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Brown, Braun feel confident in new roles

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

Sunday was the first day of their term, but student body president Liz Brown and vice president Maris Braun are already working hard and feeling confident.

"It's pretty surreal even just to be sitting in the office right now," Brown said. "But we're definitely excited."

Braun agreed. "It's exciting and overwhelming at the same time," she said.

Although they just took over, Brown and Braun are already working to implement some of the goals on their platform.

"I think one of the biggest things that we've already

started tackling is the Guest Meal Exchange program," Brown said. "We met with [Director of Food Services] Dave Prentkowski. We are working with him to survey the student body."

Brown said the surveys for the program — which would allow students to use some of their meals for guests visiting campus — will help determine what meals can be converted for guests and how many students plan to use the program.

Since Brown and Braun want the program to be in place by next year, Brown said it is a "top priority" right now.

Braun said the two have planned meetings about making Domer Dollars usable in

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DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer
Student body president Liz Brown, left, sits with former Lizzi Shappell at the Council of Representatives meeting last week.

OIT fights security breaches

University plans to bolster protections

By MARCELA BERRIOS
Associate News Editor

Following several publicized security breaches this winter and last, the Office of Information Technologies (OIT) plans to upgrade Notre Dame's standards of information security and its tools to combat network hackers, University officials said.

The initiative comes after an official's laptop was stolen in December and sensitive information related to University employees — including Social Security numbers and salary figures — was potentially exposed, OIT Chief Information Officer Gordon Wishon said.

However, OIT began making upgrades before the incident, Wishon said. Last summer, the University hired Ernst & Young, a professional services firm, to give an independent and objective assessment of the security systems on campus.

Ernst & Young, he said, determined the University needed to improve its policies regarding the management of sensitive data within and across departments and offices, the inherent flaws of the Notre Dame network, and the education and awareness of students and employees regarding the handling and

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Law School drops in national rankings

Notre Dame falls in U.S. News and World Report list from 22 to 28, lowest position in 6 years

U.S. News and World Report Law School Rankings

Rank	School	Peer Assessment	Lawyer/Judge Assessment	Acceptance Rate	Employment Rate 9 months after graduation
1.	Yale	4.9	4.8	6.8%	99.6%
2t.	Harvard	4.8	4.8	12.6%	100.0%
2t.	Stanford	4.7	4.8	8.7%	98.1%
4.	NYU	4.6	4.6	21.1%	99.3%
5.	Columbia	4.6	4.7	14.7%	99.2%

28t.	Boston College	3.3	3.7	19.4%	98.4%
28t.	Notre Dame	3.3	3.8	24.4%	94.8%
28t.	Washington	3.1	3.5	21.1%	99.4%

Source: U.S. News and World Report Law School Rankings

By KEN FOWLER
News Writer

Notre Dame fell six places and out of the top 25 in the annual law school rankings published Friday by U.S. News and World Report.

After placing in a tie for both No. 24 in 2005 and No. 22 in 2006, Notre Dame tied with Boston College and the University of Washington for No. 28 in the most recent standings, which were based on data from the graduating Class of 2005 and incoming Class of 2006.

The placement was the lowest for Notre Dame in the

past six years. The Law School tied for No. 26 in 2000 and No. 27 in 2001. It was No. 24 in 2002, tied for No. 22 in 2003 and peaked in a tie for No. 20 in 2004.

In an e-mail sent to Law School students Friday, Dean Patricia O'Hara said officials in the Law School would study the data used in the rankings "in an effort to better understand our position relative to our peers."

According to the rankings, 5.2 percent of 2005 Notre Dame Law School graduates failed to earn legal employment within nine months of

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Online service offers restaurant reviews

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

It may sound too good to be true, but an up-and-coming online service called NDtogo.com is promising students free food and a guide to great restaurants in South Bend.

NDtogo is "armed with a sixth sense for good deals and a passion for hole-in-the-wall restaurants and little-known bars ... to help students drink and dine better and more cheaply," according to its Web site.

Its three founders — including Notre Dame alumni Rudy Reyes Jr. and DJ DiDonna — decided to introduce South Bend restaurants, bars and eateries to

students through its new Web site, NDtogo.com, expected to be fully usable later this month. Ian Runyon, a graduate of DePauw University, is also a cofounder of the company.

"The concept is basically that local South Bend restaurants really want to have students come into their restaurants, Reyes said. "We are basically trying to bring restaurants into campus through the Internet."

The idea was entered in the McCloskey Business Plan Competition last October through Mendoza's Gigot Center of Entrepreneurial Studies, Reyes said. While he and his business partners

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Seniors graduate to seminary

By JOHN-PAUL WITT
News Writer

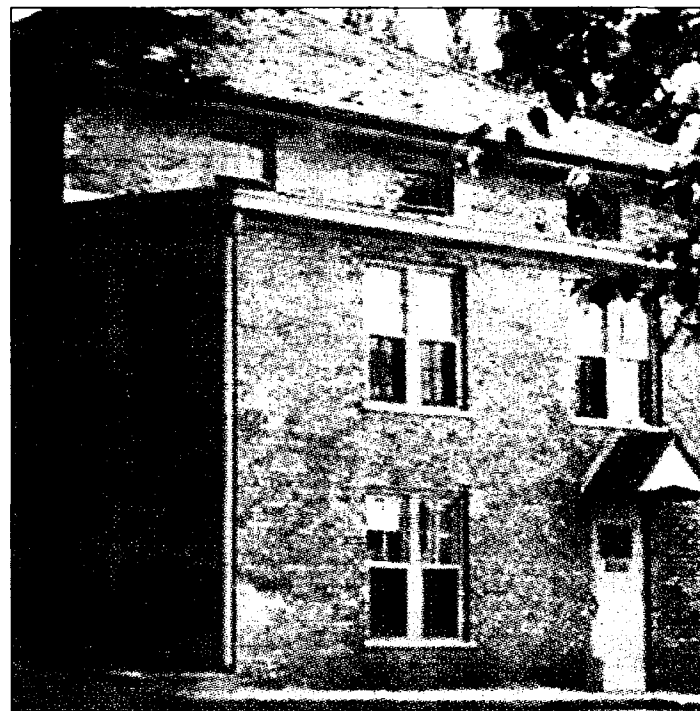
Most Notre Dame seniors' plans for life after graduation in May fall into the categories of starting a new job, attending graduate school or participating in volunteer service work.

But a select few will choose a different kind of service when they join a religious order after commencement.

Senior Christian Hoeffel is currently applying to the novitiate in the Society of Jesus, also known as the Jesuits. This is the first step toward taking the vows of a member of the religious order.

Hoeffel said he has felt called to enter the priesthood since second grade.

The St. Edward's resident said he chose to enter the Jesuit order, even though Notre Dame was founded by the Congregation of the Holy Cross, because the Jesuits seemed a better



Courtesy of vocation.nd.edu
The Old College program at Notre Dame, housed in the building shown above, prepares young men for the seminary.

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INSIDE COLUMN

April Fool's mediocrity

I woke up Sunday morning (fine, Sunday afternoon) with every intention of starting my day early, being productive and getting all of my work done in time for opening night of Major League Baseball.

Bill Brink

Of course, like every other Sunday, I hit a roadblock that hindered my goal. This roadblock, however, was more tangible than the others; I opened my door on the way to the bathroom to find what looked like a solid steel wall barricading me into my room.

It turned out to be duct tape, but it contained a type-set sign indicative of just what day it was. The sign simply said — "April Fools."

One of the most entertaining days of the year, April Fool's Day came and went again yesterday without a bona fide prank. The duct tape was good, yes, but the pranks just went downhill from there.

I received an e-mail from my AR that the Zoo, Fisher Hall's claim-to-fame party held the night before the Fisher Regatta, had been cancelled. Reasons cited — too many rules infractions and the fact that next year's RAs are abroad. Fat chance.

Later, my girlfriend tried to convince me that she was taken to the hospital Saturday night after falling out of a van, landing on a broken bottle and slicing her arm open. Although this is something she would conceivably do, she forgot she talked to me the night before and made no mention of a hospital trip.

What happened to the good April Fool's Day pranks? The day used to be filled with brilliantly conceived debaucheries that could bring the chosen victim to tears.

My cousin once busted out a bottle of ketchup and a carving knife, laid out a murder scene and went to town on his mother and sisters. Like any good mother would, she went bonkers, then flipped out again once she found it to be a prank.

ESPN baseball analyst Peter Gammons once convinced ESPN Radio host Dan Patrick that former player and manager Pete Rose, who received a lifetime ban from baseball for gambling, was going to be allowed into the Hall of Fame. He deceived not only Patrick but also the millions of listeners glued to their radios.

The best prank I've heard of to date came from my high school days. A girl, in a heartless act of aggression/radiant display of ingenuity, told her boyfriend she was pregnant. Needless to say, the poor young man was too busy trying to restart his heart beat and rearrange his future to remember the date.

The meaning of the day careened downhill from the glory days of the past. People need to take their April 1st more seriously in the future.

Why didn't I think of something, you may ask? A creative, naughty idea to break the streak of disappointing pranks? My Saturday was jam-packed. I was too busy watching Entourage DVDs and imagining what my life would be like if I were Turtle.

You know, Turtle would pull some sweet April Fool's shenanigans. Call it inspiration for next year.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO'S YOUR PICK FOR THE MEN'S NCAA FINAL?



John Busch
sophomore
Fisher

"Florida. You can't root for OSU."



Scott Deeney
junior
Keough

"Ohio State... or else my girlfriend would kill me."



Katie Geisler
sophomore
Lyons

"Florida — It's my hometown."



Michael Dean
freshman
Siegfried

"Florida — I'm from the South."



Zeina Shanata
freshman
Howard

"Florida. Ohio State deserves to lose by 27 again."



VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Notre Dame students perform in the Black Cultural Arts Council "I Love Hip-Hop" fashion show Saturday at the Century Center in downtown South Bend. The 30th annual production of the show raised money for the Touching Tiny Lives Foundation.

IN BRIEF

FRONTLINE will present a film and lecture on the topic: "Is Walmart Good for America" today from 4:30 p.m. to 6 in the Hesburgh Center Auditorium, room C-100.

Notre Dame men's baseball will play Oakland Tuesday at 5:05 p.m. at Frank Eck Stadium.

Campus-wide Stations of the Cross will be held Tuesday at 7 p.m. The procession will depart from the Grotto.

The Ballroom Dance Club will be teaching the Hustle and Mambo in 205 Rockne Memorial from 8 p.m. to 10:30 on Wednesday. All Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students are invited with a valid ID. The cost is \$4 a night.

The Lord's Supper Mass will be held for Holy Thursday at 5 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Classes will be cancelled from Friday through Monday in observance of the Easter holiday. Classes will resume Tuesday.

Good Friday Mass to celebrate the Lord's passion will be held at 3 p.m. Friday in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Ben Hur will be shown as a silent film with piano accompaniment by Dave Drazin on Friday at 7 p.m. in DPAC's Browning Cinema. The cost is \$3 for students.

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

OFFBEAT

Google plays April Fool's prank

SAN FRANCISCO — Presiding over a company with a market value of \$143 billion apparently gives Silicon Valley's most famous billionaires a good sense of humor — and a case of corporate potty mouth.

Senior executives at Google Inc. launched their annual April Fools' Day prank Sunday, posting a link on the company's home page to a site offering consumers free high-speed wireless Internet through their home plumb systems.

Chocolate Jesus causes outrage

NEW YORK — An anatomically correct chocolate sculpture of Jesus Christ infuriated Catholics and even led to threats, but the artist says offers to buy or exhibit the piece have been pouring in.

Artist Cosimo Cavallaro said Saturday that because of "some people who are fanatics" and the threats he received, he had stored the sculpture in a refrigerated truck in an undisclosed location.

A Manhattan gallery on Friday called off a planned exhibit of the 6-foot sculpture — called "My Sweet Lord" — amid a deluge of complaints from Catholics, including Cardinal Edward Egan.

They were offended by the confection, which does not include the loincloth typical in religious portrayals of Christ. Many also were outraged that the gallery planned to display the sculpture during Holy Week. The exhibit was to have run from Monday through Easter Sunday inside Manhattan's Roger Smith Hotel.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

LOCAL WEATHER

	TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HIGH	65	55	70	42	39	39
LOW	55	45	40	28	25	24

Atlanta 76 / 60 Boston 45 / 36 Chicago 61 / 48 Denver 71 / 34 Houston 83 / 68 Los Angeles 71 / 54 Minneapolis 54 / 38 New York 70 / 48 Philadelphia 74 / 49 Phoenix 89 / 60 Seattle 49 / 33 St. Louis 81 / 60 Tampa 86 / 61 Washington 81 / 55

Show takes modern approach to culture

By BRIGID FENLON
News Writer

Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students as well as prospective high school seniors on campus for Spring Visitation weekend experienced an exhibition of Latin culture Friday at La Alianza's annual Latin Expressions event.

The show, a mix of songs, dances and poetry recitations, was held in Saint Mary's O'Laughlin Auditorium. The theme for this year's performance was MetropoLatino, a celebration of urban Latino life.

Sophomore Prisma Garcia said she enjoyed the performances that expanded on the theme of urban culture.

"One of the most interesting parts was when the emcee came out after the show and displayed a variety of flags from Hispanic regions around the world as a sign of unity," Garcia said.

Senior Nancy Weaver, who has helped with the show for four consecutive years, said the production describes what it is like to be a Latino and so "enhances the sense of community for Latinos at Notre Dame."

"One of the purposes is to see what the Latino community at Notre Dame is about and to show prospects that there are several different ways to express your culture," Weaver said.

For high school seniors from

underrepresented ethnic groups, the show gives them a glimpse into the cultural experiences of students at Notre Dame, Garcia said.

"This helps the prospective students to realize that despite the fact that they will be a minority on campus, they will not lose their culture upon their arrival," she said.

But Latin Expressions is not just for minority students, Garcia said.

"Latin Expressions is a show that can be universally understood and appreciated. It is open to all cultures, and everyone can find enjoyment," Garcia said.

The acts performed to a full audience who remained impressed and intrigued throughout, Weaver said.

This year's show featured performances from a more diverse variety of cultures in Latin America, sophomore Abby Salazar said.

"This wider range added more variety and engaged more of the audience, as more people were able to identify with the unique traditions of their culture," said Salazar, who performed a Mariachi dance.

The modern take on Latin culture was also a popular change, she said.

"Last year was a cultural look into Latino culture. This year was much more modern which drew a very diverse audience," Salazar said.

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ICPA presents awards to ND student print publications

Observer Staff Report

The Observer was named the third-best Indiana daily student newspaper at the annual Indiana Collegiate Press Association awards ceremony Saturday, winning awards in 12 categories.

The Observer staff earned first place in the Stand-Alone Section category for its April 6, 2006 issue, which provided special coverage of University President Father John Jenkins' closing statement on academic freedom and Catholic character.

The 2006-07 editorial board also earned first place in the Best Staff Editorial category for "Academic Monologues Belong at ND," which reviewed the "Vagina Monologues" controversy.

Numerous staff members captured a variety of individual honors as well.

Current Editor in Chief Maddie Hanna won first place in the Best News Feature Story category for "ND evacuees return from Lebanon," a profile of the journeys a Notre Dame student and a professor and his family took to the U.S. from Lebanon

after Israel invaded the country last summer.

Other first place honors went to current Managing Editor Ken Fowler in the Best Sports News category for "Changing Regulations," an investigation of the Notre Dame athletic department's restrictions on media access to the football program, and to current Assistant Managing Editor Mary Kate Malone and former Assistant News Editor Katie Perry in the Best Non-Deadline News Reporting category for "Administrators question Facebook postings," an examination of Notre Dame's usage of information gathered from Facebook in disciplinary matters.

Second place honors went to former News Editor Kate Antonacci for "ND Senior Killed," for coverage of the November 2006 death of Caitlin Brann.

Hanna, Antonacci, and former Photo Editor Claire Kelley won second place for "Notre Dame connects with Church in Rome," a series of stories and pictures on the University Board of Trustees meetings held last February in Rome.

Fowler also won second place for "The Overachievers," a profile of football walk-ons Matt Augustyn and John Lyons. Columnist Joey Falco won second place for "Brokeback Country," a Viewpoint column about the controversy surrounding the 2006 film "Brokeback Mountain."

Assistant Scene Editor Cassie Belek won second place in the Best Entertainment column category for "Confessions of a soap opera fan."

Third place awards in the Best Stand-Alone Section category went to The Observer staff for "40 years," published on the paper's 40th anniversary.

Current Sports Editor Chris Khorey also won third place in Best Sports Column for "It's all or nothing for the nation's best squad," a reflection on women's soccer at Notre Dame.

Other Notre Dame publications represented at the ICPA convention included Scholastic, named the top news magazine; the Juggler, named the best literary magazine; and the Dome, named the second-best yearbook.



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Seminary

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"fit" to him than other orders.

"I looked into lots of orders, including the Jesuits and Holy Cross, before I made a decision," Hoeffel said. "It's like looking for colleges — I didn't want to limit myself, but I think I found my calling with the Jesuits."

Although Hoeffel did not choose Holy Cross, he said he found a great source of support for his decision to enter the priesthood since he has been at Notre Dame.

"I've never heard one person here say a bad thing about the Jesuits," Hoeffel said. "There's a big world outside Notre Dame, and the overriding issue is, how can we each best serve the Church?"

Another Notre Dame senior decided the best answer to that question is through joining the Congregation of the Holy Cross.

Dustin VonHandorf is part of Old College, Notre Dame's undergraduate seminary program.

He got involved in spiritual life at Notre Dame by helping coordinate Mass at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart during his first three years in college before he entered Old College in the fall.

VonHandorf decided to explore the priesthood after some people he knew encouraged him to consider it during

his junior year. He said the first time he visited Moreau Seminary — where prospective Holy Cross priests are trained — his reaction was "I'm home."

For students considering the priesthood, Old College is a way for them to explore their vocation, Old College Assistant Director Father Kevin Rousseau said.

"Even if students in Old College don't become priests, they receive formation to be good Catholic men," Rousseau said.

Unlike most dorms, Old College doesn't have a football team, resident assistants or 40 new freshmen every year.

What it does have in abundance is "community," VonHandorf said.

"Community here is very different from dorm life," VonHandorf said. "Everyone wants to be here [at Old College]. No one gets put here randomly."

Old College's staff has a more hands-on role in the spiritual development of residents than most dorms, he said.

"We have weekly formation meetings with the staff, and one of the first things we do is choose a spiritual director," VonHandorf said.

The spiritual director provides an important benefit to Old College life, VonHandorf said.

"They're available to ask questions and talk about what's on our mind when we need to," he said.

Although VonHandorf entered as a senior, most Old College residents enter in their freshman, sophomore or junior years, and spend their senior year at Moreau Seminary.

There are 12 men currently enrolled in Old College,

Rousseau said, and while probably only one quarter of the men in formation at Old College and Moreau Seminary will profess vows as priests, there is a rising "interest" in vocations, Rousseau said.

"It's hard to point out a

trend, but interest in exploring vocations in college seems to be increasing lately," Rousseau said.

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Rankings

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graduating. Of schools ranked in the top 30, only Washington and Lee University had a worse employment rate than Notre Dame, and only four schools in the top 50 were lower than Notre Dame in the category.

