless, the panel had its agenda, and that was that. This doesn't sound like a "consensus" on global warming like Al Gore and friends have been telling us, does it?

Throughout the debate over global

warming, data has been grossly manipulated. In a report from NASA in 2004, the variance in temperature for the arctic region was plotted from 1880-2004. It showed a clear warming trend until 1938, when all of a sudden the temperatures cooled off at a rapid rate until the 1970s.

On April 28, 1974, Newsweek printed an article in which scientists warned us about the dangers of the impending global cooling. Some of these scientists went as far as to recommend we intentionally "melt the arctic ice caps with black soot or divert arctic rivers."

While we could sit here and go back and forth with arguments for or against man-made global warming, only one thing can be concluded — there is no consensus on the issue of global warming. This being said, why should we be forced to change our way of life for something that may or may not be true? Why should we condemn the businesses that keep this country running when we don't truly know they are causing any harm in the first place? Remember, it was the honorable Bill Clinton and a unanimous U.S. Senate vote that shot down the Kyoto Protocol, not George Bush and the evil Republicans. They did so because even they knew that signing the Kyoto Protocol would lead to economic disaster.

Until people recognize the global warming movement as the hoax it is, the environmentalist left will continue to hold it over our heads in a ploy for more power, money and expanded governmental control. Don't trust me; just ask the world-renowned Dr. William Gray, Professor Emeritus of Atmospheric Science from THE Colorado State University. In a September 2005 interview with Capitalism Magazine, Dr. Gray said, "Most meteorological research is funded by the federal government. And boy, if you want to get federal funding, you better not come out and say human-induced global warming is a hoax because you stand the chance of not getting funded."

Don't be fooled, the sky is not falling.

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Good and Evil

STORIES BY TAE ANDREWS AND R

**Tae:** At its heart, "300" is a comic-book fan's movie: a bunch of nearly naked men running around in capes and poking at monsters with their spears. Aiming, maiming and inflicting pain, King Leonidas and his merry men vanquish enemies and spill blood by the bucketload, all the while screaming for guts and glory at the top of their lungs. For all the squishing and squelching sounds of blood being shed in battle, more testosterone than plasma gets sprayed around in this he-man epic.

Unfortunately, while "300" is huge on razzle-dazzle, flash and flare, it falls short on substance. Unlike the beefcake Spartans, there's not a whole lot of meat on these cinematic bones. Visually, "300" is a spectacle, although the film lacks emotional resonance. As the body count nears the triple century mark, the audience is more likely to be dropping jaws at the stylized gore than shedding tears for the fallen heroes.

Even so, "300" delivers on what it does best — action, action and more action. The film's combat scenes are way cool — "300" is filled with tons of sweet slow-motion shots, in addition to a stop-and-go pacing technique which showcases every hack, thrust and parry in exquisite detail. The film's cinematography is more than enough to let the audience appreciate all of its battlefield butchery as Leonidas and Co. try to stonewall the Persian advance in the bottleneck of the Hot Gates.

More than "Rudy," more than "Little Giants," "300" is the ultimate underdog tale — a paltry three hundred soldiers

versus an army of Persians numbering in the bajillions. It's an easy tale of good versus evil — the good guys are buff dudes with spears, and the bad guys are ninjas, monsters, elephants, rhinos and magicians wielding grenades (oh my!)

To their credit, the ensemble cast of "300" is seriously jacked. In the words of pop star Fergie, you could probably catch the Spartans "up in the gym, just working on their fitness" in their free time, although with all the rippling abs on display, apparently the Spartans spend as much time on Pilates as they do on the bench press. Much like our own armed forces, the Spartan military must have a "don't ask, don't tell" policy, as a sense of vague homoeroticism pervades the entire film.

It should be mentioned that amid all the silliness, actor Gerard Butler manages to distinguish himself from a mostly mediocre cast. Butler cuts an imposing figure as King Leonidas and brings regal gravitas to the role. Perhaps more impressively, he manages to not look completely absurd despite strutting around in little more than a shield, spear and leather Speedo for the whole film.

If the film feels like it's straight out of a comic book, that's because it is. Much like director Robert Rodriguez did on "Sin City" (another film based off of a Frank Miller book) "300" writer/director Zack Snyder does an excellent job of translating the panels of the graphic novel to the frames of the film, to the point where some of Miller's visuals literally leap to life on the silver screen. Unfortunately, Snyder strays from the original material with an unnecessary and extraneous subplot that detracts from the concise nature of the original story. In doing so, Snyder puts a modern twist on "300," likening it to the current war on terror in the Middle East. At one point, King Leonidas' wife Queen Gorgo (Lena Headey) even drops the horrendous line, "Freedom isn't free," which makes the whole affair come across as a

parable for the war on terror. This makes the film feel like a parody of itself and shreds any of its remaining credibility.

However, even though it has a run time of more than two hours, the film doesn't feel bogged down — an impressive feat considering that the graphic novel it's based on is only 88 pages long.

Despite its silliness, simplicity and other shortcomings, "300" can and should still be appreciated for what it is — bloody good fun.

**Rama:** The first thing we notice about the world of "300" is how golden it looks. Apart from an occasional dip into the inky blacks of nightfall, this story is told under the hot auburn skies of Sparta, which begs the following question: was Ancient Greece ever this vibrant, this perfect?

The answer, of course, is no. Still, it's hard to fault director Zack Snyder and his cadre of digital effects wizards for wanting to pretty up the landscape of their epic fable. It's just one stylistic choice among many in a gorgeously crafted film that astounds the senses, not the brain.

"300" is not a thinking man's movie and never pretends to be. It's a simple tale, one that never strays far from its three central themes — duty, honor and vengeance. We've seen these themes splashed in red across the battlefields of "Gladiator," "Kingdom of Heaven" and "Troy" — but never quite like this.

Narrated by Dilios (David Wenham), Spartan soldier with the all-too-rare gift of oration, the story begins with the origin of King Leonidas (Gerard Butler). As a boy, young Leonidas, whose training includes being literally thrown to the wolves, is bloodied, bruised and beaten. It's a trial by fire that takes away fear and weakness, replacing it with a focused rage. Bloodshed is a Spartan's birthright, and his life's purpose.

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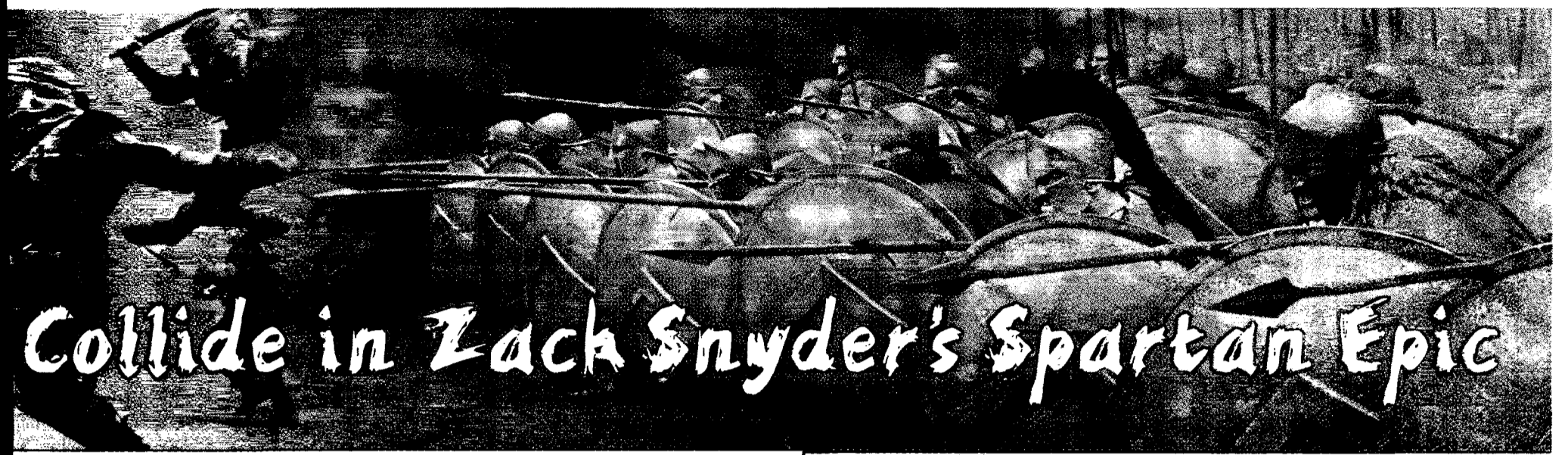
**Director:** Zack Snyder  
**Writers:** Zack Snyder (screenplay) and Frank Miller (graphic novel)  
**Starring:** Gerard Butler, Rodrigo Santoro, Lena Headey and David Wenham



Persian King Xerxes (Rodrigo Santoro) howls in anguish as his massive army is repelled by the smaller Spartan force.



For their rite of passage, Spartan children are fed to wolves in order to prove themselves as worthy warriors.



Collide in Zack Snyder's Spartan Epic

JEFF ALBERT | Observer Graphic

RAMA GOTTUMUKKALA

Sparta's gates demanding submission to the Persian king Xerxes (Rodrigo Santoro), Butler's Leonidas is predictably enraged. In one of the movie's many memorable one-liners, he enunciates his next words with a menacing, guttural snarl. "This. Is. Spar. Ta!" he bellows before slaughtering the Persian messengers. Wasting no time, he then rallies 300 of his fiercest soldiers for war.

Inspired by Frank Miller's 1998 graphic novel, "300" follows in the pulpy footsteps of "Sin City," another Miller creation. Spearheaded by Robert Rodriguez, the 2005 picture set the new standard for movies adapted from comic books. Each of Miller's comic book panels was painstakingly transmuted into ceaselessly stylish cinema.

Much of the "Sin City" charm came from its rich cast of characters and their dark, gruff sense of humor. "300" is a different beast entirely. Even if Snyder had stripped away all the angry speeches and blood-curdling war cries, not much would change. We'd still marvel at the movie's boundless energy and its striking visuals, which rivals most impressionistic paintings.

