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University a 'dream school' for parents

Admissions office says it puts little stock in rankings that don't focus on ND's 'unique qualities'

By LAURA McCRYSTAL
News Writer

Notre Dame was rated as the fourth-most desirable school for parents to send their children, according to a poll of "dream schools" released earlier this month by the Princeton Review.

Various rankings of colleges are becoming increasingly popular, yet Notre Dame does not emphasize its rankings, Dan Saracino, assistant provost for undergraduate admissions, said.

"It's interesting," he said. "Do we do anything different to improve our rankings? No. They are what they are."

The dream school ranking was based on a poll of approximately 3,000 parents of college applicants, according to a press release from the Princeton Review. Notre Dame ranked behind only Harvard, Stanford and Princeton in these parents' list of dream colleges.

The Princeton Review also ranks colleges in a number of other categories. For example, Notre Dame is currently ranked first for "everyone plays intramural sports" and "alternative lifestyles not an alternative," and second for "most religious students," according to the company's Web site.

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Notre Dame's place in Princeton Review:

DREAM SCHOOL FOR PARENTS: 4

EVERYONE PLAYS INTRAMURALS: 1

MOST RELIGIOUS STUDENTS: 2

Source: Princeton Review

OIT gives heat to city waste treaters

By SARAH MERVOSH
News Writer

No one thought poop could be so useful, until now.

The University and its Center for Research Computing received a 2009 Green Enterprise IT Award, presented by the Uptime Institute and co-sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy, for their innovative work with the South Bend Wastewater Treatment Plant, which is responsible for breaking down waste.

The University plans to use the heat produced by its computing equipment to break down waste, Dewitt Latimer, the University's Chief Technology Officer, said.

"As part of the treatment process you actually have to apply heat to help break down the waste steam into something that can be distributed out to landfills or whatnot," Latimer said.

South Bend spends "a considerable amount of money basically heating poop," he said.

"We have been looking for innovative uses for that waste heat instead of just dumping it up in the atmosphere. We're trying to find a second life for that waste heat," Latimer said.

The heat released from com-

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42nd annual AnTostal celebrates end of year

Festival features events based on reality TV shows, 'Heavyweights' and band Slightly Stoopid



PAT KUNTZ/The Observer
Pat Kuntz participates in the "Ring by Spring Dating Game" as part of the end-of-the-year AnTostal festival.

By LIZ O'DONNELL
News Writer

This week marks the Student Union Board's 42nd Annual AnTostal at Notre Dame. AnTostal, which is Gaelic for "festival," is the school's end-of-the-year celebration.

AnTostal's theme this year is "True Life: I'm a Domer." Many of the scheduled events will be based on various reality television shows.

Megan MacCaughey, the Programmer of AnTostal, said this year's celebration

includes both traditional favorites and new events.

Among those carried over from past years' include the quarter-dog eating contest and the Movie on the Quad, which, this year, will be "Heavyweights."

Also appearing at AnTostal this year will be the annual Spring Carnival, which will take place Thursday afternoon on South Quad.

"This year's carnival will feature lots of inflatables," MacCaughey said. "New this year we also have a photo

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CAMPUS LIFE COUNCIL

CLC passes diversity resolution

Task force calls for creation of committee supporting older diverse students

By LAURA McCRYSTAL
News Writer

The Campus Life Committee (CLC) unanimously passed a resolution Monday to encourage the creation of a committee to support diverse students beyond their first year at Notre Dame.

Brigitte Githinji presented the resolution, which was created by the CLC task force on new student introduction to Notre Dame.

Githinji said that before the task force narrowed its focus

to upper-class students, it aimed to help all diverse students feel welcome at Notre Dame.

"We wanted to see how we could help international and multi-cultural students feel comfortable and get into Notre Dame," she said.

When the task force discovered that International Student Services was already involved in a similar project, Githinji said the focus shifted to diverse students on campus.

They conducted a survey of international and diverse stu-

dents, in which they found that first-year students were welcomed and made aware of resources available for their adjustment to the University. After the first year at Notre Dame, however, the survey participants indicated that their needs were no longer addressed, Githinji said.

"There's more focus on helping first year students being welcomed as diverse students," she said. "[Resources] are available for everybody and not just first

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ND Vision gets ready for summer

By NORA KENNEY
News Writer

Each year, more than 60 Notre Dame, Holy Cross and Saint Mary's students contribute their talents to the Notre Dame Vision program. Some are counselors, some are musicians, but all are what the program's director, Leonard DeLorenzo, refers to as mentors-in-faith for the many high school students who attend ND Vision in the summer.

