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Campus security reacts to shootings

ND looks into cell phone text messaging to alert students of emergencies

By KAITLYNN RIELY, AARON STEINER and KEN FOWLER
News Writers

Notre Dame has procedures in place to respond to major incidents and crises, but the University is not commenting on most specifics of those plans, officials said Wednesday.

Nationwide, universities have been asked about — and have offered self-evaluations of — emergency protocols in the aftermath of Monday's mass slayings at Virginia Tech University. A lone gunman apparently shot and killed two students in a dorm on the Blacksburg, Va., campus two

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Saint Mary's Security dispatcher Marita English is part of the staff at the College's security department.

Saint Mary's reviews security protocols, does not anticipate changes

By KATIE KOHLER
Saint Mary's Editor

Saint Mary's students may feel safe on their quiet residential Indiana campus, but until Monday, students in Blacksburg, Va., felt the same way. In the aftermath of the Virginia Tech shootings, members of the Saint Mary's community have begun asking, "Are we safe?"

College President Carol Ann Mooney addressed those concerns in an e-mail to students Wednesday, asking them to take steps to protect each other.

"Saint Mary's is a secure place, but that does not mean we have been lulled into complacency," she

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University works for Kinko's deal

By AARON STEINER
News Writer

Students, faculty and staff members who used to turn to the basement of the LaFortune Student Center and the defunct Copy Shop for their photocopying and printing needs will be able to continue that practice if University strikes its desired deal with FedEx Kinko's.

The Copy Shop, an independent business, closed March 30, citing high legal costs from an ongoing lawsuit with the University over the terms of the lease. While the space isn't completely vacated, the University is now working to bring FedEx Kinko's into LaFortune, said Dan Skendzel, director of administrative services for Business Operations.

The University is in talks with FedEx Kinko's — which currently has a retail location in Grace Hall — and is "working on a plan to implement the new shop," he said.

Skendzel said a FedEx Kinko's location in LaFortune would provide "all the basic copy services, including some light retail."

"It will be very similar [to The Copy Shop] in terms of services," he said.

Ryan Willerton, associate director of facilities for Student Activities, could not say when The Copy Shop's space would be fully vacated, but Skendzel said students shouldn't expect to see FedEx Kinko's in the space until next fall.

Students can expect to pay

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Jenkins surveys ROTC program at ceremony

Student cadets, midshipmen receive awards, salute officials at Pass In Review

By MARCELA BERRIOS
Associate News Editor

University President Father John Jenkins reviewed all the branches of the ROTC program Wednesday as student cadets and midshipmen marched and saluted him, received awards for outstanding officership and earned the president's praise during the annual Pass In Review ceremony in the Joyce Center.

A staple of the program's tradition at Notre Dame, the Pass In Review ceremony brought approximately 300 members of the Army, Navy and Air Force ROTC together to salute their reviewing officer, Jenkins, as well as their com-

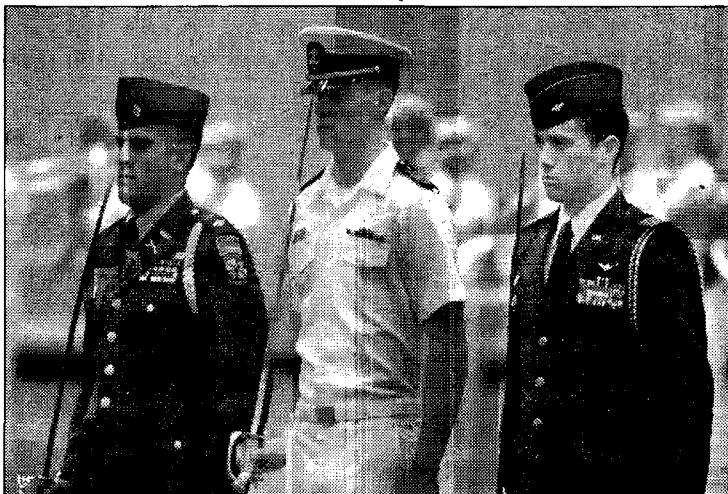
manding officers and first-rate peers.

Cadet Dan Henebery, a senior, said Notre Dame's ROTC units usually view the Pass In Review as "a way of saying 'thank you' to the University" for its continued support of the program.

Jenkins, however, said he viewed the ceremony as "an opportunity to recognize the hard work and the accomplishments of our ROTC students."

In the midst of the mutual admiration, 10 students accepted awards for their notable performances in the classroom and their roles as officers. Seniors Elaine Kamykowski, Ryan Larson, John

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Members of Notre Dame's Air Force, Navy and Army ROTC participate in Wednesday's annual Pass In Review in the Joyce Center.

STUDENT SENATE

Leaders draft letter to Virginia Tech



Student body vice president Maris Braun, right, and president Liz Brown lead Wednesday's meeting.

Group offers condolences, solidarity; discusses candlelight memorial service

By KAITLYNN RIELY
Assistant News Editor

At their first meeting following the shooting deaths of 32 students and faculty members at Virginia Tech, the Student Senate voted unanimously Wednesday to send a letter to the mourning community to express its condolences.

Student body president Liz Brown wrote the letter after she received several e-mails from students and

senators asking the student government to do something in the wake of the tragedy.

The letter, signed by Brown and vice president Maris Braun as representatives of the Student Senate, expressed Notre Dame's shock and sorrow after Monday's events, when Virginia Tech senior Cho Seung-Hui opened fire — first in a dorm and then

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Bush, ACE graduate discuss education

By LUISA CABRERA
News Writer

Notre Dame graduate Ben Ketchum never imagined that a week after receiving a call from the office of the Secretary of Education, Margaret Spellings, he would meet President George W. Bush.

The secretary's office called to ask Ketchum about Notre Dame's Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) program and invited him to the White House to partake in a conversation with Bush,

advocating broader choices for parents selecting a school for their children in the School Choice program.

The ACE program, founded in 1993 by Fr. Timothy Scully and Fr. Sean McGraw, has been nationally recognized for its outstanding achievement in producing committed teachers to serve in under-resourced Catholic schools, according to the program's Web site.

In the meeting, President Bush said, "One thing is

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INSIDE COLUMN

Conversion to club enthusiast

I've never been one to really get involved in groups or teams. Throughout high school and so far in college, I've been involved in groups but have never fully engaged myself. I'm usually hoping to see what the group can do for me, and not the other way around.

Lindsay Poulin

Photographer

I am a French major and am a dues-paying member of the French Club, yet I have never once attended a French Club event.

I haven't had much motivation to invest myself in the events.

Perhaps I had only been expecting to find something that would benefit me, and in not finding it, became disinterested.

I've never really thought about this quirk of mine until this year, when I finally found a group that redefined my idea of a group.

ISI, or Iron Sharpens Iron, feels more like a large extended family to me than a school-sponsored club.

For those of you not familiar with it, ISI is an entirely student-led, inter-denominational Christian group that meets every Thursday evening in Co-Mo.

The night includes singing praise and worship followed by a talk given by a student reflecting on images or themes from the Bible.

Smaller prayer groups come next, and most people head over to Reckers afterwards to hang out.

It's a very relaxing and rejuvenating time to get to know other people and to grow in relationship with Christ.

Since discovering ISI last fall I've been very eager to attend every week. I've made many wonderful friends through the group and have benefited so much from hearing their thoughts, wisdom, and vulnerabilities of life as a college student on a path towards Christ.

In the spirit of family, it is comforting to be able to share personal struggles as well as hopes and joys with fellow students, and it adds another very rich dimension to college life.

It is through this group that I have learned that giving is the way for me to be really connected to others and truly engaged.

So, in the spirit of giving, I invite you to Washington Hall tonight at 8 p.m., to celebrate ISI's 10-year anniversary.

It will be a night of thanksgiving for the growth and ministry of ISI and a general reflection on its impact on both students and alumni, who have been invited back to campus.

Hunter Smith, founder of ISI and punter for the Indianapolis Colts, will be in attendance with his band Connorsvine to help us celebrate the amazing works God has done through ISI these past ten years. Anyone and everyone are welcome to join.

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

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The Observer regards itself as a professional publication and strives for the highest standards of journalism at all times. We do, however, recognize that we will make mistakes. If we have made a mistake, please contact us at 631-4541 so we can correct our error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHAT WOULD BE THE FIRST THING YOU WOULD DO AS GOVERNOR OF INDIANA?



Meg Healy
senior
Off-campus

"Make Avril Lavigne's 'Girlfriend' the Indiana State Song."



Dave
senior
Off-campus

"Hey, hey, You, you, I don't like your girlfriend!"



Danice Brown
senior
Off-campus

"Move the capital to the Backer Pole."



Kate Altschaeff
senior
Off-campus

"I don't understand the question, and I won't respond to it."



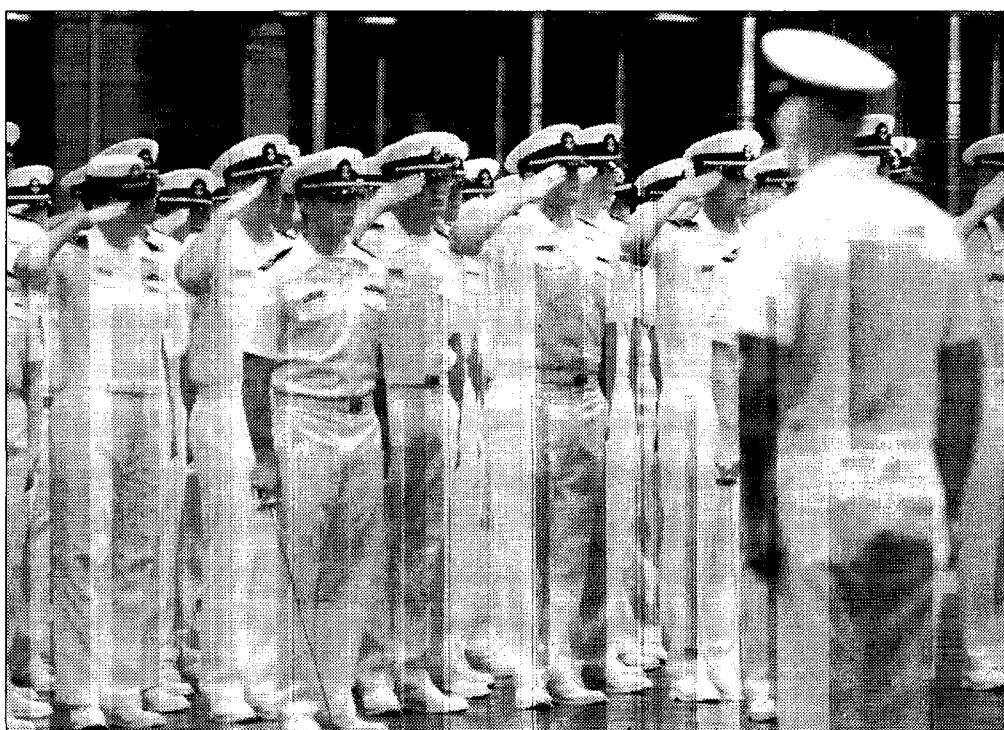
Josh Hoen
senior
Off-campus

"Disband state government, cede all territory to Kramer Properties. Long Live Kramiana!."



Katherine Sloan
senior
Off-campus

"I would host an inaugural dinner at the Cedar House followed by a reception at an unnamed tavern at the corner of Edison and 23."



TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Student midshipmen from Notre Dame's Navy ROTC salute their commanding officers at Wednesday's Pass In Review in the Joyce Center.

OFFBEAT

Dead alligator found in Indiana drain

BERNE, Ind. — Surveyors looking for the source of a clogged drain in southern Adams County found a 7-foot dead alligator. "At first they thought it was a turtle in there, but then they discovered an alligator," Adams County sheriff's Deputy Larry Butler said.

He said the 120-pound alligator, which had been dead for about a week, was put inside the drain after it died. The sheriff's department and the Department of Natural Resources were looking for the owner of the reptile found Monday in Berne, about 30 miles south of Fort

Wayne.

It is legal to own alligators in Indiana, but the state requires owners to apply for a permit with the DNR for alligators that are longer than 5 feet, said Greg McCollam, assistant director with the department's fish and wildlife division.

Fla. city may discuss duck feeding ban

COOPER CITY, Fla. — A Cooper City commissioner wants to discuss a ban on feeding ducks after learning of a messy dispute between two neighbors. Darlene Goldberg, 56, said her neighbor feeds about a half-dozen ducks every day, which leads

to poop all over her patio furniture.

"Someone has got to do something," Goldberg said. "The stench in the back is awful. I don't need a hundred flies in my house."

Cleone Boren, 86, denied feeding the Muscovy ducks but said that the Goldbergs are always free to move.

Some cities have laws against feeding wildlife, but Cooper City doesn't. City Commissioner Elliot Kleiman said he plans to discuss creating such a law at Wednesday's commission meeting.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Anne Thurston, senior research professor at Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies, will deliver the lecture "Rising China? The Other China? Thoughts from China's Grassroots" today at 4 p.m. in the Browning Cinema of the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center.

Irene Addo, deputy Ambassador of Ghana to the U.S., will deliver the keynote address for Africa Week, "Ghana Before and 50 Years After Independence," at 7:30 p.m. in 102 DeBartolo Hall.

As part of the Ten Years Hence lectures series, Romano L. Mazzoli, former member, U.S. House of Representatives will deliver the lecture "Immigration Reform — The New Face of America" at 10:40 a.m. in the Jordan Auditorium of the Mendoza College of Business.

"The Shirt" will be unveiled at 6 p.m. Friday at the Hammes Notre Dame Bookstore.

The Notre Dame baseball team will play against West Virginia Friday at 6:15 p.m. in Frank Eck Stadium.

The annual Blue/Gold game will start Saturday at 1:35 p.m. in Notre Dame Stadium.

The Notre Dame baseball team will play against West Virginia Saturday at 3:05 p.m. in Frank Eck Stadium.

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SMC student thanks celebs, organizations for going green

By JENN METZ
News Writer

On the heels of Earth Day, Saint Mary's freshman Jen Fetchko is launching a project that will help raise awareness about the environmental realities of today's society. She is starting a letter-writing campaign to thank the organizations and celebrities that have helped bring the problems of global warming into the public spotlight.

Fetchko, originally from Pennsylvania, said her letters are "universal thank-you's," meant to tell agencies, companies and activists like Whole Foods, Al Gore, Leonardo DiCaprio and the Environmental Defense Fund that someone at Saint Mary's appreciates their work.

Fetchko said she hopes their example leads "other people [to] hopefully see the importance of living in an environmentally conscious way."

"These people are working to establish the foundations for future generations," Fetchko said. "I don't expect anything back from them. ... I'm just thanking them for what they've done. Young people are especially thankful for what they've started."

Fetchko said she wanted to protect the environment and work to

make her impact on the planet green, choosing a major or a career involving energy consumption.

"I want to make sure it will be a safe place to live ... this is just a start," she said. "It doesn't matter what political view you have, it's about just doing things, small things even in your home, to make a difference."

The first Earth Day, in 1970, began an annual campaign to combat environmental abuse, according to the Earth Day Web site. The main focus of this year's Earth Day is to start a revolution that will find a solution for global warming, the Web site said.

Fetchko said most people associate Earth Day with planting trees and buying organic food, but the day is also about "getting the message out and being informed and aware."

"It can make people think," she said. "People need to keep in mind this message is about the earth and the future. You don't have to actively plant trees."

She said she hopes people will think about ways in which they can do small things to benefit future generations, like recycling

and conserving energy by turning off lights and water. Fetchko recycles, uses cold water to do laundry and has a garden, among other small things she said can make a big difference.

"People should [be conscious] for both their own benefit and the benefit of the people they love," she said.

Fetchko advises students to see films like "An Inconvenient Truth" and DiCaprio's new documentary, "The 11th Hour," due out later this year.

"Try to gather information from all political parties to create your own view about the problem," she said, citing Myron Ebeoo, a far-right politician who has published that global warming is a hoax, as a lesser-known point of view on the situation.

"I think there's a direct connection between humanity and the environment, and it's one of give and take. Maintaining that harmony is key," she said. "What you take from the earth you must give back, either with new clean technology or something as simple as growing a garden."

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"Young people are especially grateful for what they've started."

Jen Fetchko
Saint Mary's freshman

FedEx

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prices "fairly comparable" to the fees The Copy Shop charged, Skendzel said.

Added benefits will include access to an online service that will allow users to submit documents for printing at all hours. These documents could be picked up at any FedEx Kinko's on campus or in the surrounding areas during operating hours, as well as the State Road 23 branch, which is open 24 hours a day, Skendzel said.

The decision to refuse The Copy Shop a continuation of its contract and bring FedEx Kinko's into LaFortune was made in 2005 after Executive Vice

President John Affleck-Graves formed a committee to review all the copy services on campus, Skendzel said.

The committee's observations led to the decision to expand business with FedEx Kinko's and upgrade all the copy centers on campus.

"The decision was made to consolidate [some of the] University-operated copy

centers and bring FedEx Kinko's in for efficiency," Skendzel said.

The Copy Shop had the option to bid on the project, but chose to pass up the opportunity, and the University chose FedEx Kinko's, he said.

The Grace Hall FedEx Kinko's opened in the fall of 2005, and the company had planned to move into the space in LaFortune during that time as well, a FedEx Kinko's manager told The Observer in September 2005. The Copy Shop, however,

entered a legal battle with the University, prolonging its stay on campus.

The Copy Shop said its lease with Notre Dame included a clause that allowed it to perpetually renew the lease, but the Indiana Court of Appeals ruled against it. The store

"The decision was made to consolidate [some of the] University-operated copy centers and bring FedEx Kinko's in for efficiency."

Dan Skendzel
director of administrative services for business operation

had previously received a positive verdict in the St. Joseph's County Circuit Court, and owner Tim Wright said in a March 26 letter that he was "in the process" of taking the case to the Indiana Supreme Court for a third opinion.

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The Observer is now accepting applications for Controller, Web Designer and Systems Manager for 2007-08.

The Controller position, which provides great accounting experience, is open to rising juniors. It is a two-year position; the 2007-08 Controller will become the 2008-09 Business Manager.

The Web Designer position is open to any student with advanced scripting skills. Systems Manager applicants should be highly adept at computer troubleshooting.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

U.S., Australia plan refugee swap

CANBERRA, Australia — Australia and the United States have approved a plan involving the movement of a few hundred refugees to each other's jurisdiction, the Australian government said Wednesday.

Australia said it was a bid by both nations to deter asylum seekers, but critics charged it would likely to spur an even bigger wave of migrants.

In Washington, U.S. State Department spokesman Sean McCormack called the deal an "informal agreement" that "does not create legal obligations."

"The arrangement does not call for an exchange or a swap of individuals," he said. "And no person ... who is referred would be forced to accept resettlement."

Drug gang violence grows in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, Brazil — Gangsters with automatic weapons shoot it out with police in broad daylight near downtown. Parents use their bodies to shield children on their way to school. Passengers on buses stuck in traffic hit the floor as bullets shatter windows.

A day after terrorizing gunbattles left at least 19 criminals lying dead in the streets, Brazilians grappled Wednesday with a shocking image of how far Rio de Janeiro has sunk into violence as Brazil prepares for a papal visit next month and the Pan American games this summer.

"You can't protect yourself," said Jorge Henrique dos Santos, who was grazed in the head by a stray bullet that tore into a bus. "How can you protect yourself if you get shot just sitting on a bus?"

The worst bloodshed was in the Mineira shantytown, where 13 people died. Officials said two were killed by police and the rest died in fighting between rival drug gangs.

NATIONAL NEWS

Bush warns Sudan to end bloodshed

WASHINGTON — President Bush, ramping up pressure on Sudan, said Wednesday the United States will tighten economic sanctions and impose new ones if Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir does not take quick, concrete steps to stop the bloodshed in Darfur.

Bush said the Sudanese government must allow U.N. support forces, facilitate deployment of a full U.N.-African Union peacekeeping force, stop supporting violent militias and let humanitarian aid reach the people of Darfur.

"The world needs to act," Bush said. "If President al-Bashir does not meet his obligations, the United States of America will act."

Bush said the United States would tighten economic sanctions on Sudan, barring certain companies from taking part in the U.S. financial system; target sanctions on individuals responsible for violence; and apply new sanctions against the government of Sudan.

U.S. military deaths in Iraq hit 3,311

As of Wednesday, April 18, 2007, at least 3,311 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. The figure includes seven military civilians. At least 2,691 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

Since the start of U.S. military operations in Iraq, 24,764 U.S. service members have been wounded in hostile action, according to the Defense Department's weekly tally.

LOCAL NEWS

Inmate plotted to kill judge, prosecutor

ROCHESTER, Ind. — A jail inmate was charged Wednesday with attempted murder and conspiracy in an alleged plot to kill seven people, including the county prosecutor, a city police officer and a Superior Court judge.