Awash with bold colors, "300" is a movie made to be absorbed, not questioned — and Snyder keeps us nicely occupied with his visual panache. One battle sequence in particular is stunningly crafted. Snyder tracks the camera and follows Leonidas as he cuts a swath through a gang of Persian soldiers. In a masterful, balletic sequence, the action fluidly ramps from normal speed to slow-motion, zooming in to reveal each one of the Spartan king's precise killing strokes.

Is style enough to make a movie? Not necessarily. "300" suffers from quite a few patches of sloppy storytelling. Consider, for example, the scene where a Spartan traitor is exposed. With King

Leonidas gone, he holds all the political power. But he's undone because he carries around a bag of gold coins, (in)conveniently stamped with the seal of Xerxes. Fortunately, we aren't left much time to puzzle over this inane plot point. Snyder quickly shuffles us back to Leonidas and his soldiers, and their bloodletting continues.

Watching "300," I was reminded of "Gladiator." Early in that film, Russell Crowe drops his head and kneels in front of a Roman executor, prepared for his death. It's all a clever ploy, and it works because of his sly sincerity. "At least give me a clean death," Crowe's Maximus asks.

"A soldier's death." After spending two hours with them, we get the feeling that Sparta's proud 300 are all chasing a morbid dream.

Dilios lets us in on their secret. "We Spartans are descended from Hercules himself," he says proudly of his countrymen. "Taught that death on the battlefield is the greatest glory he could achieve in his life."

From the very beginning, Snyder seems to have realized a crucial fact. Like Maximus, these 300 men would never be content to quietly die on their knees.

A clean death would only sully their proud lineage. Instead, Snyder gives them what they want, and he doesn't worry about much else, including the film's simple plot.

Snyder meticulously lines up hordes of Persian enemies for the better part of two hours, leaving Leonidas and his men to merrily stab, dismember and slash away in their bloody sandbox — all the way to their gloriously messy deaths.

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a simple tale, one strays far from central themes — or and vengeance.



Photo courtesy of movieweb.com  
thrown to the warriors.



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Spartan warrior Stelios (Michael Fassbender) shields himself from a high-octane Persian attack in this epic film.



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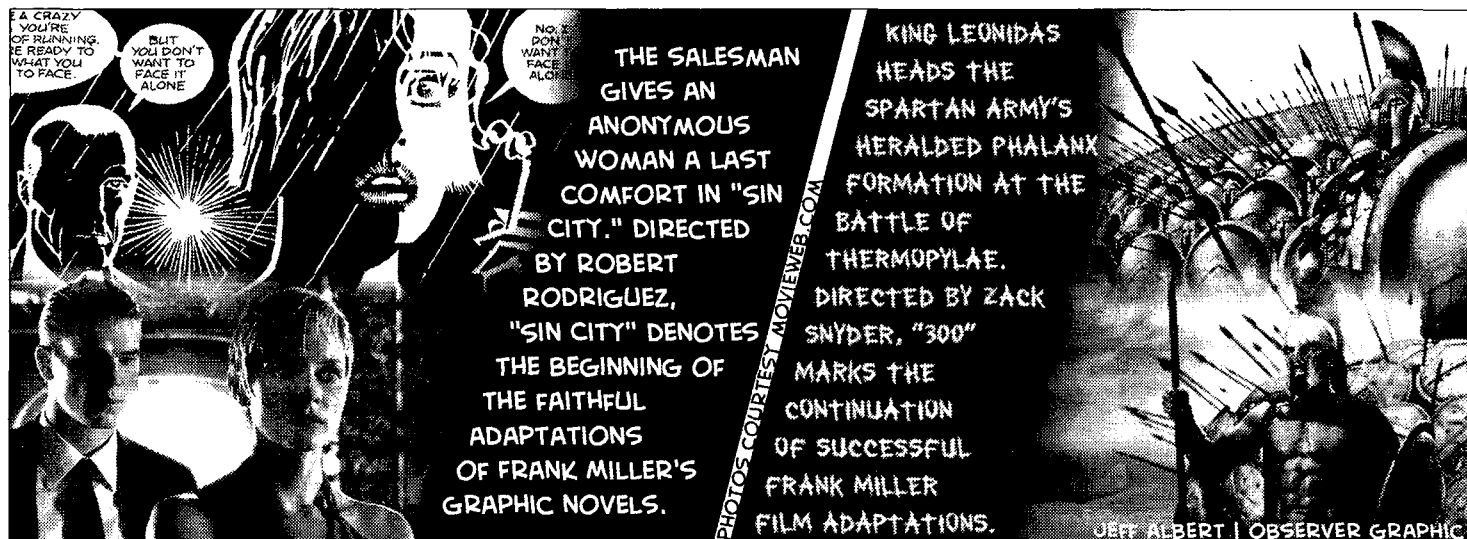
# Miller's style catapults from panels to frames

By TAE ANDREWS  
Scene Editor

Frank Miller is a man of few words. He's written thousands of them, but Miller uses words like a sniper uses bullets: with deadly precision and without wasting ammo. His succinct writing style wastes no time and gets straight to the point.

However, Miller is an artist as adept with the drawing pencil as he is with a pen, going heavy on contrast and light on color. There's a jarring, arresting visual nature to his artwork, which creates his inimitably distinctive style. The old saying is that a picture's worth a thousand words — at least Miller's are. This may not be entirely true (the actual count may be just a few hundred) but the point remains: Miller is an artist who puts much stock in gritty yet equally stunning visuals and is stingy with his words. Known for his down-and-dirty film-noir for his down-and-dirty film-noir. Known for his down-and-dirty film-noir. Known for his down-and-dirty film-noir.

Miller has applied his trademark gritty style to several different comic book franchises over the years, rebooting fabled franchises and spawning new ones of his own. Most notably, he created the character Elektra while working on a series of "Daredevil" comics in the early 1980s. Toward the end of the decade, Miller turned his talents towards Batman, writing the critically acclaimed



"Batman: The Dark Knight Returns" and "Batman: Year One," which loosely formed the basis for "Batman Begins." Actor Christian Bale and Batman fans everywhere can thank Miller for laying the foundations for that film, which pumped some badly needed life into the fading franchise that had spiraled into the cinematic equivalent of the circus freak.

Unfortunately, after the cinematic fiasco that was "Elektra" flopped at the box office (with Miller having zero creative control over the project), Miller renounced the world of Hollywood, disgusted that his artwork had been corrupted into a nauseating farce. However, when film director Robert Rodriguez approached Miller with a short film based off his "Sin City" graphic novels,

the deal was simple: if Miller didn't like what he saw, then the film would end up as scrap reel on the cutting room floor never to be seen again.

He did like it, and "Sin City" made its nationwide debut on April 1, 2005. If Miller's gritty and graphic tales of a dark urban dystopia feel like they spring straight from a comic book, it's because they do. Rodriguez literally used the panels of the graphic novels as storyboards for the feature film. It also helped that Rodriguez insisted on listing Miller as a co-director for the film — a move which forced Rodriguez to resign from the Director's Guild of America. As a result, Miller's vision literally leaps from the page to the screen and still stands as Miller's best graphic novel-turned-film pursuit to date.

After the smash success of "Sin City," Miller agreed to let director Zack Snyder go ahead with a movie version of his graphic novel "300," which chronicles the epic Battle of Thermopylae, and two more "Sin City" films are in the works.

However, Miller apparently enjoyed his hands-on collaboration so much that he has signed on with Rodriguez again to co-direct and write two sequel films to "Sin City." After suffering through years of watching his artwork and word work reduced to travesty on the big screen, Frank Miller has finally found the colleagues and fan base he truly deserves. It seems Miller can find solace in the old chestnut: "If you want something done right, do it yourself."

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DIRECTOR FEATURE

# Snyder finds success, promise with visceral '300'

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By 2005, the state of the film project "Watchmen" — based on Alan Moore's mammoth 400-page graphic novel — was in disarray. Once sought by former Monty Pythonite and "Brazil" director Terry Gilliam, the project had gone through a series of directors, studios and screenplay incarnations. Though it was most recently attached to Darren Aronofsky, the "Requiem for a Dream" director decided to bow out due to scheduling conflicts. It seemed as though "Watchmen" was doomed to development hell, and a screen version of Moore's masterpiece would never see the light of day.

Then, in 2006, a young and relatively unknown filmmaker named Zack Snyder became attached to "Watchmen," when Warner Bros. confirmed that he would be, at last, the man who would bring the project to cinematic life. This caused more than a little bit of consternation, especially among fans — Moore's work, unlike Frank Miller's (the graphic novelist behind "Sin City" and "300") has been notoriously difficult to translate to the screen, as evidenced by a mediocre production of "From Hell" and an abysmal remake of "The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen." So it was perplexing that Warner entrusted one of its most valuable properties to a young, obscure filmmaker whose only directorial credit was 2004's "Dawn of the Dead."