U.S. News and World Report's Web site said the employment category was worth 18 percent of the overall ranking.

"The U.S. News formula for determining rankings is subject to a certain amount of vagueness and weights only those variables that the magazine deems important in assessing schools," O'Hara said in her e-mail to students. "Many legal educators find this approach and the criteria that the magazine uses to be reductionist. At the same time, we live in the real world with market forces. For good or ill, the rankings are a reality with which we live, and of which we are cognizant."

Student reaction varied, with some students attributing the drop to O'Hara's leadership and others saying the change should be viewed as a slight fluctuation with limited insight into the future of the Law School.

"Initially I guess I was disappointed but not that surprised, and now I guess it's just caused me to think about why it happened," said Melissa Nunez, a third-year law student. "There's a lot of reasons the school ... isn't doing its best to be a university law school."

Nunez cited what she called a limited number of academically rigorous courses and a high number of cancelled courses as problems that have hurt students' training and, indirectly, the rankings.

Third-year law student Derek Muller, however, said the Law School's problems are noteworthy but not germane to the rankings.

He noted a turnover in the Law School's admissions office for the relevant incoming class and the unusually high number of admitted students that year. Notre Dame accepted 24.4 percent of applicants in 2006.

"The numbers, I think, they reflected the class," Muller said.

Muller said the University should address the discrepancy between evaluations by other schools and the judgments by those on the bar and on the bench. While Notre Dame received a score of 3.8 out of 5.0 from judges and lawyers, law school deans and long-tenured faculty from peer institutions gave the school a 3.3.

"Notre Dame's reputation in the legal community, at least among law schools, has not improved, despite a lot of these excellent, outstanding young faculty [at Notre Dame Law School]," Muller said.

While Notre Dame's ranking slipped, its cost remained relatively moderate in comparison to other top law schools.

According to statistics released by U.S. News and World Report, Notre Dame's yearly cost of \$48,220 — which included tuition, room and board, books and "other expenses" — was 33rd among private law schools. At least nine public law schools — including Connecticut, Wayne State, Maryland, all four California state law schools, Virginia and Michigan — were more expensive for out-of-state students than Notre Dame, according to the available data.

Notre Dame tied for ninth with Harvard Law School in the sub-field of trial advocacy but was unranked in all other specialties — tax law, legal writing, international law, intellectual property law, healthcare law, environmental law, dispute resolution and clinical training.

The specialty rankings did not factor into the overall score.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Earthquake hits Solomon Islands

HONIARA, Solomon Islands — A powerful undersea earthquake Monday in the South Pacific sent a tsunami several yards high crashing into the Solomon Islands, devastating at least one village, officials and residents said.

Police and residents said a wave about 10 feet high struck the western town of Gizo, inundating buildings and causing widespread destruction. A man who answered the telephone at the Gizo police station said there were initial reports that eight people, six of them children, had been killed by the tsunami but they were still unconfirmed. The phone cut out abruptly before the man gave his name.

Gizo resident Judith Kennedy said water "right up to your head" swept through the town.

"All the houses near the sea were flattened," she told The Associated Press by telephone. "The downtown area is a very big mess from the tsunami and the earthquake," she added. "A lot of houses have collapsed. The whole town is still shaking" from aftershocks.

Iran airs video of captured Britons

TEHRAN, Iran — Iranian state television aired new video Sunday showing two of the 15 captured British sailors pointing to a spot on a map of the Persian Gulf where they were seized and acknowledging it was in Iranian territorial waters.

Britain's Foreign Office denounced the video, saying it was "completely unacceptable for these pictures to be shown on TV."

Adding to tensions between the two countries, about 200 angry Iranian youths chanting "Death to Britain" and "Death to America" threw rocks and firecrackers at the British Embassy and tried to rush the compound but were held back by police.

NATIONAL NEWS

White House rushes Gonzales testimony

WASHINGTON — The White House scrambled Sunday to move up Attorney General Alberto Gonzales' planned testimony to Congress about his involvement in firing eight federal prosecutors, only to get a cold shoulder from majority Democrats.

The effort reflected the frustration by Republican senators and the White House over how long it is taking the embattled attorney general to explain himself under oath. Congress has just begun a vacation — one week for the Senate, two for the House.

In a sign of Gonzales' diminished standing on Capitol Hill, the Senate GOP leader offered lukewarm support for the nation's top law enforcer, whose inconsistent explanations about the dismissals have become a distraction for the Bush administration.

Hillary breaks fundraising records

WASHINGTON — Shattering previous records, Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton collected \$26 million for her presidential campaign during the first three months of the year and transferred an additional \$10 million from her Senate fundraising account, aides said Sunday.

The New York senator's total included \$4.2 million raised through the Internet. The campaign did not specify how much of the \$36 million was available only for the primary election and how much could be used just in the general election, if she were the party's nominee.

LOCAL NEWS

Cemeteries offer pet burial services

MERRILLVILLE, Ind. — A growing number of funeral homes and cemeteries are offering burial and cremation services for animals to help bereaved pet owners cope with their loss.

Across the nation, there's a growing trend among pet owners who want to celebrate their departed animals with the many services now offered by local funeral homes and cemeteries.

Calumet Park Cemetery in Merrillville will open a section this spring where people and their pets can be buried in the same plots, said cemetery marketing director Rob Vogel.

VATICAN CITY

John Paul II moves closer to sainthood

Church officials announce investigation into late Pope's life is finished

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Catholic Church officials reached a key milestone in the drive to make Pope John Paul II a saint Monday, closing an investigation into his life and handing over a dossier detailing the purported miraculous cure of a nun who prayed to him.

The events come two years to the day after John Paul died — a remarkably fast pace that underscores the church's keen interest in beatifying John Paul and responding to the calls of "Santo Subito" or "Sainthood Immediately!" that erupted after his death.

Pope Benedict XVI put John Paul on the fast track for possible sainthood just weeks after his April 2, 2005, death, when he waived the customary five-year waiting period and allowed the investigation into his predecessor's virtues to begin immediately.

Such a waiver had only been granted once before, to Mother Teresa.

Benedict will not attend Monday's ceremony at the St. John Lateran basilica to close the investigation into John Paul's life, a key step in the process of beatification and canonization. He was, however, scheduled to celebrate a Mass later in the day at St. Peter's Basilica to mark the second anniversary of John Paul's death.

Monsignor Slawomir Oder, the Polish prelate who is spearheading the beatification cause, acknowledged recently that his probe was completed unusually quickly — particularly considering the vast amount of material that had to be collected.

About 130 people were interviewed, historians gathered books about John Paul from libraries around the globe, and theologians studied his private writings to determine if he ever wrote anything heretical.

Critics also had a voice,



A woman holds a picture of the late Pope John Paul II during Palm Sunday celebrations in Mexico City. The second anniversary of John Paul II's death is today.

although Oder said the vast majority of the criticism was not against John Paul as a person but against some aspect of his teachings or church doctrine. "To tell the truth, this doesn't weigh heavily on the merit of the process itself," he said.

Such complicated investigations often take decades or centuries, not a matter of months.

"But speed doesn't mean a lack of seriousness," Oder said. "Aside from the dispensation of the delay to the process, we have not sought any other waiver."

Indeed, he dismissed renewed calls by John Paul's longtime private secretary, Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz, archbishop of Krakow,

Poland, to proceed to canonization immediately, saying the church's procedures must be respected.

John Paul's cause has been bolstered by the testimony of a French nun, Sister Marie-Simon-Pierre, who says she was cured of Parkinson's disease after she and her fellow sisters prayed to the late pope.

The nun, 46, emerged from secrecy last week, telling a news conference in France that she felt reborn when she woke up two months after John Paul died, cured of the disease that the pope himself had lived with.

The Vatican's complicated saint-making procedures require that a miracle

attributed to the candidate's intercession be confirmed before beatification. A second miracle is necessary for canonization.

Simon-Pierre is expected to attend Monday's events in Rome and to be on hand as her superiors deliver to the Vatican the documentation supporting her testimony about the purported miracle.

After receiving the documentation, the Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of Saints will appoint medical experts to determine if there are medical explanations for the cure. Theologians will then determine if the cure came as a result of prayer to John Paul.

IRAQ

McCain criticizes war media coverage

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — After a heavily guarded trip to a Baghdad market, Sen. John McCain insisted Sunday that a U.S.-Iraqi security crackdown in the capital was working and said Americans lacked a "full picture" of the progress. Six soldiers were killed in roadside bombings southwest of Baghdad.

McCain, a Republican presidential hopeful who was a prisoner of war in Vietnam, acknowledged a difficult task ahead in Iraq, but criticized the media for not giving Americans enough information about the recent drop in execution-style sectarian killings, the estab-

lishment of security posts throughout the city and Sunni tribal efforts against al-Qaida in the western Anbar province.

"These and other indicators are reason for cautious, very cautious optimism about the effects of the new strategy," said McCain, who was leading a Republican congressional delegation to Iraq that included Sen. Lindsey Graham.

Members of the delegation spoke at a Green Zone news conference after they rode from Baghdad's airport in armored vehicles and under heavy guard to visit the city's largest market. They said the trips were proof that security was improving in the capital. Prominent visi-

tors normally make the trip from the airport to the city center by helicopter.

The congressmen, who wore body armor during their hourlong shopping excursion, said they were impressed with the resilience and warmth of the Iraqi people, some of whom would not take money for their souvenirs. They were accompanied by the top U.S. commander in Iraq, Gen. David Petraeus.

While the capital has seen a recent dip in violence as extra U.S. and Iraqi troops have flooded the streets, an Iraqi military spokesman said that militants fleeing the crackdown have made areas outside the capital "breeding grounds for violence."

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Notre Dame Stadium.

"[We are] working on things that will benefit students in the fall," she said.

An administration with experience

Brown and Braun came into office with experience in former student body president Lizzi Shappell and vice president Bill Andrichik's administration.

Brown was their chief executive assistant, while Braun was the Breen-Phillips senator. Brown said she admired the work Shappell and Andrichik accomplished during their term.

"Since I was part [of their administration], I have a lot of respect for both Lizzi and Bill," she said. "I think it's absolutely remarkable that they accomplished 32

out of the 35 things on their platform."

Braun offered the example of the Student Union endowment initiated by Shappell and Andrichik last week and predicted that in 10 years or so — when students are able to see famous bands on campus — students will think that whoever set up the endowment had foresight.

"We can really thank Lizzi and Bill for that," she said.

After witnessing the behind-the-scenes work of student government, Brown said she is confident that she and Braun can handle what lies ahead.

"I don't really have a huge fear," she

said. "I think I'm pretty confident ... I think we have the experience and the vision to get things done."

Their experience will be a

valuable asset, they said.

"I think the biggest benefit of having experience is that you've already established relationships with administrators on campus," Brown said.

Braun thinks that their experience will make them more efficient.

"[With] experience alone, you're more practiced," she said. "... You waste less time trying to figure out how to do things because you've been there before."

And the fact that they have all of their committee chairs and positions filled for the next year, Brown said, has contributed to their confidence as they start their term.

"We have great chairs," Brown said. "I think we have the right people behind us."

'We have to step up on our game'

Since Brown and Braun were elected by a Senate vote due to the failure of any ticket to receive a 50 percent plus one majority in the run-off student election, concerns have arisen that students lack interest in student government. But Braun said she thought the

items on their agenda that directly impact students will counter claims about a lack of interest.

"In the fall, when some of our big student life initiatives get passed, I think students will see the benefit [of student government] more," she said.

Braun said she is "not worried about not receiving 50 percent plus one [of the vote]" and cited the fact that applications for Student Senate committees doubled this year as evidence that interest in student government is not declining.

For Brown, on the other hand, her ticket's failure to obtain the majority pushes her to work harder.

"Since it was such a close election, that's motivating to me," she said. "We have to step up on our game and prove that the right decision was made in the end."

'Confronting each issue with no holds'

While Braun expects challenges, she said she has "no fears" about her and Brown's ability to serve in office.

"There will be tough times.

That's life," she said.

But even with any unforeseeable obstacles, Brown and Braun said they have certain objectives they believe they can accomplish over the next year.

"I hope that we can really spark some change that will directly affect the students in a way that they know that student government does things," Brown said. She believes that students sometimes do not realize student government is behind certain changes, like last year's updates to Grab and Go.

"It would be great for students to be able to have a little faith that things can be done," she said.

Braun hopes that their administration will undertake issues that may seem complex or take time to resolve.

"I would rather approach an issue that hasn't been approached before," she said. "... I hope that we're remembered as confronting each issue with no holds. You know, 100 percent."

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classification of sensitive information.

He said sensitive information in the Notre Dame network would include academic records, health services files, Social Security numbers, financial aid documents and University financial and investment information.

One of the tools OIT placed on its Web site to help the campus community pinpoint sensitive information is the Sensitive Number Finder software, which locates potential Social Security and credit card numbers on the computer's hard drive, external hard drives, USB "thumb" drives and AFS or NetFile space, Wishon said.

OIT will also supervise work with different University departments in the upcoming months to make sure the office computers have firewalls, antivirus software and other preventive tools running, according to the OIT Web site.

To correct the flaws in the Notre Dame network, Wishon said OIT was taking Ernst &

Young's advice and considering security-differentiated zones within the public network, developing more effective firewalls against unauthorized users and making revisions and upgrades to the different servers on campus.

OIT Information Security Director Gary Dobbins said there were more than 40 different projects underway designed to reduce the risks of unauthorized access to University information.

"We are working to improve security for all campus systems, both desktops as well as servers," Dobbins said. "Locating and identifying them all, particularly those which might contain sensitive information, is itself no small challenge."

He said the Ernst & Young audit determined several servers on campus were operating in a vulnerable condition.

Dobbins said OIT representatives contacted the different offices and departments that were red-flagged to "further steps they can take to reduce those vulnerabilities."

On Jan. 13, 2006, the University detected a breach in a Development Office server,

which may have exposed the personal and financial information of several donors.

The University sent the donors whose information may have been leaked a letter on Jan. 20, 2006, detailing the crime and suggesting they keep an eye on their accounts, due to the risk of identity theft.

The University sent a similar letter on Jan. 2, 2007 to the employees who may have been affected by the laptop theft, WNDU reported.

These recommendations, Wishon said, also extend to all members of the Notre Dame community.

Information security, he said, pertained to firewalls and the individual's discipline alike.

"[Information security] is about how we access, process, transmit and store sensitive information in all forms," Wishon said on OIT's Web site. "It certainly covers laptop and desktop computers, but also includes how we deal with paper records or whether we're discrete in telephone conversations that involve sensitive data."

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Maine's Holocaust center relocates

Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Maine — With a succession of four curved roof lines arching toward the southern sky before ending abruptly with walls of glass, the architecture is striking. But inside the new home of Maine's Holocaust and Human Rights Center, visitors may find what they see and hear even more moving.

Images of survivors of the Nazi horrors and their liberators will appear on four screens to tell stories of what they experienced during those dark days. As a backdrop to their words, ambient sounds from the death camps will fill the air.

Visitors will see a letter from a GI to his sweetheart describing what he saw as he became one of the first Americans to

liberate the death camps. Outside, a small plot of ground will hold earth from Auschwitz-Birkenau, following a ceremony on April 15, international Holocaust Remembrance Day.

For years, mementoes, tapes and other material pertaining to Mainers who survived or helped to liberate the concentration camps of the World War II era were scattered in different locations. Tapes were housed in the state library.

Other items wound up in Sharon Nichols' home.

A Catholic who developed a deep interest in the Holocaust during a visit to Germany in the 1960s, Nichols found herself consumed by questions about how people could inflict such cruelty on fellow humans, and how anything like it can be prevented in the future.

Last year — 21 years after the Holocaust and Human

Rights Center was founded — ground was broken for its permanent home.

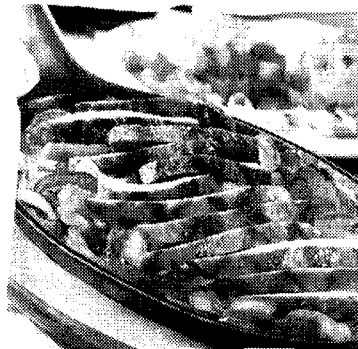
The Michael Klahr Center is named in honor of a child Holocaust survivor who eventually settled in Maine.

Klahr was born in Paris in 1937. His mother was deported and probably killed, and his father was shot by the Nazis. In 1946, Klahr arrived on an orphan ship in the United States. He became wealthy in New York after investing in real estate. He later moved to Maine, where he married Phyllis Jalbert. The two ran sporting camps until Klahr died in 1998.

Nichols said the timing is right for the \$2.8 million, 6,000-square-foot Klahr center to open because survivors and liberators who serve as the backbone of public outreach efforts are now old and dying.

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AMEX	2,174.90	+2.70
NASDAQ	2,421.64	+3.76
NYSE	9,621.82	-17.26
S&P 500	1,420.86	-1.67
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	17,287.65	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	6,308.00	-16.20

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ 110 TR (QQQQ)	-0.09	-0.04	43.53
S&P RECEIPTS (SPY)	+0.02	+0.03	142.00
CMGI INC (CMGI)	-6.19	-0.14	2.12
SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	+0.84	+0.05	6.01

Treasuries

10-YEAR NOTE	+0.35	+0.016	4.648
13-WEEK BILL	-0.20	-0.010	4.895
30-YEAR BOND	+0.39	-0.019	4.848
5-YEAR NOTE	+0.38	+0.017	4.537

Commodities

LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	-0.16	65.87
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+1.40	669.00
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-0.63	100.40

Exchange Rates

YEN	117.7300
EURO	0.7486
POUND	0.5081
CANADIAN \$	1.1526

IN BRIEF

Fund pushes for Lilly shareholder vote

INDIANAPOLIS — A major U.S. pension fund wants fellow Eli Lilly and Co. shareholders to have more of a voice in amending the bylaws governing the drug maker.

The California Public Employees' Retirement System has proposed allowing shareholders to change bylaws by majority vote. Currently, only board members can change bylaws, which essentially provide a road map for how the company is run.

It owns roughly 4.8 million Lilly shares, which is less than 1 percent of the Indianapolis-based company's stock.

The retirement system, known as CalPERS, pitched its proposal in Lilly's annual proxy statement and in a letter it sent to 1,600 major shareholders. It notes that share owners can amend bylaws at most S&P 500 companies.

Lilly opposes the proposal because company officials believe it would lead to too much influence from large shareholders. It notes that its board has a duty to look out for the interests of all shareholders.

Indianapolis Power suit dismissed

INDIANAPOLIS — A federal judge on Wednesday dismissed a lawsuit by some 2,000 former Indianapolis Power & Light Co. employees who claimed utility officials failed to protect their retirement savings from a multimillion-dollar stock collapse that followed a merger.

The class action lawsuit alleged that the value of employees' 401(k) and retirement plans plummeted when Virginia-based AES Corp. acquired the utility in a stock swap in 2001. It also alleged company officers dumped IPALCO shares about the time employees were prohibited from selling company stocks owned through their benefit plans.

But Judge David F. Hamilton found no evidence of illicit profits or wrongdoing and said executives had complied with federal securities law.