Ronald P. Lambert Jr., 42, of Rochester, who was in the Fulton County Jail awaiting sentencing on an unrelated charge, allegedly offered another inmate four pounds of marijuana to help him find someone to kill Prosecutor Rick Brown, officer Andrew Shotts, Judge Wayne Steele and four others.

The plot was discovered when jailers received letters Lambert wrote to the other inmate, Brown said.

Va tech gunman sent materials to NBC

Killer mailed photos and videos to media company midway through massacre

Associated Press

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Midway through his murderous rampage, the Virginia Tech gunman went to the post office and mailed NBC a package containing photos and videos of him brandishing guns and delivering a snarling, profanity-laced tirade about rich "brats" and their "hedonistic needs."

"You had a hundred billion chances and ways to have avoided today," 23-year-old Cho Seung-Hui says in a harsh monotone, in an excerpt shown on "NBC Nightly News." "But you decided to spill my blood. You forced me into a corner and gave me only one option. The decision was yours. Now you have blood on your hands that will never wash off."

NBC said the package contained a rambling and often-incoherent, 1,800-word video manifesto, plus 43 photos, 11 of them showing him aiming handguns at the camera.

He repeatedly suggests he was picked on or otherwise hurt.

"You have vandalized my heart, raped my soul and torched my conscience," he says. "You thought it was one pathetic boy's life you were extinguishing. Thanks to you, I die like Jesus Christ, to inspire generations of the weak and the defenseless people."

The package, which arrived at NBC's headquarters in New York two days after Cho killed 32 people and committed suicide in the deadliest one-man shooting rampage in modern U.S. history, bore a Postal Service stamp showing that it had been mailed at a Virginia post office at 9:01 a.m. Monday, about an hour and 45 minutes after Cho first opened fire.

That would explain one of the biggest mysteries about the massacre: Where the gunman was and what he did during that two-hour window between the first burst of gunfire, at a high-



This video grab frame aired by NBC Wednesday shows Virginia Tech gunman Cho Seung-Hui. The video was included in the package Cho sent to the NBC studio Monday.

rise dorm, and the second fusillade, at a classroom building.

"Your Mercedes wasn't enough, you brats," he says, apparently reading from a manifesto. "Your golden necklaces weren't enough, you snobs. Your trust funds wasn't enough. Your vodka and cognac wasn't enough. All your debaucheries weren't enough. Those weren't enough to fulfill your hedonistic needs. You had everything."

Some of the pictures show him smiling; others show him frowning and snarling. Some depict him brandishing two weapons at a time, one in each hand. He wears a khaki-colored military-style vest, fingerless gloves, a black T-shirt, a backpack and

a backwards, black baseball cap. Another photo shows him swinging a hammer two-fisted. Another shows an angry-looking Cho holding a gun to his temple.

The package was sent by overnight delivery but did not arrive at NBC until Wednesday morning. It had apparently been delayed because it had the wrong ZIP code, NBC said.

An alert postal employee brought the package to NBC's attention after noticing the Blacksburg return address and a name similar to the words reportedly found scrawled in red ink on Cho's arm after the bloodbath, "Ismail Ax," NBC said.

"I didn't have to do it. I could have left. I could have fled," he says. "But now I am

no longer running. If not for me, for my children and my brothers and sisters that you (expletive). I did it for them."

He also refers to "martyrs like Eric and Dylan" — a reference to the teenage killers in the Columbine High massacre.

NBC News President Steve Capus said that the network received the package around noon and notified the FBI. He said the FBI asked NBC to hold off reporting on it so that the bureau could look at it first, and NBC complied, finally breaking the story just before a police announcement of the package at 4:30 p.m.

Capus said it was clear Cho videotaped himself, because he could be seen leaning in to shut off the camera.

IRAQ

Deadly blasts in Baghdad kill 183

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — It was about 4 p.m., and construction workers were gathering their belongings to leave for the day. They'd been helping rebuild the bustling outdoor Sadriyah market in central Baghdad after a deadly bombing two months ago.

The men waited for minibuses to pick them up and take them home. The buses were outside a pedestrian entrance to the market. Tall concrete barriers prevented vehicles from driving into the market since the Feb. 3 attack, which killed 137 people.

Then, at 4:05 p.m., it happened again.

A car bomb blew up at the pedes-

trian entrance, the only way out of the compound. This time, at least 127 people were killed and 148 wounded. The buses were left charred and smoldering.

The meticulously planned attack was one of four bombings against Shiite targets on Wednesday, as suspected Sunni insurgents penetrated the Baghdad security net. Altogether, 183 people were killed in the four attacks — the bloodiest day since the U.S. troop increase began nine weeks ago.

U.S. military spokesman Maj. Gen. William Caldwell told The Associated Press that al-Qaida in Iraq was suspected in the market bombing. "Initial indications based on intelli-

gence sources show that it was linked to al-Qaida," Caldwell said in a late-night telephone interview.

Echoing those remarks, U.S. Defense Secretary Robert Gates called the bombings "horrific" and accused al-Qaida of being behind them.

The attacks appeared to be yet another attempt by Sunni insurgents and al-Qaida to force Shiite militiamen back onto the streets. Radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr had ordered his Mahdi Army fighters to put away their weapons and go underground before the security crackdown began, leaving regions like those bombed on Wednesday highly vulnerable.

ROTC

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Harrington, Erin Smith, Casie Sweeney, Karl Kadon, C. Scott Martin and John-Paul Adrian were among the cadets and midshipmen that received decorations Wednesday.

Henebery received two top honors, including the Patrick Haley Award for mastery of the Army Training Management system.

"Essentially, this is the formal system used by the army in the training of its troops," Henebery said. "Army cadets, as future officers, must all be well versed in this system."

He will be commissioned as a lieutenant of Infantry in the spring.

Henebery's fellow cadet, senior Ashley Shelton, received the Noel Dube award "for participation and leadership in the Arnold Air Society, which is the service organization affiliated with Air Force ROTC," she said.

While flattered, Shelton was quick to share the recognition with her peers and teammates.

"Our branch of Arnold Air is full of men and women who are highly dedicated to serving the greater community with their time and talents, and the real honor is to have been able to serve with them these past four years," Shelton said.

Following the presentation of the top ROTC students, Jenkins took the stage to tell the cadets and midshipmen about the marriage their characters as servicemen have with their roles as Notre Dame students.

He said the principles of their military training — service, discipline and selflessness — reflect the principles the University espouses, and he urged them to keep them in their hearts when they serve in the armed forces.

Jenkins said Notre Dame has sought to teach and train the leaders of the country's military to make sure they will judge wisely and act justly when they face difficult decisions that may determine the fate of incalculable civilians.

The University, he said, will continue to welcome ROTC students on its campus and praise their determination to serve the country.

In March, a group of Catholic Workers from different cities in the Midwest staged an unauthorized demonstration on campus, questioning Notre Dame's decision to sponsor military programs despite the University's Catholic — and consequently nonviolent — character.

When asked about the Catholic Workers' opposition to the ROTC program, Jenkins cited the rewards of educating future military leaders in Notre Dame's Catholic tradition to guarantee sensible officers at the helm of the armed forces.

"As Catholics, we recognize and respect anybody who may take a position of conscientious pacifism," Jenkins said. "But at the same time we recognize the importance of educating those who will serve conscientiously in the military services."

The Pass In Review ceremony has its roots in medieval Europe, when soldiers would march in front of their lords to let them inspect the units and assess their readiness for battle, Henebery said.

He said he was thrilled about the Review because it gives the ROTC branches an opportunity to display precision drilling to their classmates.

"The rest of the year, other students see us going to and from class in uniform, but otherwise what we do is a mystery to them. The Pass in Review is the only time where we do something for the public to see."

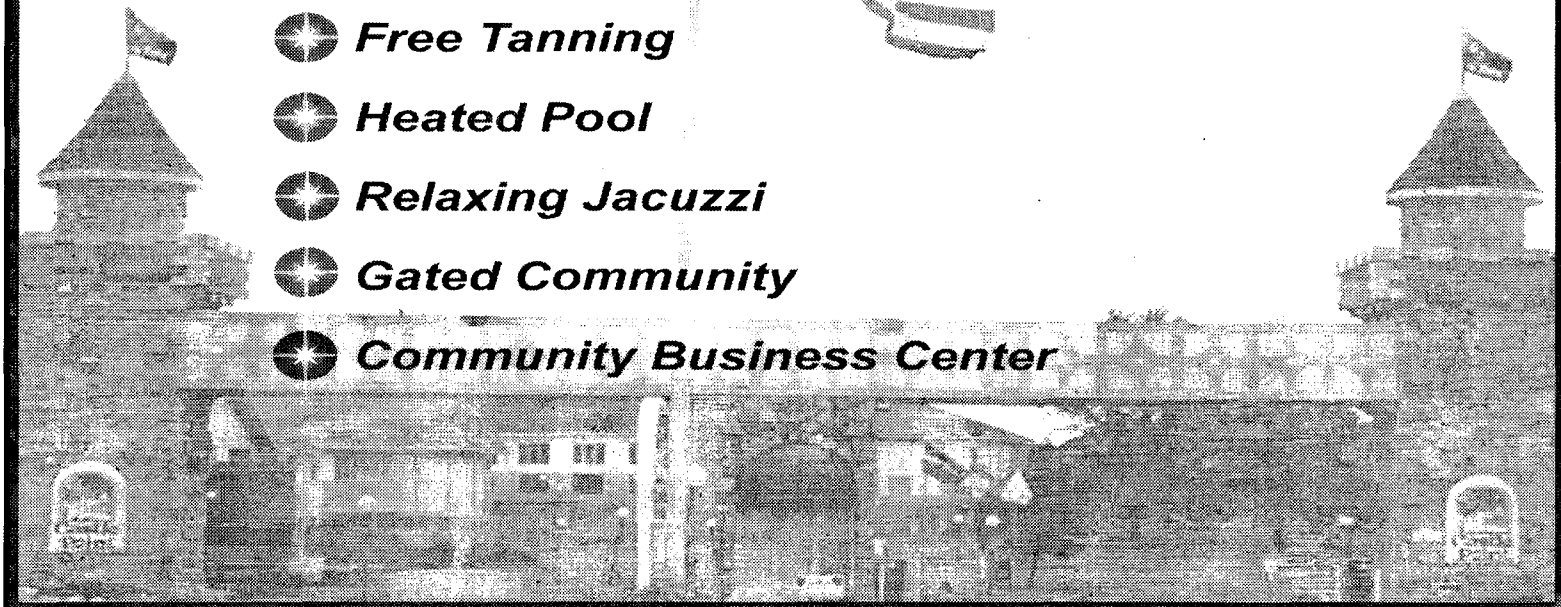
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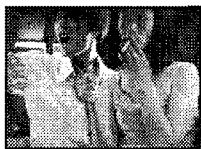
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Stocks				
Dow Jones	12,803.84	+30.80		
Up:	1,401	Same: 160	Down: 1,803	Composite Volume: 2,973,831,614

AMEX	2,232.97	-5.04
NASDAQ	2,510.50	-6.45
NYSE	9,634.87	+3.18
S&P 500	1,472.50	1.02
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	17,474.18	-193.15
FTSE 100(London)	6,449.40	-48.40

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
S&P DEP RECEIPTS (SPY)	+0.12	+0.18	147.27
POWERSHARES (QQQQ)	-0.33	-0.15	45.01
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-0.87	-0.25	28.60
SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	-0.17	-0.01	5.94
INTEL CP (INTC)	+1.76	+0.37	21.35

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.73	-0.034	4.654
13-WEEK BILL	-0.21	-0.010	4.850
30-YEAR BOND	-0.58	-0.028	4.819
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.89	-0.041	4.565

Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl)	+0.03		63.13
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+0.80		693.30
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	+0.05		103.20

Exchange Rates			
YEN			118.31000
EURO			0.7352
POUND			0.4985
CANADIAN \$			1.1289

IN BRIEF

H.H. Gregg to offer stocks to public

INDIANAPOLIS — H.H. Gregg Appliances, a video product and appliance retailer with stores in several states, has filed plans to raise up to \$172.5 million through an initial public offering of common stock.

The Indianapolis-based company said in a filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission that Credit Suisse and Lehman Brothers are the lead underwriters for the offering. The retailer intends to list its stock on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "HGG."

H.H. Gregg currently operates 77 stores in Ohio, Indiana, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina and Alabama.

The company reported a \$13 million profit for the nine-month period that ended Dec. 31, down from \$18.5 million for the same period a year earlier. However, sales rose from \$679 million to \$776 million during those same time frames.

The company attributed the increase to the addition of seven stores and a 3 percent increase in same-store sales.

Motorola posts first loss in years

CHICAGO — Motorola Inc. posted its first quarterly loss since 2004 on Wednesday as dismal sales continued to vex the struggling cell phone maker.

Worse still, the company said its misfortunes would continue through the second quarter.

Blaming disappointing sales of mobile phones, as well as expenses to cover a legal settlement, restructuring efforts and an acquisition, the telecommunications equipment maker said it lost \$181 million, or 8 cents per share, in the first three months of 2007. That compares with a profit of \$686 million, or 27 cents per share, during the same period a year earlier.

Those results met Wall Street's drastically lowered expectations, which followed a warning last month that sales at the world's No. 2 cell phone maker would fall more than \$1 billion short of previous projections.

Overall, first-quarter sales slid 1.8 percent, to \$9.43 billion, from \$9.61 billion a year ago. Still, that came in ahead of the \$9.29 billion expected by Wall Street analysts polled by Thomson Financial.

Nissan to release new diesel Maxima

Vehicle available in U.S. in 2010, will comply with national emissions standard

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Nissan Motor Co. Chief Executive Carlos Ghosn said Wednesday the Japanese automaker would introduce a diesel version of the Nissan Maxima in the United States in 2010.

Ghosn, in a speech to the Council on Foreign Relations, said the vehicle would comply with emissions standards in all 50 states and provide improved fuel economy and lower carbon dioxide emissions.

"The launch of the Maxima will mark the start of a broader diesel strategy in the United States," Ghosn said, adding the company was studying diesel vehicles in other markets.

Automakers have been turning to diesels amid projections of increased interest in the vehicles, which are popular in Europe. J.D. Power and Associates has estimated that diesels will grow from 3.6 percent of the U.S. market to about 9 percent by 2013.

Ghosn, who also serves as chief executive of Nissan's French partner, Renault SA, said the automaker was developing alternative vehicles to be "part of the solution" as industries attempt to reduce emissions.

"It is difficult to say which technologies will prove to be the most popular among consumers, and preferences vary from one world market to another. ... When a clear market trend emerges, we will be ready to offer customers what they want," Ghosn said.

The government has implemented tighter emissions standards for diesel engines while requiring new ultra-low



Nissan Motor Co. Chief Executive Carlos Ghosn discusses the diesel Maxima set to hit the U.S. in 2010 with the Council of Foreign Nations in Washington Wednesday.

sulfur diesel fuel. The fuel and clean diesel technology work in tandem to reduce emissions. In 2010, diesel engines will be required to emit about 90 percent less nitrogen oxide.

Ghosn, speaking to reporters, declined to provide a new estimate for when the automaker will meet a key sales target. Nissan said earlier this week that it may need to push back its goal of selling 4.2 million vehicles worldwide in the fiscal year ending March 2009.

Nissan, Japan's third-largest automaker, faced weakened performance last year because of a lack of new models in North America and sluggish sales in Japan.

Asked whether he was interested in seeking an alliance with Daimler Chrysler AG's Chrysler Group, Ghosn said his two companies were focused on their own results. Ghosn unsuccessfully sought an alliance with General Motors Corp. last year, and billionaire investor Kirk Kerkorian, who encouraged a

Nissan-Renault-GM alliance, is among the potential buyers for Chrysler.

"You don't want to engage in anything like this if any of your stakeholders are worried about your own company. You want to make sure your company is on track for growth and profitability before envisioning something else," he said.

"I still believe in the power of alliances. But it has to happen at the right moment, and I don't think for us it's the right moment," Ghosn said.

Businesses using eco-friendly products

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The expression "going green" might have a gimmicky sound, but for small businesses, selling environmentally friendly products and services can be very profitable. And even companies whose line of work is more traditional can benefit from using green products and practices.

Many company owners use environmentally friendly cars, recycle materials and buy biodegradable office supplies because they care about what happens to the environment. It also makes good business sense, making their companies more competitive and lifting employees' morale.

W&M Properties, a New York-based real estate company that also has a construction affiliate, has switched its fleet of more than 25 pickup trucks to hybrid Ford Escape cars. President

Tony Malkin said of the hybrids, "they pay for themselves in the fuel savings." He noted that most of the company's driving is done on local streets, and called the pickups' mileage "appalling."

W&M has also implemented recycling programs in the buildings it manages, including ones that handle discarded computers — "it's what you're supposed to do, but people don't do it," Malkin said.

The company also is recycling about half the materials it's removing from a project being done for Pitney Bowes. "You're using less landfill space, and it's product that can be used again in the future," Malkin said.

Malkin said his company is using more green practices because "the current way of doing business is destructive." But, he said, "people want to do business in an environmentally sustainable fashion and we are at a competi-

tive advantage by moving the needle toward green."

There are many ways that companies can go green. Some of them are simple, and basic, such as conserving energy with appliances and equipment that aren't power guzzlers. Recycling is a very common way to go green. So is buying paper and other supplies that are made with recycled material.

There are plenty of resources detailing how to go green on the Internet, in bookstores and in libraries. Environmental groups have information as well.

Mark Mandel, co-owner of Mark Drugs, a Roselle, Ill., pharmacy, said his business recycles even though the local government doesn't have a recycling program.

"It's an extra effort, but we feel it's important to be conscientious about the environment," he said.

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hours before opening fire and killing 30 more people in one of the school's academic buildings half a mile away.

"Suffice it to say, that plans do exist," University spokesman Don Wycliff said. "They are constantly being reviewed in light of the Virginia Tech experience, and we would be [foolish] if we do not attempt to review those plans."

Wycliff said he expects Notre Dame to comment on campus security plans in the future, but he couldn't give an exact date.

Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP) Director Phil Johnson declined to comment on NDSP's

procedures for crisis management plans and referred all questions to University representatives in the Office of News and Information.

Wycliff declined to comment on what offices have the authority to lock down buildings or entire portions of campus in the event of an emergency. He would not say if the University has a campus broadcasting system it could use to transmit emergency messages to faculty, students and staff.

But Gordon Wishon, the University's chief information officer, said Notre Dame has been looking into the possibility of compiling a database of cellular phone numbers to send text messages to in the event of a campus emergency.

Wishon said the University is

preparing to launch a pilot program of the text messaging system, and it will test the service throughout the remainder of this semester and summer. He said the University expects to have this service fully ready by the fall.

He said the discussions and plans received more attention and support when Notre Dame eliminated standard telephone lines in each dorm room in 2006.

"We began exploring that some time ago ... realizing that the primary mode of communication for college students is cell phones," Wishon said of the text messaging plan.

Wishon noted that the University added voicemail service and each student is given a voicemail number, but

officials believed they needed to look into other methods of communication in case of a crisis.

"We knew that wouldn't work in case of an emergency," Wishon said.

In addition to the text messaging plan, Wishon said the Office of Information Technology has looked into and is investigating the possibility of voice messages and video messages — available through e-mails or from a Web site — as well as the idea of utilizing the closed-circuit television system on campus for public service announcements.

Wishon said the University is looking into the possibility of broadcasting an emergency tone on Notre Dame's 10 reserved cable channels to

alert the University community of any emergencies if it deemed it necessary.

"The bottom line is that we are looking for as many ways as we can to communicate with students, as well as staff and faculty, in an emergency or crisis situation," he said. "As terrible as Monday's tragedy is, the administration here at the University has been working to refine its crisis management plan for some time."

Wishon said the work to "refine" and review crisis management plans was organized and initiated by the Office of the President.

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Senate

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in a classroom building — before turning the gun on himself.

"Despite the many miles that separate our campuses, the victims of this tragedy, as well as the entire Virginia Tech community, remain at the forefront of our thoughts and always in our prayers," the letter reads. "No amount of words will take away the pain and suffering of these events, but we pray that God will guide you through this difficult time."

The letter also describes several memorial events the student government intends to hold today and in the next few days.

The student government plans to send posters depicting the mascots of each of the 27 dorms, signed by members of the Notre Dame community. Included with the posters, Brown said, will be a note of solidarity to say that Virginia Tech is included in the Notre Dame community.

Students can sign the posters today from 11 a.m. until 8 p.m. and on Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. in the main television lounge in LaFortune. Students can also sign the posters on Fieldhouse Mall today and Friday from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Each person who signs the posters will receive a maroon or orange ribbon — Virginia Tech's colors — as a sign to show their solidarity with the school, Brown said.

A rosary service is planned at the Grotto for Friday, although no definitive time has been announced.