Then "300" was released and fans breathed a collective sigh of relief. A violent, stirring and impressive adaptation of Miller's graphic novel of the same name, "300" was clearly the work of a director with style and panache, whose energeti-

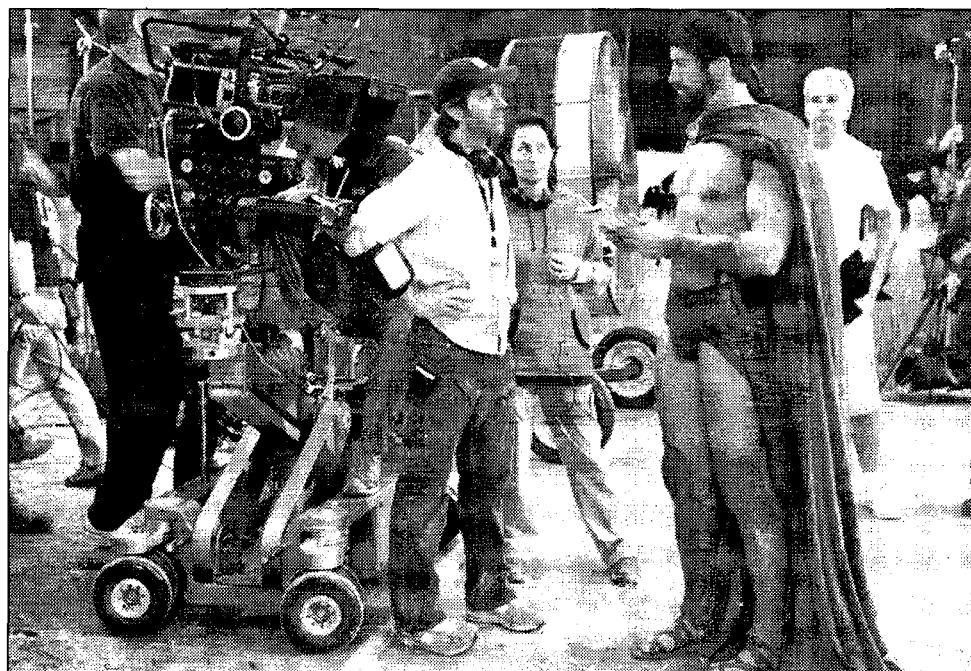
cally faithful take on Miller's work used state-of-the-art special effects and amazing camerawork to tell its story. "Watchmen" appears to be in good hands.

Snyder himself seems to be an overnight success, having become an A-list director in only three films. The 41-year-old director, who hails from Green Bay, Wis., attended Art Center College of Design at Pasadena, Calif., before going on to study visual art at Heatherlies School in London.

His first work was the straight-to-video short "Playground" in 1990, which features Michael Jordan in a fantasy about a high school student who gets some tips and encouragement from the NBA star. He also directed the music video "Tomorrow" for former The Smiths singer Morrissey.

Yet it was 2004's "Dawn of the Dead," his directorial debut, that really launched Snyder's career. A remake of George A. Romero's 1978 classic of the same name, the film was released to critical and commercial acclaim. Snyder was quickly established on the Hollywood block, opening the way for him to direct "300," which was put into production in the wake of other graphic novel successes like "Sin City" and "V for Vendetta." Like Robert Rodriguez on "Sin City," Snyder thought to make a very faithful adaptation, though he fleshes out characterization and plot, which stretches a relatively brief narrative into a full-length motion picture.

"300" has proven to be an evolutionary film, with eye-popping visual effects and a mastery of cinematic technique. Such mastery will be necessary for the sprawling, complex "Watchmen" and fans are cautiously enthused. The opening week-



Zack Snyder, center, discusses a scene with Gerard Butler, right, on the set of "300." Butler plays the Spartan King Leonidas, who fought at the Battle of Thermopylae.

end gross of "300," which topped 70 million, no doubt secured Snyder's next project — at least financially.

Snyder's approach to source material is to try to be as faithful as possible, though he cites different influences than might be expected. For instance, he said of "Watchmen," "I'm looking to make a movie that looks more like "Taxi Driver" than "Dick Tracy." He also pays homage to other films in other places (particularly a Vietnam scene that features "Ride of the Valkyries," not unlike "Apocalypse Now"). Such keen awareness is much of what makes Snyder so appealing as a

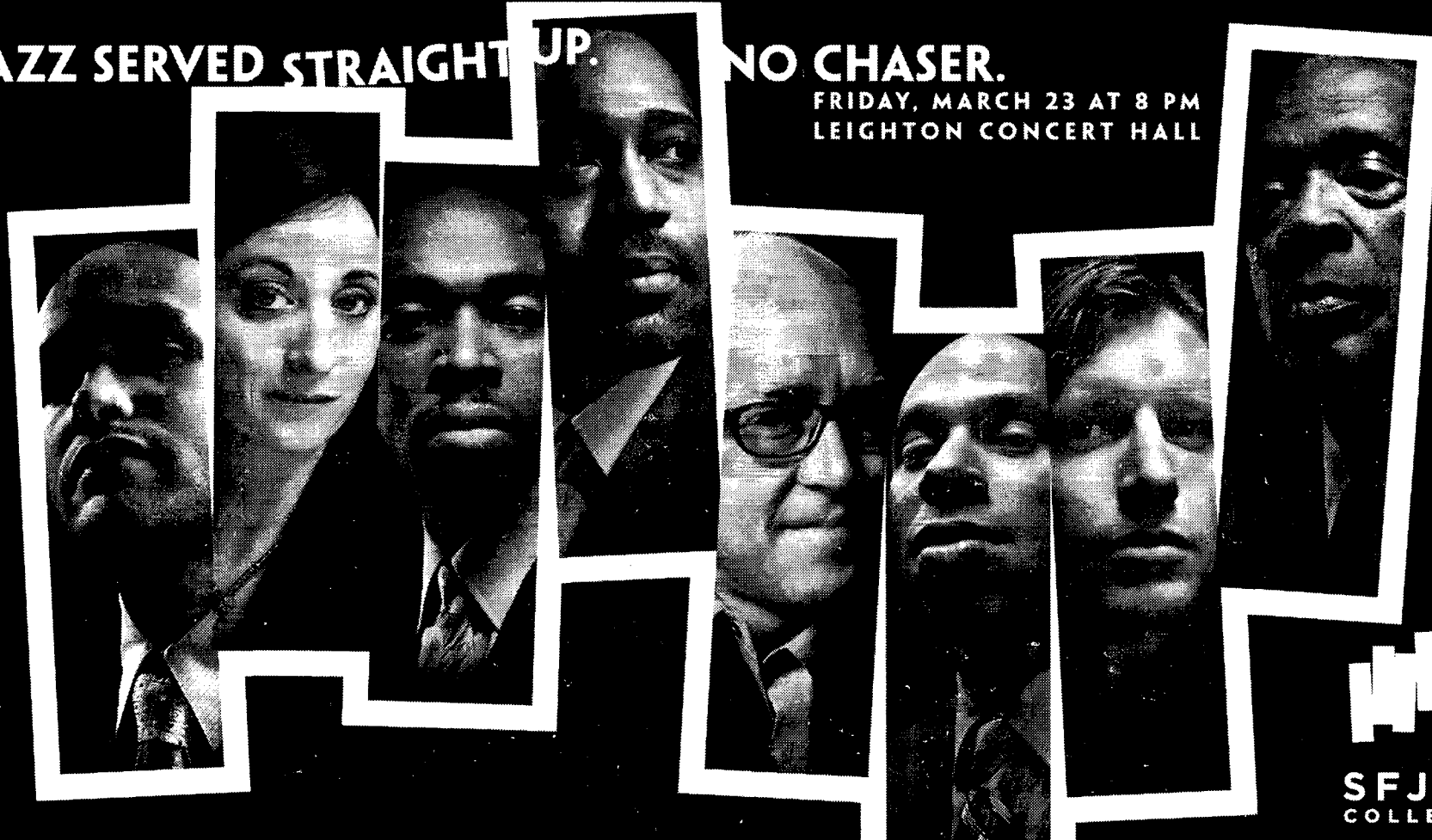
director, since his aesthetic evokes cinema history.

In any case, Snyder has quickly become one of Hollywood's darlings, though the success (or failure) of "Watchmen" will do much to determine the future of the director's career. Yet it is clear from "300" that he is a talented filmmaker with a clear vision — two ingredients that hint at great potential. "300" may have prepared Snyder for glory, but the future will decide if he reaches the next level.

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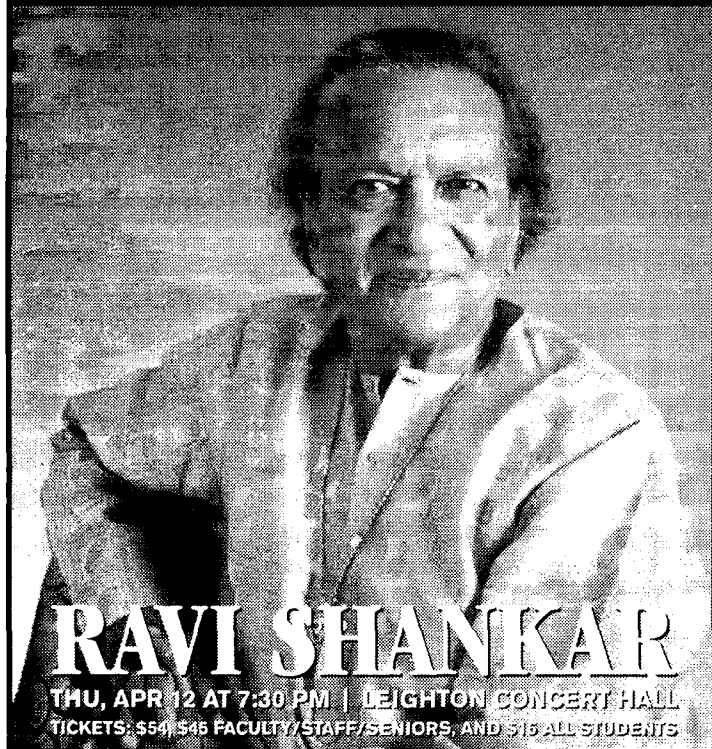
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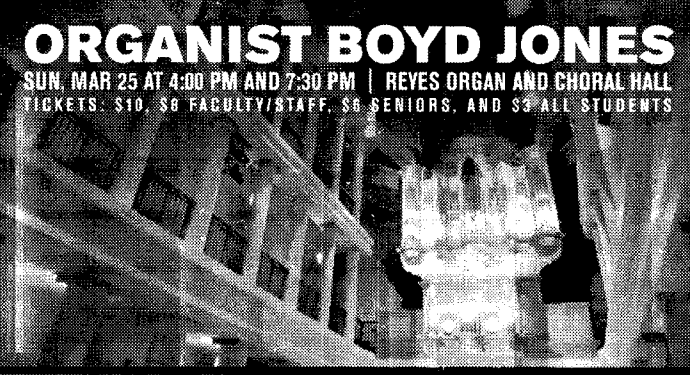
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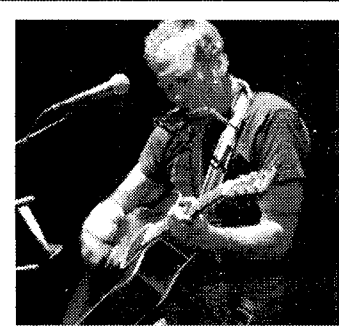
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## CLUB SPORTS

# Water Polo beats Macalester

Ultimate teams have busy spring break against top competition

Special to the Observer

Notre Dame's women's water polo club traveled to Southern California this spring break to take on some tough competition. The Irish kicked off the weekend with an 11-3 win over Macalester at Cal State San Bernardino's Coyote Classic Tournament. Bridget O'Neill led the scoring with five goals; Kristin Schmitt and Cristina Romano added two each, and MC Cimino and Kelly Horner each tallied one of their own. Goalie Maggie Hyde protected the cage with six saves.