"There is no evidence at all that the individual defendants had any negative inside information about AES or the prospects of its stock," Hamilton wrote in a 113-page ruling. "Defendants did not give investment advice themselves."

SOUTH KOREA

Talks seek largest ever tariffs cut

White House says trade negotiations are 'not going well' after ten months

Associated Press

SEOUL — South Korea and the United States struggled to wrap up an elusive free trade agreement even as a deadline for concluding negotiations came and went.

Negotiators have met for eight straight days at a Seoul hotel. If they succeed, the accord to slash tariffs and other trade barriers would be the biggest for the U.S. since the North American Free Trade Agreement in 1993, and the biggest ever for South Korea.

"We're down to decision time as opposed to negotiation time," said Steve Norton, spokesman for the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative, suggesting that the two sides were reviewing each other's final offer more than one hour after the deadline Monday in Seoul.

After an all-night session Friday, the two sides said they needed to extend talks beyond the original midnight deadline, and agreed to finish the talks by 1 a.m. Monday in Seoul, corresponding to a noon Sunday deadline in Washington.

The negotiations were marred by ugly protests outside the luxury hilltop hotel where delegates met. A man shouted "Stop the Korea-U.S. FTA" after setting himself on fire. He was treated for third-degree burns, police said.

Nearby, about 150 protesters, including farmers, students and activists, some wearing red or white headbands, denounced the talks, chanting "Down with the Roh Moo-hyun government," referring to South Korea's president.

A brief clash between some of the protesters and riot police carrying shields and truncheons erupted later, with one policeman



South Korean Trade Minister Kim Hyun-chong participates in free-trade agreement talks with the U.S. Sunday in Seoul. A man set himself on fire protesting the talks.

falling to the ground bloodied. After dark, protesters gathered in front of Seoul City Hall for a candlelight protest, holding placards and chanting.

Police estimated the crowd at about 1,000 people. The protesters then marched through central Seoul toward the presidential Blue House, but they were checked by riot police.

South Korean Trade Minister Kim Hyun-chong and Deputy U.S. Trade Representative Karan

Bhatia, as well as the chief negotiators for the two sides, have been meeting since last Monday to bridge contentious trade issues such as autos and agriculture.

The White House on Friday said that after 10 months of haggling, the talks were "not going well."

A USTR spokesman in Washington said Saturday that the U.S. must wrap up the deal by Sunday U.S. time. That is the deadline to notify Congress that President Bush does or does

not intend to sign a deal under his expiring Trade Promotion Authority.

That "fast track" power to submit trade agreements to Congress for straight yes-or-no votes expires on July 1, but legally the agreement must be concluded 90 days in advance.

Norton said Sunday there would be no further extension of talks.

Any final deal would be subject to approval by both Congress and South Korea's National Assembly.

Ethanol boom spurs corn planting

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — An ethanol-fueled boom in prices will prompt American farmers to plant the most corn since the year the Allies invaded Normandy, but surging demand could mean consumers still may pay more for everything from chicken to cough syrup.

Farmers are expected to plant 90.5 million acres of corn, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's annual prospective plantings report released Friday. That would be a 15 percent increase over 2006 and the most corn planted since 1944.

Mother Nature will play a large part in the actual acreage planted. Muddy fields are already slowing plantings in some states.

"We're awfully wet out here," said John Scott, a grain farmer in west central Iowa. "Normally by this time of year

we're doing quite a bit of field work. There just isn't a wheel turning out here. Illinois is in the same boat."

The move to plant corn is in large part due to a rush to produce corn-based ethanol, which is blended with gasoline. There are now 114 ethanol refineries nationwide and another 80 under construction.

The corn rush was sparked by President Bush's initiative to support for flexible-fuel vehicles, which are capable of using gasoline and ethanol blends, and his administration's plan to cut gas consumption by 20 percent in 10 years.

Corn prices were already rising when Bush announced the initiative in Washington on Jan. 23 and there has been growing concern that the corn rush could hurt the poor in less-developed nations such as Mexico, where the crop is a staple used in tortillas.

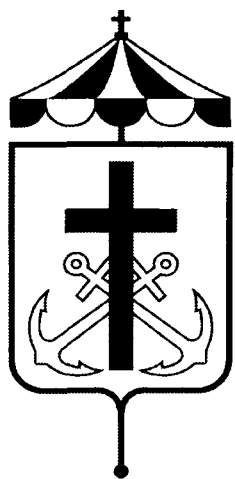
On Thursday, Cuban leader Fidel

Castro wrote in an editorial for the Communist Party daily newspaper that President Bush's ethanol plan could deplete corn and other food stocks in developing nations, putting the lives of 3 billion people at risk worldwide.

"You're in the middle of an emergence of a food versus fuel debate," said Lincoln Ellis, director of asset management for the Linn Group, a Chicago-based privately held financial trading business focusing on commodities and futures. "This is the pregame show. We haven't even hit the first quarter."

Corn is a key ingredient in many foods, from corn syrup found in candies and cough syrup to feed used in meat production.

Chicken producers welcomed the planting report, hoping that an increased corn supply would reduce feed costs that have led to a 40 percent rise in chicken prices.



BASILICA OF THE SACRED HEART

HOLY WEEK

PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION, APRIL 1

5:00 pm (Saturday)	Vigil Mass
9:45 am	Solemn Mass
12:00 noon	Sunday Mass
Special Mass times for Palm Sunday only	

TUESDAY, APRIL 3

7:00 pm	Campus-wide Stations of the Cross (Procession departs from the Grotto)
9:15 pm	Opportunity for individual confession follows Stations in the Basilica

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 5

9:00 am	Morning Prayer
5:00 pm	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
*6:30 pm	Adoration in the Lady Chapel
11:00 pm	Tenebrae
*Basilica of the Sacred Heart will remain open from 6:30 pm until 12:30 am	

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 6

9:00 am	Morning Prayer
12:00 noon - 3:00 pm	Silent Hours of Prayer
3:00 pm	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7:15 pm	Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 7

9:00 am	Morning Prayer
9:00 pm	The Paschal Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 8

8:00 am	Easter Sunday Mass
10:00 am	Solemn Mass
12:00 noon	Easter Sunday Mass
7:15 pm	Solemn Easter Vespers
Special Mass times for Easter Sunday only	

CONFESSIONS DURING HOLY WEEK

Monday	11:00 am, 4:45 pm, 7:00 pm
Tuesday	11:00 am, 4:45 pm, 7:00 pm, 9:15 pm
Wednesday	11:00 am, 4:45 pm, 7:00 pm
Holy Thursday	11:00 am to 12:00 noon, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Good Friday	11:00 am to 2:00 pm, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm
Holy Saturday	12:00 noon to 1:00 pm, 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm



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only made it through the first round, the competition was ultimately successful, since they were able to find a group of investors through the competition that are now sponsoring NDtogo.

The services offered through the Web site will only be available to Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students since students will need a school e-mail address to register.

"The service will always be free to students ... whether they are logging in, using the Web site or getting freebies," Reyes said.

Reyes said the Web site will be organized according to various categories, such as dining on a budget, type of restaurant and appropriate dress.

NDtogo.com will feature lists of restaurants in the South Bend area where students can take their parents over Junior Parents Weekend

as well as restaurants for students on a budget to go out with their friends, Reyes said.

"Every week a restaurant will be featured which will give away free items," Reyes said.

Reyes said many restaurants and businesses have been receptive to the company's business plan because they want more student business.

"Business owners are bringing extremely generous and are giving away whole pizzas, for example," Reyes said.

Although

the database part of the Web site will not be up and running until late April, students can start registering now on the site. Students will be eligible for free prizes and coupons once they register, Reyes said.

"Every week a restaurant will be featured which will give away free items," Reyes said.

The listings and database will be available Blue and Gold weekend, Reyes said, and the last two weeks of

school the site will be giving away free items daily.

NDtogo has begun advertising to students through Facebook.com flyers. The company also had a Facebook event to draw student interest, but the event could not be located Sunday.

Reyes declined to discuss how the business will be lucrative, but said that helping college students in the South Bend area is his main objective.

"What will be profitable about it is that we will be helping students find cool and interesting restaurants in the South Bend community," he said.

Reyes — who received a graduate degree from the University in 2003 — said he realized during his time at Notre Dame that a lot of students are not aware of all the restaurants in South Bend and Mishawaka.

"Every time we wanted to go out, we'd go to the same place over and over. At the end of our time ... we started finding all these places around the community,"

Reyes said. "There are a lot of places to go that are new and fun in South Bend that aren't going to break the bank."

The Web site's services will be focused on South Bend, Mishawaka, Granger and Niles, but the founders hope to eventually expand the site to include other areas such as Elkhart, Reyes said.

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Rudy Reyes Jr.
co-founder
NDtogo.com

Reyes said he doesn't think other Web sites like Yelp.com, campusfood.com and Dine In Delivery Service will be competition for his business because these serv-

ices are not primarily for students.

"We don't really feel like they are too much a competition. ... Yelp is just getting started and it's still not giving anything away [for free]," Reyes said. "We find with all these other Web sites that none of them are really geared toward students."

Joshua Railton, director of

operations at Dine In Delivery Service, which delivers food from multiple local vendors, said the new company will not be serious competition for Dine In in the future.

"There have been services like that in the past. Campusfood.com tried to work with us but it didn't work because we work with over 50 different restaurants in the area and we provide good service and we do a lot of online orders for students," Railton said.

NDtogo hopes to get students involved in its business venture as well.

"The eventual goal is to involve a team of student voices to help us get the word out — anybody can be involved," Reyes said.

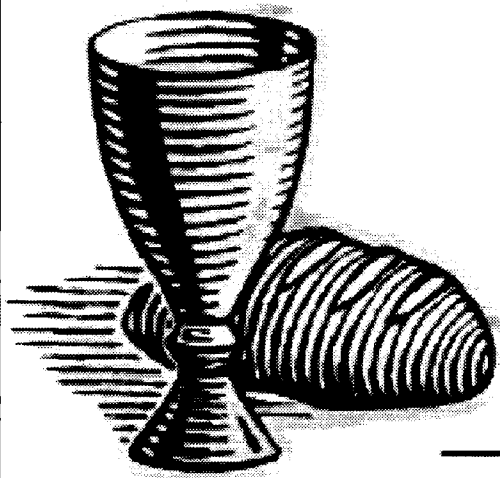
Reyes said they have sent e-mails out to various clubs on campus, including the entrepreneurial club and the marketing club.

"We are still waiting to get the full team in place," he said.

Reyes said NDtogo.com will also be sponsoring a Bookstore Basketball team for the 2007 Bookstore Basketball season.

NDtogo is not affiliated with the University.

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Everything ventured, nothing gained

Many critics have noted that the present Iraq War is the first real, long-term war in which the vast majority has not sacrificed anything significant. They say that the .5 percent of the American population in the armed services is bearing the entire burden of the war in Iraq. For the most part, I'm in agreement with their assessment. I don't have to present any ration coupons when purchasing groceries at the store. Gas prices are still incredibly low by international standards, thanks to gratuitous subsidies for oil companies by our government. I don't face a draft like my father; I'm not staring at a TV screen clutching a number that will determine whether I go off to fight or remain at home. Personally, each of us is quite well off in this conflict, mental anguish aside.

However, we've sacrificed much as a country.

There are 3,248 U.S. military fatalities that have been confirmed by the Department of Defense and countless casualties. Each one of these deaths has shaken the lives of family and friends and each casualty has altered a life forever. We're quickly learning that a growing number of soldiers are returning with post-traumatic stress disorder which has, in the history of warfare, gone severely undiagnosed, underreported, and insufficiently treated. Thousands more lives have been lost by non-military personnel, civilians working in Iraq in a variety of ways, whether it be driving a truck or working for a private security firm. These fatalities and casualties are mounting on a daily basis, climbing at staggering rates.

We've lost the hope of Iraqis. While the flower-throwers that Donald Rumsfeld anticipated mostly stayed home during

the liberation of their country, there was still a great sense of victory and hope for the future of Iraq back in 2003. Saddam Hussein was a brutal dictator and had been deposed in a matter of weeks. The words "sectarian violence" had yet to be uttered on the news and pictures of Iraqi children smiling at soldiers dominated the airwaves, not the IED explosions and bombed-out marketplaces full of grieving Iraqis we see today. We've lost the hope of Iraqis and therefore we've lost Iraq. According to the latest ABC News poll, 51 percent of Iraqis believe that it is "acceptable" to attack U.S./coalition forces.

We've lost the respect of the world. The administration has managed to take all the sympathy and support that was thrown at us from around the world on September 11 and mangle these alliances into a relationship of bitter discord. These other countries unanimously agree that terrorism must be stopped but fundamentally disagree with our approach towards bringing peace and stability to the Middle East. They see the war in Iraq as the ill-advised debacle that it is and resent the losses that they, too, have accrued.

We've sacrificed the moral high-ground that we once held as a nation. We were once the ultimate symbol of freedom, liberty and justice. Our country was what the world wanted to be. Our government was something that we could be proud of, an achievement of civilization that stressed accountability, equality and rule by the people, for the people and of the people. Oh, how we might have fallen. We have stooped so low as to use torture as a primary tool in our attempts to garner intelligence from detainees. We export prisoners to 'black sites' run by the CIA which operate without Congressional oversight and send other detainees to allied countries where oversight does not exist and human rights are scoffed at.

We've surrendered our principles to the Bush administration, allowing the

war on terror to proceed without the hindrances of checks and balances, oversight and transparency, features of our democracy which were earned through the sacrifices of previous generations. Habeus corpus, one of the greatest inventions of civilization and one of the most fundamental of American rights, has been suspended for many detainees. We've now developed the hubris as a nation to imprison people indefinitely, without charge.

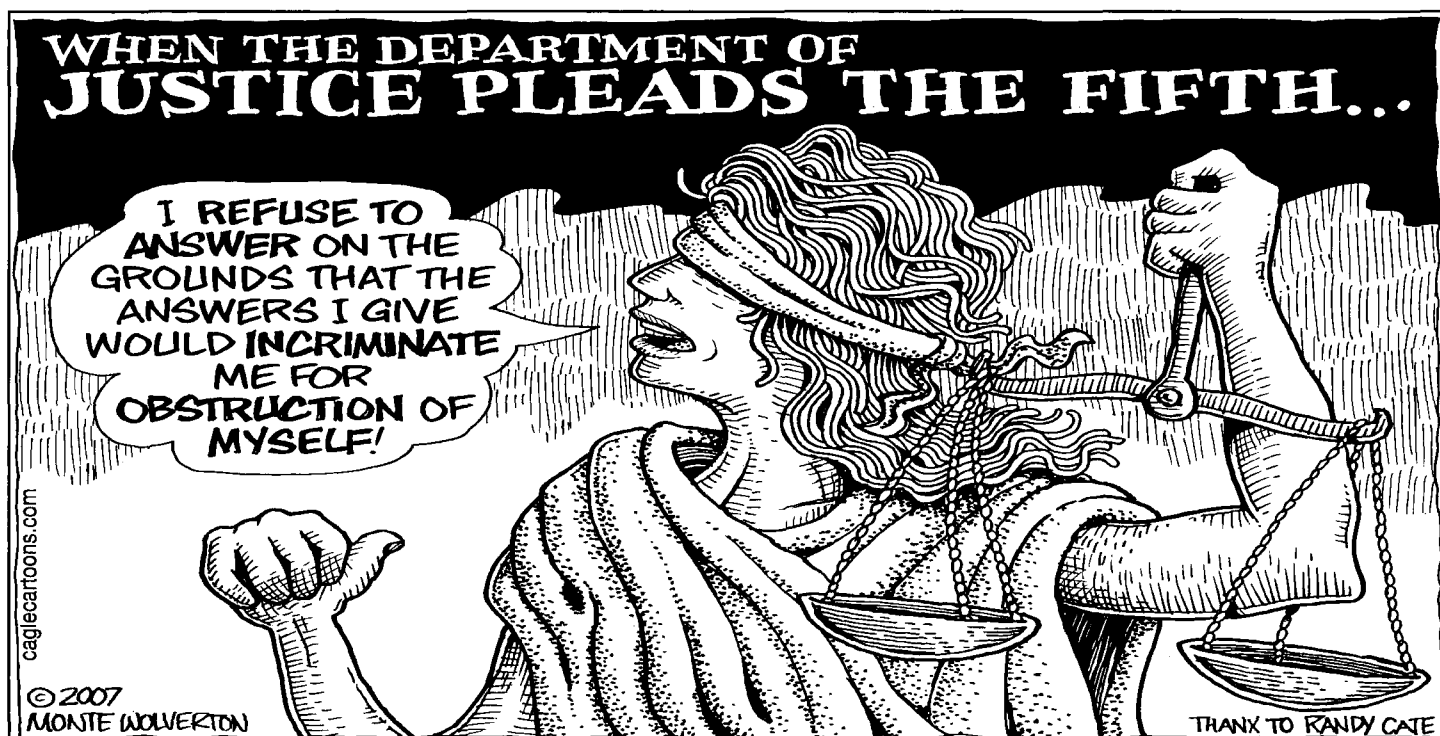
Essentially, we're still living the everyday American way of life. In that respect, al Qaeda has failed. However, America, the nation, is not sustaining the American values of life. We've never prided ourselves as a nation because of our constant supply of butter during wartime, our ability to artificially deflate gas prices, or our ability to banish the harsh realities of war to the 24-hour news cycle, and we shouldn't start now. America is not tyranny and torture, hubris and hypocrisy, ignorance and ideology. America is the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution, the Emancipation Proclamation, the victory at D-Day, the "I Have A Dream" speech, the Bible, the Torah and the Koran.

There's a well-known picture on my wall of "the unknown rebel," a solitary man blocking a column of Chinese tanks advancing towards the protests in Tiananmen Square. Against all odds, he stands in the face of glaring injustice and oppression. While the answer has historically been clear, we, as citizens of America, have to ask ourselves: are we the man, or are we the tank?

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Our job is to love others without stopping to inquire whether or not they are worthy. That is not our business and, in fact, it is nobody's business. What we are asked to do is to love, and this love itself will render both ourselves and our neighbors worthy if anything can."

Thomas Merton
author

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Notre Dame ROTC vital to the nation

Faith an important part of officer corps

I would like to clear up many misconceptions that some students, faculty and concerned Catholics may hold regarding the Notre Dame ROTC program and the Catholic mission of Notre Dame. I applaud the many righteous causes for which the Catholic Worker movement has stood over the past several decades. However, I do not believe they have a valid reason to protest ROTC at Notre Dame.

While being an active member of the Air Force ROTC unit, I became very confused about the ethics of war during my junior year at Notre Dame. I spoke with Father Warner, the ROTC chaplain, and read up on St. Augustine's "Just War Theory." I came to the conclusion that war is an unfortunate yet necessary evil, because if we do not act, more innocent lives may be lost. We would be committing sins of omission if we were to sit idle and allow aggressors to destroy nations.

Now, I do not want to parallel this idea to our current war overseas. That is opening up a whole new can of worms. However, it is inevitable that this nation will always have a military and therefore a need for military officers. I feel more comfortable that many of these ranks are being filled by ethically sound and theologically-educated Notre Dame graduates who understand the sacredness of life and that war is a last resort, and not always a solution to every problem. Our military is far from perfect, but without Notre Dame's Christian presence in the officer corps, it now becomes much less perfect.