The program, which hosts different high school students

on campus during four weeks in the summer, is dedicated to helping participants discern "what vocation is, and how God calls them to give their gifts to the life of the church," DeLorenzo said.

To achieve this, the program focuses on the values of the Catholic Church and the ways in which these values can enhance and deepen spirituality. The hope of the ND Vision staff is that as participants grow more deeply in their spirituality, they discover how they are called to use

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INSIDE COLUMN

Ceremony mirrors season

The Notre Dame men's basketball team capped off a disappointing season last week with its annual awards ceremony. The event was a perfect example of why the Irish have, and will continue to, underachieve under the watchful eyes of Mike Brey.

The group, a preseason top 10 pick, finished 8-11 in the Big East and failed to make the NCAA Tournament. They were rewarded with eight trophies on Wednesday.

Luke Harangody leads things off with the team MVP, and deservedly so. But things went south from there. Six

other players won awards. On a 14-man roster that means exactly half the team went home with some hardware. That is better than when we passed out Paper Plate Awards at the end of summer camp. Never, since Gaylord Focker's Wall of Fame, has such mediocrity been celebrated.

Zach Hillesland won two awards — one for every bucket he averaged per game. There are also rumors about a Guinness Book of World Records entry for most consecutive days with a black eye. Congratulations on the student-athlete award, but the Captain Award? I thought he won that along with every other senior on the team when Brey named all four of them captains in October.

Ayers won defensive player of the year with his thrifty 3.5 rebounds per game. But, hey, I guess Harangody can't win every category. Tory Jackson won the Outstanding Playmaker Award — a.k.a. the Starting Point Guard Award. And Kyle McAlarney came home with the Team Irish Award. The criteria for this one isn't very clearly, but let's just say Seamus O'Toole came in a close second.

Last, and probably the least, is the Most Improved Player Award. Most is generally a word reserved for a single entity. It is hard for two things to be the "most" of anything. However, Brey managed to find a loophole in his everybody-is-a-winner-even-when-you-lose-seven-straight fantasy land. Ty Nash and Jonathan Peoples were award co-Most Improved Player Awards.

That means that the likes of Scott Martin, Tim Abromaitis, Tim Andree and Tom Kopko went home empty-handed. I'm sorry, Who? Hansbrough the younger was ineligible and Carleton Scott hasn't seen meaningful minutes since Stone Hill came to town.

The only player who started a game that didn't win an award was Luke Zeller. Unfortunately for the 7-footer, the Tallest Guy on the Team Award was discontinued after last season.

Since Mike Brey arrived at Notre Dame, the Irish have been the most frustrating team in the country. He knows the game and his players would take a bullet for him. That's the problem. He's too nice, and we all know where nice guys end up. I can't imagine Jim Calhoun or Bobby Knight giving out trophies to half of their teams.

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

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CORRECTIONS

In Monday's article "Conversation about Obama invitation continues at ND," the "conscience clause" was incorrectly referred to as the "conscious clause." The Observer regrets this error.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD TEACH A CLASS AT NOTRE DAME, WHAT WOULD IT BE?



Angela Carothers

senior
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"Surfing 101
(01?)."



Sarah Spieler

freshman
P.W.

"Defense
Against the
Dark Arts."



Johanna Kirsch

junior
McGlenn

"How Not to
Write: A
Superficial Look
at the 'Twilight'
Books."



Steve Santay

sophomore
Alumni

"How to Grill
Good Food ...
have the DH
staff sign up."