In the second game of the tournament, the Irish lost 11-4 to Colorado State. O'Neill again led scoring with two goals. Goalie Betsy O'Neill had nine saves.

On Tuesday, Notre Dame took on Cal State San Bernardino, ending up on the wrong side of a close 11-9 battle. Goalie O'Neill had 13 saves, while Bridget O'Neill and Schmitt had three goals each.

On Thursday the team played at No. 4 Cal Poly University. Up at halftime, the Irish could not hold on and lost 6-5. Romano and Schmitt had two goals apiece, and O'Neill had one. Goalie Betsy O'Neill recorded nine saves. The Irish will face Cal Poly again in two weeks at Miami of Ohio and are looking forward to the rematch.

## Men's Rowing

For the second consecutive year, the men's crew team held its spring training camp in Miami, Fla. Notre Dame practiced three times a day out of the Miami Rowing Club boathouse, located on Key Biscayne.

After a week of training in the cove, the Irish traveled north to the small town of Fellsmere, Fla. to compete in the Governor's Cup Regatta. The Irish competed against national rowing powers Florida Tech, Columbia and Marietta College.

The second varsity eight finished behind Columbia and defeated Florida Tech in their first race. The first and second novice eights repeated their performances from the morning, finishing behind Columbia lightweight and Florida and Columbia heavyweights, respectively. The second varsity eight finished third in the grand finals behind two Columbia boats. Finally, the first varsity rowed in the last race of the day with a

new boat, which necessitated a lineup adjustment. In a respectable performance, they finished behind Columbia's No. 17 varsity eight.

## Ultimate

Notre Dame's ultimate club traveled to Georgia to participate in two annual tournaments over break — the Terminus 2007, and Southern 2007. In Terminus, the Irish men's squad opened with George Washington losing 13-6, but then defeated Wheaton 13-11.

The squad showed good potential against Indiana, but it was clear the Irish had the less experienced squad and lost 11-9. In its next matchup against Michigan, Notre Dame fell behind early and lost 13-10, before succumbing to William and Mary 13-4 Sunday. The next game was against Swarthmore, and the Irish closed the tournament with a 13-6 victory.

The Irish were seeded No. 19 in a field of 32 at the Southern. The first game on Saturday was against No. 3 Georgia Tech. Notre Dame came out fired up and scored the first two points against a lethargic Georgia Tech team. The game continued with each team trading points until sudden death at 14-14. Notre Dame made the most of its opportunity with Nick "Craig" Chambers grabbing the game winner.

Maryland was next, and the Irish dug themselves a hole early and trailed 8-4 at halftime. Solid popping from Ryan "Door" Gorman and strong defense from Andrew "Boot" Schroeder pulled the club back into the game, but the squad's luck ran out and lost 15-14. The Irish then faced Columbia and cruised to a 15-2 win.

Notre Dame then faced Duke, and, again, the Irish fell behind early, and trailed 8-6 at half, but fought back to win 13-11.

In Sunday's championship bracket, the squad faced No. 3 Tufts. The Irish came out inspired but again were down 8-6 at halftime. Great defense allowed the club to stay close but Tufts held on for a 12-11 win.

Solid offensive play by Mike "Double B" Banning then led the Irish to a 15-11 triumph over Luther College.

The ultimate club's women's team participated in two tournaments in Atlanta as well. Terminus, a well-renowned tour-

namment that draws collegiate teams from across the country, provided fierce competition during Notre Dame's pool play as two tournament teams were ranked in the top ten in the country.

Notre Dame's dropped its first match against Georgia 13-3.

The second game was against Michigan. Up 7-6 at halftime, the Wolverines pulled away in the second half and beat the Irish 13-8.

The third and fourth games of the day were difficult for Notre Dame. They lost a frustrating game to Swarthmore 13-6, despite the exceptional defensive efforts of freshman Erin Maxwell. The last game of Saturday's pool play was against Emory, and the Irish dropped their fourth in a row 12-5.

The second day of Terminus turned out better for Notre Dame. In the first match of the day, the Irish faced tournament host Georgia Tech, winning 13-6. Next the Irish faced Auburn, a strong team with a similar playing style as Notre Dame. The Irish fought hard, maintaining a strong offensive presence with both long and short throws, but the Irish bowed out with a 12-9 loss.

The next weekend, Notre Dame participated in Southern, a tournament hosted by Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, Ga. The Irish fared much better in Saturday pool play, going 3-1 within their bracket. This included a defeat of Chicago, another regional rival. Their only loss of the day was against top-seeded Yale. Tight defense kept the game close, but the Irish fell 8-6. After finishing second in their pool, Notre Dame played a cross-over game against Swarthmore to make it into the championship bracket. The Irish defeated the War Mothers soundly 13-6 to take a No. 15 seed into the championship bracket.

Sunday's championship bracket pitted the Irish against the No. 2 Florida, a highly skilled team with a deep tradition. Notre Dame played well against a strong zone defense, using the popping skills of Adsit, Bilek and senior Jeannie Joeckel, but still lost 13-5. Notre Dame then dropped into the ninth-place bracket, where they defeated Virginia 13-6 in a strong game to end the long trip.

Notre Dame will host the White Smoke Invitational this weekend at Riehle fields, weather and field conditions permitting.

## NCAA FOOTBALL

# Health forces IU coach to take leave of absence



Indiana assistant football coach Bill Lynch talks with the media before the team's first spring football practice Tuesday.

Hoosiers' Hoepfner will leave team for third time in 15 months

Associated Press

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. — Bill Lynch tried to do everything Terry Hoepfner would have at the Indiana Hoosiers first spring practice Tuesday.

He met with reporters, discussed position moves and talked about turning around a program that has not been to a bowl game since 1993.

Yet all the hope that usually springs up at the first sign of warm weather was tempered by what was missing — their coach. School officials announced Sunday that Hoepfner would skip the spring workouts for health reasons, marking the third time in 15 months that the 59-year-old coach has temporarily left the team.

"It's not like the first time, that was quite a shock," said Lynch, the associate head coach who is filling in for Hoepfner. "But knowing that he's not taken any time off from coaching football through the season, and the recruiting season is quite a grind, he needed a break."

Hoepfner has undergone brain surgery twice — in December 2005 and again last September. He had a tumor removed during the first procedure, limiting his recruiting activities and ability to lead offseason workouts.

Hoepfner also missed two games last season when doctors

conducted a followup procedure for what was described as a possible recurrent tumor. Test results, Hoepfner said later, showed the best possible results, implying that doctors removed scar tissue.

There was speculation late last season that Hoepfner may step down because of his health, but he instead signed a two-year contract extension.

University officials have declined to give details about Hoepfner's health, citing privacy concerns, except to say he has not had any additional surgery since last year.

On Sunday night, when players returned from spring break, Hoepfner met with his players to tell them he would use his time off to regain his strength and energy before coaching again this fall.

But putting their helmets on for the first time in four months seemed to help, and some players remained hopeful that Hoepfner might return before the Hoosiers' annual spring game April 14.

"There's no telling with coach Hep," receiver James Hardy said. "He's not going to sit still unless he has to. You know last year he was supposed to be out a month and he was back in 10 days. Hopefully, we'll see him soon."

Tight end Blake Powers, a converted quarterback, said Hoepfner looked fine at Sunday's team meeting but acknowledged that it was difficult not having him on the field Tuesday.

"It's hard because you're concerned about him," Powers said. "All you can do is pray for him and hope everything turns out OK."

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## NHL

### Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	OT	points
New Jersey	43-21	8	94
Pittsburgh	41-22	10	92
NY Rangers	36-28	9	81
NY Islanders	34-27	10	78
Philadelphia	20-41	11	51

### Eastern Conference, Northeast Division

team	record	OT	points
Buffalo	46-19	7	99
Ottawa	42-23	8	92
Montreal	36-31	6	78
Toronto	34-28	10	78
Boston	34-32	5	73

### Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	OT	points
Atlanta	39-25	10	88
Tampa Bay	39-30	4	82
Carolina	36-29	8	80
Florida	30-29	13	73
Washington	26-34	13	65

### Western Conference, Central Division

team	record	OT	points
Nashville	47-20	6	100
Detroit	45-18	9	99
St. Louis	30-29	12	72
Columbus	28-37	7	63
Chicago	27-35	9	63

### Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	OT	points
Vancouver	44-23	6	94
Minnesota	42-24	7	91
Calgary	37-25	10	84
Colorado	37-29	6	80
Edmonton	30-36	7	67