Captain Greg Bergman
alumnus
Vandalia, Ohio
March 30

No dehumanizing in military curriculum

This letter is in response to Bradley Jenkins' Letter to the Editor ("Protests aimed at solidarity," March 29) on protesting the presence of ROTC on the Notre Dame campus. I applaud Mr. Jenkins' activism and work to create peace in the world. Nobody wants that more than the military members that serve in harm's way far away from their friends and family.

However, I do find objection with his assertion that the ROTC program "systematically trains many of our noblest young men and women to dehumanize the other and surrender their conscience." First of all, our students are taught Just War Theory along with the teachings of St. Augustine and Thomas Aquinas. They are also taught Divine Law and Natural Law and discuss how all of this fits with the teachings of the Catholic Church. They are not taught to surrender their conscience but are instead taught to search their conscience and ask if there are conflicts between their moral and religious beliefs and military operations that they might be engaged in. During that discussion they learn what courses of actions are available to them if they find themselves in an irreconcilable position.

Secondly, ROTC students are also taught the Conduct of War and how honorable people treat enemy combatants. Much of the "moral armor" of the military profession is that we perform our

mission not out of emotion or hatred but simply because it is our professional duty. In fact, dehumanizing your enemy would make us something less human and that is exactly what our moral code works to prevent. What is more noble than somebody that has taken an oath to defend our country and our way of life? And if we see a need to have that capability, then wouldn't our country be well served to have Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students as part of that that noble profession? I ask that you not confuse the issues around an unpopular war and those specific to being in the military.

Coincidentally, in the same issue of The Observer there was a front page article about a speaker calling students to action to stop the genocide in Darfur. While I think that there are many things that people could do to affect the situation indirectly, eventually somebody is going to have to stop the killing. The harsh reality is that it probably means somebody taking direct action to stop the bad guys. The other part of that reality is that it may involve military action and taking a life to save a life. My question to you, Mr. Jenkins, is, "Who is going to do that?"

Captain Mike Neller
U.S. Navy professor of naval science
March 30

Moses commands sin to be put to death

To my mind, no one has yet responded adequately to Xavier Lebec's charge ("First Down Moses underlies negative attitudes about other religions," March 27) that "First Down Moses" celebrates religious terrorism. Mark Flanagan ("Greater complexity to 'honorable' Moses," March 30) rightly observes that Nick Bloom's letter ("Moses was an honorable man," March 29) more confirms than answers it. But Flanagan's solution presents a Vatican II severed from the Tradition which gave it life.

The Church realized that the Bible contains apparent atrocities long before Vatican II. Eighteen centuries ago, the Church Father Origen wrote that Scripture contains things that "cannot be believed to have happened appropriately and reasonably." How should we read them? Echoing ancient Tradition, Vatican II reminds us to pay "attention...to the content and unity of the whole of Scripture." For Christians, this "content and unity" is Jesus Christ. In the light of Christ, what does the command to "kill your brother, your friend and your neighbor" mean? Whom should I kill? Clearly not my enemies, for whom Christ commanded me to pray (Matt 5:44). Clearly not Christ's enemies, before whom Christ commanded me to put away my sword (Matt 26:52). Who then must be put to death? Christians must hear in Moses' command St. Paul's exhortation to "put to death" (Col 3:5) all those sins that we have embraced as brother, friend, and neighbor. We must violently topple these golden calves which we have built and live for the one Lord.

It is worth squeezing in one final and suggestive observation. It was the very jewelry taught by the Fathers to signify all that "is true and holy in [other] religions" that was distorted and misshapen into that golden idol. Part of the sin was therefore an abuse of that "ray of truth" which other religions "reflect." Perhaps my interpretation is unconvincing. But as Lebec insightfully pointed out, "whether or not the story is literally true does not matter as much as the fact that people accept its message as sacred." The Catholic Church considers the Bible sacred insofar as its message is Christ. A Catholic University honors religious images for the same reason. "First Down Moses" proclaims only that same message ever proclaimed by the Church: Jesus Christ alone is Lord.

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March 31

Drinking is a personal choice

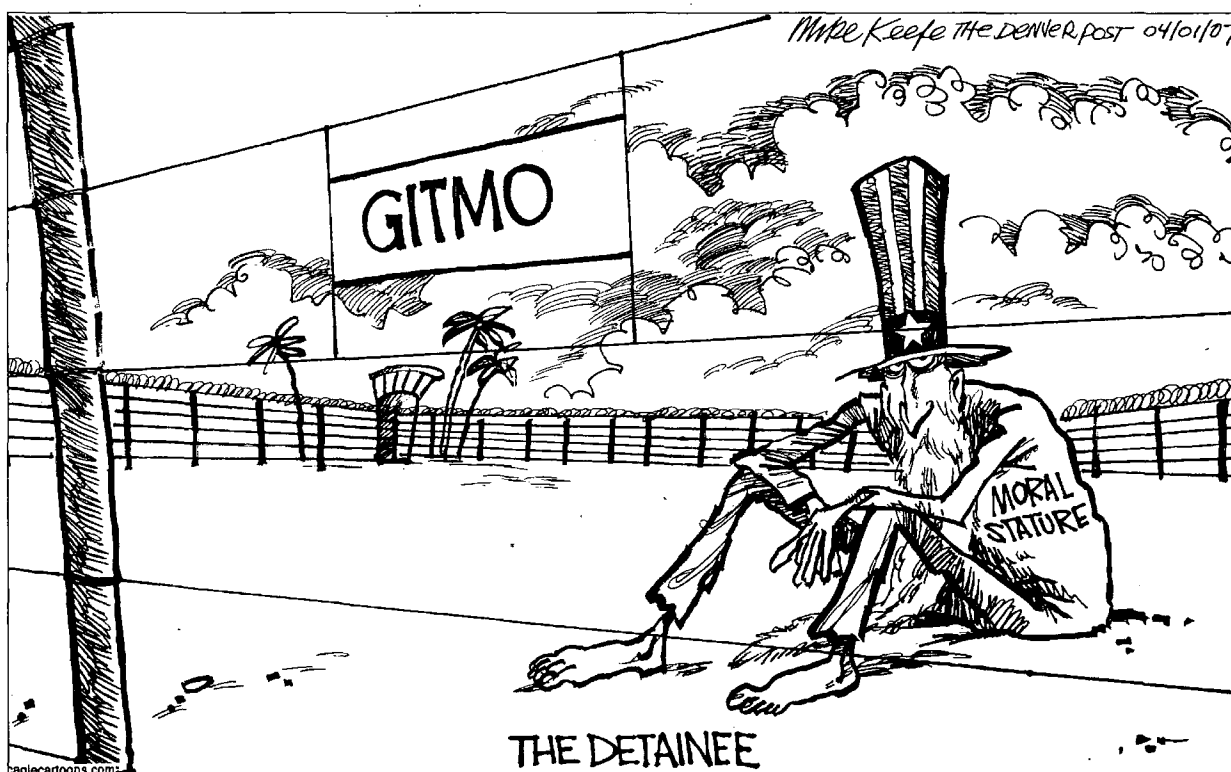
As the daughter of a Domer, I saw the envy in my father's eyes when he dropped me off at school for the first time. "I'd give anything to go back," he even admitted. While I've heard a fair share of his college stories, his longing is not to relive his craziest nights but rather to regain the freedom he had as a college student.

We've all heard that college is the best four years of our lives. In my experience in the past two years, I've learned that this is because in college we have more free time than we'll ever have again and can choose to do whatever we want with it. Never again will I be able to take two-hour naps at whim. Although I shudder at the preceding thought, my real nightmare is others telling me what to do with my free time here, and unfortunately it's becoming a reality. In my opinion, if someone wants to spend his or her free time drinking alcohol, it's their choice. While I hope that they are safe about it, they shouldn't have to answer anyone's inquiry as to why. If someone doesn't want to spend their free time that way, then they don't have to. All I ask is that they don't condemn others who choose differently.

In regards to our reputation, I think it's safe from tarnish. One is the number of alumni that have expressed their disappointment about alcohol consumption at Notre Dame. I'd say a couple hundred is the number of alumni that have offered me alcohol before football games. And I'm willing to bet over a thousand is the number of alumni that'd be disappointed if Notre Dame took away my choice to say, "Yes."

Elizabeth Rogalski
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March 29

EDITORIAL CARTOON



DVD REVIEWS

'Wild Bunch' bleeds brilliant cinema violence

By BRIAN DOXTADER
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Sam Peckinpah's 1969 classic "The Wild Bunch" is one of the defining westerns, a blaze of glory that signaled the end of the genre in a traditional sense.

As a reaction against the cold operatics of Sergio Leone's spaghetti westerns, it demonstrated that Hollywood still understood the genre better than anyone — although by subverting its own conventions, "The Wild Bunch" also brought closure to the genre that would not be revisited until Clint Eastwood's 1992 Best Picture winner "Unforgiven."

"The Wild Bunch" is the story of Pike Bishop (William Holden, in one of his

finest performances), who is the leader of the eponymous group, along with Dutch (Ernest Borgnine), Angel (Jaime Sanchez) and brothers Lyle and Tector Gorch (Warren Oates and Ben Johnson). At the start of the film, the Bunch botches a robbery and flees to Mexico. As Bishop starts to realize that their brand of outlaw justice is becoming antiquated, he comes to grips with his aging philosophies and decides to go out in one final confrontation.

Peckinpah's film is a symbolic exploration of changing times. Set in 1910, it features aging men trying to understand a changing world. Ultimately, the Bunch realizes that they too have become outdated and must face their destiny the only way they know how. "The Wild Bunch" has become revered for its portrayals and characterization, and while the film is very violent (especially in its opening and closing confrontations), it has much more on its mind than being a typical Western.

For a long time, "The Wild Bunch" was only available as a two-sided DVD that split up the movie. It has finally been released in a two-disc special edition from Warner Bros. that preserves the original director's cut on a single disc (the second disc houses the special features).

The picture quality, which preserves the original widescreen ratio, is very good — the image appears to have been cleaned up from the previous release, and the transfer is noticeably better, with a high contrast that highlights the cinematography.

As with most Warner Bros. releases, the special features are informative and plentiful. There is commentary from Peckinpah biographers/documentarians



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William Holden plays the main character, Pike Bishop, in Sam Peckinpah's "The Wild Bunch." When it first opened, it was criticized for its high level of violence.

Nick Redman, Paul Seydor, Garner Simmons and David Weddle. They relay a lot of information to the audience, though they often get sidetracked with unrelated anecdotes and stories about the director.

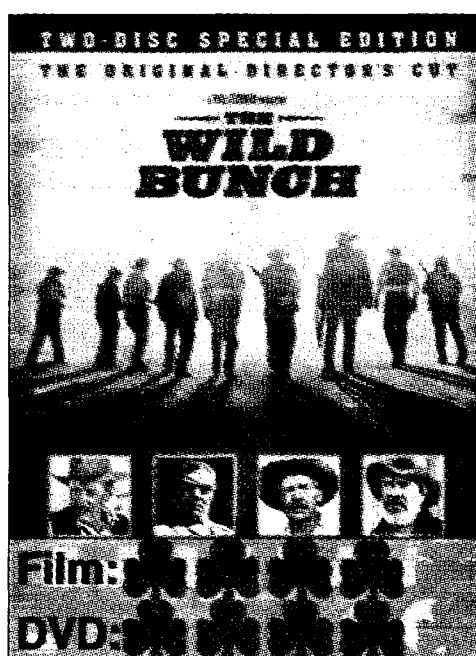
There are also three documentaries: "Sam Peckinpah's West: Legacy of a Hollywood Renegade," which is a feature-length biography. This is one of the best extras to come around in a while, and it sheds a lot of light on a director known for his outrageously violent films.

Peckinpah also directed such classics as "Straw Dogs" and "Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid." The other features include a short called "The Wild Bunch: An

Album in Montage" and a documentary called "A Simple Adventure Story: Sam Peckinpah, Mexico and the Wild Bunch."

It was a long time coming, but "The Wild Bunch" has finally been released on a DVD worthy of its classic status. While it isn't as spectacular as the treatment given to other classic films, Warner's update of the 1969 classic adds a lot to Peckinpah's best film. For those who have never seen "The Wild Bunch," the two-disc special edition is an excellent way to become acquainted with one of America's best westerns.

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'Stick It' DVD stumbles, bumbles to perfect zero

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Why famed actor Jeff Bridges ever decided to act in the girl-power, gymnastics-themed "Stick It" is a question that will never be answered. The delinquent-turned-athletic star plot has been around the street more times than can be counted — and this time its gymnastics instead of cheerleading, softball or the myriad of sports they've picked to make similar films.

"Stick It" stars Missy Peregrin as the middle-finger-in-the-air, punk rocker Haley Graham who enrolls in a prestigious gymnastics school after getting in

trouble with the law. The dramatic conceit twists when it's revealed she's a former gymnastics star who walked out of the world championships dooming the American team to infamy. The problem is those with a sense of musical history will recognize the producers pulled out every stereotypical punker t-shirt they could find to make Graham seem more "rebellious." Instead, it only comes across as completely ridiculous and Graham seems more cliché than character.

Jeff Bridges, who has no business being in a film like this, plays Graham's gymnastics coach Burt Vickerman — a rough rebel coach who eschews rules in favor of punchy and new routines. Bridges immortal "The Dude" from "The Big Lebowski" is nowhere to be found here. He performs Vickerman well, but it does not come close to the other roles he's played. They say all actors make bad films — "Stick It" most certainly counts as one for Bridges.

Other than the two aforementioned characters, "Stick It" is filled with cookie-cutter high school guys, gymnast girls who swoon around guys, dumb blondes, bitchy brunettes and a host of stereotypes who run around the movie like a virus destroying any credibility the film still maintained.

Written by Jessica Bendinger, who wrote the tween-flick "Aquamarine" and the cheerleading epic "Bring It On," "Stick It" marked her directorial debut — and she does both equally ineptly. With too many I-hate-my-parents style quips from Graham and too much I'm-the-wise-coach-listen-to-me sagacities from Bridges, the dialogue sounds forced and the direction stilted.

This isn't to say "Stick It" has no redeeming qualities. The routines the



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Gymnastics coach Burt Vickerman (Jeff Bridges), left, tries to make the rebellious Haley Graham (Missy Peregrin) compete in a gymnastics tournament.

gymnasts (or their stunt doubles) perform really are sights to behold. While not a documentary about gymnastics training, "Stick It" does give a flavor of the grueling training it takes to be a world-class gymnast, and a certain well of appreciation springs up for competitors who represent their countries at athletic competitions.

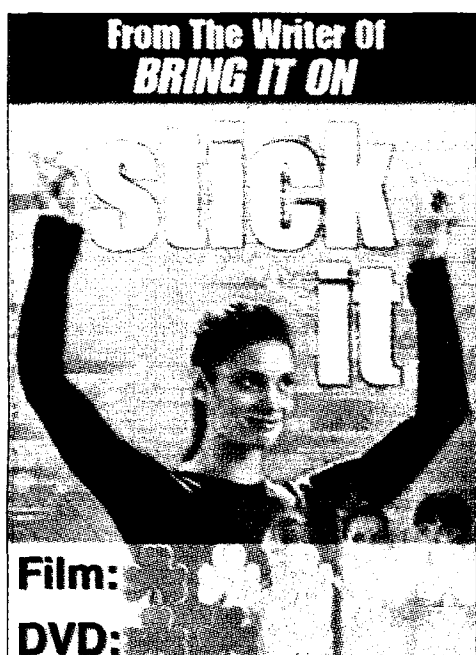
The DVD is a single-disc edition that includes the film and little beyond one extra that showcases the gymnasts' stunt doubles in the film. Also, the commentaries on the DVD are somewhat insightful, but a film that was poorly executed will not have much to say. There are deleted scenes and two music videos —

hardly anything valuable.

"Stick It" is not a good film — it is a film that has a positive message and showcases some amazing gymnastic talent. Some of the routines are mind-blowingly good, while almost all of the acting is mind-blowingly bad.

A film like this will never see any more treatment beyond its single-disc barebones DVD. Your little sister might like it, but you should stick it to the movie studios by not buying it and keep them from ever releasing a film like this again.

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SCENE & HEARD

Brush up on lingo before Final Four tips off

Shakespeare once wrote, "What's in a name?" Well no offense to William, but when it comes to the wide world of basketball, using the proper terminology when watching and playing the game is crucial, as it can either bolster your street cred or expose you worse than a throwback pair of high shorts. For example, you never want to be caught quoting Bill Walton. While watching March Madness, it would be disastrous to yell out "Throw it down, big man!" after a particularly fierce slam dunk. Glances would be cast sideways and you might find people slowly shuffling away from you on the sofa. As a result, here's a quick compilation of some of the latest and greatest court comments.



Tae Andrews

Scene Editor

◆"Dummy," verb, to block someone's shot. Synonyms: to stuff, to reject. Usage: "Oh man, did you see Oden dummy that guy?"

◆"Hops," noun, the ability to jump high. Synonyms/interchangeable phrases: "to get up" (as in, "Oh man, he really got up there") and "bunnies" ("Nate Robinson is only 5-foot-7, but boy does he have bunnies.")

◆"Cookies," grammatical part unknown. Exclamation: "Cookies!" is usually shouted during a game if one player loses control of the ball and an opposing player steals it. The origins of this phrase remain

unknown, but it is rumored that its birth has something to do with the age-old rhyme, "Who stole the cookies from the cookie jar?" etcetera.

◆"Handle(s)," singular and plural noun. The ability to dribble the ball well. Usage: "Oh man, Steve Nash has sick handles" would be a good choice to use as the mop-top hero bounces around the court.

◆"To get sick with it." Related phrases: "To get nasty," "to get up." This phrase can refer to a variety of things, but is mainly related to dazzling plays, as in "Oh giddyup! Tim Duncan just got sick with it all over Carmelo Anthony's face." It's usually said as, "sick wit it." Not to be confused with "getting jiggy with it."

◆"Ballin'," noun. This word has a lot of meanings (and also inspired the current hip-hop smash single by Jim Jones). "Ballin'" refers to succeeding at any walk in life, but especially on the court or in making a lot of money (synonyms: scrilla, cheddar, bread, etc.) Usage: "Wow, Manu Ginobili is just ballin' right now."

◆To "break someone's ankles" is to cause them to stumble, trip up on their own feet and perhaps even fall down after juking them with a nasty crossover.

◆"Teardrop," noun. Synonym: "floater." A high-arching shot usually launched by a shorter player over a taller one, which concludes its journey going through the hoop. Usage: "Wow, Tony Parker just floated that teardrop shot over Elton Brand and in!"

◆To "have game" actually has two definitions: one, the ability to successfully woo a female by use of smooth conversation and two, the quality of being a good bas-



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Florida star Joakim Noah hopes to take his Gators to the Final Four in Atlanta. It helps to know basketball jargon when watching with dedicated fans.

ketball player, as in the hit film "He Got Game," featuring Denzel Washington and Ray "Jesus Shuttlesworth" Allen.

◆"Mercin'," verb, to generally inflict pain and destruction; to bring ruin to another's doorstep; to impose one's will on the game. Usage: "Kobe Bryant is just mercin' right now. No one in the league can stop him."