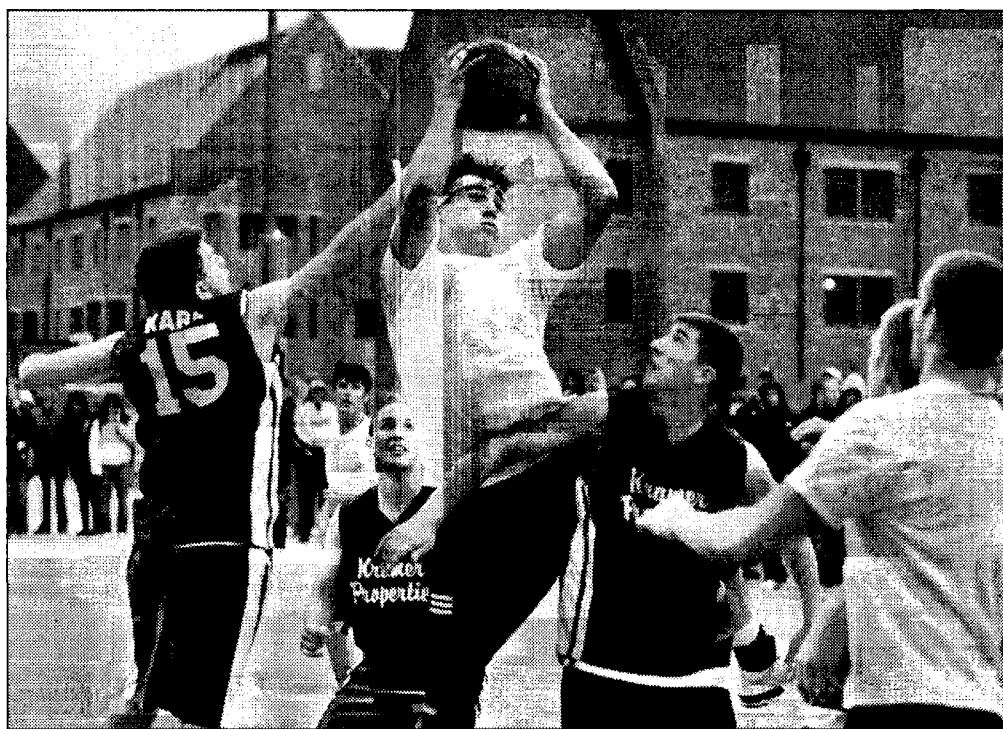


Lee Haggenjos

freshman
Knott

"Healthy ... so
my roommate
wouldn't get
mono!"

Have an idea for Question of the Day? E-mail observer.questions@gmail.com



DAN JACOBS/The Observer

Four players go for the rebound Monday afternoon during the Final Four round of bookstore basketball. The final game is set for today at 8:45 p.m.

OFFBEAT

Marker of popular tourist location off by 2.5 miles

SALT LAKE CITY — Tourists who think they're putting a hand or foot in each of four states at the Four Corners area are apparently missing the mark — by about 2.5 miles. National Geodetic Survey officials say the Four Corners marker showing the intersection of Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico and Utah is about 2.5 miles west of where it should be.

The only place in the United States where four state boundaries come together was first surveyed by the government in 1868 during the initial survey of Colorado's southern boundary. The survey was inaccurate.

Florida lotto winner looks to open nude dude ranch

BROOKSVILLE — You've heard of nude beaches, but how about a nude dude ranch? Tim Clements hit a \$3.3 million jackpot in 2004, and wants to return to the farm life he grew up in. Clements and David Jennings, co-owner of the ranch, said the farm is secluded enough to be in the buff.

But they have two big problems — local zoning laws and a nudity ban in Hernando County.

Clements said they'll try to get the necessary paperwork, but if they can't get approval he'll close the CJ Ranch again to all but friends.

Strong winds to blame in New York golf cart accident

FISHKILL, N.Y. — Police said two men were injured after they became trapped under a golf cart at a country club in suburban New York when their vehicle flipped over during a "weird little wind event."

Police say strong winds were to blame for the mishap at the Beekman Country club in East Fishkill, about 66 miles north of Manhattan. Both men suffered head injuries and abrasions, but refused treatment.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

A lecture titled "Facing the Obama Administration: Economic Policy" will take place today at 7 p.m. in the first floor lounge of Coleman-Morse. The discussion will feature Michael Pries, Professor of Economics and Econometrics; Nelson Mark, Professor of Economics and Econometrics; and Alexander Guisinger, Professor of Political Science.

A lecture called "Obama Invitation & Religious Freedom" will be presented by professor Rick Garnett in the Sorin Room of LaFortune Wednesday at 8 p.m. Curious about your role as a student at our Lady's University in the upcoming months? About the role of a Catholic in America today? Join in discussions led by several of Notre Dame's distinguished faculty.

Professor Christine Stansell, a leading historian of American Women will give a lecture titled "Matrophobia and the Women's Movement: General Tensions in Feminism, 1968-2008" on Thursday at 4 p.m. at the Hesburg Center Auditorium. A Reception will precede the event at 3 p.m.

Harmonia, Notre Dame's only all female a cappella group will host their Spring Concert on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the LaFortune Ballroom. Tickets are \$5 at the door.

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

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year students, but I feel that after the first year, students are not told about them as much."

The resolution proposes that a committee composed of students, faculty and administrative staff address the issue of continued outreach to diverse students at Notre Dame.

The CLC acknowledged that committees already exist to address issues for diverse students. Githinji said the CLC task force met with a committee led by associate vice president for student affairs Ann Firth as it developed the resolution. Another committee, led by

assistant vice president for student affairs David Moss, also addresses similar concerns.