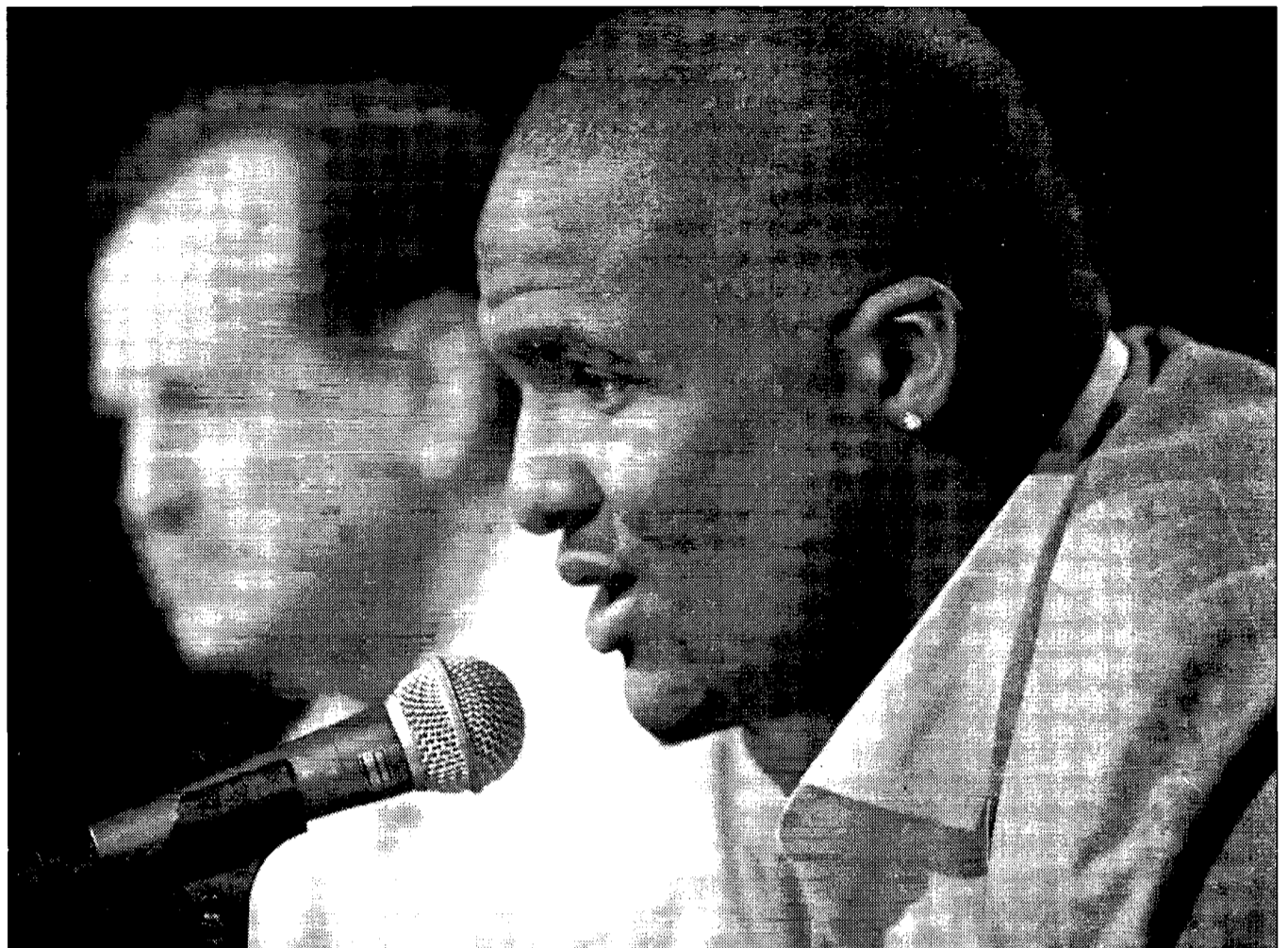
### Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	OT	points
Anaheim	43-18	12	98
San Jose	44-25	4	92
Dallas	43-24	5	91
Los Angeles	25-34	14	64
Phoenix	28-40	4	60

## NCAA Div. I Men's Tennis Fila/ITA Rankings

team	avg.	prev.
1 Georgia	92	1
2 UVA	91.96	3
3 Ohio State	88.43	2
4 USC	77.2	11
5 Baylor	75.79	4
6 Illinois	75	7
7 NOTRE DAME	74.82	8
8 UCLA	67.78	5
9 Wake Forest	62.91	18
10 Mississippi	60.88	6
11 North Carolina	58.8	17
12 Texas	57.1	16
13 LSU	56.15	20
14 Alabama	54.58	26
15 Oklahoma State	54.51	9

## NBA



LSU basketball center Glen "Big Baby" Davis, right, announces his plans to enter the NBA draft as coach John Brady sits nearby during a news conference Tuesday at LSU in Baton Rouge, La. Davis will skip his senior year.

## LSU's Big Baby to enter NBA draft

Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — LSU center Glen "Big Baby" Davis is moving on to the next stage of his basketball life.

The 6-foot-9, 290-pound junior said Tuesday he will skip his senior year to enter the NBA draft.

"After my toughest year, I now feel I am physically and mentally ready for the NBA," Davis said at a news conference. "In my mind and in my heart, I felt that it was time for me to move on."

He has signed with agent John Hamilton of Performance Sports Management but will

remain enrolled at LSU until the end of the semester. The NBA's pre-draft camp is May 28-June 5 in Orlando, Fla., and Davis expects to be there.

Davis averaged 17.7 points and 10.4 rebounds this season, missing several games late in the year because of a strained quadriceps. He is the only LSU player other than Shaquille O'Neal with career totals surpassing 1,500 points, 900 rebounds and 100 blocks. Davis was an AP second team All-America selection during the 2005-06 season, when LSU went to the Final Four.

"Last year, the team had

great success. I was part of only four (LSU) teams to make it to the Final Four," Davis said. "I decided to stay and hoped to build on that this year. Unfortunately that didn't happen."

Coach John Brady said he advised Davis to turn pro unless he was fully committed to returning to LSU for his senior year. The coach told Davis not to base his decision purely on projections about how high he will go in the draft.

"I told him two weeks ago that he needs to go where his heart moves him to go, not where someone tells him he'll go

(in the draft)," Brady said. "He had three outstanding years at LSU. I watched him grow. ... He'll do well."

Davis said he's been told he could be selected anywhere from the middle of the first round to early in the second. First-round picks get guaranteed three-year contracts. Second-rounders do not, and many get cut in training camp. In rare cases, however, being picked in the second round can be a financial boon to players who perform well since they can enter the league under shorter contracts and become free agents sooner.

## IN BRIEF

### UNC football coach Davis to undergo chemotherapy

CHAPEL HILL — North Carolina football coach Butch Davis is undergoing chemotherapy after a dentist removed a cancerous growth from his mouth.

"I know people are going to be concerned and everything, but it's going to be OK," Davis said Tuesday. "We're going to get through this and we're going to have a great season next fall."

The 55-year-old coach said he wasn't even aware he had a growth when he saw his dentist late last month in Cleveland for a routine cleaning. After the growth was removed, a biopsy diagnosed it as non-Hodgkins lymphoma.

Subsequent exams found no evidence that the cancer has spread, but Davis said he is undergoing chemotherapy as a precaution. He had his first two-hour session last week, and will have between three and six more UNC Hospitals at Chapel Hill, at two-week intervals.

### Sutton swims to 28th place in 10K at world championships

MELBOURNE — Chloe Sutton emerged from the water a trembling, teary mess, wondering what happened to her goggles. Angela Maurer buried her head in a coach's chest, knowing what it must have felt like to go 12 rounds with Mike Tyson in his prime. And everyone was covered in ugly, red welts, the work of jellyfish lurking off St. Kilda Beach.

Oh well, just another day of open water swimming.

Russia's Larisa Ilchenko claimed her second gold medal of the world championships Tuesday, winning a sprint to the finish with British up-and-comer Cassandra Patten in the 10-kilometer race.

Then again, no one really looked like a winner when it was over. They staggered onto dry land, just glad to have survived 6.2 miles of cool waters, rough tactics and all those nasty creatures lurking beneath the surface of Port Phillip Bay.

### Uecker stalker asked to leave spring training game

MILWAUKEE — A woman once charged with stalking announcer Bob Uecker was asked to leave a Milwaukee Brewers spring training game.

The baseball team notified the Phoenix police that Ann E. Ladd was at Monday's game, Police Sgt. Joel Tranter said Tuesday. A restraining order issued in September bars Ladd from games Uecker is announcing and requires her to stay at least 500 feet away from him.

Uecker was not announcing the Brewers' game against the Cubs. The Brewers would not say whether he was at the ballpark in Phoenix.

Ladd voluntarily left the game when asked, Tranter said.

"She was peaceful and had a ticket to the game," he said. "We were asked to escort her away. She's no longer welcome back."

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## NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Law restores order for title-contending A&amp;M

*Guard leads Aggies from cellar to Sweet 16*

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — Moments after Texas A&M defeated Louisville to reach the regional semifinals, Acie Law was crying with joy. Aggies coach Billy Gillispie walked up to his star point guard and said, "Didn't you believe me?"

When Gillispie took over at A&M three years ago, he told Law the Aggies were going to win sooner than anyone expected.

A victory over Memphis (32-3) in San Antonio on Thursday will send the Aggies (27-6) to their first regional final, a step no one saw coming after A&M went 0-16 in the Big 12 in 2003-04. Least of all Law, a freshman that season.

He was skeptical of Gillispie's vision and considered leaving when the new coach implemented camp. But Law stuck it out, and ultimately realized his demanding coach was right.

"This season is something he promised me," the 6-foot-3 senior said.

Along the way, Law understood that Gillispie had a plan for him, too — to make him the cornerstone of a resurgent team.

Law is a finalist for the Wooden and Naismith awards, given to college basketball's best player. He led the Aggies in scoring, assists and steals this season, but he gets no special favors from Gillispie.

"I like the fact that he treats me like one of the guys and he doesn't make it easy for me," Law said. "He believes that even though I'm getting all this attention, that I can go further. You feel good inside when you play for a person who believes in you and continues to push you to get better."

Law has taken Gillispie's tough love and produced all year, especially late in close games. A player from Penn, the team A&M ousted in the first round, called him "Captain Clutch."

Law averaged 6.9 points in the last four minutes of Big 12 games. He sank a 3-pointer and two free throws in the last 24 seconds of A&M's 69-66 win at Kansas on Feb. 3. Three weeks later, Law hit a 3-pointer to force overtime and another to force double overtime in a 98-96 loss at Texas.