◆"Kicks," noun, basketball shoes (or just shoes in general). As in, "Oh man, nice kicks! I didn't know you had copped that pair of white-on-white Air Force Ones."

◆"Facial," noun. Related term "posteriorization." A bone-jarring dunk delivered with ferocious intensity as one player rises above another, usually less athletic player (or a player who just so happens to be in

the wrong place at the wrong time) and slams the ball home, usually to raucous applause.

◆Also, one phraseology from the vintage video game "NBA Jam" is fair game: phrases such as "boom-shaka-laka," "razzle dazzle" and "is it the shoes?" have enduring relevance. Of course, if you have any questions, concerns or comments, feel free to contact our very own campus Merriam Webster of basketball terminology, Hudson Sullivan.

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DVD REVIEW

'Ghost' DVD remains timeless tale of true love

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In the canon of so-called "chick flicks," Jerry Zucker's "Ghost" is always ranked near the top. Although it first appeared onscreen 17 years ago, it still remains as romantic and endearing as a movie could be. A special collector's edition of "Ghost" was recently released, and it includes a number of additional extras that make it a very worthy purchase.

The film tells the story of a young couple, Sam Wheat (Patrick Swayze) and Molly Jensen (Demi Moore), whose love is shattered when Sam is slain in a seemingly senseless event. Although he's

dead, Sam's spirit still lingers on earth. He realizes he is stuck as a ghost so he can solve his murder. In his quest to find his killer, he teams up with Oda Mae Brown (Whoopi Goldberg), a psychic and the only person who is able to talk to him. Through Oda Mae, Sam and Molly are able to once more reconnect their love, and along the way they hunt for his killer, discovering a deeper and more vengeful act than what his murder first appeared to be.

"Ghost" won two Academy Awards: one for the screenplay, and the other for Best Actress in a Supporting Role for Whoopi Goldberg. Goldberg's performance as a fake psychic who actually sees the ghost of Sam is definitely top-notch, and that alone is worth a watch. The late Vincent Schiavelli also puts in a surprisingly memorable performance, albeit a short one, as the subway ghost who helps Sam deal with his (literally) spiritual condition. Following suit are performances by both Demi Moore and Patrick Swayze who shine as the film's focus.

Interestingly enough, as the documentary "The Making of a Classic" points out, the producers and director had no desire for Patrick Swayze to play the lead. He had just finished the movie "Road House," which was not received well by audiences or critics. Although they did not contact him for the part, Swayze read the script and asked if he could audition. It was only after his reading that the producers and director decided to cast Swayze in the role. Similarly, Goldberg got involved only after friends showed her the script and urged her to try out.

This documentary, as well as the other



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Sam Wheat (Patrick Swayze), right, molds pottery with Molly Jensen (Demi Moore) in the most well-known sequence from Jerry Zucker's "Ghost."

features, makes the special edition a great purchase, even for fans who already have the original DVD version. The documentary also intersperses footage of the actors on the set — which is unique and interesting to watch in relation to the characters the actors and actresses play — as well as new interviews from both Gold and Swayze. Scene dissection analyzes the making of the well known "pottery scene" between Moore and Swayze and an "Inside the Paranormal" featurette showcases interviews from real psychics and mediums who talk about their experiences. The commentary track features Zucker and

screenwriter Bruce Joel Rubin, who focus on elements of the script as well as the special effects work that was done for the film.

"Ghost" is easily one of the best films that deal with paranormal elements in the real world. It manages to be romantic without being sappy and humorous without losing its important and weighty message. While it is nearly two decades old, "Ghost" tells the kind of timeless story that will always have a place in people's hearts.

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NBA

Suns torch Mavericks in Western showdown

Butler fractures hand in Wizards' win over Bucks; Bulls rebound from overtime loss to beat Atlanta 105-97

Associated Press

PHOENIX — If Phoenix plays the Dallas Mavericks a few weeks from now in the Western Conference finals, confidence should be no problem for the Suns.

Not with the way they handled the Mavericks on Sunday.

With Leandro Barbosa leading a parade of big scorers with 29 points, the Suns beat the Mavericks for the second time in 18 days, 126-104.

Amare Stoudemire added 24 points and Steve Nash had 23 points and 11 assists as the Suns snapped Dallas' nine-game winning streak and finished the season series 2-2. After a scoreless first quarter, Shawn Marion had 20 points on 8-for-10 shooting. He also frustrated Dallas' Dirk Nowitzki most of the afternoon.

"That's about as good as we can play," Phoenix coach Mike D'Antoni said.

The Suns shot 65 percent (46-of-71), the highest in the NBA this season and a record for any team at US Airways Center, formerly America West Arena.

Phoenix shot 86 percent in the fourth quarter (13-for-15),

4-of-4 on 3s.

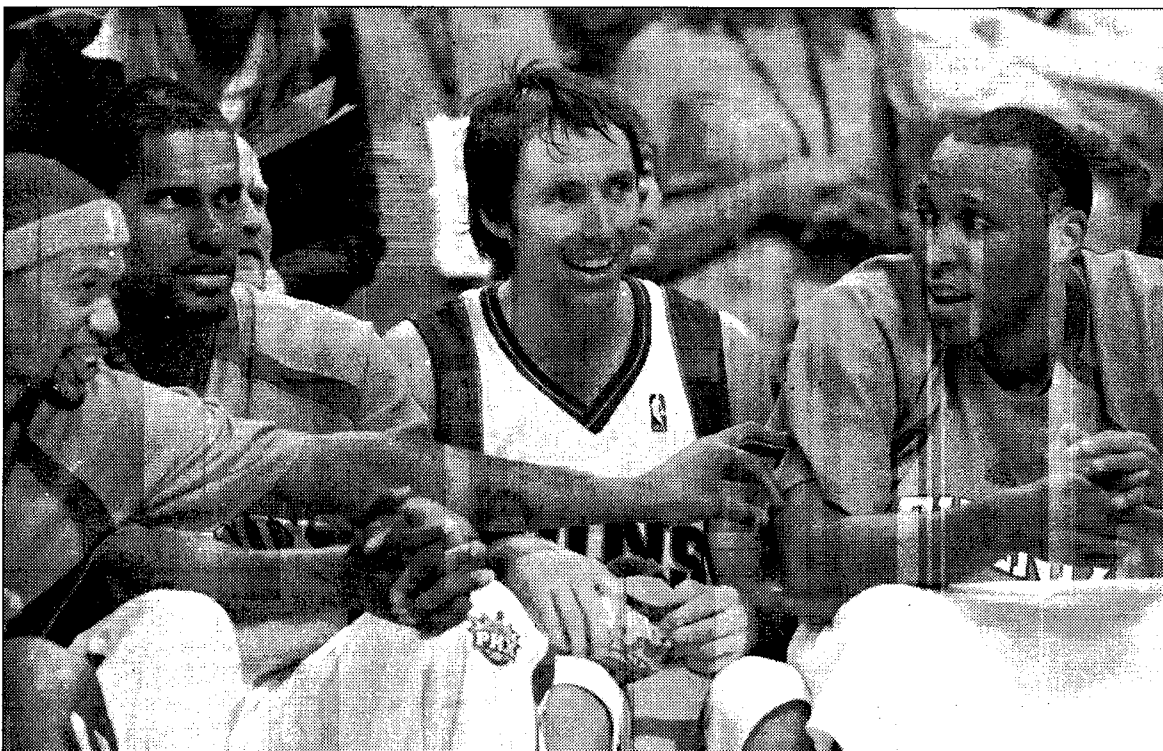
"We were getting good looks," Marion said. "Everybody was rotating, making the extra pass. When everybody makes the extra pass, you get open looks and you're going to knock down some shots."

Stoudemire, who scored 41 in the Suns' come-from-behind 129-127 double-overtime victory at Dallas on March 14, made 10 of 13 shots Sunday. In the last two games against the Mavericks, Stoudemire was 26-of-32 from the field.

"It's just tough because my jumper is falling now, so it makes it harder for the defense to figure out what I'm going to do," Stoudemire said. "I'm either going to shoot the jumper, drive around them or pass it out for a 3. It's pretty much pick your poison with myself and also for the team."

Even the hard-to-please Nash seemed satisfied for a change.

"Sometimes to a fault we've played to the level of our competition. Fortunately it's good on nights like tonight," he said. "Tonight I give us high marks for energy and consistency. When we play well, no



Phoenix Suns, from left, Jalen Rose, Kurt Thomas, Steve Nash, and Shawn Marion were all smiles in the waning moments of their 126-104 win over Dallas Sunday.

one's going to defend us well." **Wizards 121, Bucks 107**

Getting a win didn't lessen the jolt to the Washington Wizards' playoff drive.

Gilbert Arenas scored 19 points and Caron Butler added 19 points but fractured his right hand early in the second half of the Wizards' victory over the Milwaukee Bucks on Sunday.

"That's a blow," Arenas said. "You never want an injury as you're getting ready for the playoffs. To see him go down with an injury like that is hurtful."

Butler wasn't optimistic about returning this season.

"Second round, third round (of the playoffs), a possibility," Butler said after the game, his hand in a cast. "But right now, I probably won't have a jersey on until next year."

Butler said the accident happened when he was going up to challenge a shot by Ruben Patterson and his right hand hit the backboard.

"My hand caught under the rim, and it popped out of place," said Butler, who was playing his third game since missing six games with a left knee contusion. "I see a hand specialist tomorrow. Hopefully, I'll get the opportu-

nity to come back as soon as possible."

He entered the game averaging 19.1 points and 7.5 rebounds.

"Caron is going to out for a long time," Wizards coach Eddie Jordan said. "Everybody in the league has had some devastating injuries. Miami with (Dwyane) Wade and even the Lakers with (Lamar) Odom for a while. You can just go down the list. We've got a capable bench. We don't have a Caron Butler All-Star, but if we can collectively do things at a high level, we should win our share of games and go onto the playoffs."

Bulls 105, Hawks 97

Less than 24 hours after a tough overtime loss to Cleveland, the Chicago Bulls were glad to see the Atlanta Hawks.

"We had some moments where we were sharp, but overall we clearly had some lag from the game yesterday," Chicago coach Scott Skiles said. "That's why you have to win these types of games."

Luol Deng scored 30 points and Kirk Hinrich had 22 in the Bulls' 11th straight victory over the Hawks, Sunday.

The Bulls haven't lost to

Atlanta since April 9, 2004. Overall, they have won five of six and 12 of 16.

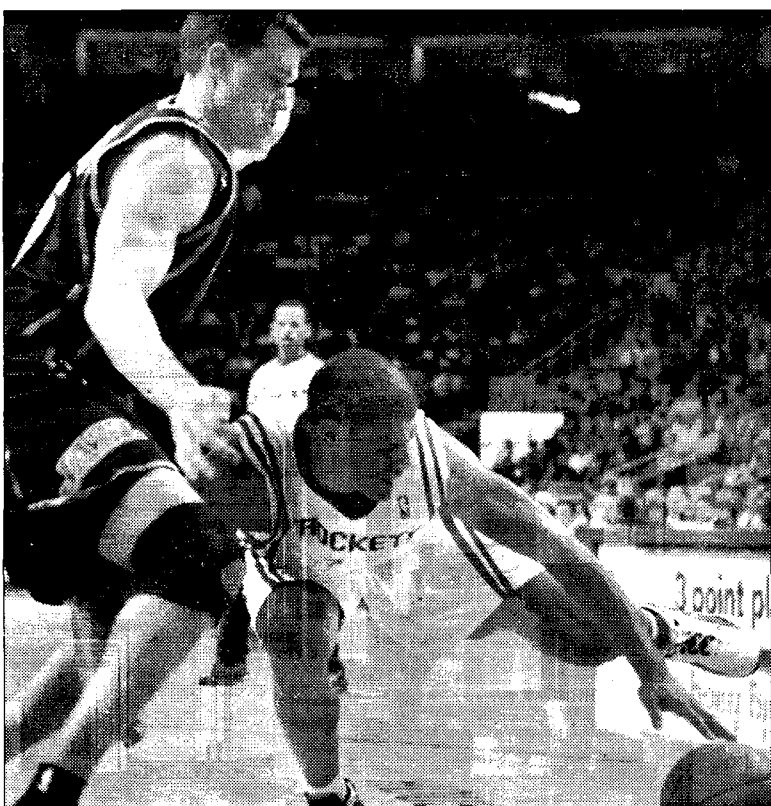
"It seems like every time we come down here, it's on a back-to-back situation," Hinrich said. "Every quarter, we just got a little better. We were able to do enough to get the win, and we'll definitely take it. It was just a matter of being able to stop them consistently."

Josh Smith finished with 24 points for the Hawks, who have dropped six straight overall. They never led after Tyronn Lue's 3-pointer made it 78-75 with 10:52 remaining.

After Smith's putback of a runner he missed at the 3:57 mark of the third, the 21-year-old missed his next six shots. He denied that having Ben Wallace and Tyrus Thomas block consecutive attempts affected his confidence.

Smith also thought Atlanta held together defensively, even though Thomas dunked over him and converted a three-point play early in the fourth.

"They started hitting shots," Smith said. "They were hitting tough shots. You can't do anything about that when you're playing defense."



Utah forward Matt Harpring, left, puts a stop to Houston forward Shane Battier's progress during Utah's 86-83 win Sunday.

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NBA

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Toronto	40-32	.556	-
New Jersey	34-39	.466	6.5
New York	31-42	.425	9.5
Philadelphia	29-44	.397	11.5
Boston	22-50	.306	18

Eastern Conference, Central Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Detroit	47-26	.644	-
Cleveland	44-29	.603	3
Chicago	44-31	.587	4
Indiana	31-41	.431	15.5
Milwaukee	25-47	.347	21.5

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Washington	39-33	.542	-
Miami	39-34	.534	.5
Orlando	34-39	.466	5.5
Charlotte	28-45	.384	11.5
Atlanta	27-47	.365	13

Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Utah	47-25	.653	-
Denver	35-36	.493	11.5
Seattle	30-42	.417	17
Minnesota	30-42	.417	17
Portland	29-44	.397	18.5

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Phoenix	55-18	.753	-
LA Lakers	38-34	.528	16.5
LA Clippers	36-37	.493	19
Golden State	35-39	.473	20.5
Sacramento	30-41	.423	24

Western Conference, Southwest Division

team	record	pct.	GB
Dallas	61-12	.836	-
San Antonio	52-20	.722	8.5
Houston	47-26	.644	14
NO/Oklahoma City	33-40	.452	28
Memphis	19-56	.253	43

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team	points
1 Northwestern	298
2 Duke	283
3 Georgetown	242
4 North Carolina	241
5 NOTRE DAME	224
6 Princeton	214
8 Dartmouth	214
8 Maryland	210
9 Virginia	194
10 Johns Hopkins	159
11 Cornell	143
12 James Madison	122
13 Richmond	111
14 Penn State	101
15 Syracuse	87
16 Hofstra	74
17 BU	73
18 Stanford	51
19 Vanderbilt	39
20 Penn	27

TENNIS



Serbian Novak Djokovic returns a serve Sunday during the Sony Ericsson Open. Djokovic became the youngest men's champion in the Key Biscayne tournament's history after defeating Guillermo Canas 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

19-year-old Djokovic wins Ericsson Open

Associated Press

KEY BISCAKYNE, Fla. — Novak Djokovic whacked the tournament's final shot for a winner, then collapsed on his back, sprawled at the baseline.

Djokovic rose to embrace his opponent and climbed into the stands to hug his parents. He returned to the court and threw his shirt and racket to the cheering crowd.

The kid plays with flair and celebrates the same way.

Djokovic succeeded where Roger Federer failed, beating qualifier Guillermo Canas 6-3, 6-2, 6-4 Sunday to win the

Sony Ericsson Open.

Canas upset the top-ranked Federer twice last month, including in the fourth round Tuesday. But the 29-year-old Argentine's relentless baseline game failed to faze the 19-year-old Djokovic, who dominated with his versatile shot-making and held every service game.

"I hope this is only the start," said Djokovic, runner-up at Indian Wells, Calif., two weeks ago. "I was always trying to compare myself to the best players in the world, because that's what I want to be. Right now I feel like probably for the first time

in my career I'm on that level, that I deserve to be one of the three best players in the world."

Seeded 10th, Djokovic will improve to a career-high No. 7 in the rankings Monday. With his first ATP Masters Series title, the slender Serb became the youngest men's champion in the tournament's 23-year history.

Djokovic won every set he played — the first time the Key Biscayne men's champion has done that since Ivan Lendl in 1989.

"Tennis has a new star today," tournament chairman Butch Buchholz said. "He's going to be around." Djokovic has already put

Serbia back on the tennis map. The nation touts a modest tennis tradition aside from Monica Seles, a nine-time Grand Slam champion who was in the crowd Sunday.

"I'm very happy about that because she was one of my idols when I was young," Djokovic said.

The crowd roared when Djokovic skipped a forehand winner off the baseline on match point, and his exuberant celebration kept the cheers coming. Once he was shirtless, he waved his racket in several directions before throwing it to a delighted young woman in the front row.

IN BRIEF

Pressel youngest LPGA champion ever

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. — Morgan Pressel became the youngest major champion in LPGA Tour history Sunday with a game well beyond her 18 years, closing with a 3-under 69 at the Kraft Nabisco Championship as everyone around her self-destructed.

Pressel played her final 25 holes over Mission Hills without a bogey, finishing the round with a 10-foot birdie putt that looked as though it would be only good enough for second place.

Then came a shocking collapse from Suzann Petersen, the latest and most significant on a sun-baked afternoon in the desert.

Sandra Post, who was 20 years, 19 days when she won the 1968 LPGA Championship.

The kid broke down in tears again, this time over the shock and euphoria of winning a major 10 months after graduating high school.

Wade returns to practice after suffering shoulder injury

MIAMI — Dwyane Wade is ready to begin his comeback.

Nearly six weeks after dislocating his left shoulder, the reigning NBA finals MVP will attempt to practice with the Miami Heat on Monday, his first attempt at a full workout since suffering the injury.

"It's going to feel pretty good to get back out there," Wade said Sunday during a visit to Miami Children's Hospital, while his teammates were playing at Detroit to end a three-game road trip. "The only thing I can do is continue to work hard."

After Sunday, Miami has nine regular season games left, starting Tuesday against Toronto. The playoffs open April 21.

Wade was averaging 28.8 points when he was hurt in a collision with Houston's Shane Battier on Feb. 21. Entering Sunday, the Heat had gone 13-6 since Wade's injury, rising from a team on the Eastern Conference playoff bubble to one contending for the Southeast Division title.

Purdue receiver stabbed in late-night bar brawl

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Purdue coach Joe Tiller is considering possible disciplinary measures against a football player who was stabbed in the chest, another who was later arrested on suspicion of drunken driving and any other teammates who might have been at the late-night bar fight near campus.

Receiver Selwyn Lymon, who started 12 games as a sophomore last season, was in fair condition Saturday at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

Safety Torri Williams, arrested on the alcohol charge less than an hour after Lymon was stabbed early Friday, was identified in police records as having been with Lymon and at least one other player during the fight at Nick's Nightclub, Maj. Charlie Williams of the Tippecanoe County Sheriff's Department said.