Senators disagreed over whether to light 32 candles at the Grotto or 33 — to include the gunman. Brown's original letter stated that the Notre Dame community would light 32 candles entwined with maroon and orange ribbons.

But Morrissey senator Tom Bacsik asked the Senate to consider whether or not to change that number to 33 to include Cho. Zahm senator Nick McCollum said he believed the number should be changed.

"I feel as a Catholic university, we do stand for forgiveness, and I think we should still pray for him for what he did," McCollum said. "I think we should forgive him."

Residence Life committee chair Mariana Montes questioned whether people at Virginia Tech — which is not a predominately Catholic university — would find Notre Dame's forgiveness offensive.

Brown said she would make the decision to change or not to change the number according to the number listed on Virginia Tech's Web site, allowing the school to make the decision about how many victims there were.

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In other Senate news:

◆ Representatives from USA Today's College Readership Program delivered a one-year assessment of the program to the Senate. The presentation included figures about how many total newspapers are consumed by students on a daily basis, with breakdowns according to vending location and newspaper type.

After the presentation, senators unanimously passed two resolutions to expand vending locations to spots on the first floor of the Hesburgh Library and in the basement of Mendoza College of Business.

◆ Senators also unanimously passed a resolution to prioritize minority faculty recruitment and voted on Senate liaisons to the Council of Representatives, the Financial Management Board, the Judicial Council and Campus Life Council.

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said in the e-mail. "We must remember that college safety and security is everyone's responsibility."

In an e-mail Tuesday, Vice President of Student Affairs Karen Johnson told students to keep their eyes open and report any suspicious activity on campus — especially near the residence halls.

"Don't let people 'tailgate' into the residence halls behind you," Johnson said. "If anyone tries to do so, report them to the desk attendant or College Security."

Current emergency protocol

While the events at Virginia Tech are making colleges across the nation question their current safety procedures, Saint Mary's is simply working to improve the security protocols in place.

Saint Mary's is trying to improve the existing standard operating procedure in the event of a gun crime or shooting on campus, said Saint Mary's Director of Security David Gariepy.

But rather than a reaction to Monday's Virginia Tech bloodbath, Johnson said these upgrades are always on the administration's agenda.

"This is not something we just started working on," she said. "Security is always of utmost importance, and so we are always working on making it better."

The administration and members of a security planning committee, she said, are currently reviewing a new duty manual.

The Saint Mary's Security Web site has a detailed emergency response plan for chemical or biological threats and natural disasters, keeping the stipulations of Homeland Security. There is no specific mention, however, of gun crime protocols.

In any emergency, students can expect notification via e-mail, telephone and direct contact, according to the Web site.

The site also encourages students to have emergency supplies pre-packed in case of an evacuation and take shelter in the basement of Regina Hall.

"It is not recommended you remain in your room or office, nor should you leave the campus. Assistance will be provided for you there," the Web site reads.

As helpful these tips may be, Gariepy said each situation is different and unpredictable.

"Everything pertains to a particular situation. Going by the book doesn't always cut it," he

said. "Students should always be aware."

The problem, though, is that most students are not keeping an eye out for suspicious activities, and even if they did, they might simply panic, sophomore Kristen Anderson said.

"If there was a shooting, a bomb threat, a rapist on campus, anything really, I would have no idea how to react, and I know many students feel the same way," she said.

Sophomore Perri Hamma felt the same, saying she was still shaking from hearing about the Virginia Tech massacre and wouldn't know how to react in a similar situation.

"I honestly don't have any idea about our emergency procedures," Hamma said. "If something bad happened, I don't think I'd know what to do."

Accessing residence halls

Of the four residence halls on Saint Mary's campus, only one — McCandless Hall — has an ID card swipe access system in place at the front door.

LeMans and Regina Hall lobbies are open, but visitors must swipe an ID card to go up to the rooms. Holy Cross Hall does not require swiping at all, but Johnson said she doesn't think students in the residence hall are more exposed for this reason.

"I don't think there is any greater risk at Holy Cross than other dorms that require swiping," Johnson said. "If somebody really wants to get into any building, they will figure it out."

Johnson gave residents — not ID card capabilities — the responsibility of keeping the halls clear of strangers.

"The dorm is only as safe as the people that live there make it," she said.

Lockdown

In the event of a lockdown, Saint Mary's will "start at the top," Gariepy said. The president will make the judgment call through recommendations from security officials.

A lockdown, however, may not be the safest option.

"Lockdown isn't always a good option. It is determined by the particular event we are dealing with and may cause more harm than good," Gariepy said. "In some situations, keep-

ing people where they are is good. In others, it could be dangerous."

While heightened security is assumed during emergency situations, the security Web site said that in case of an evacuation of Regina, all swipe-card systems would be deactivated "for easy access."

Johnson also said a campus lockdown is not necessarily the first choice.

"It really depends on if we can safely evaluate if it is safer to stay in your rooms or go some place safer," she said. "At Virginia Tech, it was decided it was safer to stay in the dorms. It really depends."

Communication and cooperation

In the case of Monday's massacre, authorities are still investigating Virginia Tech's response rate and implementation of its protocols. While Saint Mary's is willing to employ every method of communication to alert students, Gariepy said notifying students too early could also be dangerous.

"It is hard to put out a notification with something like a shooting unless we really and truly know what we're dealing with," he said. "If we don't know the facts, we could potentially alarm students when we don't have to."

Once the situation has been identified, however, Gariepy said the College would alert students in person, through e-mails, flyers and even an emergency toll-free number with regularly updated messages about the status of the emergency. This number is aimed more at parents, he said.

From there, the College notifies other agencies, including the St. Joseph County Police Department and Notre Dame Security/Police, to assist with the handling of the situation, Gariepy said. He said he is confident that these collaborations, combined with a calm and collected approach, will yield the best possible results for students.

"We [campus security] will stick to protocol at the present time," Gariepy said. "We always talk to the staff after events like this to keep it fresh in our minds, but, for the most part, we are going to stay consistent with our policies."

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ACE

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for certain. If you're interested in educational excellence, you can look at the Catholic schools in the United States of America, because they provide it — and for that, this country is very grateful," the White House Web site said.

Ketchum told Bush about the benefits Student Choice has brought to Catholic schools throughout Washington D.C.

"Many of our students and parents use this tool, and it's a gift to have Catholic school as a choice," Ketchum said.

Ketchum graduated from the ACE program in 1999 and is a part of the ACE Leadership Program, which focuses on training young graduates interested in administrative education. He is currently working as an assistant principal for a Catholic school in Washington, D.C. and has personally seen the benefits of the School Choice program in own school.

Parochial education leaders, such as Ketchum, and parents who benefit from School Choice programs were in attendance.

According to the Alliance for Student Choice, the program empowers "parents to select the educational environment they feel is best for their child."

Parents are given the opportunity to exercise choice through the use of various school selection tools, such as tax credit and school vouchers, in schools outside their own communities, according to the organization's Web site.

"A parental choice is a very important part of educational excellence. And one way to make sure that that's the case is not only to fully fund the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship, but to provide these kinds of scholarships for school systems outside of Washington," Bush said.

The program is especially beneficial for low-income families that don't have the option of moving to neighborhoods with better schools.

Fr. Ronald Nuzzi, director of the ACE Leadership Program, stressed the program's importance in light of the needs of underprivileged families.

"School Choice programs are a legislative attempt to level that playing field and give the poor some options for the education of their children," Nuzzi said. "All of us in ACE believe the poor have special claims on us, because of the example of Jesus in the Gospel and the Old Testament prophets. We will always be great friends of and advocates for school choice."

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Notre Dame, ACE graduate

Spring storms hit East coast, kill 18

Associated Press

PORTLAND — Utility crews cut their way through toppled trees Wednesday to restore service to thousands of customers still without power since a huge weekend storm battered the East Coast.

Communities from New Jersey to Maine were still coping with stream flooding after the storm dumped more than 8 inches of rain in places, along with coastal flooding brought on by astronomical high tides and heavy surf.

Eighteen deaths were blamed on the weather system, including a woman whose body was pulled from a New Jersey river on Wednesday.

New Hampshire safety officials made plans Wednesday to breach the 19th-century Hayden Mill Pond dam at Hollis to relieve the pressure of high water from the storm and avert a failure. A dozen families living near the six-acre reservoir were evacuated Tuesday evening and National Guard troops closed part of a highway as a precaution.

More than 50,000 businesses and homes remained without power in Maine, where Central Maine Power Co. was being helped by repair crews from neighboring New Brunswick and Nova Scotia and as far away as Pennsylvania.

Utility officials warned that some people might be without power until the end of the week.

"It's a huge number of trees that are down, so it's a big job

cutting those away," said CMP spokesman John Carroll. "Plus there are 250 broken poles. That's an enormous number of poles."

Utilities in New Hampshire reported nearly 17,000 homes and businesses still had no electricity, down from roughly 90,000 at the peak, and said some might not be reconnected until the weekend.

In many areas, road damage and fallen trees blocked repair crews' access, said New Hampshire Electric Cooperative spokesman Seth Wheeler.

"There are 18 different tree crews we've hired ... just clearing trees first before the line crews can get in there and do construction," Wheeler said.

About 1,400 New Jersey residents were in emergency shelters because of flooding, up slightly from Tuesday, as more rivers crested. Rescue crews went house to house by boat in a flooded section of Fairfield asking if residents of about three dozen homes needed to be evacuated, said State Police Sgt. Stephen Jones.

"The numbers are fluctuating, actually going down in some places as folks go home, but rising in others as people who had been holding out just give in and go to a shelter," Jones said.

Sections of some New Jersey highways were still closed by standing water.

About 40 New Hampshire roads remained closed by high water or damage, Gov. John

Lynch said. Most were expected to be reopened soon, but it could take weeks to repair landslide damage to Route 101 in Wilton, Department of Transportation spokesman Bill Boynton said.

Lynch had asked the Federal Emergency Management Agency to start a preliminary damage assessment in all 10 counties to determine eligibility for federal disaster relief.

"Many New Hampshire communities have been overwhelmed by all the flooding," he said, noting that about 6,000 residents still could not return home.

Swollen rivers in Massachusetts were receding but waves still crashed over sea walls and flooded coastal roads early, authorities said.

Two families were evacuated from oceanfront homes in Duxbury, Mass., late Tuesday but were able to return the next morning, fire Capt. Skip Chandler said. Their homes had knee-deep water on the ground floor, he said. "Thank goodness it wasn't worse," he said.

Most roads had reopened in the suburbs north of New York City, as homeowners in Westchester County piled water-ruined carpets and furniture in heaps outside.

On Fire Island, a barrier island along the south side of New York's Long Island, some homes were clinging to narrow beaches atop rickety pilings because the storm's waves had scoured the sand out from beneath them.

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Supreme Court bans partial-birth abortions

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court's new conservative majority gave anti-abortion forces a landmark victory Wednesday in a 5-4 decision that bans a controversial abortion procedure nationwide and sets the stage for further restrictions.

It was a long-awaited and resounding win that abortion opponents had hoped to gain from a court pushed to the right by President Bush's appointees.

For the first time since the court established a woman's right to an abortion in 1973, the justices said the Constitution permits a nationwide prohibition on a specific abortion method. The court's liberal justices, in dissent, said the ruling chipped away at abortion rights.

The 5-4 decision written by Justice Anthony Kennedy said the Partial Birth Abortion Ban Act that Congress passed and Bush signed into law in 2003 does not violate a woman's constitutional right to an abortion.

Siding with Kennedy were Bush's two appointees, Chief Justice John Roberts and Justice Samuel Alito, along with Justices Antonin Scalia and Clarence Thomas.

The law is constitutional despite not containing an exception that would allow the procedure if needed to preserve a woman's health, Kennedy said. "The law need not give abortion doctors unfettered choice in the course of their medical practice," he wrote in the majority opinion.

Doctors who violate the law could face up to two years in federal prison. The law has not taken effect, pending the outcome of the legal fight.

In dissent, Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg said the ruling "cannot be understood as anything other than an effort to chip away at a

right declared again and again by this court."

Dr. LeRoy Carhart, the Bellevue, Neb., doctor who challenged the federal ban, said, "I am afraid the Supreme Court has just opened the door to an all-out assault on" the 1973 ruling in *Roe v. Wade*.

The administration defended the law as drawing a bright line between abortion and infanticide.

Reacting to the ruling, Bush said that it affirms the progress his administration has made to defend the "sanctity of life."

"I am pleased that the Supreme Court has upheld a law that prohibits the abhorrent procedure of partial birth abortion," he said. "Today's decision affirms that the Constitution does not stand in the way of the people's representatives enacting laws reflecting the compassion and humanity of America."

It was the first time the court banned a specific procedure in a case over how — not whether — to perform an abortion.

Abortion rights groups as well as the leading association of obstetricians and gynecologists have said the procedure sometimes is the safest for a woman. They also said that such a ruling could threaten most abortions after 12 weeks of pregnancy, although Kennedy said alternate, more widely used procedures remain legal.

The outcome is likely to spur efforts at the state level to place more restrictions on abortions.

"I applaud the Court for its ruling today, and my hope is that it sets the stage for further progress in the fight to ensure our nation's laws respect the sanctity of unborn human life," said Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, Republican leader in the House of Representatives.

Jay Sekulow, a prominent abortion opponent who is chief

counsel for the conservative American Center for Law and Justice, said, "This is the most monumental win on the abortion issue that we have ever had."

Said Eve Gartner of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America: "This ruling flies in the face of 30 years of Supreme Court precedent and the best interest of women's health and safety. ... This ruling tells women that politicians, not doctors, will make their health care decisions for them." She had argued that point before the justices.

More than 1 million abortions are performed in the United States each year, according to recent statistics. Nearly 90 percent of those occur in the first 12 weeks of pregnancy, and are not affected by Wednesday's ruling. The Guttmacher Institute says 2,200 dilation and extraction procedures — the medical term most often used by doctors — were performed in 2000, the latest figures available.

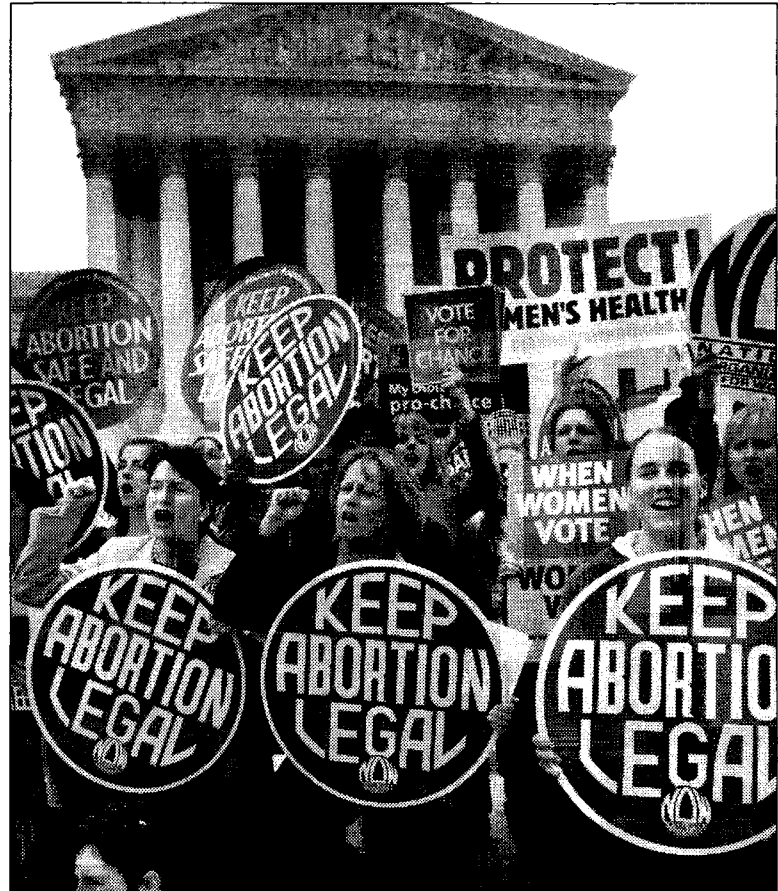
Six federal courts have said the law that was in focus Wednesday is an impermissible restriction on a woman's constitutional right to an abortion.

"Today's decision is alarming," Ginsburg wrote in dissent for the court's liberal bloc. She said the ruling "refuses to take ... seriously" previous Supreme Court decisions on abortion.

Ginsburg said the latest decision "tolerates, indeed applauds, federal intervention to ban nationwide a procedure found necessary and proper in certain cases by the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists."

Ginsburg said that for the first time since the court established a woman's right to an abortion in 1973, "the court blesses a prohibition with no exception safeguarding a woman's health."

She was joined by Justices Stephen Breyer, David Souter



Abortion rights activists demonstrate outside the Supreme Court in Washington, D.C. Wednesday after the Court decided 5-4 to ban partial birth abortions.

and John Paul Stevens.

The procedure at issue involves partially removing the fetus intact from a woman's uterus, then crushing or cutting its skull to complete the abortion.

Abortion opponents say the law will not reduce the number of abortions performed because an alternate method — dismembering the fetus in the uterus — is available and, indeed, much more common.

In 2000, the court with key differences in its membership struck down a state ban on partial-birth abortions in a chal-

lenge also brought by Carhart. Writing for a 5-4 majority at that time, Justice Breyer said the law imposed an undue burden on a woman's right to make an abortion decision in part because it lacked a health exception.

The Republican-controlled Congress responded in 2003 by passing a federal law that asserted the procedure is gruesome, inhumane and never medically necessary to preserve a woman's health. That statement was designed to overcome the health exception to restrictions that the court has demanded in abortion cases.

ISRAEL

Gates: Iran diplomacy needs time

Associated Press

TEL AVIV — Defense Secretary Robert Gates said Wednesday that diplomatic efforts to resolve the standoff with Iran over its nuclear program are working and should get a chance to succeed.

Both the U.S. and Israel accuse Iran of trying to develop nuclear weapons, which Tehran denies. Gates said many nations are "united in telling Iran what it needs to do with respect to its nuclear program."

The United States and its allies have led efforts to pass two U.N. Security Council resolutions punishing Iran for refusing to suspend uranium enrichment. That process can be used to develop nuclear weapons.

"We agreed it was important to deal with the Iranian nuclear problem through diplomacy, which appears to be working," Gates said at a news conference with Defense Minister Amir Peretz.

"These things don't work overnight, but it seems to me clearly the preferable course to keep our focus on the diplomatic initiatives, and particularly because of the united front of the international community at this point," Gates said.

His words appeared aimed at diffusing suggestions in Israel and

the U.S. that the Pentagon is moving toward a strike against Iran.

At the same time, Gates confirmed the U.S. commitment to Israel, noting that he is the first Pentagon chief to visit country in eight years.

"I think the fact that I have come here in the end of my fourth month as secretary illustrates the importance that I attach to our relationship with Israel," he said.

Discussing Iraq, Gates decried the attacks Wednesday in Baghdad that killed more than 170 people. The violence, he said, was "horrifying" and he blamed al-Qaida.

He said the attackers were trying to show that the U.S. security plan for Baghdad was failing. "These terrorists are killing innocent men, women and children who are Iraqis. They're killing their countrymen," Gates said.

Earlier, in Cairo, Egypt, Gates hewed to the Bush administration's line that any U.S. military failure in Iraq would unleash sectarian strife and extremism that would be felt first in the Middle East.

Speaking to an American Chamber of Commerce luncheon on the third day of his Middle East travels, Gates exhorted Arab countries to use their influence to undermine the insurgency and encourage political reconciliation in Iraq.

"Whatever disagreements we might have had over how we got to this point in Iraq, the consequences of a failed state in Iraq — of chaos there — will adversely impact the security and prosperity of every nation in the Middle East and the Gulf region," Gates said.

Gates, on his third trip to the region as defense secretary, reaffirmed the U.S. commitment to Iraq and to protecting allies in the area. In Washington, the Democratic-controlled Congress and the administration are nearing a showdown about bringing an end to the war.

U.S. military officials, meanwhile, have stepped up their criticism of Iran, saying this week for the first time that Iranians are involved in providing weapons to Afghanistan.

Marine Gen. Peter Pace, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Tuesday that U.S. forces recently intercepted Iranian-made weapons intended for Taliban fighters in Afghanistan. Military officials have said for months that Iranians are supplying weapons and training to insurgents in Iraq.

Asked about the latest development Wednesday, Gates said the U.S. does not know the magnitude of the problem or to what level in the Iranian government it rises.

MEXICO

Masked gunmen storm hospital, kill 3

Associated Press

TIJUANA — Police and soldiers battled gunmen at a hospital in the border city of Tijuana Wednesday in violence that left at least three people dead before the authorities subdued the attackers, officials said.

Shooting first erupted when about seven masked gunmen entered the public hospital and were confronted by a group of state police who happened to be escorting prisoners for routine treatment, said Tijuana Police Commander Jaime Niebla.

Two state police officers and one of the gunmen were killed in the clash, Niebla said.