"He's developed a great talent," Gillispie said. "People ask how guys perform like that in the clutch. First of all, you have to be a really good player to do it time and time again. A bad or mediocre player might do it once, luck into it or whatever."

"A guy like Acie, you have to be very talented and you have to have great confidence. He has both of those things."

Melvin Watkins, Gillispie's predecessor at A&M, said that when Law played at Kimball High School in Dallas, he already had a natural feel for the game.

"He had a calming presence whenever he held the ball," said Watkins, who resigned after the Aggies went 7-21 in 2003-04. "But you also had the feeling that when he had the ball, something special might be about to happen."

"He could make plays you can't teach," said Watkins, now a Missouri assistant. "If you could, you'd teach all your kids to make them."

Gillispie immediately saw Law's talent, but he wanted him to be

more vocal. Now, Law's voice is often the loudest in huddles.

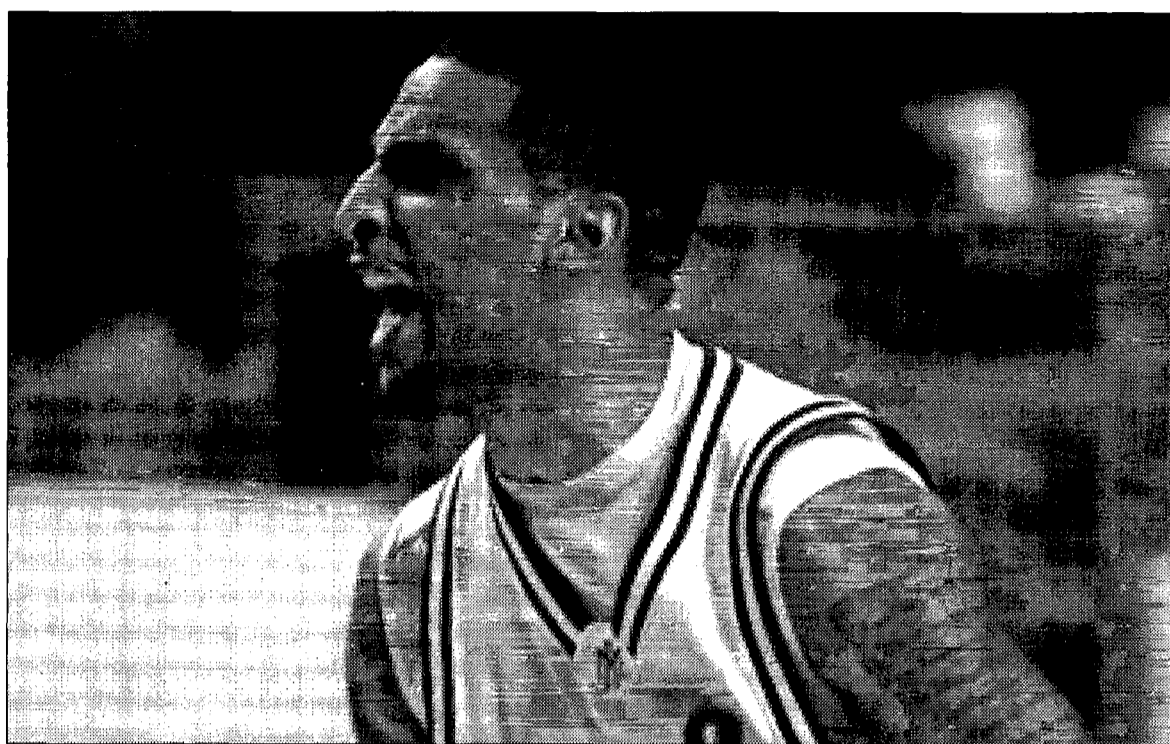
Against Penn, Law told his team he was about to take over the game. He scored 11 points in the last eight minutes to lead A&M to a 68-52 victory.

Late in the Louisville game, Law urged his teammates to remember last season's one-point tournament loss to LSU. The Aggies responded with a defensive stand.

"I'm the leader of this team," Law said. "I can't get rattled or show that I'm kind of scared or panicking because everybody looks up to me. If I show that leadership, if I show that I'm not afraid, then the team will be at ease and we should be fine."

The Aggies have been following his lead well before he started drawing national recognition.

"We use it every day in practice," junior forward Joseph Jones said. "Right now, everything is just clicking for him and he's just great. And because of that, everything's going great for us."



Texas A&M guard Acie Law celebrates in the second half of the Aggies 72-69 win over Louisville Sunday. Law scored 26 points to help Texas A&M advance to the Sweet 16.



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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

# Tough test awaits Tigers in Sweet 16 matchup



AP  
Memphis forward Joey Dorsey dunks in the Tigers 78-62 win Sunday over Nevada. Memphis is riding a 24-game winning streak into their Sweet 16-game against Texas A&M.

## Soft schedule boosted Memphis to win streak

Associated Press

MEMPHIS — A 24-game winning streak hasn't convinced everyone that Memphis is a legitimate national championship contender.

After all, the second-seeded Tigers didn't get much of challenge from their Conference USA rivals, none of which made the NCAA tournament. Counting North Texas and Nevada, the two teams Memphis beat to get to the South Regional semifinals, the Tigers have defeated five teams that made the NCAA's field of 65.

It's safe to say that Thursday's game in San Antonio against Texas A&M will be the Tigers' toughest test in months.

And Memphis could be with-

out leading scorer Chris Douglas-Roberts, who is nursing a sprained left ankle. Coach John Calipari said he wasn't positive Douglas-Roberts would play.

"But I think he will," Calipari said after his weekly radio show Monday before a packed house of Tiger fans at a Memphis restaurant.

Decked out in Tiger blue T-shirts and caps, the fans treated Calipari to a standing ovation as he arrived for the show held in a strip of taverns and restaurants just off the university campus.

Douglas-Roberts missed the last eight minutes of Sunday's game, but the Tigers dominated down the stretch without him, shutting out Nevada for more than six minutes.

"Let's hope that Chris is healthy. If he's not, we'll figure it out and we'll play without him," Calipari said. "Let's go in with one thing in mind. We're going after people."

Memphis (32-3) is powered by its pressure defense and transition offense. Depth is also a strength. The Tigers have nine players who average at least 10 minutes per game and seven who are over 20. Douglas-Roberts averages 15.4 points per game, but Jeremy Hunt (13.6), Robert Dozier (9.8), Joey Dorsey (8.7) and Antonio Anderson (8.0) can all contribute offensively.

The Tigers ran roughshod over C-USA teams such as East Carolina, Marshall and Rice, on their way to regular season and conference tournament championships.

"They did what they were supposed to do, as far as playing against mediocre talent," said Memphis fan David Harp, one of the faithful out to salute Calipari. "They won big."

This is the second season since Conference USA bid farewell to powerful teams such as Louisville, Cincinnati and Marquette, all of which were scooped up by the Big East.

But Calipari said the league is getting better.

"Our league is stronger. Maybe we're just better. Anybody think of that?" he said. "Maybe we're better than we were a year ago. I don't know."

The Tigers' other big wins were against Kentucky and Gonzaga, neither of which survived the first weekend of the tournament.

Meanwhile, the Aggies (27-6) went 13-3 in the much tougher Big 12 conference, with signature wins over Kansas and Texas. They're the No. 3 seed, but the odds makers have made them a three-point favorite.

Calipari said such talk doesn't interest him, either.

"Any game we lose from here on out will be because of our league. That's what everybody will say, so it doesn't matter," Calipari said.

A year ago, Memphis had a No. 1 seed but lost to UCLA 50-45 in the regional finals. The Tigers haven't been to the Final Four since 1985, back when the school was still known as Memphis State.

But Memphis fans are ready for a return, hoping the Tigers can stretch their winning streak out four more games.

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# OSU

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Syracuse received huge offensive contributions from senior Ashley Pike (five goals) and junior Bridget Looney (four goals.) The Orange outshot the Irish 37-24 for the game.

"After that loss, we're really trying to control the tempo and get out to a faster start against Ohio State" Coyne said.

The Buckeyes enter the game after a strong defensive performance Sunday against Davidson. Ohio State defeated the Wildcats 8-4 and was in control the entire game.

The Irish will look to slow down Buckeye junior Kristin Slahor, a midfielder who leads the team in assists. Junior attack Jessica Patane leads Ohio State in points and will likely draw the focus of the Notre Dame defense most of the game.

"It's a rivalry that goes back a long way, and it's always an important game to us," Coyne said. "They started their program a year before us, and we've played them every year. And I can't remember a game that hasn't been competitive."

The Irish will face off against the Buckeyes in the Loftus Center at 7:45 p.m. today.

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# Win

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Swezey also played a key role by notching a career-best four points with one goal and three assists.

Yeatman leads Notre Dame in points (23) and assists (11) this season.

"Today was a good game," Notre Dame junior goaltender Joey Kemp said. "We made it a point to win every ground ball. We did not do this in the previous games that we lost."

Irish senior midfielder Lucius Polk added another two goals, while junior midfielder Michael Podgajny and senior midfielder Bill Liva each

scored one goal for the Irish. Sophomore attack Peter Christman, senior attack John Greaney and freshman midfielder Brett Vecchio all aided the effort with an assist each.

"Last week was hard with the travel," Kemp said. "It was nice to play in front of a home crowd."

Kemp picked up the victory by allowing only two goals and making nine saves in over 50 minutes of play. Sophomore Scott Rodgers then took over for Kemp with over nine minutes left to play. Rodgers gave up one score while making three saves of his own.

The Irish held a dominant edge on shots against Bellarmine. The final tally of attempts on goal was 37-22 in

Notre Dame's favor.

Bellarmino scorers included Adam Gardner, John Kirk and Mike Rosenbergh, who all netted one goal each. Jamie Floris and Andrew Wolford both added an assist.

Notre Dame takes a week and a half off after the match against Bellarmine. The next game is scheduled for March 31 at noon, when the Irish travel to No. 18 Brown.

"We plan on practicing outside, and we need to get used to different types of turf," Kemp said about the upcoming break in the schedule. "We have to prepare for the next game."