"What we are asking is that they put together their resources and compile them to address this issue," Keough Hall rector Fr. Pete McCormick, C.S.C., said about the committees.

The committees are encouraged that the resolution will facilitate communication between them in order to more efficiently address the issue, Githinji said.

"The goal is to encourage interactions between those groups. And also create a committee that focuses on retention," she said.

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College hosts discussion on sex

Students advised to get screened for STDs, develop relationships

By SARAH MAYER
News Writer

Resident Assistants at Saint Mary's Holy Cross Hall hosted a dorm-wide event called "Sex & Candy" for all residents Monday. Guests dined on chocolate-covered strawberries and M&M's as they listened to a panel discussion of sex.

Health Center staffers Cathie DeCleene and Cindy Horton-Cavanaugh were present to help end myths women have about sex and sexually transmitted diseases.

The event was spearheaded by sophomore resident assistant Mary Beth Gizinski.

"We wanted to have this event because we feel like students are so uninformed and perpetuate the myths they hear," Gizinski said.

DeCleene cited television shows as reasons many myths are created.

"Shows like 'Gossip Girl' often have misinformation about sex."

DeCleene said. "It is not just recent shows, 'Seinfeld' often presented many myths. If you just came to the counseling center or health center you would realize these myths are not true."

Horton-Cavanaugh discussed the dangers of STDs.

"Certain STDs you may have symptoms with," she said. However, "HPV very rarely has symptoms unless it is the high-risk kind that causes cancer."

HPV vaccinations are now given to girls as early as age nine because if women receive the vaccine between ages 9-25 it is covered under insurance, Horton-Cavanaugh said.

"There will be an STD screening at Saint Mary's in the near future," Horton-Cavanaugh said. "It will only cost \$10 whereas normal screenings cost over \$300."

STDs usually surface three years from the day they are contracted. STDs won't appear right away in 93 percent of people who don't smoke.

The panel also discussed the emotional aspects of being sexually active.

"Being sexually active is a learning and growing process," Horton-Cavanaugh said.

The panel said it is important to be empowered when it comes to sex. Women are not objects to fulfill someone else's pleasure.

"A good age to have sex is when you are emotionally ready," Horton-Cavanaugh said.

Ultimately it is important to form a relationship, Horton-Cavanaugh said. She said it is important to have face-to-face contact without the texting and instant messaging. Sometimes a friendship is needed before any kind of sexual relationship begins.

At the end of the evening, before a hall-wide "Gossip Girl" watch, Holy Cross Hall Director Terrie Paul encouraged everyone to "check into the Health Center if you have any problems."

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Rankings

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Saracino said rankings by the Princeton Review tend to be quite subjective.

"They send their people to colleges and stand outside the dining halls and just quickly interview students," he said. "They just get a sample. Is it large enough a sample to make those rankings?"

While other colleges and universities publicize high rankings, Saracino said Notre Dame does not use this marketing technique because rankings focus on numbers rather than the University's unique qualities.

"There isn't anything to say that Notre Dame is the best school for every student or every senior who is in high school," he said. "We have a variety of schools in the United States because we have a variety of students."

Rankings also do not ultimately have a large impact on students' college decisions, Saracino said.

"The rankings of a college play a role in the eyes of students, but it's a role along with many other factors," he said. "It's more of an affirmation of what you've already been thinking of."

Saracino said U.S. News and World Report, which is the most well-known ranking system for colleges and universities, releases rankings each August which are

more objective than those by the Princeton Review. Notre Dame ranked 18th among national universities in 2008 in the U.S. News and World Report rankings, according to Saracino.

Even though U.S. News and World Report is most highly regarded and publicizes its ranking methods, Saracino said all rankings have some level of subjectivity.

"In general my advice is you take all of those rankings with a little grain of salt," he said. "You say, they're interesting, but I still need to on my own dig a little deeper."

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Vision

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their own unique gifts.

However, DeLorenzo said the program does not just benefit the high school students who attend. He said he is very dedicated to the development of the college mentors that he works with.

"I like to inspire and to help specifically the mentors to find their best selves in what they are doing, to unlock their own gifts and use them," DeLorenzo said.

The undergraduate mentors grow through the spirit of communal living that the program fosters, according to DeLorenzo, who has worked with Vision since 2002.

"Year in and year out, seeing the impact the mentors can have and do have is always inspiring," DeLorenzo said. "It just proves that we don't live our lives as Christians alone. Community is important. When you create small communities, God is present in those."

DeLorenzo has found that 80 percent of college students who work with the program go on to do some form of ministry work.

DeLorenzo himself has an impact on the lives of the college students who serve as ND Vision counselors.