Red Cross representative Fernando Esquer said he believed the gunmen were trying to free one of the prisoners receiving treatment.

The gunmen holed up in a ward for several hours until dozens of soldiers and federal police stormed in. More shots were heard ricocheting from the building, and it was unclear if there were any more deaths.

Soldiers were seen taking several detainees with their

faces covered from the facility.

Authorities evacuated 500 personnel and patients from the hospital's seven floors, taking some to nearby private hospitals. There were no immediate reports of patients suffering injuries.

Officials initially feared that patients had been taken hostage, but Niebla later said there were no hostages.

Mexican gangs have stormed several hospitals across the country in recent years to kill injured rivals or free prisoners.

In January, President Felipe Calderon sent 3,300 soldiers and federal police to Tijuana to hunt down drug gangs.

Dubbed "Operation Tijuana," the initiative was part of a nationwide military offensive, in which Calderon has sent more than 24,000 troops to states plagued by execution-style killings and beheadings as rival gangs fight over marijuana plantations and smuggling routes.

Drug gangs were blamed for more than 2,000 murders nationwide in 2006 and have left a particularly bloody trail in Tijuana, where more than 300 people were slain last year.

Edwards uses campaign funds to pay for haircuts

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Looking pretty is costing John Edwards' presidential campaign a lot of pennies. The Democrat's campaign committee picked up the tab for two haircuts at \$400 each by celebrity stylist Joseph Torrenueva of Beverly Hills, Calif., according to a financial report filed with the Federal Election Commission. FEC records show Edwards also availed himself of \$250 in services from a trendy salon and spa in Dubuque, Iowa, and \$225 in services from the Pink Sapphire in Manchester, N.H.,

which is described on its Web site as "a unique boutique for the mind, body and face" that caters mostly to women. A spokeswoman for Edwards' campaign did not respond to requests for comment. Torrenueva — who specializes in men's haircuts — confirmed in an interview with The Associated Press that Edwards is a longtime client and friend. "I do cut his hair and I have cut it for quite a while," Torrenueva said. "We've been friends a long time." Referring to a picture of Edwards published Tuesday in

The Los Angeles Times, Torrenueva said: "That's my cut." The stylist said he couldn't vouch for the source of Edwards' haircuts in other photos. One reason the cost of the cut was so steep even by Beverly Hills standards is that Torrenueva went to Edwards rather than the candidate coming into the stylist's salon a block off Rodeo Drive. "I go to him wherever convenient," Torrenueva said. He declined to identify where the cuts paid for by the campaign took place. Campaign records also show the former North Carolina sena-

tor's campaign paid \$248 on March 1 to the Designworks Salon in Dubuque. According to Designworks' Web site, the salon and spa features a wide variety of beauty and health services, including massages, facials, body polishes, self tanners, and rosemary mint and Caribbean therapy body wraps. The salon's owners did not return a call. Pink Sapphire co-owner Ariana Franggos said the two payments last month — \$150 on March 7 and \$75 on March 20 — were for doing Edwards' makeup for television appearances. She handles

makeup for local television personalities and was referred to Edwards through that connection. "This poor guy. I'm telling you, I promise he's not in here getting facials and cucumber peels on his eyes or anything," she said. Edwards, 53, who has made alleviating poverty the central theme of candidacy, has been criticized for building a 28,000-square-foot house for \$5.3 million near Chapel Hill, N.C. The complex of several buildings on 102 acres includes an indoor basketball court, an indoor pool and a handball court.

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Woman sentenced to life in jail

Used chainsaw to hack up acquaintance

Associated Press

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. — A jury on Wednesday spared the life of a woman who killed an acquaintance and hacked up her body with a chainsaw, sentencing her to life in prison without parole. Daphne Wright, 43, smiled after the verdict was read. Wright was convicted last week of kidnapping and murdering Darlene VanderGiesen, 42, in February 2006. VanderGiesen's mother, Dee, told Wright that God had helped the family forgive her. "We pray for you every day asking that God may touch your heart, that you may come to know his love and that you repent of your sins and seek God's forgiveness," she said. Dee VanderGiesen told Wright's mother, Carolyn Tucker: "We both have lost our daughters. One to death and the other to prison time for as long as she lives. May God's grace be shown to you at this time of pain in your life." Prosecutors said that Wright was jealous of the friendship VanderGiesen had with Wright's former lover and that it turned to rage that drove Wright to kidnap VanderGiesen, kill her, burn the body and cut it apart with a chain saw. VanderGiesen's remains were found in a Sioux Falls landfill and a Minnesota ditch. In closing arguments earlier in the day, prosecutor Dave Nelson said Wright, who like VanderGiesen is deaf, deserved to die by lethal injection because the mutilation was the act of a depraved mind. But he said he respected the jury's verdict. "I think they reached this decision independently of any of the diversions of race, of deafness or anything else. I think they decided this case on the evidence," he said. Wright's public defender, Jeff Larson, argued that she burned and cut the body as an afterthought and that the slaying was an isolated act motivated by jealousy. Nelson told jurors their verdict would be just if they treated both women equally. VanderGiesen was white and heterosexual; Wright is a black lesbian.

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Still waiting for our victory

Anyone old enough to speak coherently at the time still remembers the moment, over forty years ago, when they heard about JFK's assassination. Our grandparents can tell us how they listened to the radio accounts of Pearl Harbor on a December day, more than six decades gone. Every single one of us here at Notre Dame can recall where we were on the day of Sept. 11, 2001 — what we were doing, how the horribly tragic events of that morning unfolded for us and our personal feelings on the matter. Any time someone shares a personal story of That Day, I'm always amazed at the details people recall.

I remember listening to Paul Harvey's show on my AM radio while driving to school when he announced the first plane crash. I remember talking about it with my friend before the start of first-hour Biology, and I remember the girl who came in and told us the other tower had been hit. I remember conversations I had that day, things different teachers said and talking with my grandparents in the evening. That was my experience, half a country away, without a personal connection to anyone involved. The mass media of the past century gave rise to a new, shared cultural experience, a common reference point that breaches distance and background: the generation-defining event.

When we hear 9/11 described this way, it is absolutely on-target.

This week, we have another national tragedy. News of the massacre at Virginia Tech on Monday spread like wildfire throughout both national and international outlets, even reaching most of us studying

abroad in Europe within the hour. We learned of the catastrophe over television stations, through quickly formed Facebook groups, on Internet news sites and during instant messaging conversations. Solid facts came slowly, but no report could sanitize away the fear, confusion, anger, torrential grief and host of other emotions that assault us all in such times.

This is the great curse of our generation's hyper-awareness and the awesome power of modern media. We cannot escape the sentiments swirling around the tragedies, and they cannot remain anonymous or distant to us. It is hard to ignore the images of grown men and women crying as dead college students are carried away, the surreal sounds of gunshots being fired on a peaceful college campus or the first-hand accounts of courage and action during the Virginia shootings. I hesitate to compare this with 9/11; the numbers, circumstances, impact, source, scope and means are worlds apart. Yet both incidents serve to painfully remind us that these events always seem to be associated with sorrow, tragedy and death.

The events of Monday, though still fresh in my mind, will probably not stick with me as do those of 9/11. Sadly, the thousands of students and faculty and staff connected with the university, the thousands of parents worrying at home and the thousands of residents in the surrounding community don't have that luxury of separation. For them, this will become a "where were you when..." event. Monday will haunt their minds and stay with them for the duration of their lives. Healing can take place, and God willing, can come soon, but memories of all the little details from Monday will stick. Meanwhile, the rest of us are stuck asking ourselves: How many more of these "defining" events can we plan on seeing in the coming years and decades? And when can we expect one judged not by the body count or human toll, but by the rewards

and human joy brought about?

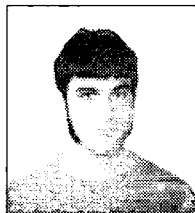
Some may say any event that becomes constantly discussed, like 9/11, does not develop its crystalline clarity in the moments of its occurrence, but rather slowly cements itself during the constant regurgitation of facts and satellite details in the months and years following. Even if this were the case, we are still left empty-handed trying to think of a ubiquitous positive event. I firmly believe that such events, incredibly wonderful instead of shockingly horrific, are entirely possible. Unfortunately, we are still waiting to see what such an event would look like.

The consistently negative nature of these events can be explained to some degree. "Good events," for one, rarely culminate in one triumphant moment. Tragedy, on the other hand, catches us unaware. In the shock, the horrific facts come slowly and there are a thousand unknowns. With triumphant accomplishments, the event is often merely symbolic and known well in advance. The closest models I can call to mind are the fall of the Berlin Wall — which I and most of my classmates were too young to remember — and the moon landing, decades before we were born.

Our generation, already exposed to so much death and murder and war and evil, still waits for its anti-9/11. We have yet to gather around our televisions and computers to share joy instead of sorrow, fulfillment instead of shock, pleasure instead of anger. We are the waiting. But for the moment, in respect for the Virginia Tech community, let us remember that we are also among the mourning.

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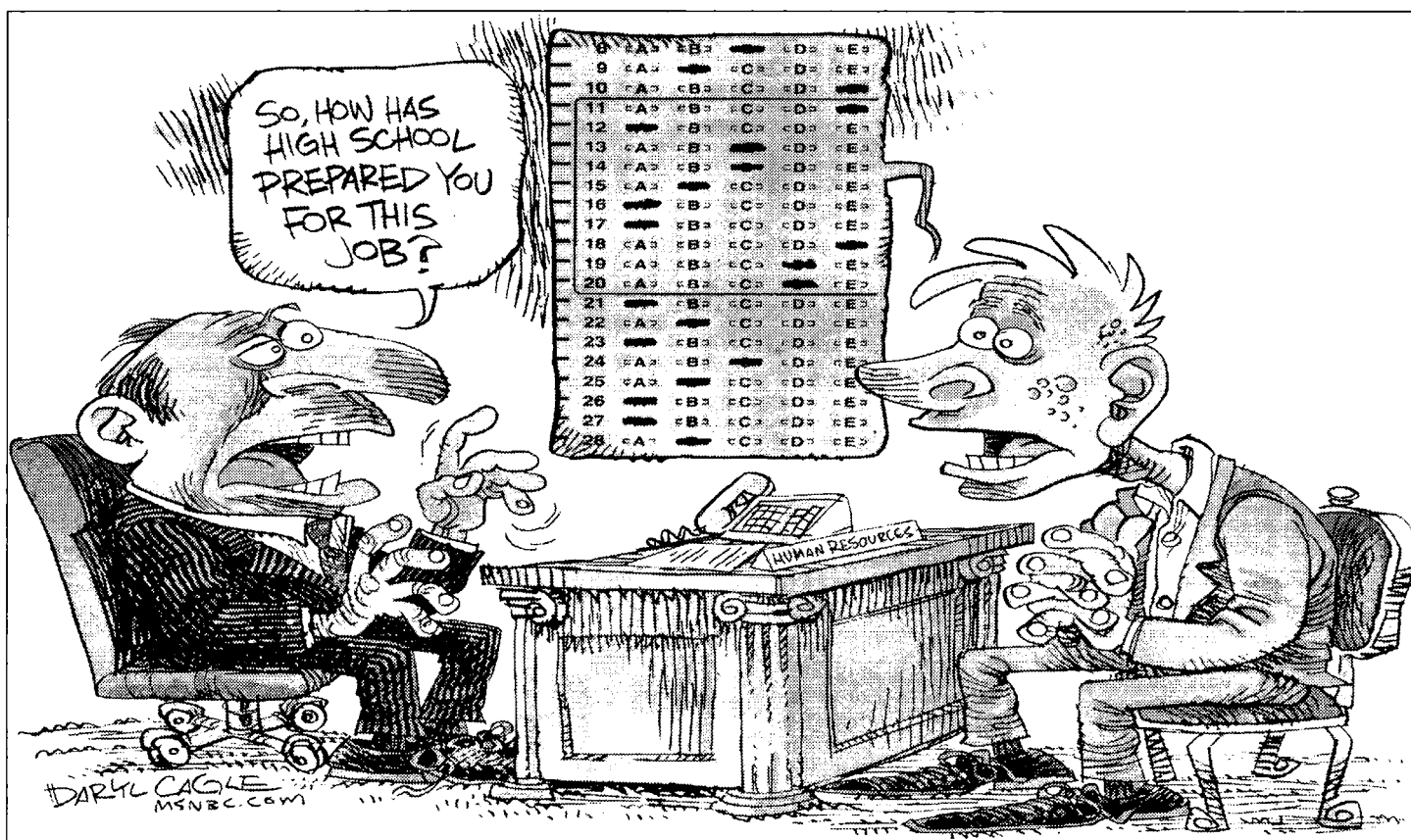
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"If there is anything that a man can do well, I say let him do it. Give him a chance."

Abraham Lincoln
former U.S. president

The Pasquerilla East Musical Company Presents **BEYOND THE CURTAIN** A MUSICAL REVUE

JARRED WAFER/Observer Graphic

By TAE ANDREWS
Scene Editor

You can hear them before you see them. The sound of piano keys clinking out show tunes mixes with the hubbub of excited cast chit-chat and the melodies of performers warming up their vocal chords, rising to a loud, pleasant din that fills the LaFortune Ballroom.

It's a Monday night rehearsal for "Beyond the Curtain," the sixth annual Musical Revue from the Pasquerilla East Musical Company, and with just three days before opening night, directors Brad Lancy and Wendy Pepper have their hands full.

After a quick round of warm-up chords (led by the seemingly tireless Nicholas Shaneyfelt, the show's musical director and the man behind the piano), Pepper announces it's time to get this show on the road. "All right," she shouts, "let's go, and we're going to try to run this rehearsal as if it were an actual show."

While she watches the rehearsal, her fellow director Lancy has time for a few questions. So why the title, "Beyond the Curtain?"

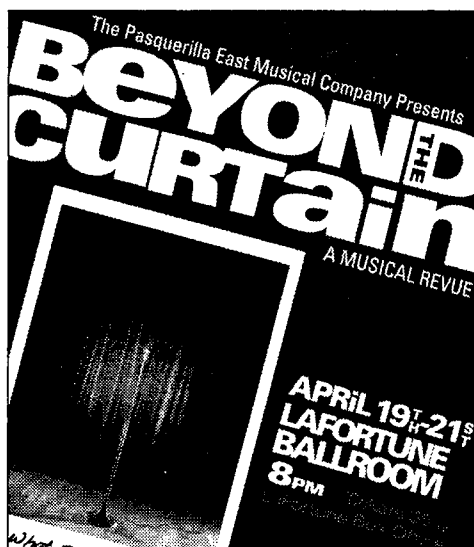
"The inspiration for the show comes from a song in the musical 'Chorus Line' called 'What I Did For Love,'" Lancy said. "The title felt very appropriate because through all of the experiences the people in the show have had with theater, we've all come to realize that we all do what we do for the love of theater."

"The show's themes are all about people's experiences with musical theater at ND and how those experiences helped make them into the people they are today."

The show is structured around different categories and is interspersed with quotes from the actual cast members talking about

how theater has impacted their lives beyond the stage.

Featuring over 25 acts from more than 20 different musicals, "Beyond the Curtain" features nearly 40 young ladies



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Cast members of "Beyond the Curtain" perform the opening number "One Night Only" from the musical "Dreamgirls" during their rehearsal Monday night.

and gentlemen drawn from all over campus, mostly undergraduate students, but with a few graduate school Double D o m e r s thrown into the mix as well. That's a whole lot of talent packed into one room, even one with ceilings as vaulted as the LaFortune Ballroom. And these are just the cream of the crop.

Auditions for "Beyond the Curtain" were held the week before spring break over a two-night span. More than 100 acts auditioned before the final number was whittled down to less than half the original count.

With a surplus of talented thespians here at Notre Dame, the show's title, "Beyond the Curtain," puts the spotlight on people who are sometimes overlooked.

"One of the reasons we chose to do this show is that with so many talented people here at Notre Dame, not everyone gets a chance to be featured onstage," Lancy said. "This way, you can really feature

people who might otherwise go unnoticed."

Pepper agreed. "The reason we came up with the idea for the show's structure," she said, "is to highlight the talents of people who might be less visible and find out why they do theater in the first place."

Not to mention that "Beyond the Curtain" is also just plain fun. As cast member Erin O'Shea

put it, "It's cool because you come in knowing a group of familiar faces, and then you find out it's a good way to build a community of friends. It's always entertaining and the best part is not doing homework and watching the other acts. I always bring a book to rehearsal and never read it."

The opening number from the show is "One Night Only," a song from the musical "Dreamgirls." Fortunately for undergraduates here at Notre Dame, we have three nights to take in the voices and acting on display in "Beyond the Curtain."

Brad Lancy
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Pasquerilla East Musical Company

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The sixth annual PEMCO Revue, "Beyond the Curtain," includes over 25 acts from more than 20 different musicals, including "Chicago" and "A Chorus Line."



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Mel Gibson ULTIMATE MAN, ULTIMATE COLLECTION



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By SEAN SWEANY
Assistant Scene Editor

Love him or hate him for his personal antics, there is no doubt that Mel Gibson has been associated with some of the most spectacular and talked-about movies of the past several decades. His recent scandal has perhaps marred his popularity in regards to his latest film, "Apocalypto," as well as his future movies, but his older films are still a testament to his talent as both an actor and director.

The new DVD release of "Mel Gibson: Ultimate Collection" takes three of these classic films — "Braveheart," "Payback" and "We Were Soldiers" — and groups them in a three-disc collection for fans of the Australian actor to enjoy.

◆Braveheart (1995)

This picture, which won Oscars for Best Picture and Best Director (it was also directed by Gibson), is by far the best film in the collection. Gibson stars as William Wallace, a Scottish king who rallies his people to overthrow the oppressive English rule under which they live.

"Braveheart" is at once a historical epic and a moving romance. Superb acting combines with stunning cinematography and well-choreographed fight scenes to make this Gibson's best film and also one of the top films of all time.

While this DVD itself is no different from



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The classic film "Braveheart" garnered a directorial Oscar for Gibson, who also starred in the movie as the Scottish freedom fighter William Wallace.

the previously released standalone version, it contains good extras such as a commentary from Gibson and a lengthy documentary that details the difficulties in shooting on location in Scotland.

◆Payback: Straight Up the Director's Cut (1999)

The second DVD in the pack is the gem of the three, as it contains the newly released director's cut of "Payback." Here, Gibson plays Porter, the bad guy — albeit a likable one — for once, a career criminal who is double crossed by his accomplices and left for dead. When Porter does not die, he exacts vengeance on his former compatriots in an unforgettable fashion.

Director Brian Helgeland's original film, while suspenseful and entertaining, became overly simplified and cheery at the mandate of studio executives who feared the original cut was too sophisticated and dark for audiences. While the result was good, it felt empty and trite in finished form.

The director's cut is substantially better than the original release and features much more engaging dialogue along with a darker tone that shows a different side of Gibson. Special features include an interesting new documentary about the making of the director's cut. This disc alone makes the entire set worth purchasing.

◆We Were Soldiers (2002)



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"Payback" stars Gibson, accompanied by Gregg Henry and Lucy Liu, as a criminal out for revenge against those who double-crossed him.

Although certainly not a bad film, "We Were Soldiers" is the weakest of the three in this set. Gibson stars as Lt. Col. Hal Moore, a general who must lead his troops into a place called "The Valley of Death" during the Vietnam War. This true story focuses on Moore's heroism and courage in what was one of the most violent battles in U.S. history.

While this film is epic on the level of "Braveheart" — and well shot at that — it comes off as cold and lacking the heart so aptly included in Gibson's earlier film. Many critics often term this "Braveheart 3" for its similarities to the predecessor ("The Patriot" is considered "Braveheart 2") and comparisons to any such great film will usually fall short.

As with "Braveheart," the special features are the same as on the regular standalone DVD, the best of which is a behind-the-scenes documentary that shows how many of the film's complex helicopter scenes were actually filmed. While perhaps not as worthy of inclusion in this three-pack as "The Patriot," "We Were Soldiers" is an adequate war film that showcases Mel Gibson's talent in acting in epic movies.

It is within this epic genre that Mel Gibson has proven himself one of the most talented actors in recent years, continually churning out thrilling, exciting films. The "Ultimate Collection DVD" showcases these three in all their bloody, gory glory.