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PGA

Scott trumps Appleby in Australian battle

Scott nails 50-foot putt on final hole to finish 3 strokes ahead of pack

Associated Press

HUMBLE, Texas — Adam Scott came to the Houston Open starving for the stress of competition to prepare him for the Masters.

He got what he needed from fellow Australian Stuart Appleby.

Scott held off Appleby with a 6-under 66 on Sunday, saving par with a 50-foot putt on the 72nd hole after hitting his tee shot into the water.

Scott finished at 17 under, three strokes ahead of Appleby, the defending champion, and third-round leader Bubba Watson.

Scott said before the tournament that he was rusty after taking a month off earlier this year. He tied for 61st at Doral and was pleasantly surprised how well his game held up under pressure this week heading into the Masters.

"It was good for me to play in the heat of the battle again," Scott said. "Just to know how to control your nerves will be good for me."

Playing together, Scott led Appleby by one stroke as they stood on the 18th tee, but Scott pulled his tee shot into the pond that lines the left side of the 488-yard hole, the course's most difficult.

Scott immediately had a flashback to the 2004 Players

Championship, when he had a two-shot lead on the final day and pulled a 6-iron into the water on the 72nd hole.

"I don't know. Water on the left," Scott said. "It's not ideal for me, obviously."

He salvaged a winning bogey at Sawgrass and got away with it again Sunday.

Appleby drove into the fairway bunker, then immediately gave Scott a reprieve by hitting his approach into the water near the green.

"I knew what I had to do," Appleby said. "It's just a matter of you've got to do it. And I didn't get to do it."

Scott took his drop, hit his approach safely away from the water, then holed the par-saving putt. He pumped his fist, Tiger Woods-style, after the ball disappeared and the crowd roared.

"It was relief, along with elation," said Scott, who earned his first win since last year's Tour Championship. "I was pretty happy for it to be all over with, because it was looking a bit messy."

Appleby took a double bogey to finish with a 69. But it was easily his best finish of the year and filled him with confidence heading to Augusta.

"I like the way I hit the ball," he said. "I want to get there (to Augusta) and get set for that. I'm ready to go."

Watson, searching for his first win, birdied the last hole for a 72.

Scott became the sixth Australian to win the Houston Open, joining Appleby, Bruce Devlin, Bruce Crampton, David Graham and Robert Allenby. Appleby and Crampton have won it twice and the eight victories by Australians are the most in any U.S. tour event. Only the British Open (9) has had more champions from Down Under.

Appleby joked that it eased the sting of losing to know that another Aussie won.

"Marginally," Appleby said.

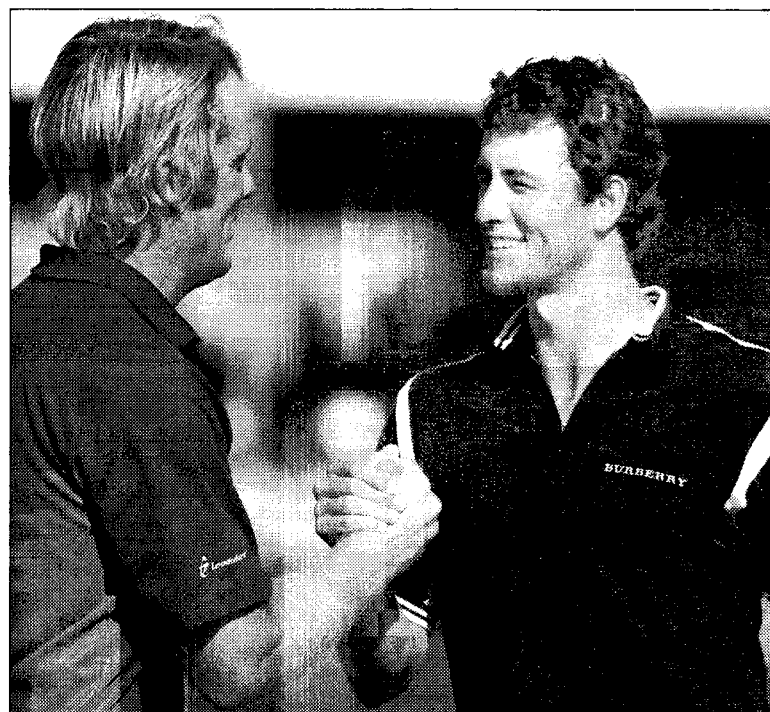
The 26-year-old Scott spent four weeks in Europe before returning at Doral. He shot a final-round 80 — including a 10 on one hole — and wasn't optimistic before the Houston Open started.

But his swing held up all week and his putting improved with each round, even when his nerves started to fray.

"I really needed to be in contention this week and take something out of it," Scott said. "I can feed off that for next week now."

Appleby and Scott started the day three shots behind Watson, but caught him with birdies on three of their first five holes. The Aussies matched each other shot for shot from there until Appleby bogeyed the par-3 14th and lost the lead for good.

Scott hit two mammoth 3-woods to reach the 608-yard 15th hole and he two-putted to move to 17 under. Appleby bogeyed the 16th, then birdied the 17th to set up the tense finish.



Adam Scott, right, of Australia, shakes hands with Stuart Appleby after winning the Shell Houston Open Sunday.

"It's funny what happens coming down the stretch," Scott said. "We were solid all day and all of a sudden, you know, a couple of funny shots happened."

Players were allowed to lift, clean and place their balls in the fairway for the second straight day after a morning thunderstorm dumped a half-inch of rain.

Storms Saturday morning postponed the start of the third round for six hours and Watson was one

of 27 players who came back Sunday morning to finish.

Watson bogeyed two of the three holes he played as the sun came up, but still shot an 8-under 64, which tied the course record set on Saturday by Johnson Wagner.

Wagner, a 27-year-old tour rookie, started the final round in a five-way tie at 11 under, along with Scott, Appleby, Houston resident Jeff Maggert and Paul Stankowski.

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NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Rutgers uses stifling defense to defeat LSU

Tigers score fewest points ever in women's Final Four game; Scarlet Knights earn first berth in national championship

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Rutgers' improbable run isn't over.

The Scarlet Knights earned their first trip to the national championship behind Hall of Fame coach C. Vivian Stringer with another unlikely scenario — dominating the LSU Lady Tigers from the opening tip.

Matee Ajavon scored 16 points and Rutgers (27-8) hounded 6-foot-6 Sylvia Fowles to beat LSU 59-35 in a national semifinal Sunday night. The Scarlet Knights used a swarming defense and hot touch from behind the arc to blow out LSU, which scored the fewest points ever in the Final Four — Louisiana Tech had 44 vs. Tennessee in '87 title game.

Frustrated by Rutgers' relentless defenders, Fowles was held to five points and seven rebounds.

Rutgers double- and triple-teamed Fowles, with Vaughn getting help from Heather Zurich.

"I tried to keep her as far away from the basket as I

could," Vaughn said.

The Lady Tigers (30-8), who were making their fourth straight Final Four appearance, ended a surprising tournament run behind acting head coach Bob Starkey. He was thrust into the spotlight when coach Pokey Chatman abruptly resigned March 7 amid allegations of improper conduct with one or more former players.

Erica White scored nine points to lead LSU, which also set Final Four lows for field goal percentage (26.4) and fewest field goals (14).

The Rutgers crowd chanted Stringer's initials "C-V-S" in the closing minutes. Stringer was hugged by her entire staff as she makes her way back to the title game 25 years after she took Cheney there.

"Wow," Stringer said. "That's the best word to describe what happened here. We talked about

believing in what we know. No one expected us to be here, but these players believe in themselves. We focused on the defense. We didn't read into the hype.

"Guess we'll see all you guys here on Tuesday."

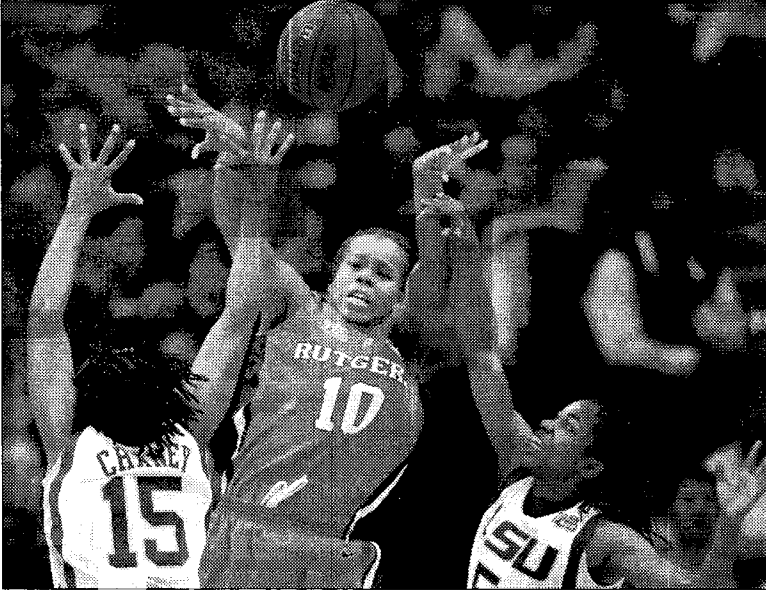
With five freshmen on the roster, the Scarlet Knights started the season 2-4 and are just the third No. 4 seed to reach the championship. They'll face the winner of the North Carolina-Tennessee game

and try to become the lowest seed to win an NCAA title.

"It's a dream come true," Stringer said. "Work hard, get some rest and see what we can do in this next one."

Essence Carson scored 15 points before leaving with leg cramps in the second half. She hit three 3-pointers and Rutgers was 10-of-20 from behind the arc, but only 20-of-51 overall.

"It feels great to have gotten



Rutgers guard Epiphanny Prince, center, passes through the defense during the Scarlet Knights' 59-35 victory over LSU Sunday.

this far. But we can't give up now. Why just settle for this?" Carson said. "We came from nothing and built our foundation. To give up now would fall short of what she wants to do."

LSU was in trouble from the

opening whistle and never improved. Kia Vaughn won the tip after Fowles appeared unready and barely got off the ground.

Ajavon hit a 3-pointer and Rutgers broke out to a 12-2 lead in the first 5 minutes, sending the Rutgers cheering section to its feet.

Fowles was held to 1-for-4 shooting over that span and unbelievably didn't take another shot until the closing seconds of the half. A defender knocked her headband askew on the play and she missed, then screamed out in anger as she ran down the court.

When Vaughn got her second foul midway through the first half, it seemed Fowles might get her chances after all.

But freshman Rashidat Junaid held her own against Fowles. With three freshman on the floor, Rutgers increased its lead to 21 on another Ajavon 3-pointer late in the first half.

LSU went right to Fowles on the first possession of the second half and she scored easily, but got nothing else going the rest of the way.

"She was a little frustrated," Ajavon said. "It was just a defensive effort. ... We're here to stay."

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ND TRACK

Notre Dame qualifies 7 athletes for regionals

Team travels to both Stanford and Purdue, sets 18 Big East times

By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame, which this week-end sent athletes to both the Stanford Invitational in Stanford, Calif., and the Mike Poehlein Invitational in West Lafayette, Ind., continued to build on its success this outdoor season.

The Irish qualified seven athletes for the NCAA Mid-East Regionals and posted 18 Big East qualifying times.

Irish coach Joe Piane was pleased with the team's performance at the Stanford Invitational, where all the Mid-East qualifying times were set.

"It was a terrific meet," he said. "On the guys' side, we brought ten fellas, and every one of them ran the best time they'd ever run outdoors. Four of those guys qualified for the NCAA's."

Senior Todd Ptacek finished third in the 3,000-meter steeplechase, posting a personal-best time of 8:57.87 and qualifying for the NCAA regionals. Sophomore Patrick Smyth placed fifth in the 5,000 meters with a time of 13:48.53. The outdoor track significantly improved Smyth's performance — a personal best that qualified him for the regionals.

"Smyth ran ten seconds faster than he did indoors," Piane said. "He can run faster than that, and he will. Now he's running 13:48, the next step is to run 13:40. You just set the bar at the next level."

Junior Jake Watson finished fifth in the 1500 meters with a time of 3:45.25 and earned his first regional bid in the event. Junior John Cavanaugh's per-

sonal-best time of 1:50.26 earned him 10th place and a regional qualifying spot.

Senior Molly Huddle finished fifth in the 5,000 meters, running a time of 15:50.53. Besides qualifying her for the regional meet, that time put her among the country's leaders.

"Molly Huddle ran very, very well, probably one of the top three or four times in the country right now," Piane said.

Senior Amy Kohlmeier's time of 16:51.26 in the 5,000 meters was good enough to qualify her for the regionals as well.

Rounding out the field of NCAA qualifiers was freshman Lindsey Ferguson, who finished ninth in the 3,000-meter steeplechase with a time of 10:45.41.

Junior Brienne Davis led the Irish in West Lafayette, winning both the 100-meter and 200-meter dash. She took the 100 with a time of 12.34 seconds and won the 200 in 25.06 seconds. Sophomore Mary Saxer won the long jump with a distance of 5.66 meters, and freshman Jaclyn Espinoza won the discus throw with a distance of 47.38 meters.

Piane partially attributed the success of the team to the opponents they faced.

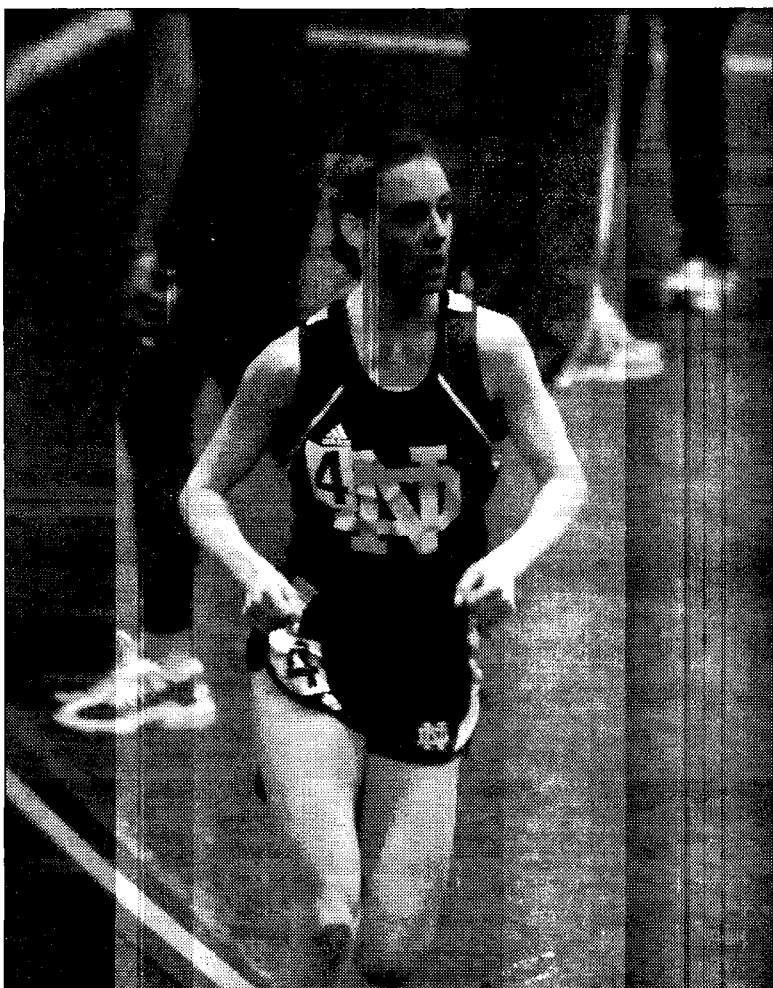
"Rise to the level of the competition, and they are going to improve significantly," Piane said. "[Freshmen] Blake Choplin and Cameron Eckert ran the best times of their lives. Why is that? Because of the quality of the competition."

Choplin and Eckert both ran Big East qualifying times.

The Irish had 42 athletes finish in the top 10 of their respective events or heats, a testament to the depth of the team.

"And that's what you need in order to win the Big East conference," Piane said. "And that's going to be our goal."

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Irish senior distance runner Molly Huddle rounds the track during the Alex Wilson Invitational March 2 at Notre Dame.

WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Irish extend win streak to 4

Laxers defeat UConn in close contest while breezing by Duquesne

By MIKE BRYAN
Sports Writer

After losing to Syracuse 16-13 March 18, Notre Dame has been unstoppable, extending its winning streak to four games this weekend by upending Connecticut 12-11 Friday and Duquesne 15-7 Sunday.

The Irish (9-2, 2-1 Big East) started the weekend with a 12-11 win Friday over Big East opponent Connecticut (5-3, 0-2) in a game that was close throughout.

Sophomore Jane Stoeckert got the Irish off to a strong start, scoring two unassisted goals in the first six minutes to give Notre Dame a 2-0 lead. Connecticut quickly recovered, however, putting together a 6-2 run fueled by two Janet Williams goals. Attack Jillian Byers' third goal of the half brought the Irish into halftime trailing only 6-5.

The Irish quickly tied up the game at 7-7 in the second half behind sophomore midfielder Alicia Billings' two goals. Notre Dame and the Huskies then traded goals and remained in a deadlock at 9-9 with just over 10 minutes left.

Goals by midfielder Kaki Orr

and attack Caitlin McKinney gave the Irish a two-goal edge, and senior Meghan Murphy scored her first goal of the game to give Notre Dame a 12-10 lead with two minutes left — their largest lead of the night.

Senior Laura Trzasko scored for Connecticut in the final minutes, but the Irish escaped with the one-goal victory.

"In late game situations, we have confidence that we're going to find a way to win," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said.

Neither team held more than a two-goal lead in a tight game that featured five ties and four lead-changes. Notre Dame is now 3-0 in one-goal matches this season.

Nine different Irish players recorded points in a balanced offensive performance. Byers led the team with four goals and an assist, and Billings and Stoeckert netted two goals each.

Huskies senior attack Shannon Burke, the Big East's leading scorer, led Connecticut with two goals and two assists.

In Notre Dame's second game of the weekend, Duquesne (4-5) proved less of a challenge for the Irish, falling 15-7 at Moose Krause Stadium.

The Irish dominated the early

play, taking an 8-0 lead in the first half. Duquesne finally got on the board with six minutes left in the first half on a Sarah Cates goal and went into halftime trailing 8-3.

The Dukes continued their run early in the second half, cutting the Irish lead to 8-5. That would be the closest Duquesne would get, as Notre Dame scored seven of the next nine goals for the 15-7 win.

Byers once again led the Irish with four goals

and an assists, and Murphy posted another impressive performance with three goals and two assists.

Sophomore Kathleen McNish led the Dukes with three points on a goal and two assists.

Notre Dame outshot Duquesne 31-24, and goalie Erin Goodman recorded eight saves for the Irish.

"If we want to win the Big East tournament and a national championship, we'll have to learn how to win games just one day apart like this weekend," Coyne said. "This weekend was a good test of what those kind of games will be like."

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ND shut out in Columbus

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

Notre Dame almost forgot how to lose, winning 11 straight meets and dropping only 14 matches over that stretch. But the Irish were forced to peel themselves off the pavement Friday night, falling 7-0 to Ohio State in Columbus.

"I'm still trying to get the number of the truck that hit us in Columbus," Notre Dame coach Bobby Bayliss said. "[Ohio State] played aggressively and really well. They didn't make many mistakes."