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Irish midfielder Alicia Billings rushes upfield during Notre Dame's 18-10 loss to Northwestern March 1.



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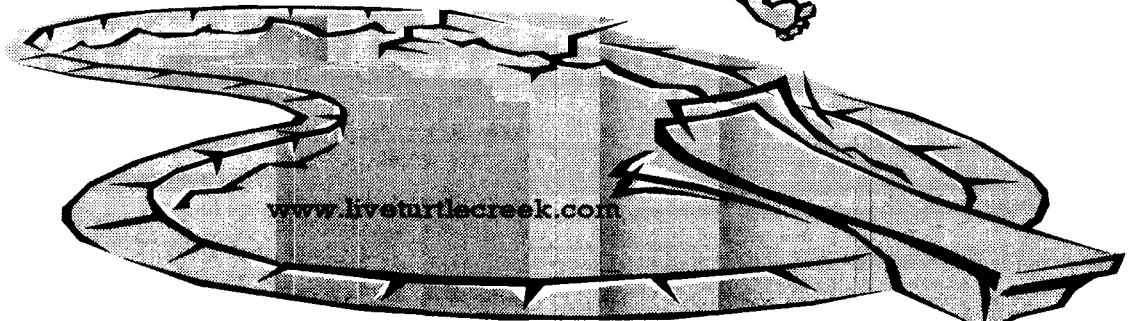
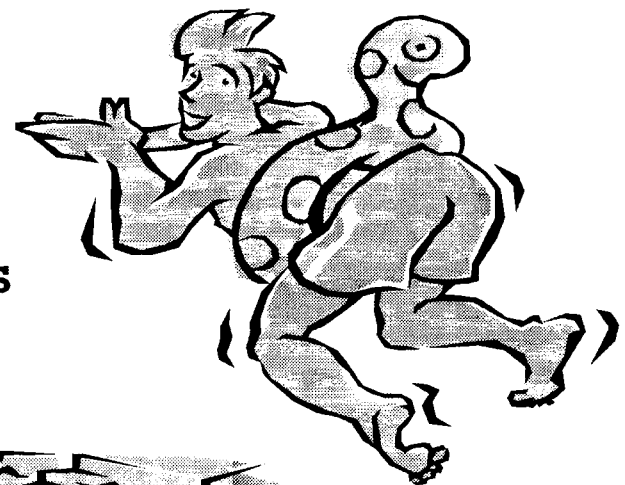
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those frames but allowed the Vikings to stay in the game. In the third, the Irish had the bases loaded with one out, having already plated one. But junior designated hitter Ross Brezovsky, who had already knocked in a run, rapped into a 4-6-3 double play to end the threat.

The Irish also wasted chances to put the game out of reach in the fourth and fifth, failing to score after putting the leadoff man on base in each inning.

But the Irish pitching staff held on to the early lead, scattering eight hits and getting out of the few jams they encountered. Junior Joey Williamson struck out three and surrendered one run in two innings after coming on to relieve Maust.

Senior Jess Stewart and sophomore Kyle Weiland also worked an inning in relief. Weiland, who closed out 16 games last season, recorded his first save of this campaign.

"Our pitching's going to win a



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**Irish pitcher Brett Gaffy beats the runner to the bag in Notre Dame's 12-1 win over Cleveland State May 2, 2006.**

lot of games for us, especially our bullpen," Irish coach Dave Schrage said. "You saw a little of that today."

Schrage, who was coaching in his first home game at Notre Dame, said he hopes his team feels more relaxed after getting its first win at Eck Stadium this

season.

"You feel more energy when you're playing at home," he said.

The Irish continue their homestand today when they take on Western Michigan at 5:05 p. m.

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# Belles

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would like to see some of the first year players raise the level of competition on the team."

The Olivet Comets have strong senior leadership with doubles partners and singles stand-outs, Mallory Bailey and Rachel Vilums.

The Comets also have an up and coming freshman in Celeste Gruber that has been able to contribute early on.

Olivet is currently 1-1 in MIAA play and 4-2 overall.

In singles play last week, Belles freshman Camille Gebert led Saint Mary's with five singles victories. Sophomore Mary E. Campbell, freshman Lisa Rubino and junior Cassie Quaglia all had four wins during the week. Seniors

Kelly McDavitt and Tara O'Brien each had three victories. Playing as a substitute in a game, senior Grace Gordon was able to provide the Belles with a win also.

In doubles play, the duo of McDavitt and Gebert displayed excellent chemistry, racking up five wins against the competition. The other teams of Campbell and Rubino as well as O'Brien and Gordon claimed three victories in the Sunshine State.

Dee Stevenson  
Saint Mary's coach

*"I would like to see some of the first year players raise the level of competition on the team."*

Stevenson said McDavitt's work ethic and leadership embodies the team.

"Kelly is one of the hardest working players that I have coached. She will set the tone each match for the rest of the team," Stevenson said. "She will also be looked upon to provide leadership both on and off the court."

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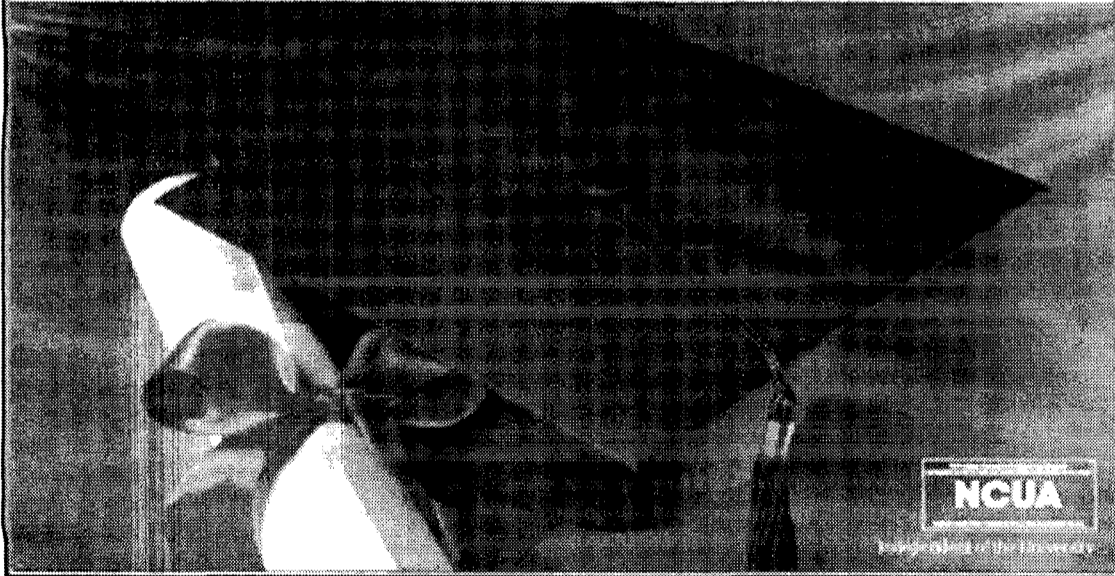
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playing with enough energy.”  
Tar Heels center LaToya Pringle felt the comeback had a lot to do with her coach.

“The time out that [Coach Hatchell] called really made a difference. She said we wasn’t playing hard,” Pringle said. “We buckled down and did what we had to do on the offensive end.”

On that run, North Carolina forced the Irish post players into foul trouble, as center Melissa D’Amico committed her fourth personal foul with center Erica Williamson already sitting on three.

Notre Dame’s centers weren’t the only Irish players in foul trouble down the stretch. Although both teams were whistled for eight fouls apiece in the first half, the Irish were called for 11 infractions to the Tar Heels’ five in the second. Three Irish players finished with four fouls (D’Amico, Williamson and Gaines) while guard Melissa Lechlitner finished with three.

The Tar Heels used the foul discrepancy to their advantage in the second half, capitalizing on the bonus free throws to extend the final lead.

Notre Dame seemed poised for another run after Allen used a high screen on the left wing to sink a 3-pointer with 1:17 to play that cut the lead to three. But a Gaines foul on Tar Heels point guard Ivory Latta stopped the Irish momentum and extended the lead back to two possessions at 54-49.

“I always feel confident in my team,” Allen said. “I knew even though we were down, I knew we’d come back and make a run. Unfortunately we didn’t come out on top.”

All night long Notre Dame’s defense focused on shutting down Latta.

“Our only problem [with the box-and-one] was the fouls,” McGraw said. “Three-point game with just over a minute, and we gave [Latta] two free throws, and she’s a great free throw shooter.”

The Irish were then forced to foul as the game slowly ended, sending North Carolina back to the line six more times — where they failed to miss — in the final 30 seconds.

Allen was the lone bright spot for Notre Dame against the Tar Heels. The junior finished with 21 points on 7-of-16 shooting with four rebounds. Allen was the only Irish player in double figures despite being guarded by the Tar Heel’s best defender — forward Camille Parker — all night.

“[Allen is] an incredible player,” Hatchell said. “She’s just a really, really tough player — very intelligent, got great skills, makes great reads.”

Although it fell short in the end, Notre Dame started out the second half with a 10-2 run in the opening 6:45 minutes to gain a 38-31 lead. Post play proved important for the Irish as D’Amico and forward Crystal Erwin led the charge. Williamson added to the effort by grabbing offensive rebounds and forcing the Tar Heels to foul her inside.

“I thought we executed our game plan almost to perfec-

tion,” Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. “I’m really proud of the effort and the focus, the intensity.”

The Irish ran effectively with the Tar Heels for the first half and went into the locker rooms down only one point. The Irish fell behind by four early in the game — the largest lead for either team — but Breona Gray rejuvenated the Irish offense with a three from the corner to bring the score to 6-5. The teams traded leads eight

times in the first half, mostly behind their inside play.


Notre Dame was mostly able to keep the game close against North Carolina with its defense.

The Irish not only did a good job preventing North Carolina from taking good shots — the Heels only shot 40 percent from the floor in the first half — they also grabbed key defensive rebounds to prevent the Tar Heels from going on sustained runs to extend their lead.