"He's obviously hilarious

and incredible and I basically sit there amazed," Notre Dame freshman Erica Vesnaner, who will serve as a counselor with ND Vision this summer, said. "He's really creative and really knows what he's doing. He always seems to have some really good insight."

In preparation for the summer, Vesnaner attends class twice a week to study the Catholic Church's theology on spirituality, as well as to explore the questions that will be asked of the high school students in the summer.

Mentors in faith like Vesnaner were chosen amongst applicants because of the "authenticity, openness, sense of faith, and willingness to grow" they showed in their interview and application essays, according to DeLorenzo.

"I think the message when you boil it down is that God has drawn near to us specifically in Jesus Christ and for each of us there is this invitation to this life-giving relationship and a call to become who we're created to be," DeLorenzo said. "ND Vision is about helping high school and college students to know that and experience it. At the end of the day is there anything more that Notre Dame is about?"

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Waste

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puters happens to be the same temperature that the Wastewater Treatment Plant uses to heat waste, Latimer said.

"I'm producing a lot of waste heat in my research computing ... And here is the Wastewater Treatment Plant creating a lot of heat to conduct their business," Latimer said. "So why not bring the two together? Why not let my waste heat be used for their purposes?"

The University plans to move a mobile data center and put it on site at the South Bend Wastewater Plant, which is located past Saint Mary's College, just off the Indiana Toll Road.

No computers have been installed on site yet, and will be built over the summer, Latimer said. He said they hope to be set up by the winter.

"Obviously, the summer is not quite as bad as the winter as far as the heating," Latimer said.

In addition to using excess energy from computers to heat the waste, the University can use the cold air in vats at the Wastewater Treatment Plant to cool computers, Latimer said.

"Vats are a natural source of cold just because the outside is cold," Latimer said.

"I'm trading my heat for their cold. I'm dumping my heat into their vat and I'm extracting their cold and taking it back to the data center to cool my equipment," he said.

By trading cold and heat, both entities are saving money, he said.

Although Latimer does not have concrete figures on how much this effort will save, there

have been estimates, he said.

"For 50 kilowatts, it would save the city \$16,000 in natural gas. It would save the University \$5,000 in cooling per year," he said.

The University will begin by putting 80 kilowatts of computing at the Wastewater Treatment Plant so those numbers will likely be higher, Latimer said.

Latimer said the Wastewater Treatment Plant must get rid of the waste, and the city of South Bend spends \$200,000 a year transporting the waste to farm fields.

But if the waste is heated and broken down even more, then it can be sold as residential or commercial compost. Currently, it is not viable for the city to do this because it would cost more than simply transporting it.

"But if they get their heat for free, then it might make more sense for them to do this," Latimer said.

"We hope to be able to give them enough heat where they can break it down [enough to be sold as compost]," he said. "That would save \$200,000 in transportation."

The University was selected as a winner in the category entitled "Beyond the Data Center" for its innovation and leadership in introducing sustainability initiatives to computing and data centers, according to the press release.

"The University of Notre Dame's successful initiatives serve as a great example to its industry peers of the realistic impact and feasibility of energy efficiency initiatives," Kenneth G. Brill, founder and executive director of the Uptime Institute, said in the press release.

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AnTostal

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booth where people can take pictures with friends."

There are two new events that are being incorporated into this year's lineup as well. Monday night marked the first "Ring by Spring Dating Game."

Also new this year is the ND Scavenger Hunt. Beginning noon on Wednesday, students can pick up the list of items to be found outside the elevator on the main floor of LaFortune.

"After taking pictures at the designated locations, teams should upload their pictures to Facebook and friend AnTostal," MacCaughy said. "The team with the most points wins an iPod Touch."

Another new feature of this year's AnTostal is the availability of the events booklet online. SUB e-mailed the booklet to the student body in an effort to go green.

In addition to the full week of activities planned, SUB will also sponsor different giveaways everyday.

"We have tons of free giveaways for every day this week including Irish rubber duckies and Kanye West glasses," MacCaughy said.

Tuesday's events include the Irish Gladiator Afternoon, which begins at 3 p.m. on South Quad. A number of childhood games, including kickball, croquet, bingo and freeze tag, are all scheduled.

In addition to the Notre Dame Scavenger Hunt Wednesday, there will also be Survivor Man games on North Quad. Included in these games

are Golfing with Marshmallows, Hula Hoop and Irish Quarterback, where students will have the ability to display their football-throwing skills.

On Wednesday evening, there will be Pop Culture trivia in the Montgomery Auditorium with a prize for the winner.