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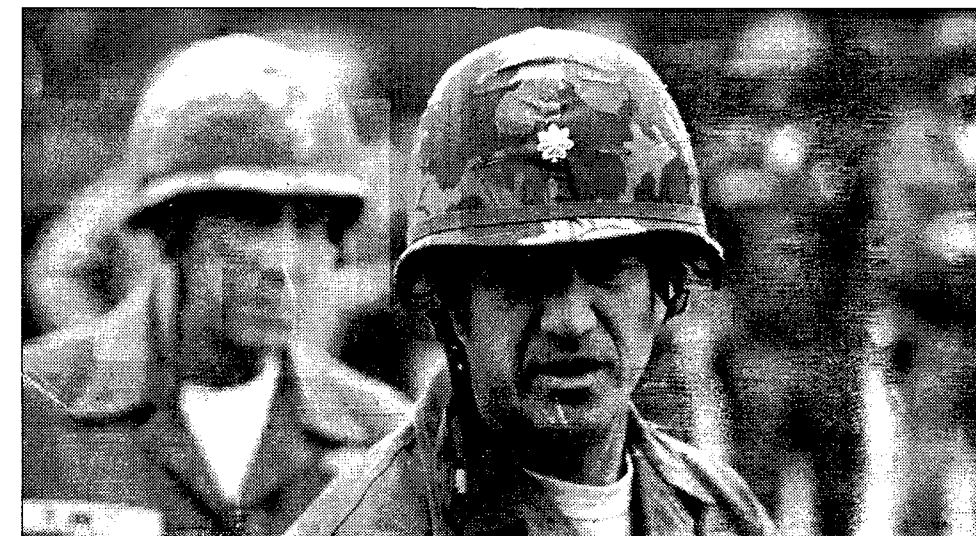


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Documenting the first major American battle in the Vietnam war, "We Were Soldiers" tells of the true story of Lt. Col. Hal Moore (Gibson) and his men in the Ia Drang Valley.

MEL GIBSON FUN FACTS

First person awarded "Sexiest Man Alive" in People magazine

Has seven children

Was awarded the Order of Australia, Australia's highest honor

Roommates with actor Geoffrey Rush in college

Shares his January 3 birthday with J.R.R. Tolkien

His father moved the family from New York to Sydney after winning in "Jeopardy!"



NHL

Rangers need just four games to ice Thrashers

Devils win in overtime to tie series with Lightning at two, two goals by Drury and 24 saves by Miller give Sabres win

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Rangers finally got a chance to party like it was 1997.

Matt Cullen banged in a shot off the crossbar early in the third period, snapping a tie and helping New York to a 4-2 victory over the Atlanta Thrashers on Wednesday night that put the Rangers into the second round of the playoffs for the first time in a decade.

A year after being swept out of the first round by New Jersey in their return to the playoffs, following a seven-season absence, the Rangers turned the trick on the Thrashers, who exited their first series in four games.

"It never, ever entered my mind," Rangers coach Tom Renney said. "A sweep? Never."

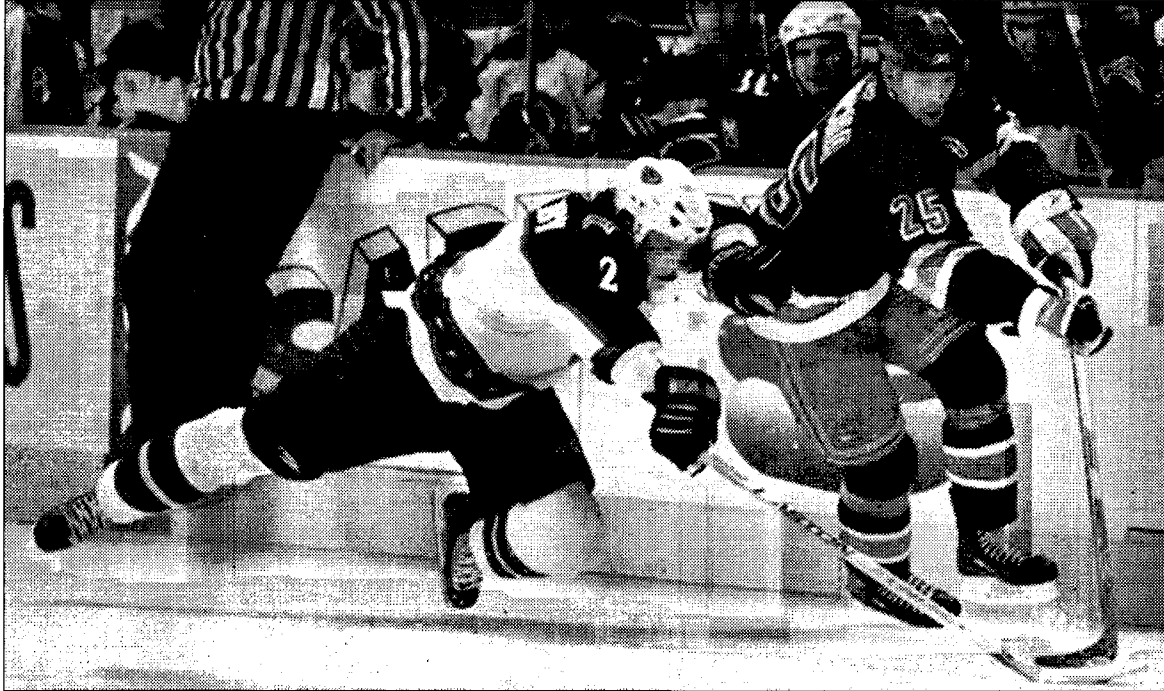
Cullen fired a rolling puck from just inside the blue line that smacked the iron and dropped on its side just over the goal line at 2:06. It withstood a lengthy video review and gave the Rangers their first series win since ousting New Jersey from the second round in 1997.

"You can't really ask for a better series from the guys," said forward Brendan Shanahan, who tied it at 2 in the second period. "We are happy the way we played the series, but at the same time we are keeping our head on our shoulders."

Sixth-seeded New York earned its first home playoff victory since 1997 on Tuesday upon returning to Madison Square Garden after taking the first two games in Atlanta. It was the Rangers' first sweep since the opening round of the 1994 playoffs — the year they last won the Stanley Cup.

"It wasn't our goal to just make the first round," New York captain Jaromir Jagr said. "As long as we stay healthy we have a pretty good chance to go somewhere."

Fresh off a 7-0 victory in Game 3 on Tuesday, the Rangers had a much tougher time with goalie Johan Hedberg than Kari Lehtonen. Hedberg stopped 37 shots in a 2-1 loss in Game 2 but Thrashers coach Bob Hartley made the curious decision to go back to Lehtonen, the 4-3 loser in the opener, in New



New York center Petr Prucha, right, skates away from Atlanta defenseman Garnet Exelby during the Rangers' 4-2 win over the Thrashers Wednesday. New York won the series 4-0.

York.

Michal Rozsival and Shanahan wiped out one-goal advantages and put Cullen in position for the game-winner. Jagr scored into an empty net with 1:33 remaining.

Devils 4, Lightning 3 (OT)

Turns out the New Jersey Devils didn't need a stellar performance from Martin Brodeur to climb back into their first-round playoff series against the Tampa Bay Lightning.

Another big game by Zach Parise and Scott Gomez's overtime goal kept the Atlantic Division champions from falling to the brink of elimination in the best-of-seven Eastern Conference matchup Wednesday night.

Parise scored his fifth and sixth goals of the postseason. Gomez blocked a shot nearly 13 minutes into the extra period, then chased down the loose puck and skated in to blow the winner past goalie Johan Holmqvist for a victory that evened the series at two games apiece.

Game 5 is Friday night at New Jersey.

"It's a big momentum shifter for us. You lose that, you're down 3-1. Now it's 2-2; it's a new ballgame," Brodeur said. "We've got home-ice advantage now, so we're definitely happy about the situation we're in."

Brodeur had 30 saves, but squandered a two-goal lead in the second period. He has given up 12 goals in four games after entering the post-season with a career 1.89 goals-against average in 153 playoff games.

Vincent Lecavalier, Martin St. Louis and Eric Perrin scored for the Lightning, who rallied from a 3-1 deficit. Holmqvist stopped 33 shots after making 64 saves in Tampa Bay victories in Games 2 and 3.

Sabres 4, Islanders 2

Chris Drury has a knack for scoring big goals.

"For whatever reason, pucks seem to find people like Chris," Buffalo coach Lindy Ruff said after Drury scored twice to help the top-seeded Sabres beat the New York Islanders on Wednesday night for a 3-1 lead in the first-round series.

Thomas Vanek and Jason Pominville also scored, and

Ryan Miller made 24 saves in his second straight victory on Long Island. The win moved the NHL regular-season champions into position to end the series Friday night in Buffalo.

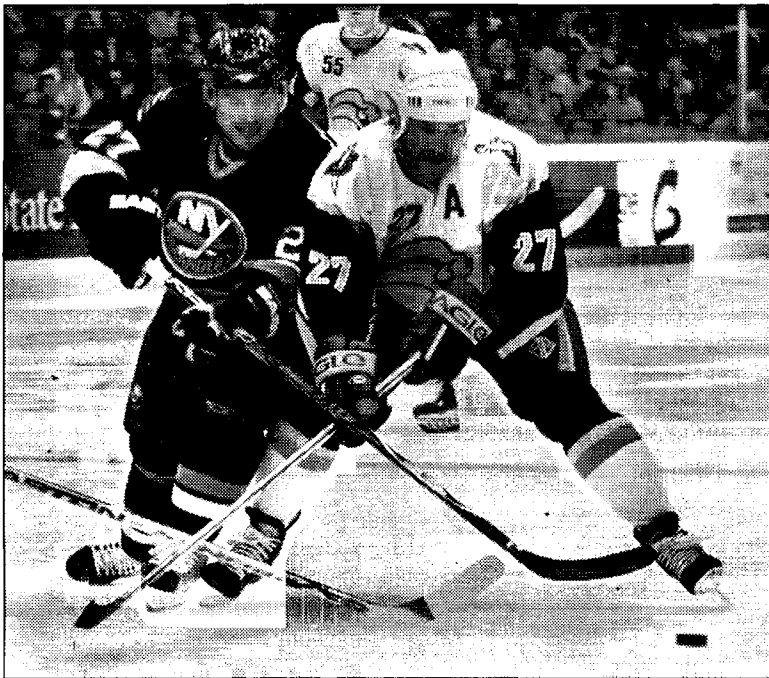
"We feel pretty good, but know there's still a long way to go," Drury said.

Jason Blake and Mike Sillinger scored for the Islanders, and Rick DiPietro stopped 27 shots in his third start since returning from a concussion.

"We have to come out and play a great game Friday night," DiPietro said. "They're a great team and they're smelling blood."

Drury, who also scored twice in Buffalo's Game 1 victory, gave the Sabres a 3-2 lead with a power-play goal 39 seconds into the second period. He scored from the slot off his own rebound after DiPietro and defenseman Tom Poti failed to control the puck.

"Ricky made a great toe save and the rebound just found its way to me through a bunch of sticks and bodies," Drury said. "When you get the good ice at the start of the period, you want to take advantage of it."



New York center Randy Robitaille, left, and Buffalo defenseman Teppo Numminen battle for the puck in the Sabres' 4-2 win Wednesday.

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AROUND THE NATION

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NBA Standings

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	conf.	last 10
x-Toronto	47-35	33-19	7-3
x-New Jersey	41-41	31-21	8-2
Philadelphia	35-47	24-28	6-4
New York	33-49	22-30	2-8
Boston	24-58	16-36	2-8

Eastern Conference, Central Division

team	record	conf.	last 10
x-Detroit	53-29	36-16	7-3
x-Cleveland	50-32	31-21	7-3
x-Chicago	49-33	36-16	7-3
Indiana	35-47	25-27	4-6
Milwaukee	28-54	15-37	3-7

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	conf.	last 10
x-Miami	44-38	27-25	5-5
x-Washington	41-41	27-25	2-8
x-Orlando	40-42	26-26	7-3
Charlotte	33-49	24-28	6-4
Atlanta	30-52	17-35	3-7

Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	conf.	last 10
x-Utah	51-31	32-20	4-6
x-Denver	45-37	27-25	9-1
Portland	32-50	19-33	3-7
Minnesota	32-50	18-34	2-8
Seattle	31-51	18-34	1-9

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	conf.	last 10
x-Phoenix	61-21	36-16	7-3
x-L.A. Lakers	42-40	28-24	4-6
Golden State	42-40	28-24	9-1
L.A. Clippers	40-42	23-29	5-5
Sacramento	33-49	18-34	3-7

Western Conference, Southwest Division

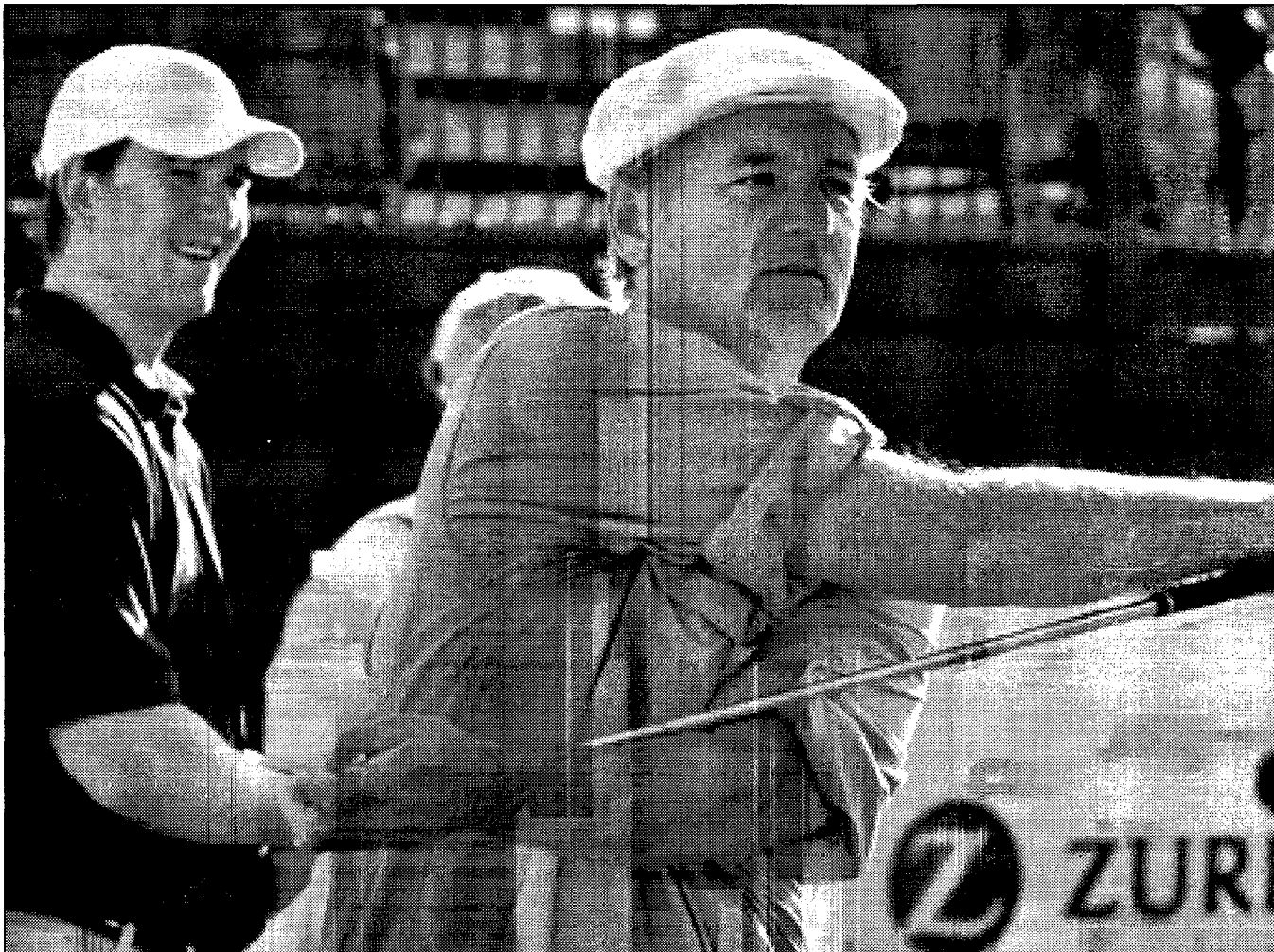
team	record	conf.	last 10
x-Dallas	67-15	40-12	6-4
x-San Antonio	58-24	38-14	6-4
x-Houston	52-30	28-24	6-4
New Orleans	39-43	23-29	7-3
Memphis	22-60	14-38	4-6

x-clinched playoff berth

Women's Tennis Fila/ITA Rankings

team	points	prev.
1 Stanford	89	1
2 NOTRE DAME	86	2
3 Florida	86	4
4 Georgia Tech	85	6
5 Clemson	84	8
6 USC	83	7
7 Georgia	83	3
8 Cal	80	5
9 Northwestern	78	11
10 Miami	68	9
11 North Carolina	64	14
12 Fresno State	60	12
13 UCLA	60	10
14 Florida State	57	17
15 Baylor	56	20
16 Vanderbilt	55	16
17 William and Mary	55	13
18 Duke	49	21
19 Wake Forest	48	15
20 Pepperdine	47	19

PGA



Actor Bill Murray, right, poses in front of New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning after hitting a shot at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans Tuesday. The pro-am event returned to New Orleans for the first time since Hurricane Katrina.

PGA event returns to New Orleans

Associated Press

AVONDALE — Bill Murray ate a char-broiled Louisiana oyster as he walked toward the 18th green, then hurled the shell into a water hazard, shouting, "Now go and grow others!"

He flexed his biceps after his chip up a steep embankment landed on the green, then pointed at the sky after a two-putt, his typically goofy antics amusing the gallery at a charity pro-am event preceding the PGA Tour's latest stop at the Zurich Classic of New Orleans.

It was more than a trivial moment of levity for course

officials at the TPC Louisiana, where there wasn't much to laugh about after Hurricane Katrina tore through here 19 months ago.

This was supposed to be the course that would secure New Orleans' spot on the PGA Tour calendar. Instead, it hosted only one Zurich Classic before Katrina toppled about 2,000 trees along the fairways, scattered drain-clogging debris and left numerous fairways under water.

The public course was closed for 10 months, forcing the PGA to go back to English Turn so a rebuilding New Orleans could keep its economically vital tour

dates in 2006. After about \$2 million in repairs, even a few improvements, the pros have returned to the distinctive TPC Louisiana, a Pete Dye-designed course carved out of cypress swamp.

"Obviously there was some devastation here and there was a lot of money spent to get this golf course up to speed," David Toms, a Louisiana native and 2001 winner in New Orleans, said after a practice round. "It's very important for the whole country not to forget this city."

A number of players were eager to forget this place after it hosted its first PGA event in the spring of 2005.

At about 7,600 yards, the course plays long, yet presents an array of steep "pot" bunkers and other fairway obstacles that leave little margin for error on drives.

"I can remember a couple of drives that I hit that I thought were decent shots ... and getting into spots where all I could do was chip out of the bunker sideways," Toms recalled of his 2005 appearance here, when he missed the cut.

At the very least, it's now easier to play a shot out of the woods, which were thinned out by Katrina, and the canopy along the edges of the fairways is less likely to interrupt the flight of the ball.

IN BRIEF

Riley benches Heat superstars for season finale

ORLANDO — Shaquille O'Neal and Dwyane Wade were inactive for the Miami Heat's regular-season finale in Orlando on Wednesday night.

"We have to be realistic with their health," Heat coach Pat Riley said. "Other guys need work. We're going to play it out and get ready for this weekend."

Riley made the decision strictly to avoid getting his two stars hurt before the playoffs open this weekend. When Riley was coaching the Los Angeles Lakers in 1983, he lost forward James Worthy to a broken leg in the final week of the season — one of the reasons, he thinks, why those Lakers were unable to defend their title.

He isn't taking any risks with the two most important players for the defending NBA champion Heat.

Indiana Pacers to see changes after disappoint season

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana Pacers CEO Donnie Walsh said Wednesday he would meet with players and staff in the coming week regarding the team's direction after the team missed the playoffs for the first time since the 1996-97 season.

"We are very disappointed with the season that concludes tonight," Walsh said in a statement. He said he and president of basketball operations Larry Bird would meet the rest of the week while attending the NBA Board of Governors meeting and would meet with team owners through the weekend.

"As time permits, we will also meet with all players and the basketball staff," Walsh said. The meetings should conclude next week, at which time the team will make announcements regarding its future direction, the statement said.

Ohio State freshman stars to coach annual spring game

COLUMBUS — Talk about having a lame-duck coach.

Basketball point guard Mike Conley Jr. will be an honorary head coach in Ohio State's annual intrasquad Scarlet vs. Gray spring football game on Saturday.

Conley, along with high school classmate and friend Greg Oden, led the Buckeyes to a 35-4 record and the national championship game. Now he, Oden and a third freshman, Daequan Cook, are contemplating jumping to the NBA.

Conley said he was looking forward to being in charge of the Scarlet's offense.

"I play my share of video games," he said Wednesday. "I like to get up and down the field with the passing game. I'll mix in some run plays here and there as well."

Football coach Jim Tressel said he wasn't trying to hide the fact that he wanted to keep Conley and the other freshmen at Ohio State.