Even though Notre Dame’s season is now over, McGraw is content with her team’s performance this year.

“We had a great year. We overachieved, and we’re disappointed that we weren’t able to finish this game,” she said. “When we look back on this year, we will be really pleased and proud of what this team has accomplished.”

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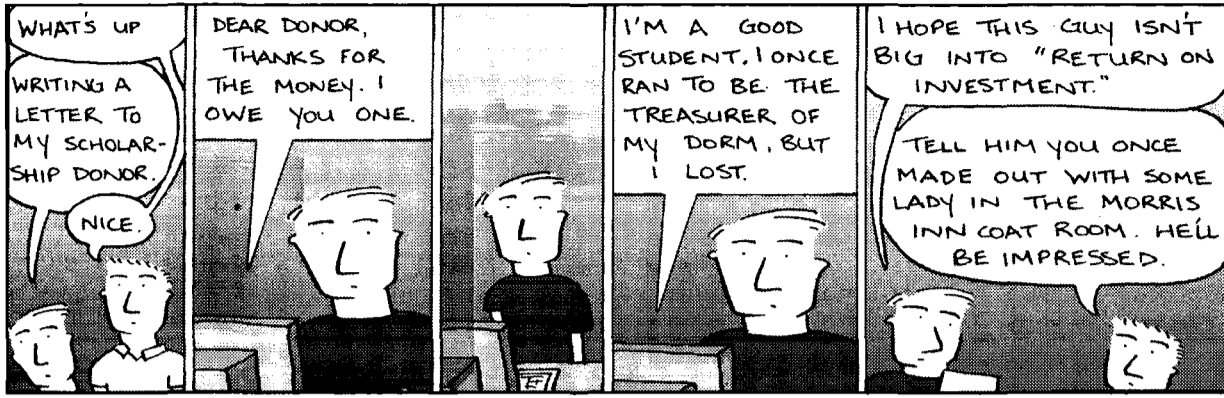
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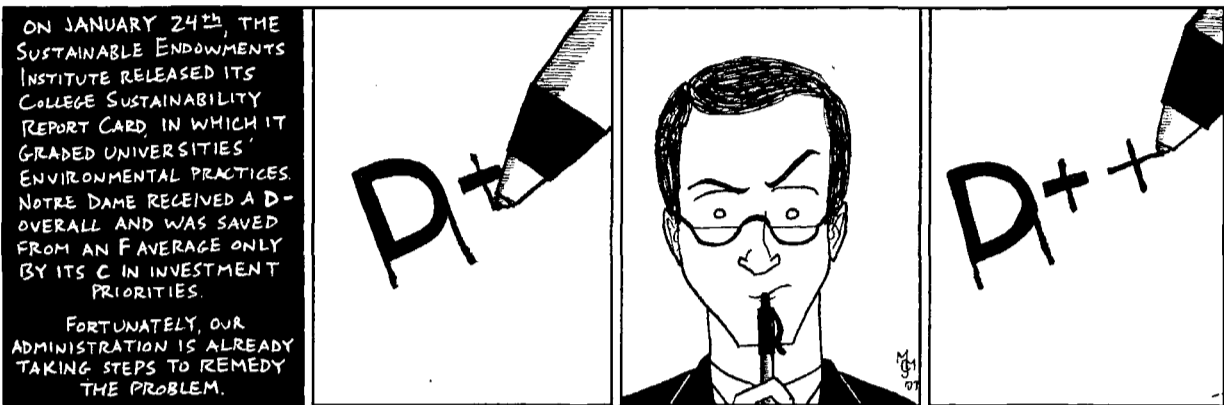
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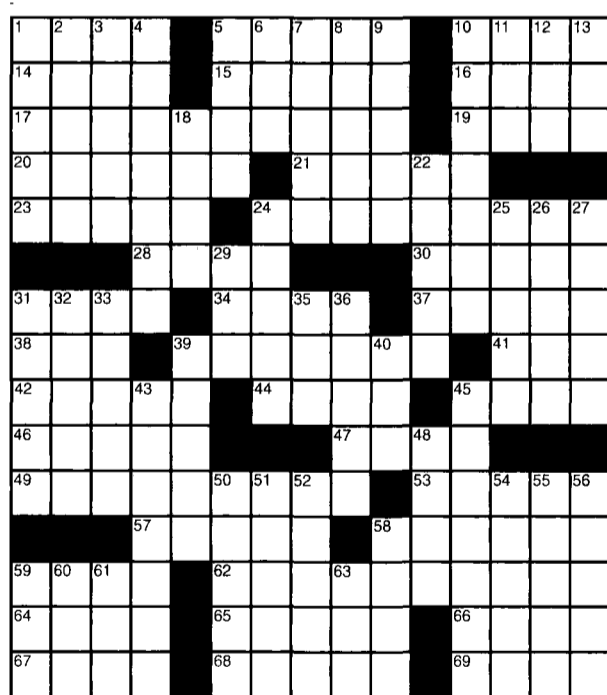
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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Carolina blues

15-0 run sparks Tar Heels to close victory

By JAY FITZPATRICK  
Sports Writer

PITTSBURGH — Leading 41-33 in the second half, Notre Dame seemed in control of its second-round game over North Carolina — but the Tar Heels had other ideas. North Carolina refused to go down quietly, going on a 15-0 run to give it a 48-41 lead with 6:30 to play.

By the time Irish guard Tulyah Gaines stopped the bleeding with a driving layup, the game was out of reach for Notre Dame, which eventually fell 60-51 in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

North Carolina coach Sylvia Hatchell credited the explosive run to a defensive change when she placed guard Alex Miller in charge of defending the Irish point guards.

"I just kept telling my players to keep encouraging one another. We just seemed flat," Hatchell said. "We were not



Irish center Melissa D'Amico, right, tries to steal the ball from North Carolina forward Rashanda McCants during Notre Dame's 60-51 loss Tuesday in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.

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WOMEN'S LACROSSE

# ND comes home to face OSU

By MICHAEL BRYAN  
Sports Writer

After four straight road games full of adversity, No. 6 Notre Dame will finally return home to the Loftus Center to face Ohio State.

The Irish (5-2) will face the rival Buckeyes (3-1) after playing four matches away from home, with three coming in the snowy northeast.

"We're so glad to be coming back home after all the problems we had on the road," Notre Dame coach Tracy Coyne said.

On more than one occasion the Irish had games rescheduled due to inclement weather and had travel issues that forced the team to arrive just before game time. Before the team's last game at Syracuse, goalie Erin Goodman's equipment was misplaced, and the sophomore was forced to play the game with borrowed gear.

Over the break the Irish went 2-1, taking crucial games over Canisius and Yale before dropping their Big East opener Sunday to Syracuse.

After falling behind early 4-0 to the Orange, the Irish rallied to cut the halftime deficit to 7-6. Notre Dame tied the game at 13 with just over 10 minutes remaining, but failed to score while yielding three goals in the last stretch of the match.

Irish junior attack Caitlin McKinney tallied four goals and two assists in the loss, and sophomore attack Jillian Byers contributed three goals. Senior attack Megan Murphy also had her strongest offensive performance of the season with three goals.

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BASEBALL

# Irish take Frank Eck opener over Cleveland State

By FRAN TOLAN  
Sports Writer

The Irish used a three-run second inning to defeat Cleveland State 5-3 in their home opener Tuesday afternoon at Frank Eck Stadium.

The success brought Notre Dame's record to an even 9-9. Freshman right-hander Eric Maust worked five innings to get

the win, allowing just one earned run on six hits.

"It feels really good to get your first win at home out of the way," said Maust, who was the first Irish freshman to start a home opener for the team since 2003. "Hopefully, we can start a winning streak."

Despite squandering several opportunities to break the game open early, the continued hot hitting of senior center fielder

Danny Dressman and a break-out game by freshman right fielder Brayden Ashdown gave Notre Dame enough offense to earn the win.

Dressman, who was named to the Big East Weekly Honor Roll last week, went 2-for-4 with an RBI, giving him 13 hits in his last 24 at bats.

"Hitting's contagious," Dressman said. "If we can do it early and sustain it, we're going

to win a lot of ballgames."

Ashdown, meanwhile, had just one hit in his first 15 at-bats of the season before going 2-for-4 with a double and two RBIs Tuesday.

The Irish were given a slew of chances early on as Cleveland State made three errors in the first three innings. Notre Dame scored a total of four runs in

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MEN'S LACROSSE

# Team crushes Bellarmine 11-3

By PAT O'BRIEN  
Sports Writer

Notre Dame spoiled Bellarmine's first-ever conference match in the Great Western Lacrosse League with an 11-3 win Tuesday afternoon at Moose Krause Stadium.

The Irish (4-3, 1-0 GWLL) now hold a nine-game home win streak and an all-time record of 2-0 against Bellarmine (1-5, 0-1 GWLL).

Notre Dame freshman attack Will Yeatman and sophomore attack Ryan Hoff both recorded hat tricks in the victory, while Hoff added an assist. Irish sophomore attack Duncan



LAURIE HUNT/The Observer

Irish midfielder Michael Podgajny turns upfield in Notre Dame's 11-3 win Thursday over Bellarmine.

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SMC TENNIS

# Belles to face Olivet in first MIAA match

By LORENZO REYES  
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's will face Olivet today at home in their first MIAA match of the season at 3 p.m., when the Belles will try to gain an early lead in the league standings.

Last week, the Belles traveled down to Orlando, Fla., for their spring trip to open the season. On the trip, they went .500, going 4-4 in all matches, while facing quality competition.

Saint Mary's earned victories over Haverford,

Hamilton, Bentley and Drew, while it fell to Franklin and Marshall, Wisconsin-LaCrosse, University of Puerto Rico and Skidmore.

Saint Mary's will look to build on last season's 10-10 overall record, with an MIAA tally of 5-3 that earned them a fourth-place finish in the league's regular season. The Belles then took a fifth place finish in the MIAA tournament.

"We will rely on the returning players a great deal," Belles coach Dee Stevenson said. "However, I

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