The No. 3 Buckeyes jumped ahead in the match by winning doubles play, the 43rd time in their last 47 matches that they have won the doubles point.

Buckeyes Drew Eberly and Justin Kronauge defeated No. 7 Ryan Keckley and Sheeva Parbhu 8-6 at the No. 1 doubles position. Devin Mullings and Chris Klingemann then secured the doubles point for Ohio State with an 8-5 win over Barry King and Brett Helgeson. Notre Dame's only glimmer of hope came when the No. 3 doubles team of Stephen Bass and Andrew Roth knocked off Steven Moneke and Bryan Koniecko 9-7.

With the doubles point in hand, Ohio State went on to sweep Notre Dame in singles

play. No. 10 Moneke knocked off No. 8 Bass with a 6-1, 6-4 victory at the No. 1 spot. No. 25 Bryan Koniecko then defeated No. 54 Parbhu 4-6, 6-1, 6-2. Third in line for the Buckeyes was No. 34 Mullings, who cruised past Helgeson with a 6-2, 6-0 victory.

Despite falling to Ohio State Friday night, the No. 5 Irish battled back to post a 5-2 win over No. 6 Illinois at home Sunday.

Bayliss said the win over the Fighting Illini somewhat redeemed the loss to the Buckeyes.

"If you lay an egg once a year and you bounce back they way we did today, it's OK," he said.

Illinois jumped ahead to the early 1-0 lead after taking the doubles point. Kevin Anderson and Ryan Rowe defeated Keckley and Parbhu 8-4. Marc Spicijaric and G.D. Jones clinched the doubles point with an 8-4 win over King and Helgeson.

Bayliss said he challenged his team to bounce back from the 1-0 deficit and they answered.

Roth was first off the courts for the Irish with a 6-1, 6-2 rout of Jordan Knue. Keckley followed suit with a 6-4, 6-4 win over Brandon Davis.

Parbhu did not have as easy a win over Jones. The Irish junior dropped the first set 2-6, but rallied for the 2-6, 6-2, 6-3 win. King clinched the win for he

Irish with a 6-7 (5), 6-1, 6-2 win over Spicijaric. After forcing the first set into a tiebreaker and folding, King came back aggressively for the win.

"Barry showed an aggressiveness that I haven't seen before," Bayliss said. "And to me it's a sign of his maturity and growth as a player and as a competitor."

Even with the win in Notre Dame's name, the battle wasn't over on the courts.

No. 8 Bass continued to battle with No. 6 Anderson at No. 1 singles. Bass dropped the first set 4-6 but fought back to take the second set 6-2. Down 5-4 in the third set with Anderson serving for match point, the senior broke serve to eventually take the set 7-5 and win the match.

Helgeson also put up a fight against No. 12 Rowe, but was unable to pull away with a victory as Rowe defeated him 4-6, 6-4, 7-5.

Despite losing to Ohio State Friday, Bayliss said that he was happy with his team's performance this weekend.

"We knew we were playing two top-10 teams in three days and that's a big load," he said. "And we wanted to make sure we got at least once of the wins, and today we made that happen."

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MEN'S GOLF

Linksters place 17th in loaded Augusta field

By CHRIS DOYEN
Sports Writer

In a battle of 10 teams in the top 50 nationally, Notre Dame could not overcome the behemoths in the field of 18 teams in the Administaff Augusta State Invitational, finishing in 17th place.

Notre Dame's final score of a 20-over-par 884 put them 31 strokes behind first-place No. 11 Coastal Carolina. Other national powerhouses in the field included No. 13 East Tennessee State, No. 15 Tennessee, No. 17 North Carolina and No. 29 Georgia State, who all placed in the top six and finished at par or lower.

"We didn't get it together like we had hoped to," senior co-captain and All-America candidate Cole Isban said. "You've got to expect those other teams to perform like they did, but we didn't have our best games."

The Irish struggled in the second round especially, scoring a 12-over-par 300 Saturday.

Before the tournament, Isban predicted that putting would be the most important aspect for Notre Dame's success, and it was his personal undoing for the weekend as he finished with a four-over-par 220.

"I couldn't make a put to save my life," Isban said. "But a cou-

ple other guys putted pretty well. I hit about 16 or 17 greens in regulation, but I had a number of three-putts [on Sunday]."

The team's performance was good enough, however, to place ahead of one of the participating top-50 programs, No. 28 Minnesota. Irish senior co-captain Adam Gifford, who only recently started traveling with the team, finished tied for eighth with a team-low two-under-par 214.

His three-under-par 69 Sunday helped the Irish finish the day at a respectable two-over-par 290. Gifford was the only Irish golfer to finish in the top-40 on the individual leaderboard.

"[Gifford] played probably the best tournament of his career," Isban said. "His game is really coming around."

The lineup for the weekend also included sophomore Josh Sandman, freshman Doug Fortner and junior Eddie Peckels. Sandman finished with a five-over-par 221, Fortner shot a 13-over-par 229 and Peckels contributed a 25-over-par 241.

Next weekend, the Irish head to Purdue to participate in the Boilermaker Invitational.

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SMC TENNIS

Wheaton, Olivet upend Belles over weekend

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

The competition in this weekend's Wheaton Invitational proved to be too tough for Saint Mary's. The Belles fell twice, once to tournament-host Wheaton College and then again to Olivet Nazarene to finish 0-2 on their trip into Illinois.

Wheaton easily defeated the Belles 9-0 in their first match to add another win to its perfect record.

"Wheaton College is definitely one of the top teams, if not the top team, in the Midwest," Belles coach Dee Stevenson said.

In the first individual match of the Invitational opener Friday, Wheaton sophomore All-American Jordan Hook defeated Belles captain Kelly McDavitt in straight sets, 6-1 and 6-0. Belles freshman Camille Gebert did not have much luck in the No. 2 singles spot, where she was defeated 7-5 and 6-0 by freshman Christin Thompson.

In the third match of the day, Thunder senior Karly Olson defeated Belles freshman Lisa Rubino 6-2 and 6-3. In the following match, senior Tara O'Brien failed to win a game against Thunder junior Shannon Hale, falling in straight 6-0 sets.

In the fifth singles spot, Saint Mary's junior Cassie Quaglia competed against Wheaton junior

Brooke Parrish and lost 6-2 and 6-0. In the final singles matchup of the day, Thunder sophomore Brittney Dunn overcame Belles senior Grace Gordon with a score of 6-0 in two straight sets.

The Belles put forth a stronger effort in the doubles matches, but Wheaton continued to shut down Saint Mary's. The Thunder doubles team of Hook and Olson defeated the Belles No. 1 doubles team of Gebert and McDavitt 8-1. In the second doubles match, Belles doubles partners Gordon and O'Brien fell to Dunn and Thompson by a score of 8-1. In the final doubles match of the day, Wheaton's Parrish and Hale defeated Saint Mary's Rubino and O'Brien 8-2.

The Belles entered Saturday's match looking to defeat Olivet Nazarene for the second straight year, but Olivet Nazarene produced a different result. Saint Mary's lost the match 8-1, while Gordon in the number six singles spot was the only Belle to win.

"We didn't play particularly well in that match," Stevenson said. "Certainly not up to our full potential."

McDavitt put forth a strong effort in the No. 1 singles spot, but lost the match in three close sets. Rubino played well in the third spot, battling until the super tiebreaker of the third set.

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ND SOFTBALL

Irish sweep Big East foes

By MICHAEL BRYAN
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When Notre Dame began playing back home at Ivy Field March 22, it was 9-12 and coming off a three-game losing streak. Since then, the Irish have played 10 straight games at home — all wins — most recently sweeping doubleheaders against Pittsburgh and Syracuse this weekend.

After a two-hour rain delay Saturday, the Irish (19-12, 8-0 Big East) extended their dominance over Pittsburgh (14-21, 2-3) with back-to-back 4-0 wins.

The first game remained scoreless until the third inning, when Irish catcher Gessica Hufnagle singled home left fielder Beth Northway to put Notre Dame on the board. Shortstop Katie Laing then drove Hufnagle in to put the Irish up 2-0.

Notre Dame put up another two runs in the fourth inning, with center fielder Stephanie Brown's two-run single. Brown had three hits on the game, her fifth three-hit performance of the year.

Irish hurler Brittney Bargar continued her sparkling pitching at home, throwing a complete-game shutout against the Panthers. Bargar, a sophomore, struck out eight and allowed only two hits in the win, her 11th of the season.

The Irish enjoyed similar

success in the circle in the second game behind senior Kenya Fuemmeler. Fuemmeler threw a three-hit, complete-game shutout, striking out seven and walking only one for her sixth win of the season.

Offensively, the Irish manufactured a run in the bottom of the first when a Laing sacrifice fly drove home Brown. Notre Dame would not score again until the fifth, when Brown scored on a Laing fielder's choice. Laing then scored all the way from first on third baseman Heather Johnson's double.

The Irish added an insurance run in the sixth with an RBI from right fielder Ashley Ellis for the 4-0 win.

Notre Dame faced off against Syracuse (10-24, 3-5) Sunday and continued its pitching dominance.

In the first game, the Irish posted their third shutout in a row with a 7-0 victory over the Orange. Bargar pitched her second shutout in as many days, throwing one-hit ball for six innings while striking out seven.

Notre Dame seized the lead early, scoring three runs in the bottom of the first. Northway doubled to drive in two runs, and first baseman Christine Lux singled her home before Syracuse could stop the bleeding.

Hufnagle singled home another run in the second, and

a Brown double drove in two runs in the third to give the Irish a commanding 6-0 lead. Notre Dame grabbed an insurance run in the sixth when Laing doubled home Brown from third.

In the second game of the doubleheader, both teams remained scoreless for the first two innings. The Notre Dame offense exploded in the third, putting six runs on the board to break the game wide open. Johnson hit a bases-clearing double to drive home three runs, and Lux drove two in with her first career home run.

Lux also doubled home two runs in the fourth, and a Johnson groundout scored Notre Dame's ninth run.

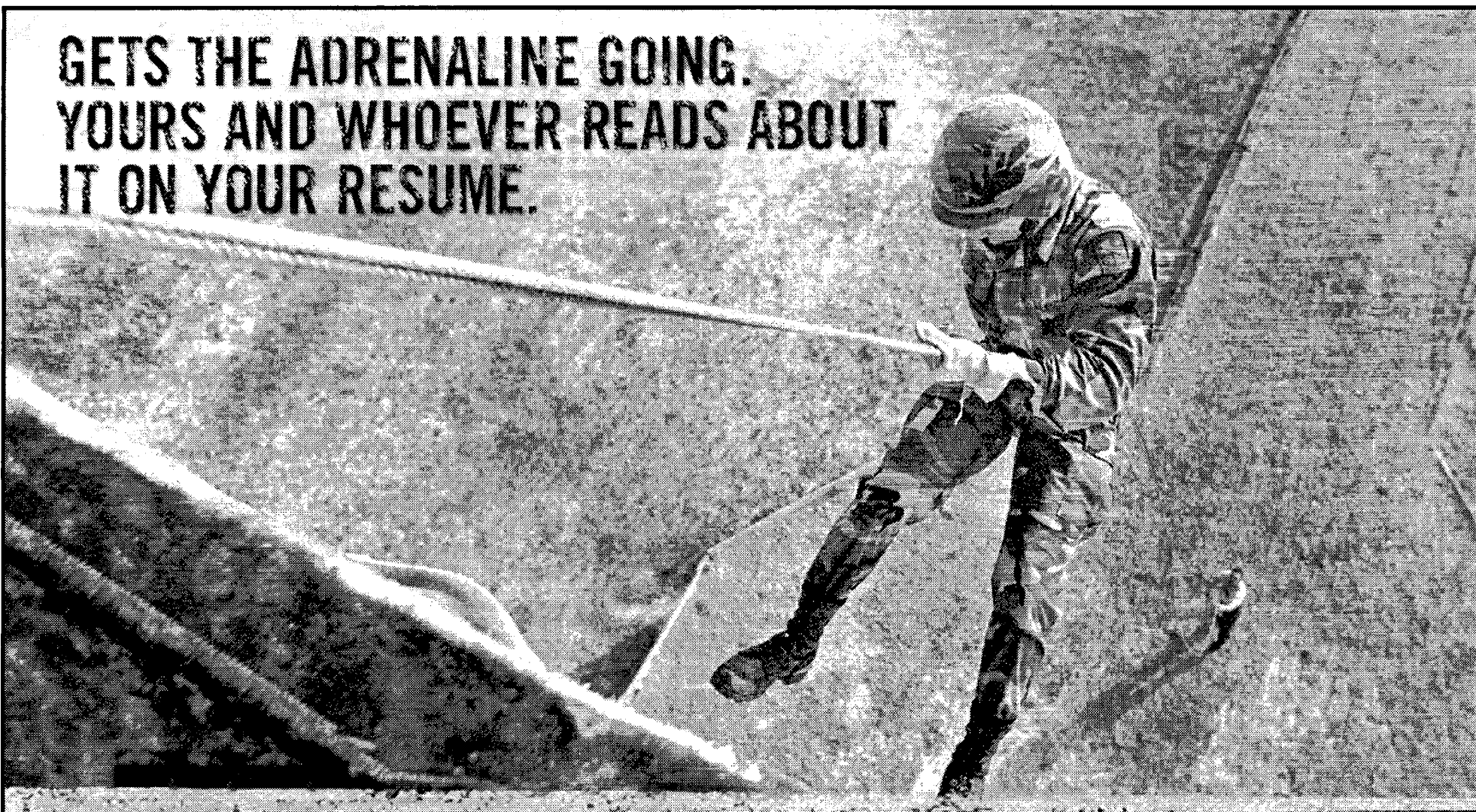
The Orange finally got on the scoreboard with two runs in the fifth, but never threatened the Irish lead. Hufnagle singled in the bottom of the inning to give the Irish their 10th and final run.

Brown led the Irish offensively on the weekend, going 12-for-15 on the weekend. Bargar and Fuemmeler's efforts gave Notre Dame a 0.50 ERA in the four games.

Pitching has fueled the success at home, where the Irish have allowed only six runs over the 10 games. Five of the wins in the streak have come in the form of shutouts.

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◆Colbert's Eaglets: Have you guys seen Stephen Jr. recently?

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Scranton, Pa., so it's mandatory that I love "The Office."

◆Dr. Funke's 100% Natural Good Time Family Band Solution (two teams): All "Arrested Development" fans must do all they can to keep the memory of one of the best show's of all time alive.

◆That's a Bad Newbie: See

above. Even though it is still on the air, "Scrubs" joins "Arrested Development" as one of the most under-appreciated shows of all-time.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Saint Mary's sweeps, is swept in doubleheaders

By BECKY SLINGER
Sports Writer

Even though Saint Mary's lost a doubleheader Saturday to Alma 9-1 and 4-0 — only its second and third losses of the season — it got its season back on track immediately by sweeping Manchester 10-2 and 20-0.

In the first game against Alma, the Scots' hitters got the offense going early, scoring eight runs in the first inning off of seven hits. Belles pitcher Calli Davison, however, calmed down after the first inning, allowing only two more hits and one more run.

The Belles failed to score a run until the fifth inning when freshman second baseman Mo Healy scored on an RBI from senior shortstop Sarah Miesle. The slaughter rule came into effect after the top of the fifth to give Alma the win.

In their second loss to Alma, the Belles failed to score any runs on seven hits with nine runners left on base. Sophomore pitcher Kristin Amram allowed just four hits, but the Scots managed to capitalize on each hit.

The two wins put Alma (17-7) in first in the MIAA with a league record of 4-0. The Belles (13-3) are in eighth, 0-2 in the league.

"They hit the ball really well in the first inning and jumped out on top. It's really hard to come back from being down 8-0 in the first inning," Belles junior captain McKenna Corrigan said. "They did a good job of scoring first."

For how anemic the Belles were against Alma, they were just as effective against Manchester Sunday. Davison allowed seven hits with only two runs. Manchester freshman pitcher Kristi Brown allowed 12 hits in the 10-2 loss.

Healy said the Belles' dominance of the Spartans avenged their earlier losses to Alma.

"It's a big confidence boost. I think we were a little bit nervous about playing our first conference game," she said. "Now

that we've got that out of the way ... [we can] play to our full potential and have fun."

In the sixth inning, sophomore second baseman Cathy Kurczak, Davison, Peterson, Healy, Miesle and sophomore catcher Ashley Fusaro all scored a run each for the Belles. In an outstanding offensive performance, Peterson also scored in the first and fourth. Sophomore first baseman Katie Rashid contributed a run in the fifth and Miesle had a run in the sixth.

The second game against Manchester brought even better results for the Belles, who won the game 20-0, ending the game in only five innings.

Manchester junior pitcher Tish Bitner allowed 23 hits in the loss. Amram pitched two innings and allowed just one hit before Davison pitched three innings in relief, allowing four hits.

The Belles broke the game open in the second inning with nine hits. Freshman outfielder Sara Montelongo, Kurczak, Davison, Healy and Fusaro each scored one run. Montelongo also hit a three-run double to add to the Saint Mary's lead. Miesle scored an unearned run and had a three-run homer later in the inning, before Kurczak hit a home run in the third.

In the fourth inning, five Belles scored unearned runs (Montelongo, Kurczak, Rashid, Peterson and Healy). Healy also singled to bat in two runs. Fusaro contributed a homerun in the fifth.

Corrigan said the team will work on its confidence for its next league game against Hope Wednesday.

"Our coach mentioned something about having 'it.' It is the feeling you have when you know something is going to go well or the feeling you have when you're doing well," she said. "We didn't have 'it' ... against Alma. We have to make sure we have 'it' for the rest of our league games."

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Makeshift squad still wins

By CHRIS HINE
Sports Editor

Despite injuries to multiple key players, No. 2 Notre Dame extended its win streak in dual match play to 13 with a 5-2 indoor victory over No. 28 Wichita St. Friday and a 5-2 outdoor win over No. 38 Tulsa Sunday.

The Irish (18-1) played without junior Brook Buck and freshman Colleen Rielley for the second straight week, forcing Irish coach Jay Louderback to move players around in both singles and doubles play. But even those that did play in the two matches this weekend were not completely healthy, Louderback said.

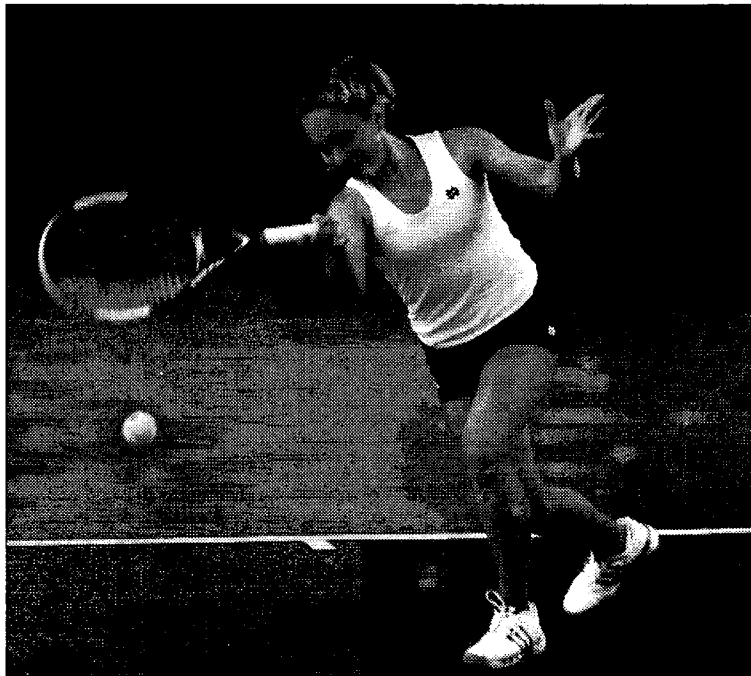
"We have a few of them that are struggling with shoulders that have been playing a lot. We go inside and then we get outside a few days," he said. "For us, I think health-wise we need to get where we can consistently get outside and get used to it. It's a tougher game outside when the wind's blowing — it's like you're hitting a ball that's heavier. It's a little more wear on the body."