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- ... 4:00 p.m. Opening Mass at Alumni Hall Chapel (Fr. Jenkins presiding)
- ... 5:15 p.m. Reception in the Grand Hall of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies
- ... 6:15 p.m. Opening remarks from Fr. Jenkins
- ... 6:30 p.m. Keynote speech from Ms. Brosnahan followed by panel discussion

SATURDAY, APRIL 28

- ... 9:00 a.m. Breakfast buffet in the Grand Hall of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies
- ... 9:45 a.m. Keynote speech from Fr. Anderson followed by panel discussion
- ... 11:00 a.m. Concurrent presentations of student papers (including roundtable discussions with faculty and students)
- ... Noon Lunch in the Grand Hall of the Hesburgh Center for International Studies
- ... 1:00 p.m. Continue with concurrent presentations of student papers

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

- ... Ms. Mary Brosnahan, director of the Coalition for the Homeless in New York City and a 1983 graduate of Notre Dame
- ... The Very Reverend Philip Anderson, O.S.B., Prior of Our Lady of the Annunciation of Clear Creek Monastery

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MLB

Buehrle pitches a no-hitter during Sox win

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Mark Buehrle pitched the first no-hitter of the season Wednesday night — and he was nearly perfect, too.

The Chicago White Sox left-hander faced the minimum 27 batters in a 6-0 victory over the Texas Rangers, picking off the only hitter he walked and throwing his team's first no-hitter since 1991.

Working quickly and efficiently in a dominant performance, Buehrle allowed only one baserunner. He walked Sammy Sosa with one out in the fifth inning, then promptly picked him off first base.

"I can't believe I did it," Buehrle said. "Perfect game would have been nice, too."

With the crowd on its feet in the ninth, Buehrle struck out Matt Kata and Nelson Cruz, then got Gerald Laird to hit a slow grounder to third base that Joe Crede picked up and threw to first. As Paul Konerko caught the ball, he pumped his fist, setting off a wild celebration.

Buehrle was mobbed by teammates at the side of the mound, including catcher A.J. Pierzynski, and then got a big hug from manager Ozzie Guillen as he came off the field.

On a chilly 40-degree night, Buehrle threw 105 pitches. His previous low-hit game was a one-hitter against Tampa Bay on Aug. 3, 2001. It was the 16th no-hitter in White Sox history and first since Wilson Alvarez threw one at Baltimore on Aug. 11, 1991.

"I was part of one in high school," Buehrle said. "To get through a big league lineup three times, I never thought it would happen."

It was the first no-hitter pitched against the Rangers since June 17, 1995, when Toronto's David Cone threw one in a 4-0 win.

More than two years passed without a no-hitter in major league baseball before rookie Anibal Sanchez threw one for Florida on Sept. 6, ending the longest stretch without a no-no in big league history. His gem against the Arizona Diamondbacks was the first in the majors since Arizona's Randy Johnson threw a perfect game to beat Atlanta 2-0 on May 18, 2004.

Buehrle, who retired 20 of the final 22 batters he faced in his previous start against Oakland, had some stellar defensive plays behind him before a crowd of 25,390 at U.S. Cellular Field.

Three of the closest plays came on grounders. Jerry Hairston hit one to Crede at third in the third inning and was called out at first after a headlong slide. Replays showed Hairston was out, but he was ejected by first base umpire James Hoyer for arguing and had to be restrained by first base coach Gary Pettis when he returned to the field.

Tadahito Iguchi made a diving stop of Hank Blalock's grounder in the hole, got up and threw him out to end the fifth. That came one batter after Sosa spoiled the perfect game bid by drawing the walk.

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NCAA

Council recommends electronic contact ban

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Coaches have spent the last several years upgrading their gadgets and learning the new tricks of recruiting. Now it may be time to turn back the clock.

The NCAA Division I management council has recommended a ban on all electronically transmitted correspondence, including text messages, between coaches and recruits. E-mails and faxes would be exempt from the new rule but would be limited by current NCAA guidelines.

Unlike restrictions on phone calls and in-person visits, there are no coach limits on text messaging.

The Board of Directors must still pass the legislation, and if approved at its April 26 meeting, the ban would take effect in August. Typically, the board

passes such recommendations, but if it's delayed or rejected, coaches would revert to their previous policy of no limits.

"I think student-athletes wanted to see this eliminated for their own sanity," said Kate Hickey, the management council's chairwoman whose term is about to expire. "And to get rid of some of these bills."

The Student-Athlete Advisory Council, which represents college athletes, complained during this week's meetings that the number of text messages had become intrusive and costly.

Hickey, an associate athletic director at Rutgers, expects the proposal to pass next week.

"I think it all depends on whether there's communication between coaches and athletic directors and then, ultimately, the board members over the next week," she said.

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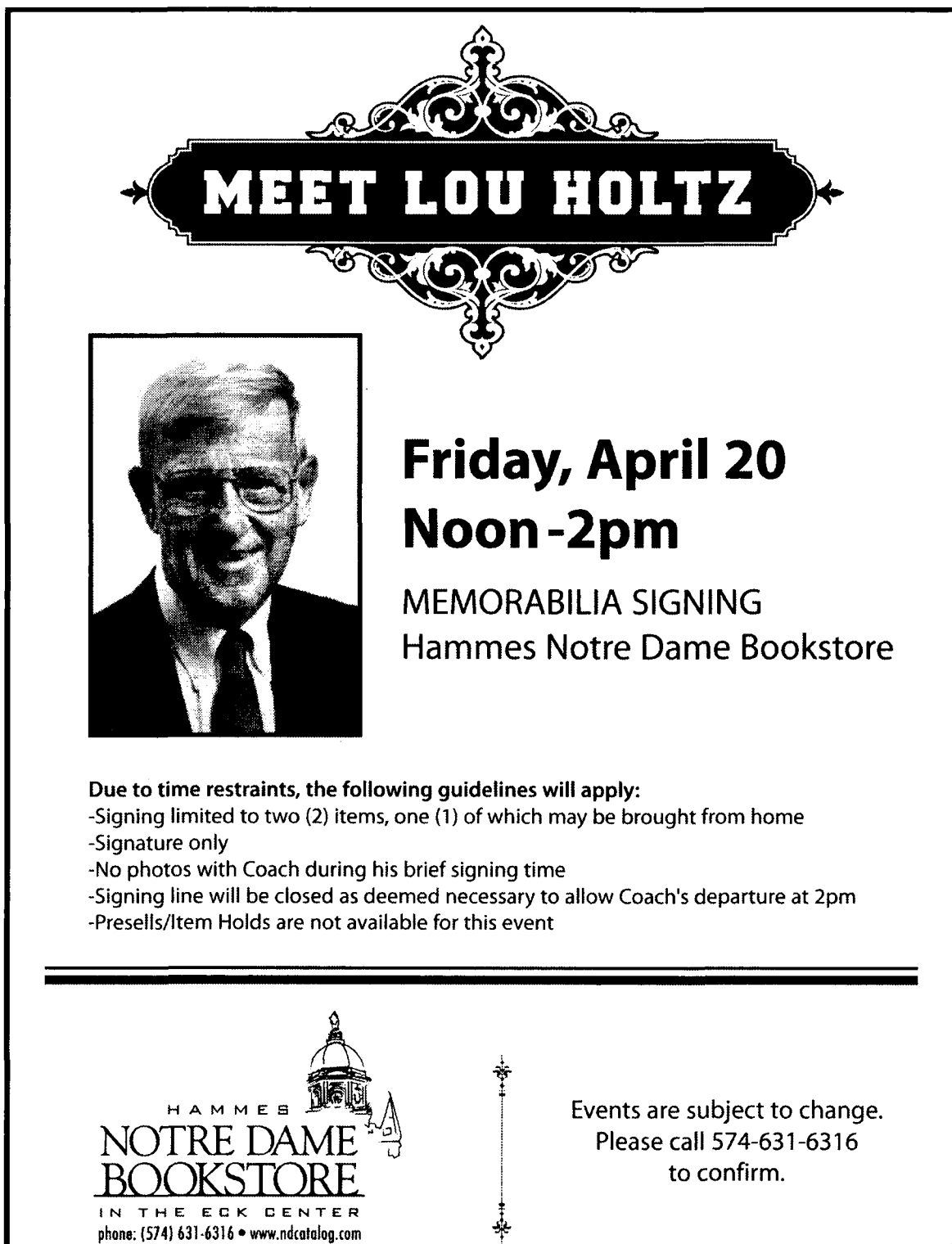
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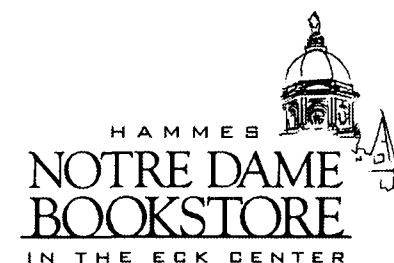
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MLB

Millar's double secures series win for Orioles

Associated Press

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Just as they planned, the Baltimore Orioles got Scott Kazmir's pitch count up early, and that played a key role in another comeback victory.

Erik Bedard won his third straight start, Kevin Millar hit a tiebreaking double and the Orioles beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 6-4 on Wednesday.

Millar's fifth-inning double off reliever Gary Glover (0-1) gave Baltimore a 4-3 lead. Millar then scored to make it 5-3 when Jon Knott, who singled, was tagged out in a rundown between first and second.

Kazmir, the Devil Rays' No. 1 starter, departed after throwing 102 pitches through four innings.

"I thought we did a great job of laying off a lot of pitches, and he didn't have his good stuff,"

Baltimore manager Sam Perlozzo said. "We got his pitch count up there. It was something we looked at. I had an eye on it from the third, fourth inning, hopefully that we could keep getting him up there with pitches and get him out of the ballgame."

The Orioles won twice — both times coming from behind — in the three-game series. Baltimore is 8-4 since being swept in a season-opening three-game series at Minnesota.

Bedard (3-1) gave up four runs and seven hits in 5 2-3 innings. He struck out eight and walked three during a 110-pitch outing.

Chad Bradford got out of the sixth before John Parrish and Danys Baez each pitched a hitless inning. Chris Ray struck out all three batters in the ninth for his fifth save in six opportunities.

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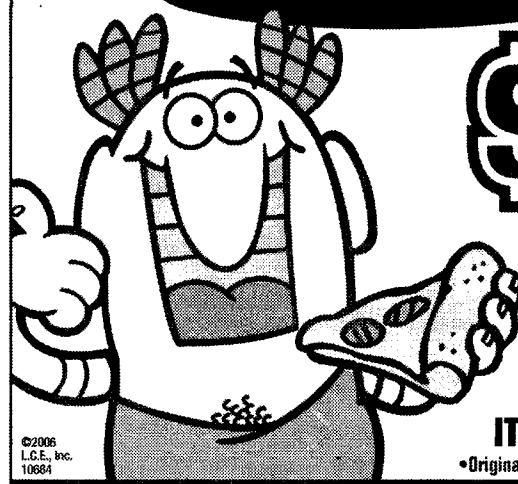
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NCAA WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

McCallie next Duke coach

Associated Press

Joanne P. McCallie was hired as Duke's women's basketball coach, leaving Michigan State and following the AP national coach of the year at one of the country's premier programs.

She guided the Spartans to the 2005 national championship game and succeeds Gail Goestenkors, who left for Texas. McCallie informed Michigan State's players of her decision Wednesday and will be introduced at a news conference Friday in Durham, N.C.

"She elevated the Michigan State program to a new level, and we look forward to her continuing the tremendous tradition we have established at Duke," Duke athletic director Joe Alleva said.

The 41-year-old McCallie leaves the Spartans less than a month after signing a new contract that boosted her base salary by about \$100,000, and two years after the best season in school history.

Michigan State won a school-record 33 games in 2005 and capped a memorable season by reaching the national championship game. The run earned McCallie the national coach of

the year award from The Associated Press.

"The entire McCallie family is absolutely thrilled about the opportunity to serve at Duke," McCallie said. "This has been a dream job of mine for many years. We cannot wait to meet and get to know a team that we are so very impressed by academically, as well as athletically, and by the way (they) carry themselves."

Goestenkors earned the award after leading the Blue Devils to the first 29-0 regular season in school and Atlantic Coast Conference history. Duke finished 32-2 — an NCAA-record seventh straight 30-win season.

She led Duke to five straight ACC tournament championships from 2000-04, 13 consecutive NCAA tournaments and at least two wins in each appearance in the NAAs since 1997.

Duke has reached the national championship game twice, most recently in 2006, and finished this season No. 1 in the final AP poll of the season. Now, the Blue Devils are counting on McCallie to help them take the next step — their first national title.

McCallie — colloquially

known as "Coach P" because of her maiden name, Palombo — has a career record of 316-148 in 15 seasons at Michigan State and Maine. She leaves Michigan State after going 149-75 in seven seasons there, and reaching the past five NCAA tournaments. The Spartans' season came to an abrupt end with a 70-57 loss to Rutgers in the second round.

"We deeply appreciate the time, energy and effort that Joanne put into building a Big Ten contender and for placing MSU women's basketball on the national map," Michigan State athletic director Ron Mason said. "She has built a solid foundation for the program."

After being rumored as a candidate for several high-profile jobs, McCallie signed a five-year contract worth \$500,000 a year plus a possible \$143,000 in incentives on March 24 — coincidentally, the same day Duke's season ended with a last-second loss to those same Scarlet Knights in the regional semifinals.

Shortly after that, Texas offered the job to Goestenkors and she deliberated for about a week before accepting it this month, ending her 15-year run with the Blue Devils. California's Joanne Boyle, a former Duke player, turned down the job last week and agreed to a seven-year contract with the Golden Bears.

McCallie becomes the second straight Duke coach with ties to the state of Michigan. Goestenkors is a Waterford, Mich., native who played at Saginaw Valley State.

SMC TENNIS

Belles sweep Tri-State in singles play for win

By ELLYN MICHALAK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's was able to maintain their second place standing in the MIAA after they defeated Tri-State 8-1 Wednesday on the road.

The Belles (9-11, 5-2 MIAA) are currently tied for second place with Hope, behind Kalamazoo who is ranked twelfth in the region.

The Belles dominated in singles play, shutting out the Thunder in straight sets in every match. In the first singles spot, McDavitt beat Thunder senior Holly Kimball 6-2, 6-1.

Standout Belles freshman Camille Gebert had similar luck when she dominated Thunder junior Amanda Steiner in two straight sets 6-2. At No. 3 singles, Belles freshman Lisa Rubino defeated Thunder sophomore Amanda Waidely 6-2, 6-1.

Belles coach Dee Stevenson was proud of how his team battled through less than favorable conditions.

"It was very cold, and that did not make the best for playing conditions," he said. "But some how or another we managed to pull through and get the win."

Belles senior Tara O'Brien beat Thunder senior Stephanie Waidely 6-1, 6-4 to garner the victory at the No. 4 singles position. In the fifth singles spot, Belles junior Cassie Quaglia won the first set against Thunder sopho-

more Amber Crosby with ease 6-4, but the second set had to be pushed to a tiebreaker, where she eventually won 7-6 (7-5.)

In the final singles match of the day, senior Grace Gordon dominated, first shutting out freshman Kathleen Klein 6-0, and then only allowing her one point before winning the second set 6-1.

In doubles play, the number-one Belles duo of McDavitt and Gebert battled to a narrow defeat of the Thunder's Kimball and Amanda Waidely 8-6. The Belles only loss of the day came at the second doubles spot where Belles freshman Caitlin O'Brien and Gordon were defeated 8-3 by Thunder players Crosby and Stephanie Waidely. In the final doubles match of the day, the freshman duo of Rubino and Kaplan defeated Steiner and Klein 8-3.

Saint Mary's will round out its long week of travel today when it heads to Bethel College to face the Pilots. Though it is a non-conference match, the Belles will hope to defeat the Pilots and better their skills in order to get ready for their next conference match against Albion Saturday.

The last time the Belles faced the Pilots was last season, when Bethel narrowly defeated Saint Mary's 5-4.

The match will begin tomorrow at 4 p.m. in Mishawaka.

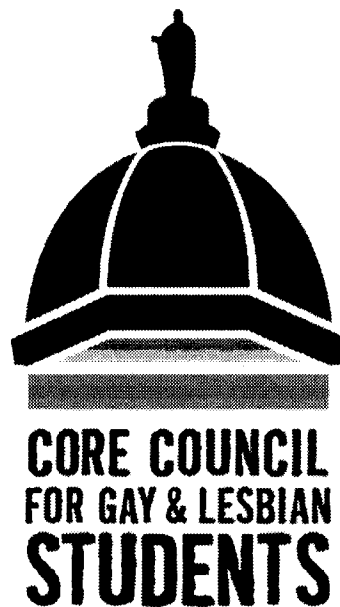
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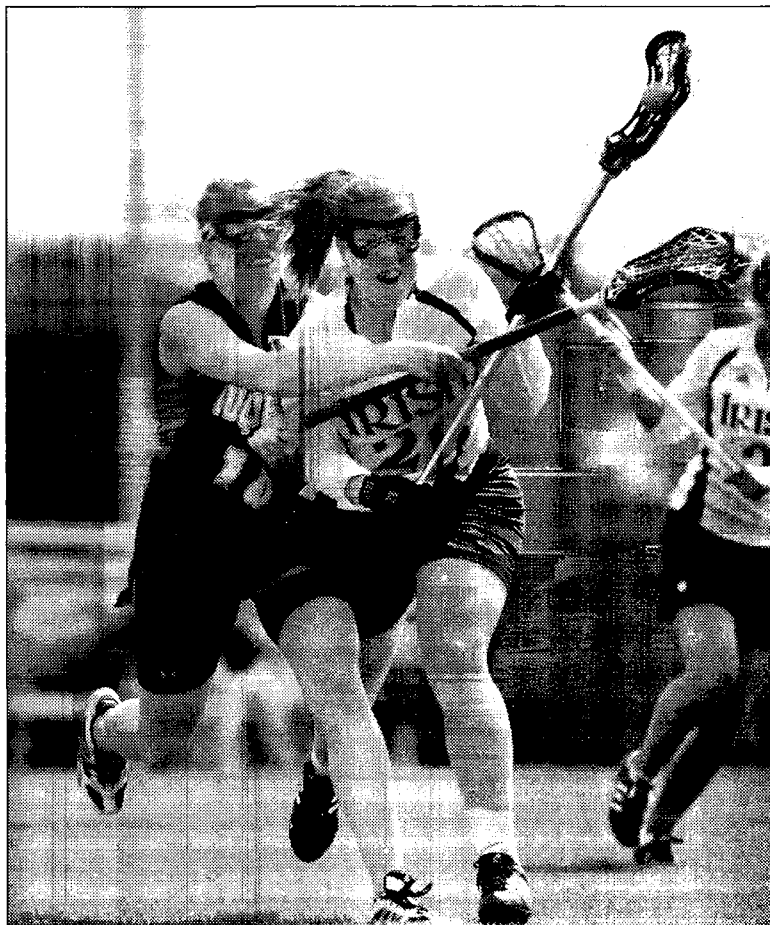
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ND WOMEN'S LACROSSE

No. 6 Irish drop match in Nashville



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Sophomore Shannon Burke charges down the field in Notre Dame's 15-7 win at home over Duquesne April 1.

Irish fall 13-9 on road to No. 14 Vanderbilt, Commodores' seniors

By MICHAEL BRYAN
Sports Writer

Vanderbilt's seniors played an inspired final home game Wednesday, defeating No. 6 Notre Dame 13-9 in Nashville, Tenn.

In a game that was close throughout, the Commodores and Irish were wrapped up in a 9-9 tie with just 15 minutes remaining. Vanderbilt scored the final four goals in the last few minutes to take the victory.

The No. 14 Commodores, who honored their five graduating seniors before the contest, picked up their second victory over a top-10 opponent with the win over the Irish. Vanderbilt also defeated then-No. 6 Penn State on the road in March.

The Commodores (10-4) held the advantage over the Irish (11-4) from the start, taking a 4-1 lead early in the game. Notre Dame was unfazed however, and came back to tie the game at five apiece late in the first half. A goal by Anastasia Adam gave Vanderbilt a 6-5 lead heading into halftime.

Both teams traded goals early in the second half and the lead swayed in both directions. Sophomore Jillian Byers' third goal of the afternoon tied the game at nine before Vanderbilt's run to close out the game.

Four of the Commodores' five graduating seniors scored on

the game, and the exception, defender Molly Frew, helped the Vanderbilt back line hold the Irish to 16 shots.

Senior Kendall Thrift, the Commodore's all-time assist leader, tallied four points on the game with two goals and two assists. Fellow seniors Jennifer Tapscott, Nicole Pugno, and Ali Lemons each recorded at least two points each.

The Irish were led offensively by Byers, who netted three goals to go along with an assist. Sophomore Jane Stoeckert also contributed three goals and senior Lena Zentgraf had a goal and two assists in the loss.

Vanderbilt out-shot the Irish 34-16, and Notre Dame goalkeeper Erin Goodman recorded 12 saves. Commodores goalie Brooke Shinaberry had five saves.