Thursday's main event is the annual Spring Carnival, which will take place from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on South Quad. The Marketing Club will also host a Golf Scramble and Picnic at the Burke Memorial Golf Course.

Friday afternoon will feature dance lessons in the LaFortune Student Center. Slightly Stoopid will perform that evening at Legends at 10 p.m.

AnTostal events conclude Saturday night with the Battle of the Bands competition at Legends.

In addition to these events, there will also be a number of dorm events taking place throughout the week.

"This year we are really hoping to have a good time," MacCaughy said. "We tried to include the dorm events as well as those planned by SUB."

MacCaughy said she hopes that everyone on campus will participate in the activities throughout the week.

"AnTostal is fun, but more importantly it is a Notre Dame tradition, which is what this University is all about," she said. "We really hope to see a lot of people out there, especially the seniors because this will be their last one."

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IRAQ

Soldiers transferred to new war

Only a few weeks after deployment, troops shipped to Afghanistan

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Only in Iraq a few weeks, nearly 500 U.S. Army combat engineers who specialize in clearing roads of explosives learned they were being shipped off to southern Afghanistan, one of the clearest signs of America's shifting wartime priorities.

The transfer, which moved into its final stages Monday, is the largest movement so far of personnel and equipment from Iraq as President Barack Obama puts the focus on the fight in the Taliban heartland.

"We are probably going to be the beginning of the influx you are going to see to Afghanistan," Lt. Col. Kevin Landers, commander of the Fort Carson, Colo.-based 4th Engineer Battalion, said as crews packed crates and cleaned vehicles for the flight to Kandahar.

It's now clear some of the troops and firepower will flow directly from Iraq, where the Pentagon plans to gradually draw down its more than 132,000 personnel before the withdrawal of all combat forces by September 2010.

Obama has ordered 17,000 more U.S. soldiers and Marines to Afghanistan to bolster the 38,000 American troops already battling the resurgent Taliban.

"We are going to take this footprint out of Iraq," said Landers, whose battalion received word of its reassignment last month just after taking command of clearing roads in Baghdad of bombs and debris.

Since then, his troops have conducted routine operations while preparing for their departure.

They won't be replaced — another sign of America's evolving military map.

By the end of next year, the U.S. military presence could be down to about 30,000 to 50,000 personnel to train and advise Iraqi security forces. Plans call for all American forces to leave

Iraq by the end of 2012.

Military officials have publicly said they would not redirect large numbers of soldiers directly from Iraq to Afghanistan. Quietly, though, the military has been sending troops and equipment for months.

In late March, the Fort Sill, Okla.-based 100th Brigade Support Battalion was moved from the giant U.S. base in Balad, 50 miles (80 kilometers) north of Baghdad, to southern Afghanistan.

Meanwhile, a stream of military transport planes has been ferrying helicopters, vehicles, weapons and other equipment from Iraq to Afghanistan.

But this week's airlift of the 4th Engineer Battalion "is the largest unit movement of personnel and gear from Iraq to Afghanistan to date," said Lt. Col. Dave Dancer, operations chief for the 225th Engineer Brigade, which oversees the 4th Engineers.

The battalion arrived in Iraq in late February. Four days after taking command in mid-March, it received new orders: pack up and compete its 12-month deployment in Afghanistan, said Landers, 42, of Atlanta.

The battalion began sending troops and equipment — everything from giant tow trucks and bulldozers to desks and chairs — last week, said Command Sgt. Major Anthony Archer, 41, of Austin, Texas. The transition is expected to be completed within weeks.

On Monday, soldiers were busy cleaning wrecker trucks, which are used to haul damaged or broken down military equipment, before loading them on airplanes to send later in the week.

Sgt. Tony Hardy, 38, of Fountain, Colo., said his troops hadn't had time to think too much about the move.

"Just keep them busy. Keep them working and it keeps their mind on what we have got to do and not what they may have to do," Hardy said.

Landers and Archer broke the news to the soldiers in late March at Camp Victory, the main U.S. military base in Iraq.

"We told them what we had in front of us ... and that we needed them to pull together as a team," Landers said. Families in Colorado were later told in a video conference.

Landers said his soldiers will face challenges with the new assignment — from new terrain to a new enemy to new tactics.

But he said the battalion drilled at the National Training Center in Fort Irwin, Calif., where troops are put through combat scenarios meant to replicate hazards faced in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"There wasn't necessarily a signal, something that said we were going to go," Pfc. Angela Dubose, 25, of Duluth, Ga., said of the unit's new orders. "But it sort of made sense."

She said she broke the news to her family over the phone.

"When I left, I told my family to expect the unexpected," she said.