In doubles play, the nationally ranked No. 4 team of seniors Catrina and Christian Thompson won both of their matches this weekend, but at the No. 2 and 3 slots, Louderback deployed two teams that have yet to compete together in dual match play — freshman Kali Krisik with sophomore Kelcy Tefft, and freshman Cosmina Ciobanu with sophomore Katie Potts.

"It was really good with our depth," Louderback said. "I thought all three doubles teams — that was the big thing — we had two new doubles teams in both matches... It was good to see the two new doubles teams, the combinations, seeing them play well."

The two new teams failed to miss a beat, winning all of their matches and giving the Irish the doubles point in both matches.

Potts, who played with an injured shoulder, and Krisik replaced Rielley and Buck in singles play. Potts went 0-2 from



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Irish freshman Cosmina Ciobanu volleys during Notre Dame's 5-2 win over North Carolina Feb. 16 at the Eck Tennis Center.

the No. 5 slot, falling to Wichita State's Anna Egorova 6-3, 7-5 Friday and Tulsa's Agostino Santoro 4-6, 6-2, 6-1 Sunday. Krisik won both of her matches in straight sets from the No. 6 slot.

"Katie had a couple of tough matches, lost both of hers. Kali did a good job," Louderback said.

Rielley normally occupies the No. 3 slot. This meant that No. 62 Ciobanu and Tefft each had to move up a spot in the lineup and battle tougher competition than they would normally face.

Both stepped up to the challenge. Ciobanu and Tefft won all of their matches and played a pivotal part in Notre Dame's success this weekend by grabbing two points in each match. Ciobanu is now 19-0 in dual match play, while Tefft improved to 13-3 this season.

"Those two just win. They both compete well. They just win, that's all you can say. [Tefft] gets a lot of balls," Louderback said. "She doesn't overpower you, but she makes you play a lot of balls. Her forehand, she doesn't hit really hard, she'll slice it some. But she has a big backhand. It's hard to get into a rhythm against her."

"[Ciobanu] is solid off the ground, both forehand and backhand, and if you give her anything loose at all she'll step in and hit it. She can hit winners, and just plays a smart game and is good at finishing off points."

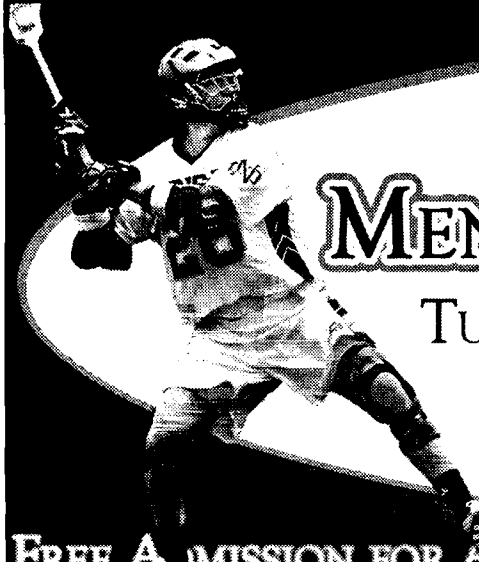
No. 19 Catrina Thompson dropped her match from the No. 1 slot against Wichita State's Madina Rakhim, 7-6, 6-3 Friday, but bounced back Sunday to defeat Tulsa's Kinsay Grimes 6-2, 6-2. "[Rakhim] is really good. She hadn't played any ranked kids, so she didn't have the points to be up there. She's one of the top 20 kids in the country, I think [from] watching her play, because Catrina played well."

Christian Thompson also went 1-1 over the weekend. On Friday, Thompson defeated Wichita State's Florentina Hanisch 6-1, 6-0 but lost to Tulsa's Santie Delpont 6-2, 6-1 Sunday.

Notre Dame faces Purdue Tuesday. Louderback said he is not sure if Buck and Rielley will play against the Boilermakers.

"We'll know [today]," he said.

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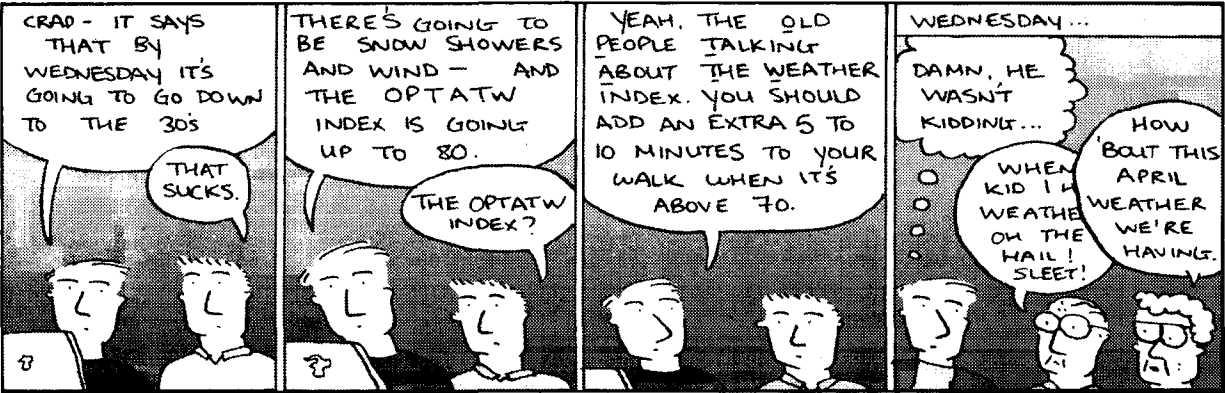


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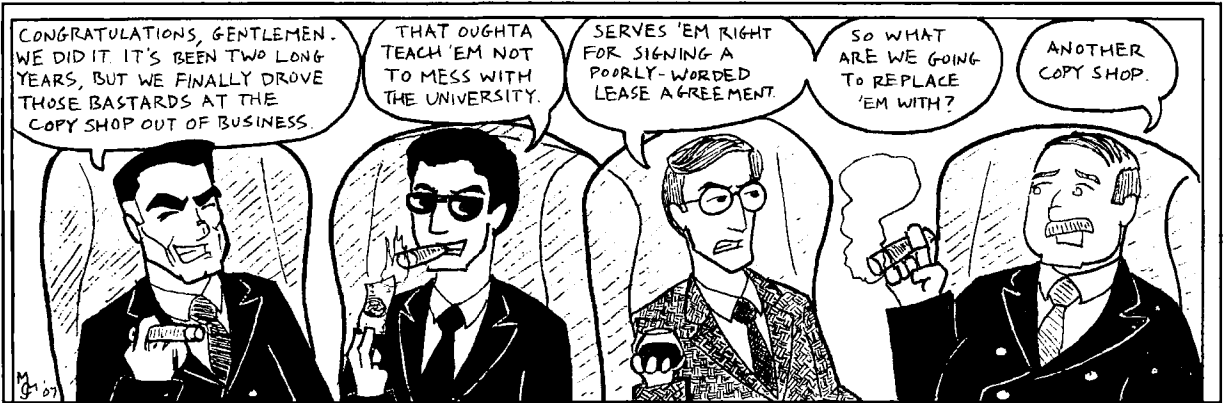
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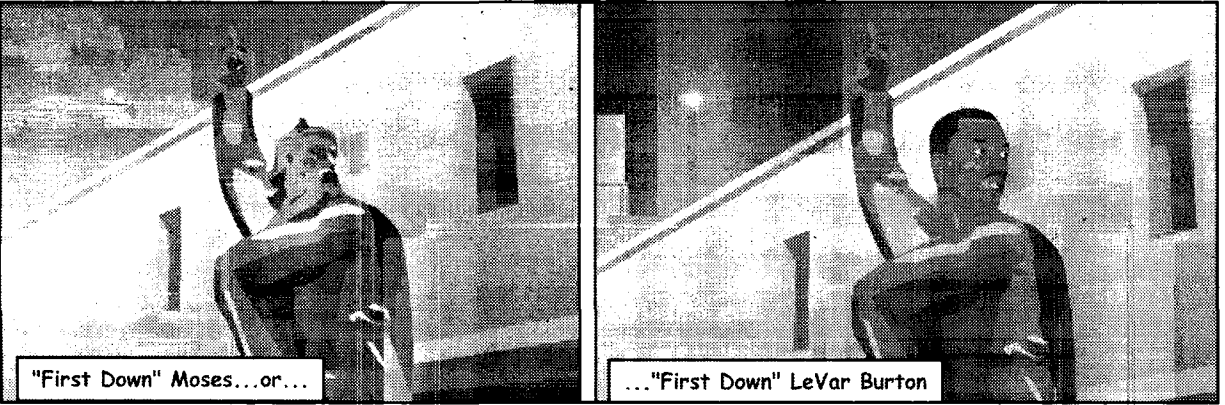
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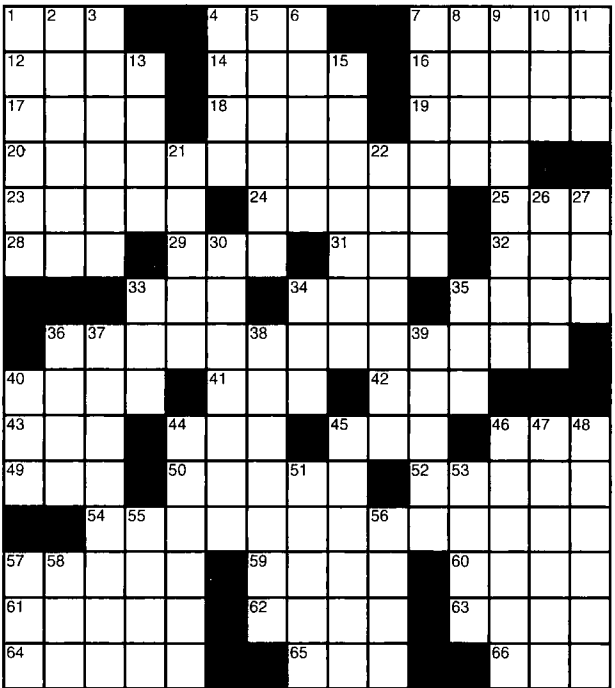
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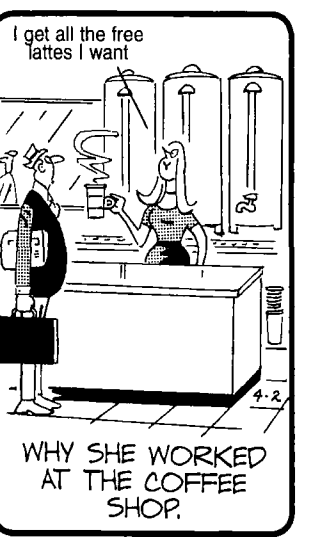
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CANCER (June 21-July 22): You love to putter around the house, so have fun and make those changes you've been contemplating. The more comfortable you make your place, the better. Open your door and enjoy the company of friends and family. 4 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't fall for someone's pie-in-the-sky idea. You can make money but only if you are reasonable. Travel and entertainment will cost you more than you realize. Don't take what others tell you as gospel. For now, rely on your own instincts. 4 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): It's time for a reality check. Reassess your motives. You may be inclined to make a hasty decision that will lead to changes in your personal life that you may regret. Settlements, legalities and money matters will leave you feeling confused. 3 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Stop being lazy and give your ideas a chance. If you keep waiting for everyone else to do things for you, nothing will ever get done. Travel, partnerships and being unique will pay off. 3 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Experiment with a new idea or concept you have. Money is in the picture if you harness your talent and skillfully execute what you have been working so hard to achieve. It's a new beginning so engage it with confidence. 3 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Put your thoughts on paper and make plans for the future. You have some great ideas that need to be put into play. However, it's simplicity that will win out in the end. Emotional matters can be resolved. 4 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It's a new day and there will be a new way to make a dollar. Your head is spinning with all sorts of entertaining thoughts that could turn out to be lucrative. Property deals are looking good and so is love. 5 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The ideas your imagination comes up with can benefit you in the future. Look to people you admire for suggestions and you can get the help you need to move yourself to the next level financially. 3 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will experience mixed emotions today. Don't be surprised if someone from your past pops back into your life. Confusion is present, so don't make a hasty decision you will regret. Don't let temptation get the better of you. 3 stars

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FOOTBALL

On the offensive

Quarterback, receiver battles headline Irish spring practices

By JAY FITZPATRICK
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Despite position battles on both sides of the line of scrimmage, two of the most glorified positions on the field — quarterback and wide receiver — are still catching most people's attention.

The quarterback battle is by far the most closely examined aspect of Notre Dame's spring practices, largely because of its unique nature. Irish coach Charlie Weis has four competing quarterbacks — rising junior Evan Sharpley, rising sophomores Zach Frazer and Demetrius Jones and incoming freshman Jimmy Clausen — with different styles and abilities, each competing to be the lead signal caller for the Irish.

Weis said although he is willing to change depending on the

situation, he is generally against using a platoon system at quarterback — making the competition for the top job even more intense.

"There's been more than two quarterbacks but usually the competition's only been between two people," Weis said. "This one's a little bit unique because to give them equal opportunity, you have a rotation system built in place where guys are lead guys at certain times, and we're halfway through that process."

Weis said he will rotate each quarterback through the first, second, third and fourth strings each week throughout the spring. In this way, each quarterback gets the same opportunities to run plays with the starting receivers and backs. Weis said this keeps him objective since no one has extra time with the starting offense.

"But really when you just take out the subjectivity and just making it objective analysis, it usually cleans itself up," Weis said. "Even in those cases,

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Irish receiver George West, center, breaks past cornerbacks Leo Ferrine, left, and Darrin Walls, right, during practice Saturday. Coach Charlie Weis said West is currently the No. 2 receiver.

MEN'S LACROSSE

Notre Dame upends Brown in preparation for Big East

By GREG ARBOGAST
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Notre Dame is finding its stride at just the right time.

With the main part of their conference schedule fast approaching, the Irish won

their second game in a row in convincing fashion Saturday by defeating Brown 11-3 in Providence, R.I.

After struggling to find some consistency early this season, Notre Dame has stepped up its performance recently, especially on the

defensive end, allowing only eight goals in its last 10 quarters.

"I feel like we're starting to develop some consistency and some things to build on," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "We have young guys playing alongside experienced guys

right now, and hopefully that's a mix that will allow us to continue to improve over the course of the season."

One young player who matured rapidly is freshman attack Will Yeatman, who netted his second consecutive hat trick Saturday. Yeatman now

has a team-leading 26 points this season, including 15 goals.

"Will is doing a lot of good things, but the best thing is that we're not having to rely on Will," Corrigan said. "He's

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BASEBALL

Panthers sweep ND at Pitt

Inclement weather cuts series from 3 games to 2

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
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Notre Dame headed to Pittsburgh Friday in hopes of correcting some of the problems it faced last weekend, but it failed to do so.

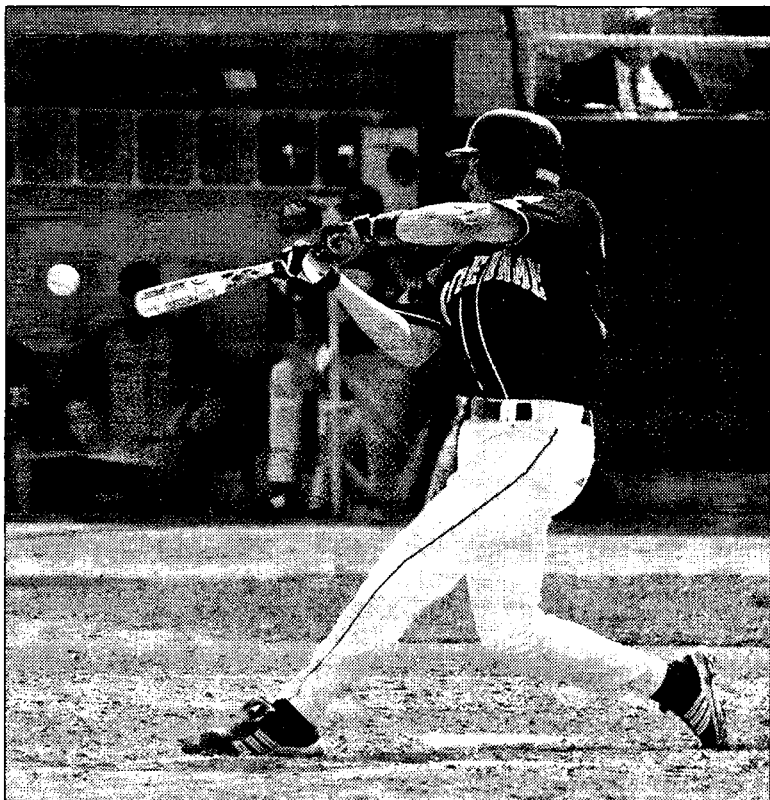
The Irish dropped both games in what was originally scheduled to be a three-game series — Sunday's game was canceled due to inclement weather in Pittsburgh.

Irish sophomore David Phelps dropped only his second game of the season with a 4-2 loss Friday night, and Paul Nardozzi pitched a two-hit shutout for the Panthers in their 5-0 win over the Irish Saturday.

Pittsburgh 4, Notre Dame 2

Phelps, a righthander, received little help from the Notre Dame

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PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Irish third baseman A.J. Pollock hits the ball during Notre Dame's 9-1 loss to South Florida March 25 at Eck Stadium.

BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

Team names highlight this year's tournament

The 36th annual Bookstore Basketball tournament tips off today with 45 first-round contests. No doubt, the Bookstore Committee had its hands full censoring and eliminating the humor from the 652 teams participating in this year's event, but some slightly humorous team names managed to make the final cut.

Though none rises to the level of last year's "We Shoot Like Dick Cheney, (You Should Wear Orange)," here are some of the best Bookstore names for 2007: (Note: You get bonus points

for referencing my favorite TV shows or anything relating to Steve Carell)

◆ Yeah Poop: Simple, yet effective.

◆ That's What She Said (3 teams): Hopefully, nobody has to pull out early.

◆ If We Lose, the Terrorists Win: Valid point ... by philosophy's standards.

◆ Hannah's Storm: For Hannah's sake, let's hope this isn't the extent of her cultural influence.

◆ We're Just Here for the Butt Slapping: You guys from Zahm?

◆ Bill Raftery's MANTAMAN Principles: Extra points for referencing my favorite bas-

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