Two Notre Dame records were set in the game. With her three goals, Byers reached 50 goals on the season for the second time in her career — a first in Irish history. In addition, junior Caitlin McKinney set a record when she extended her point-streak to 37 straight games.

Notre Dame will look to rebound Saturday at home when the Irish face No. 18 Rutgers in the last match of the regular season. The Irish, currently tied with Georgetown and Syracuse for first place in the Big East, can potentially win the Big East regular season championship and the No. 1 seed in the inaugural Big East Tournament with a victory.

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ND SOFTBALL

Bargar, Fuemmeler guide Irish to no-hitter

Irish aces lead team to no-hitter from mound, offense pushes in win

By LORENZO REYES
Sports Writer

The story of the afternoon was the corroboration between Notre Dame's two aces, sophomore Brittney Bargar and senior Kenya Fuemmeler, for a no-hitter against Ball State in a 3-0 win Wednesday.

The blanking improved Bargar's record to 15-7 on the season, and marked the 33rd no-hit showing for Notre Dame in school history. The last no-hit game was delivered by former pitcher Heather Booth over Rutgers last April.

The exciting non-conference win improved the Irish to a 23-14 overall record and

was their third win in a row, while Ball State dropped to 15-26 on the season.

Bargar's only blemishes were two walks through six innings pitched, while she struck out seven. To seal the victory and earn a save, Fuemmeler struck one batter out in the last inning to make history for both pitchers. They now have each taken part in two no-hitters in their careers.

The Irish bats also would take some credit for the win.

Senior Stephanie Brown added two more runs in the game for a season total of 33. She also went two-for-three and had the first hit of the game, which took place in the opening frame.

After a pair of sacrifices, including a bunt and a fly out, Brown scored the first run of the game on a throwing error by Ball State. Although the Irish would not need another run, they added

two more in the third frame.

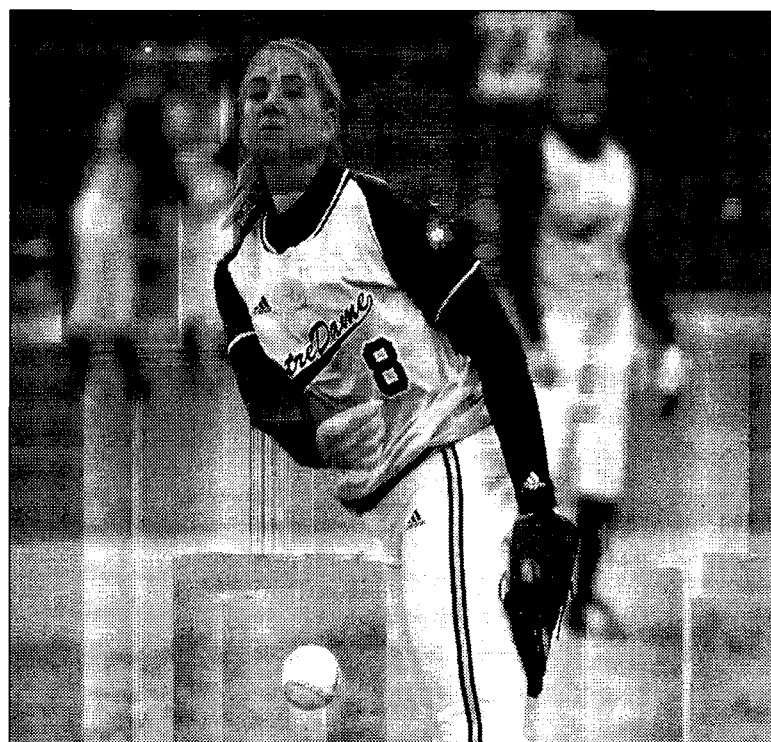
Junior Brittney Glynn started the third with a single and then moved to second on a bunt single from Brown to the shortstop. After a sacrifice bunt and a throwing error, Glynn crossed the plate and Brown advanced to third. Freshman Christine Lux then drove the senior home with an RBI off a fielder's choice.

Notre Dame threatened again in the fifth with back-to-back hits, but no runs were scored when Ball State was able to thwart the rally.

Ball State had a walk in the sixth inning, but that was all the stingy Irish pitching allowed for the rest of the game.

Notre Dame's next game is today against Valparaiso in a make-up contest at Ivy Field at 5 pm.

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Sophomore right hander Brittney Bargar releases a pitch during Notre Dame's 3-0 win over Ball State. Bargar pitched a no-hitter.

SMC SOFTBALL

Belles look to regain momentum at Goshen

By REBECCA SLINGER
Sports Writer

When Saint Mary's faces Goshen College this afternoon, the Belles will look to regain their dominance from earlier this season, when they went 9-1 during a spring break trip to Fort Myers, Fla.

The numbers haven't been looking good for Saint Mary's lately after three straight losses — two of those by just one point. But the team hopes to reverse that trend against Goshen (5-16), which struggled against the Belles (14-6) last year.

First-year head coach Linda Bontrager took Goshen to a 2-28 record in 2006. The Belles swept the Leafs last year 9-1 and 6-1.

The Leafs are still struggling to find a way to win in the 2007 season. With six freshmen and only one senior, the team is young. And while Goshen has some experience in the bullpen, it has been little help.

When the Leafs turned to sophomore Haly Williamson and junior Tera Brackman against Spring Arbor University on April 10, the two allowed 13 hits and 12 runs in the 12-4 loss.

However, the Belles aren't counting the Leafs as a "w" on their schedule just yet.

"We really want to win and we're not taking any team lightly because we haven't been playing as consistently as we thought we would," freshman second baseman Maureen Healy said. "We're not taking any team for granted."

The Belles are facing some of their own struggles with a 1-5 MIAA conference record.

"We're taking it one game at a time and we're going to use our games today in preparation ... [and see] what we need to change for our next conference games," junior captain McKenna Corrigan said. "We're not even halfway done with conference play, so there's still a lot of ball to play."

To take on the Leafs, the Belles will use their combination of power hitting and accurate pitching. Freshman Ashley Peterson, sophomore Kristin Amram and senior Sarah Miesle lead the Belles with batting averages of .433, .429 and .391, respectively.

Amram has been a dominant force not only at the plate but also on the mound. The sophomore has pitched

consistently to a 1.22 ERA. Sophomore pitcher Calli Davison is behind Amram with a 3.57 ERA, and the Belles are 9-2 in Davison's starts.

Healy said beating Goshen can

help the team get back on track.

"Right now it doesn't matter what a team's record is. A win is a win," she said. "We know we can beat any team we've faced so far. ... We just have to be consistent in winning games. [Beating] Goshen would be a confidence booster but it wouldn't be anything that would shock us."

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like that," Irish fifth-year catcher Matt Weglarz said.

Elam finished with nine strikeouts and allowed just one hit in his nine full innings of work, while lowering his ERA to 3.75.

Elam and Bischoff ended up with no-decisions, as both left with the game scoreless after nine. For the Boilermakers, freshman southpaw Matt Jansen came in to work the 10th and retired the first two batters.

But Weglarz hit a double over third base, then went to third on a wild pitch. Irish senior first baseman Mike Dury then walked to bring up centerfielder Danny Dressman. Dressman lined a single that dropped in front of Purdue leftfielder Spencer Ingaldson to drive in the game's lone run with only the fourth hit of the contest.

"I got a fastball, and I was just trying to get on top of it," Dressman said. "I was able to hit it hard."

The Boilermakers did threaten several times, but Elam was able to get out of each jam. He walked a pair of batters in the first before inducing a grounder to Irish shortstop Brett Lilley to end the inning. He also surrendered a walk before picking off the runner in the fourth.

Elam ran into trouble again when he walked Ingaldson to lead off the sixth. Ingaldson moved to second on a wild pitch then reached third on a sacrifice bunt by Boilermakers right fielder Alex Jaffee. With one out, the Irish pulled the infield in and Elam got Boilermakers designated hitter Ryan White to ground to Barnes, who held the runner at third before recording the out.

"[Elam] had a very live fastball and pitched out of a couple of big jams," Irish coach Dave Schrage said.

The next batter, first baseman, Jeff Mojzik, walked before he stole second. With men on second and third, Purdue third baseman Dan Black drilled a line drive up the middle that appeared to be headed into centerfield for a two-run single. But Lilley dived to knock the liner down and fired to first to nab Black by a half-step.

But the Irish were unable to gain any momentum from Lilley's play. In their half of the sixth, all three Irish batters struck out looking.

After Elam retired the side in order the next inning, the scoreboard still displayed all zeroes as the Irish came to bat and looked to end Bischoff's bid for a perfect game.

With one out in the bottom of the seventh, Irish third baseman A.J. Pollock hit a hard grounder between first

and second base. But Bischoff got his 19th straight out on a diving stab by the first baseman Mojzik, who flipped to the pitcher to retire Pollock at first. Bischoff, who was scheduled to work only three innings, then got Irish leftfielder Ross Brezovsky to fly out to left to end the inning.

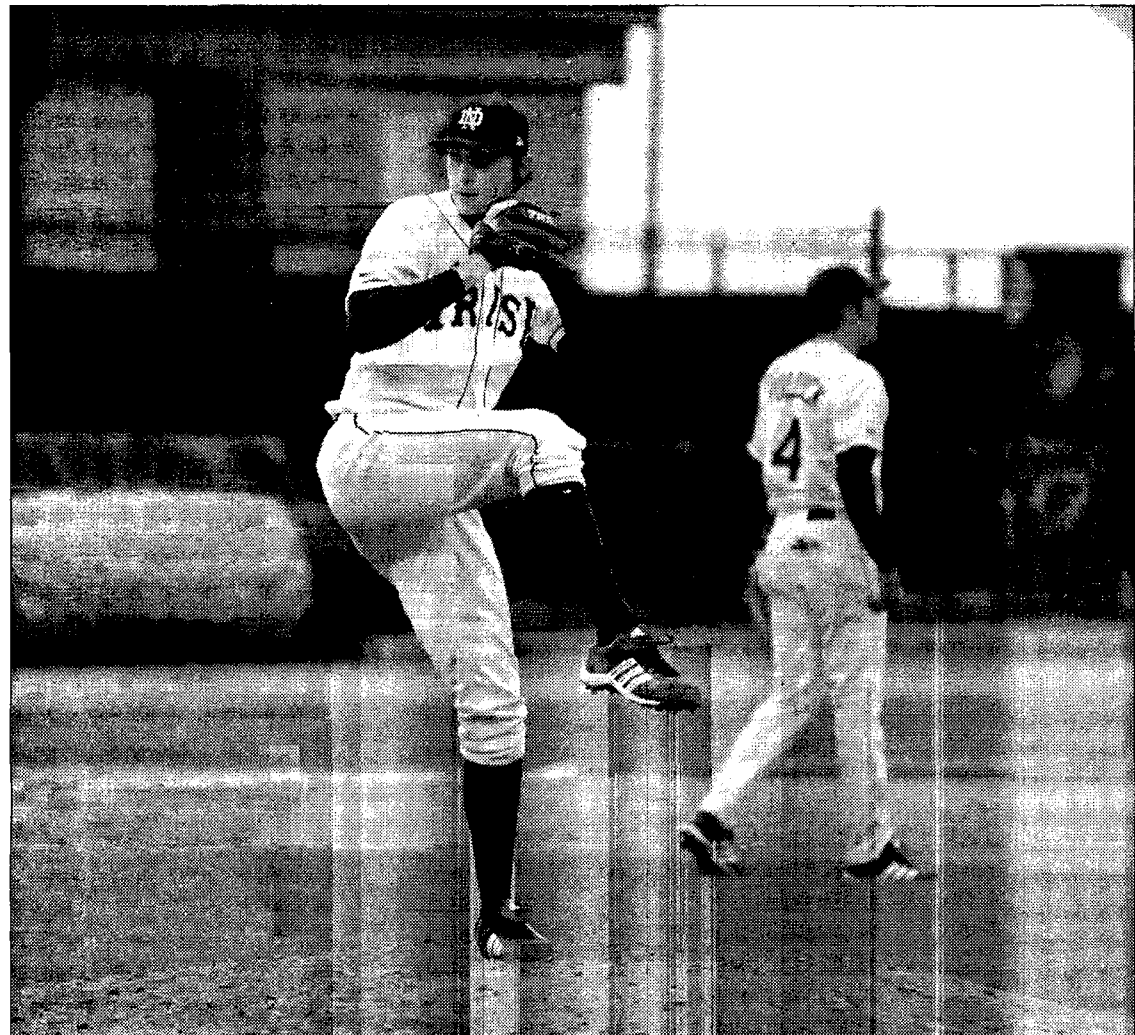
In the eighth, Bischoff again got a boost from his defense. With one out in the Irish half of the inning, Dury lined a full-count pitch from Bischoff into the left-center-field gap that hung up just long enough for centerfielder Jon Moore to run it down. Bischoff pointed out at his teammate in a gesture of gratitude before retiring Irish centerfielder Danny Dressman to end the inning.

Elam responded by retiring Purdue in order in the ninth. After striking out Boilermakers shortstop John Cummins for the third out with his 122nd pitch of the contest, Elam pumped his fist as he ran off the mound.

"I felt like it was our time right there," Elam said. "We didn't do it in the ninth, but we were able to get it done in the tenth and that's all that matters."

Irish junior right-hander Tony Langford did not give up a hit as he worked the 10th to get the win. He is now 2-0 on the season.

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Sophomore left-hander Sam Elam delivers a pitch during Notre Dame's 1-0 10-inning win over Purdue Wednesday. Elam held the Boilermakers scoreless until he left after the ninth.

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more. The tough defense by Dan Myers combined with the team's stellar offensive ball movement from Ala Rack Bar led to the final score of 21-2.

The Dead James Browns seemed to have high expectations for this game.

"It was disappointing because this is a sport we die for," The Dead James Brown player John Siegel said. "We went into this game with a two-game, no-points-allowed winning streak — one was a bye and one was a forfeit. We had high expectations for this game, but we just didn't turn on our hibachi."

Munninghoff had some final words on the team's plan for its next game.

"If you beat the Georgia bulldog, you're gonna feel that bulldog might," he said.

Hide the Women and Children 21, Team 327 4

The off-campus team formerly from Knott, Hide the Women and Children, had a simple strategy that allowed it to dominate Team 327 in a 21-4 victory Wednesday.

"Our plan is easy," Hide the Women and Children's Jack Arkins said. "Score more points and allow less."

Team 327, however, entered the game with a more complex plan.

"We're going to drive it down the lane and use a zone defense," Team 327 player Brett Thomas said. "Oh, yeah, and lots of dunks."

From the first play of the game, fast breaks from Arkins put his team into the lead. Kyle Meade's outside jump shots combined with Eamonn Bahnson's top of the key baskets to push Hide the Women and Children into the early lead. By halftime, Hide the Women and Children's superior defense allowed Team 327 just one basket, bringing the score to 11-1.

Team 327 decided to change its tactics in the second half, switching from zone to man-to-man defense. While the change in strategy allowed 327 to gain a few more points, it was still unable to stop Matt Levering,

who dominated the lane for Hide the Women and Children.

Hide the Women and Children also had a commanding defense led by Meade and Doug Mahoney, who intercepted the ball and gained several points off fast breaks.

"Our legs were really fresh after that long weekend," Mahoney said. "We had some raw defense."

Hide the Women and Children hopes to continue its winning streak into the next round and deep into the tournament, all while using the same simple strategy — score more points and allow less.

Smush Parker: The Prequel 21, Wabruda's Freedom Fighters 15

This intense match-up of two highly skilled teams was framed by a large and enthusiastic crowd of dedicated fans that created an intense atmosphere.

Once the game began, it took awhile for players on both teams to acclimate to playing on a slippery court with a wet ball. Many players missed passes and slid out of bounds as a steady rain fell.

"It looks like they're playing on ice," Smush Parker fan Bobby Polish said.

Smush Parker made the initial point before the momentum of the game shifted back and forth. The Wabruda team put on an impressive show with their "in-your-face" style of defense. Floyd Rose, of the Wabruda team, was an especially strong presence on the court.

In the end, Smush Parker used their height to prevail over the Freedom Fighters. Much of Smush Parker's success late in the game could be attributed to the play of Ryan Winiarski and to Mike Wakim.

After the heartbreaking loss, Wabruda team member William David William kept a positive outlook.

"We're freedom fighters," he said. "Tonight we were fighting for injustice through athletics. We're going to continue fighting politically."

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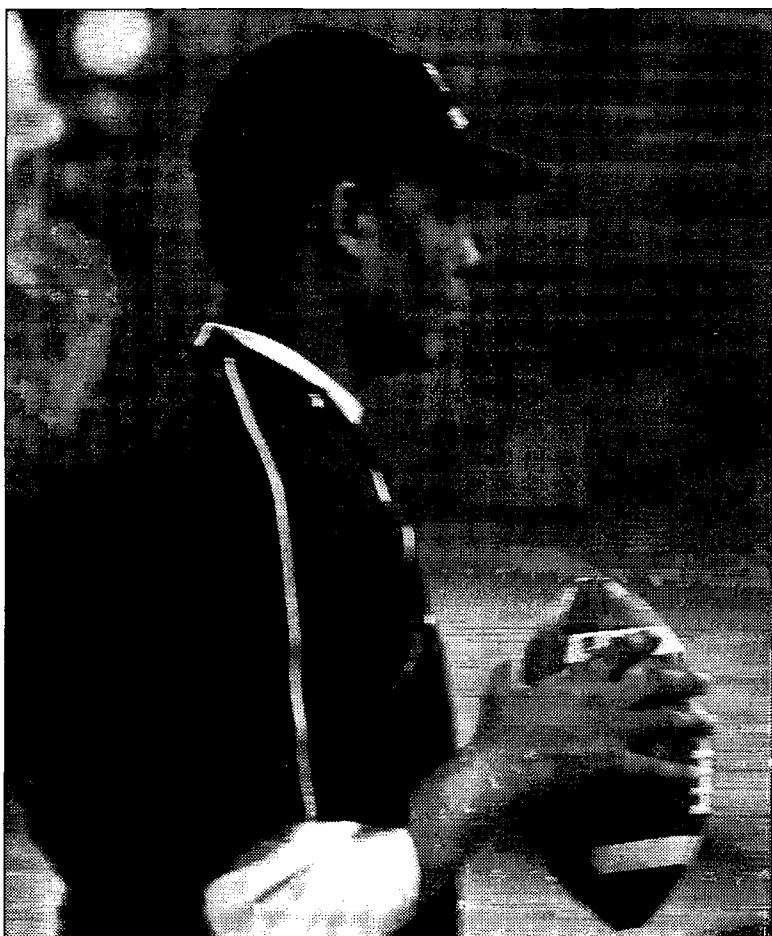
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Notre Dame secondary coach Corwin Brown looks on at practice Wednesday. Brown is determined to strengthen the Irish defense.

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Zbikowski, who will enter his fourth year starting next fall, has already been named a captain for the 2007 season.

"He's earned and deserved at this point to be kind of considered the leader back there," secondary coach Bill Lewis said.

At the other safety spot, vacated by the graduation of Chinedum Ndukwe, things are much less clear. Rising juniors Bruton, Ray Herring and Kyle McCarthy and rising sophomores Sergio Brown and Jashaad Gaines are all contending for the spot.

Lewis said most of those five have been working out at both safety positions, in order to maximize flexibility in the defensive backfield.

"We're kind of rolling guys to both sides because what we eventually want is the eleven best guys on the field," he said.

Bruton said the competition has benefited everyone involved.

"It's helping us as individuals," he said. "We're trying to get on the field and trying to get better. It's friendly between all of us, but it's business on the field. May the best man win."

Lewis said that competition may continue well into next season, once he and Brown see who responds in a game situation. But in order to

make the best decision, he said, the coaching staff is trying to create as many game-like situations as possible in practice.

"The one thing about the NFL is you have four preseason games that are truly practice games to get better," he said. "We don't enjoy that luxury."

At corner, Lambert returns after starting most of last season. He made 40 tackles and was second on the team with three interceptions, including two against Michigan State, one of which he ran back for the winning touchdown.

Opposite him will most likely be Wooden, who appeared in nine games and made 21 tackles during his injury-plagued 2006 campaign. In 2005, Wooden was the full-time starter and was third on the team in tackles with 74. He also had two interceptions.

When the Irish go to five and six defensive backs, Brown and Lewis expect to send out some combination of cornerbacks rising senior Leo Ferrine, rising sophomores Darrin Walls and Raeshon McNeil and early-entry freshman Gary Gray, if he recovers enough from the injury he sustained earlier this spring.

But the coaches aren't ruling out using a safety at nickel or dime back.

"Usually it's a corner," Lewis said. "But if the next best guy is a safety, I want the next best guy to be on nickel."

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of rest and practice the team can get will be beneficial.