Although violence is down sharply across Iraq, a gradual rise in attacks recently has brought worries the relative calm may not last.

A suicide bomber wearing an Iraqi army uniform attacked a U.S. military delegation visiting the mayor of violence-wracked Baqouba on Monday, killing three Iraqi civilians and wounding at least eight American soldiers as well as three Iraqi policemen and other people.


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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iran leader sparks UN walkout

GENEVA — Dozens of Western diplomats walked out of a U.N. conference and a pair of rainbow-wigged protesters threw clown noses at Iran's president Monday when the hard-line leader called Israel the "most cruel and repressive racist regime."

The United States decried the remarks by Mahmoud Ahmadinejad as hateful — reinjecting tension into a relationship that had been warming after President Barack Obama sought to engage Iran in talks on its nuclear program and other issues.

Ahmadinejad — the first government official to take the floor at the weeklong event in Geneva — delivered a rambling, half-hour speech that was by turns conciliatory and inflammatory.

Pakistani Taliban welcome Osama

MINGORA, Pakistan — Pakistan was trying to end bloodshed when it let the idyllic Swat Valley fall under Islamic law last week. Instead, it has emboldened the Taliban and prompted an invitation — however improbable — for Osama bin Laden.

The local spokesman for the Taliban, which control the valley, told The Associated Press he'd welcome militants bent on battling U.S. troops and their Arab allies if they want to settle there.

"Osama can come here. Sure, like a brother they can stay anywhere they want," Muslim Khan said in a two-hour interview Friday, his first with a foreign journalist since Islamic law was imposed. "Yes, we will help them and protect them."

NATIONAL NEWS

Craigslist killer now in custody

BOSTON — A man was held in custody Monday in connection with the death last week in a luxury hotel of a woman who advertised massage services on Craigslist, Boston police said.

But Boston police spokeswoman Elaine Driscoll did not immediately provide any other information about the man Monday.

Suffolk District Attorney spokesman Jake Wark said he did not know of any charges filed in the case.

Julissa Brisman, 29, was found dead Tuesday at the Boston Marriott Copley Place. The New York City woman advertised massage services on Craigslist and had a massage table set up in the room where she was shot, police said.

Whistleblower faked report

SAVANNAH, Ga. — Attorneys for one of the nation's largest sugar producers accused a whistleblower Monday of faking a report that he says he sent to company executives warning them of the dust hazard at a Georgia refinery days before a blast there killed 14 workers.

Lawyers defending Imperial Sugar in more than 30 lawsuits filed a motion in Chatham County State Court asking a judge to throw out the report and all testimony by Graham H. Graham because he "knowingly provided false testimony." Graham was vice president of operations at the Texas company at the time of the explosion.

LOCAL NEWS

Man sentenced for killing girlfriend

GARY, Ind. — A Gary man has been sentenced to 45 years in prison for stabbing his girlfriend to death more than six years ago.

Thirty-two-year-old Angelo Dove was sentenced Monday in Lake Criminal Court. Lake County Prosecutor Bernard A. Carter says Dove pleaded guilty but mentally ill to a charge of voluntary manslaughter in the death of 29-year-old Kelly Cleveland, who was stabbed in her neck, chest, back, wrists, hands and fingers following an argument at their home in January 2003. Her body was found five days later by relatives.

IRAN

Uncertain future for jailed U.S. journalist

Iran orders investigation into the case of a reporter accused of spying for the U.S.

Associated Press

TEHRAN — Iran's judiciary ordered a full investigation Monday into the case of an American journalist imprisoned for allegedly spying for the U.S. and allowed the woman's parents to visit her for the first time since she was sentenced to eight years in prison.

The developments in the case of Roxana Saberi appear to be the latest signs that some senior Iranian officials want to ensure tensions over the case do not derail moves toward a dialogue with the Obama administration to break a 30-year diplomatic deadlock between the two countries.

In Washington, Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton renewed calls for Iran to release Saberi said she hoped for positive action from the judiciary chief's investigation order.

"We believe she should be freed immediately, that the charges against her are baseless and that she has been subjected to a process that has been non-transparent, unpredictable (and) arbitrary," Clinton told reporters.

Saberi, who was born in the U.S. and grew up in Fargo, North Dakota, was convicted of espionage last week after a one-day trial behind closed doors. Her Iranian-born father, Reza, told The Associated Press that he and his wife visited their daughter in Evin prison north of Tehran.

"She seems to be OK," he said. "She was looking forward for the appeal because she knows that this kind of verdict was too heavy for her."