"That's really good," Louderback said of the bye. "Getting that bye also gives us an extra day to practice and get outdoors so that's good too."

When the Irish play their second round match Friday at the University of South Florida, they will face either Seton Hall or Connecticut, depending on who wins today's match.

Louderback has not been able to see much of either team so far this season, but after he watches today's match, he hopes to have a

good idea of what to expect.

"I haven't really had a chance to look at them yet," Louderback said. "We just found out the draw yesterday, and I'll get a chance to see them play [today], but we really haven't seen much of them at all this season. We'll know better [today]."

Practice will be key for the Irish as they prepare for another difficult test Friday. At this point, Louderback said the most important thing his team can do is get plenty of repetitions outdoors, where the championship matches will be played.

"Our big thing now for the next three or four days is to be able to get outside," Louderback said. "[Tuesday] was beautiful and we had a chance to hit outside. We

played quite a few singles and doubles points [Tuesday] just to get good outdoors. We'll probably do quite a bit of playing the next few days."

When asked what it would be like to win the Big East championship for the third consecutive year, Louderback was hesitant to look too far into the future.

"It would be nice," Louderback said. "I think it's going to be tough because there are some good teams for our first match, and then if we win that, it could be Marquette or West Virginia. We just played Marquette but three of their kids were out of the lineup, and if they're back in the lineup, they're dangerous."

"No one is going to just hand it to us and say, 'You win it' — they're really going to make us play."

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Irish freshman Cosmina Ciobanu returns a volley during Notre Dame's 5-2 win over North Carolina Feb. 16. Ciobanu has remained undefeated in singles play throughout the season.

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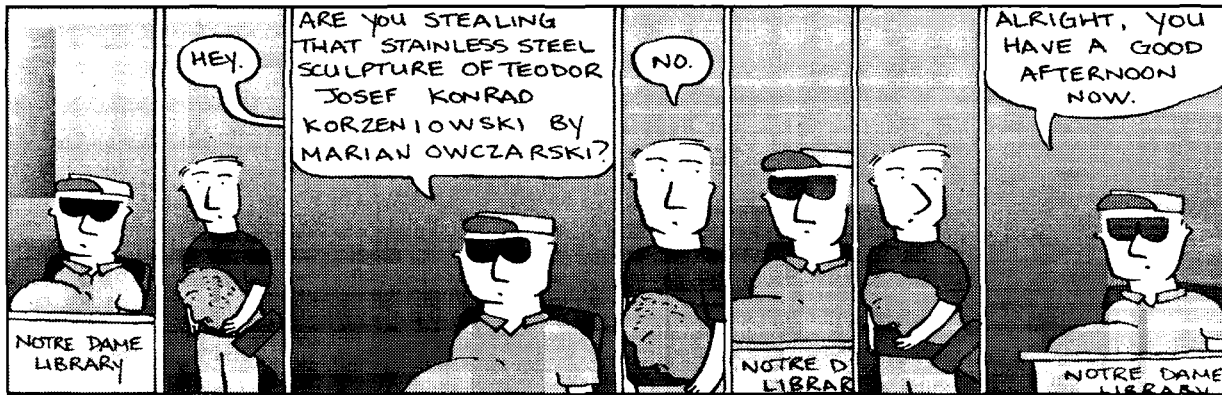
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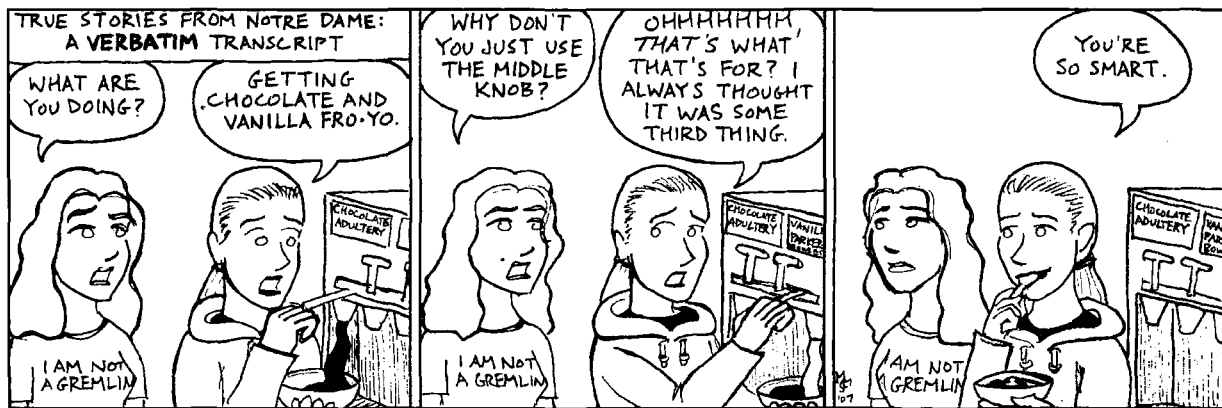
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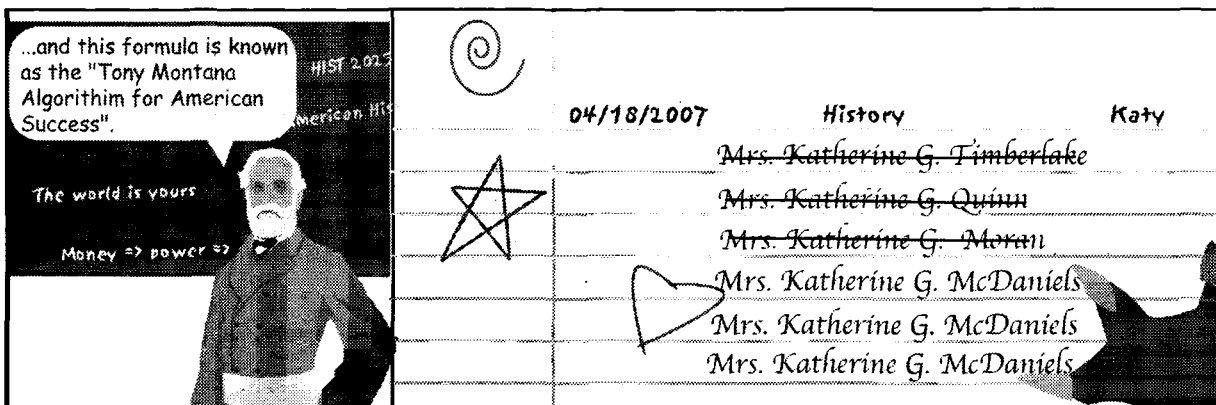
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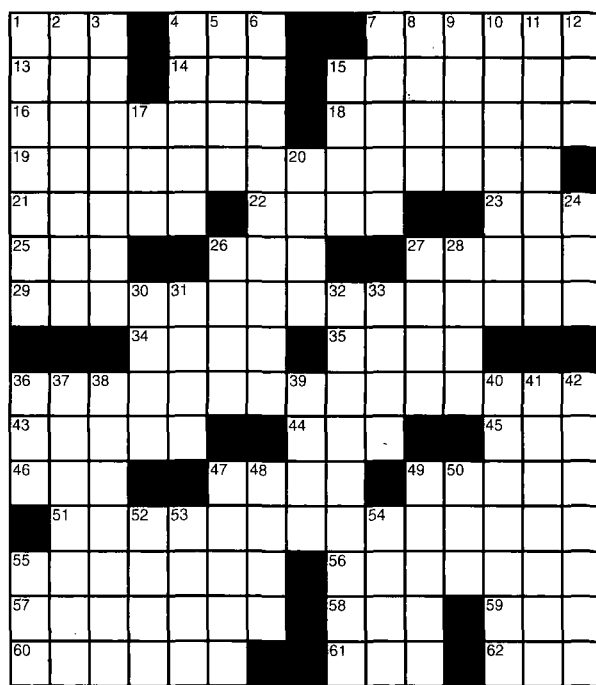
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 - 4 Jr.'s place
 - 7 "Steve Canyon" cartoonist Milton
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 - 15 Country of Saroyan's heritage
 - 16 Beef producers
 - 18 No place for an epicure
 - 19 Start of a question about an old proverb
 - 21 Zero, to Nero
 - 22 They're over specialists: Abbr.
 - 23 Filing facilitator
 - 25 Carbohydrate suffix
 - 26 1990's Ontario premier Bob
- DOWN**
- 27 "Madness" (1966 Sean Connery comedy)
 - 29 Question, part 2
 - 34 Swamp critter
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 - 36 Question, part 3
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 - 45 Ins. plan
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 - 47 ___ Robles, Calif.
 - 49 Sounds that may be heard before bangs?
 - 51 End of the question
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- 10 It keeps things going
- 11 Nasty stinger
- 12 Actress Spain of "God's Little Acre"
- 15 Early victim
- 17 Symbol of electric flux
- 20 Engineering detail
- 24 Frontier gathering
- 26 Scream
- 27 Riesling alternative, familiarly



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- 28 Move quickly and lightly
- 30 Robert Louis Stevenson, e.g.
- 31 So
- 32 Katzenjammers
- 33 Tattooist's stock
- 36 Touch
- 37 In some respects
- 38 Classic Milton Bradley game
- 39 "As Time Goes By" requester, in film
- 40 Hair bun
- 41 Antique jar
- 42 Quack remedy
- 47 Dallas suburb
- 48 Quizzes
- 49 Far from posh
- 50 Actress Vardalos
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- 53 Novelist O'Flaherty
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Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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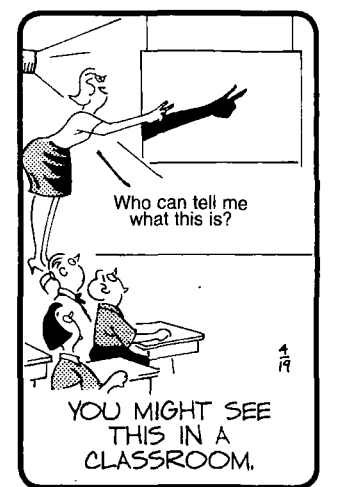
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Yesterday's Jumbles: WHEEL NIECE ELEVEN SHOULD

Answer: What the wildcatters got when they hit a gusher — WELL "OILED"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion



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EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Melissa Joan Hart, 30; Maria Bello, 39; Conan O'Brien, 43; James Woods, 59

Happy Birthday: Don't stop or give up just when you are about to make headway. Changes made this year will put you in a much more powerful position as the year comes to a close. Your numbers are 2, 13, 28, 31, 32, 40

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You need change in your life so that you can start working toward your future, making it beneficial for you and your loved ones. The more you do today, the greater your efforts will prove to become in the future. 5 stars

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Don't give up so easily. A chance to make a financial move is apparent and should be put into play immediately. 3 stars

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A partnership may need a little extra work today. Don't be too quick to judge. Take a unique approach to issues that arise and you will entice others to see things your way. 3 stars

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Do whatever you have to do to avoid controversy. Bend a little today if you want to keep the peace. 3 stars

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You will be in command, knowing exactly how to make things go your way. Plan to have some fun with friends or a lover. 5 stars

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Don't expect to get any help and you will be that much further ahead. Be careful how you handle delicate situations involving partnerships. 2 stars

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Don't get emotional about situations that arise. Instead, take a practical position and make your point known. 2 stars

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You should be concentrating on your future. If you aren't happy with your current position, it may be time to move on. 4 stars

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't let the little things get to you. Your energetic drive should be spent on projects you know will bring you the most satisfaction. 3 stars

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Keeping secrets may cause as much trouble for you as divulging what you know. Weigh the pros and cons before you make a decision. 3 stars

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't be afraid to ask for what you need and want. Giving back what you can in your own way will raise your profile and impress the people who count. 4 stars

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Things could go either way today, making it vital that you keep a watchful eye on everyone and everything. Someone may be trying to make you look bad. 2 stars

Birthday Baby: You are intense, to the point and disciplined. You set your goals and follow through, no matter what. You are willing to do what you can for those in need but anger quickly when someone takes advantage.

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FOOTBALL

Brown, secondary determined to bury past ghosts

Safeties, cornerbacks one of most experienced units on young Irish roster, must adjust to 3-4 defensive scheme

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

It's a scene that is burned into the memories of Notre Dame players, coaches and fans alike: quarterbacks like Michigan's Chad Henne, USC's John David Booty and LSU's JaMarcus Russell completing long passes time and time again against the Irish secondary.

But new Notre Dame defen-

sive coordinator Corwin Brown is determined to put those painful memories in the distant past with a secondary that is one of the most experienced units on the 2007 Irish roster.

"Everyone needs to play a little better back there, especially at [safety]," Brown, a former secondary coach with the New York Jets, said in an interview April 4. "If you make a mistake at safety, the band's going to be playing.

And if the band plays too many times, somebody's coming off the field."

And players like rising junior safety David Bruton are excited about Brown's new scheme and his no-tolerance approach to failure.

"It's a lot more laidback this year," Bruton said. "There's not a lot of thinking. I have a chance to make a play."

Notre Dame returns two starters at defensive back — rising senior cornerback

Terrail Lambert and fifth-year Tom Zbikowski — and another player, fifth-year Ambrose Wooden, who started in 2005 until an injury in the Michigan game slowed him for most of 2006.

Zbikowski, who is also Notre Dame's punt returner, has six career interceptions and has scored touchdowns three different ways — punt returns, interception returns and fumble returns.

But what really sets him

apart, according Brown, is his fiery demeanor, something the coach would like to see more of in the other defensive backs.

"You have to play smart, you have to play error-free, and you have to play with passion and intensity," he said. "And across the board, everyone back there has to do that [more] with the exception of Zibby."

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Eastern domination

No. 2 Irish head to Florida as No. 1 seed in Big East tournament

By DAN MALOOF
Sports Writer

After another remarkable regular season, the Irish will take their 23-2 record into the Big East tournament today as a No. 1 seed for the 11th time in the team's 12 years in the conference.

In addition, Notre Dame has reached the finals of the tournament all 11 years and won the championship seven times, including the last two years. Historically, the Irish have won 38 of 40 matches against current Big East opponents.

Although the team is getting used to being the No. 1 seed in the tournament, it is still very honored by the distinction, Notre Dame coach Jay Lourderback said.

"We had been [the No. 1 seed] for a few years so I think our kids are used to it,"

Lourderback said. "It just reflects what a good season we've had and how well we've played this year."

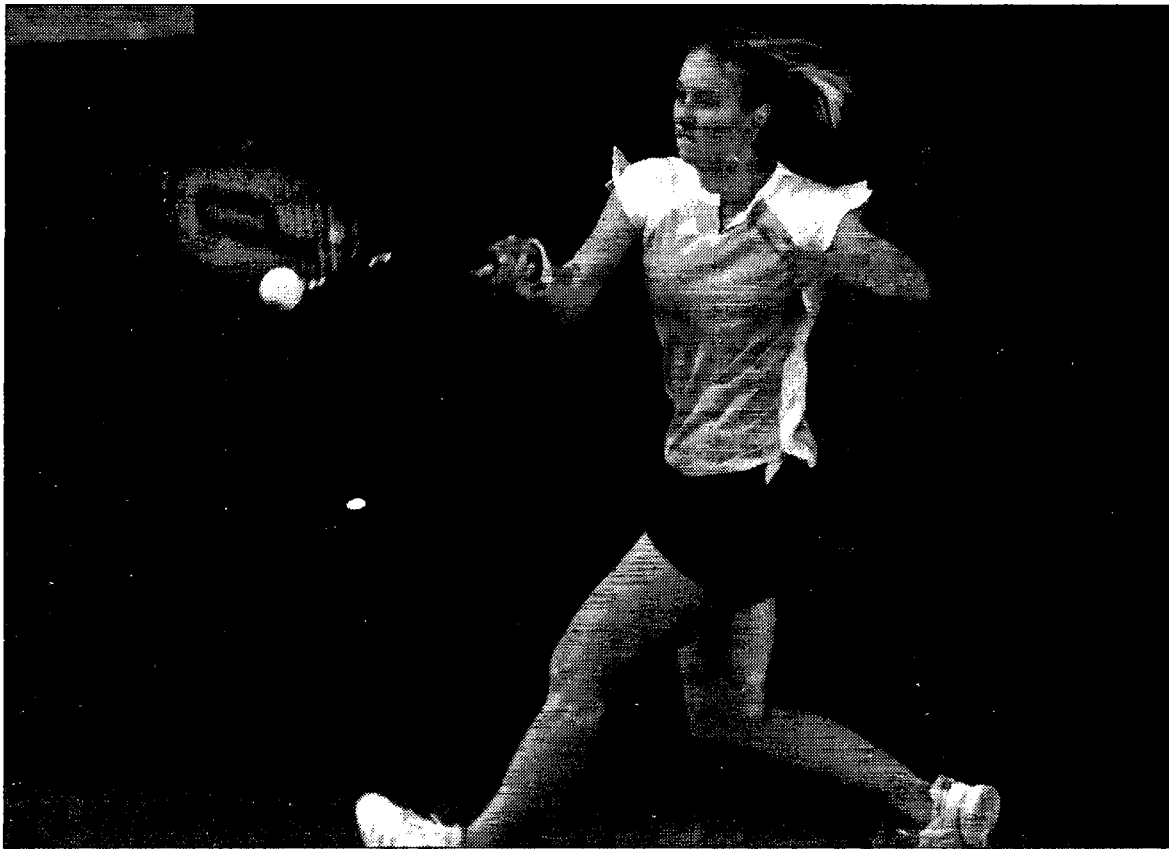
On Friday, the Irish rebounded nicely from an upset defeat to Northwestern by soundly beating DePaul and Marquette. The loss to Northwestern was the team's first in 17 matches.

Regarding health issues, Lourderback said that aside from a few small lingering injuries, the team should pretty much be at full strength.

"We'll be all right," Lourderback said. "[Junior] Brook Buck is probably going to play some doubles this week, and we're just going to wait and see. She went through full practice today and was a little sore but not too bad, and then we have just a few other nicks, but I think we should have all of our players."

The Irish have three days off before the tournament begins and also have a bye in the first round, which gives them one more day between matches. Lourderback said any extra day

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VANESSA GEMPIS/The Observer

Senior Catrina Thompson returns a volley in doubles play against Wake Forest Feb. 18. The top-seeded Irish have a bye in the first round of the Big East tournament, which begins today.

BASEBALL

Elam takes pitchers' duel

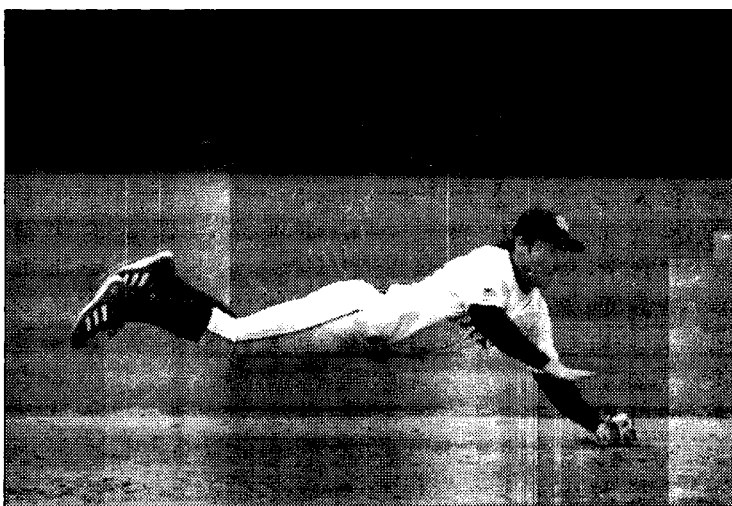
By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

The term "pitcher's duel" would be an understatement when describing Notre Dame's 1-0, 10-inning victory over Purdue at Frank Eck Stadium Wednesday.

Notre Dame sophomore left-hander Sam Elam held the Boilermakers hitless for 7 2-3 innings while Purdue starter Matt Bischoff retired Notre Dame in order through eight.

"I've caught a couple no-hitters in my life, but I've never seen two no-hitters

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TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

Junior shortstop Brett Lilley dives for a line drive against Purdue Wednesday. The Irish defeated the Boilermakers 1-0 in 10 innings.

BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXVI

Simple strategy guides Ala Rack Bar to win

By ELLYN MICHALAK and DANIELLE KELLER
Sports Writers

With determination and hard work, Ala Rack Bar dominated the Dead James Browns 21-2 in a fast-paced match Wednesday.

Prior to the game, Ala Rack Bar captain Mark Munninghoff offered up the team's strategy.

"We're going to try to get up and down the court, play good 'D,' and get out of here quickly," Munninghoff said.

With numerous fast breaks by Munninghoff, and outside shots by Dan Bertao, Ala Rack Bar was able to hold The Dead James Browns to only one point in the first half. Chris Wodicka was the only Dead James Brown player to score in the first half. His outside jump shot left the halftime score at 11-1.

Ala Rack Bar continued to dominate in the second half, allowing the Dead James Browns to score only once

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