The judiciary chief's order came a day after President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad sent a letter to Tehran's chief prosecu-



U.S. journalist Roxana Saberi, a 31-year-old dual American-Iranian citizen convicted of spying and sentenced to eight years in prison by an Iranian court.

tor urging him to ensure Saberi be allowed a full defense during her appeal. It was a rare request from an Iranian president and came at a time when President Barack Obama has been seeking engagement with Iran's leaders.

However, Iran's Foreign Ministry took a swipe Monday at President Barack Obama, saying "those who studied law" should not comment on the case without seeing the context. It was a clear reference to Obama, who has a law degree from Harvard University and taught constitutional law at the University of Chicago before becoming president.

Some analysts have said

the mixed messages emerging from Iran may be an indication of political divisions in the leadership, with hard-liners in the judiciary trying to hamper government moves toward closer relations with the U.S. by pressing the Saberi case.

Saberi had been living in Iran for six years and worked as a freelance reporter for news organizations including National Public Radio and the British Broadcasting Corp. Because Saberi's father was born in Iran, she received Iranian citizenship.

Iran has released few details about the charges. Saberi was arrested in

January and initially accused of working without press credentials. But earlier this month, a judge leveled a more serious allegation that she was passing classified information to U.S. intelligence services.

Saberi's father said he hoped officials will heed Ahmadinejad's letter.

"Also, they should be compassionate in their judgment and not be very harsh," he told the AP. Saberi's parents, who live in Fargo, traveled to Iran to seek her release.

"As far as she is healthy and she is taking good care of herself," her mother, Akiko Saberi said. She denied her daughter was a spy.

21 horses die mysteriously at Polo Open

Associated Press

WELLINGTON, Fla. — Ladies in their spring dresses and men in casual linen suits sipped champagne and nibbled hors d'oeuvres as they waited for the U.S. Open polo match. What they ended up with was a field of death.

Magnificent polo ponies, each valued at up to \$200,000, stumbled from their trailers and crumpled one by one onto the green grass. Vets ran out and poured water over the feverish, splayed-out animals. But it was no use. One dead horse. Then another. Then more. And within a day, 21 horses were dead.

State veterinarians were still performing necropsies but suspect the horses died from heart failure brought

on by some sort of toxic reaction in their bodies. Possibly tainted feed, vitamins or supplements. Maybe a combination of the three.

While polo club officials and several independent veterinarians insisted the deaths appeared to be accidental, it remained a mystery that puzzled and saddened those close to a sport that has long been a passion of Palm Beach County's ultra-rich.

"The players, the owners of the horses were in tears. Bystanders and volunteers were in tears. This was a very tragic thing," said Tony Coppola, 62, an announcer for the International Polo Club Palm Beach in this palm tree-lined town some 15 miles west of the millionaire enclave of Palm Beach.

Spectators at the Sunday match had difficulty making out what was hap-

pening when the frenzy of workers and trucks hovered around the horse trailers. Soon blue tarps were hung and trailers were shuffled into place to obscure their view.

The match was canceled, replaced by an exhibition game, to keep the crowd busy. Rumors swirled and the death toll climbed.

Some horses died on scene. Others were shuttled to clinics for treatment, but there was nothing that could be done. Their fate was sealed.

All the dead horses were from the Venezuelan-owned team Lechuza Caracas, a favorite to win the title at what's described as the World Series of this sport. The team included about 40 thoroughbreds in all, maybe more. The team has not made any public comments since the deaths.

Process of identifying bodies begins in Md.

Associated Press

TOWSON, Md. — Investigators began the task Monday evening of identifying four bodies found inside a hotel guest room earlier in the day in suburban Baltimore, as well as figuring out how the people died.

The bodies were discovered at the Sheraton Baltimore North Hotel in Towson, just north of Baltimore and just inside the Baltimore Beltway, said Baltimore County Police department spokesman Bill Toohey. Police received a call at 2:56 p.m. Monday reporting that four people were dead in a room.

The occupants of the room didn't check out when they were expected to Monday afternoon, Toohey said. That's when hotel staff unlocked the door and found the bodies. Cpl. Michael Hill, another police spokesman, said it was not known whether all four people were hotel guests.

"I can't release the nature of the scene or, right now, gender, age or race of any of the victims," he said. "We have not confirmed any identities whatsoever."

Hill also said there was no threat of harm to anyone else in the area.

Hill said it would take at least several hours for crime scene technicians and a medical examiner to collect evidence.

"We can't say how this happened or exactly when it happened so to release anything would be very, very premature at this point," he said. "We don't know even what kind of investigation we're dealing with at this point."

Several hotel employees declined to comment.

K.C. Kavanagh, spokeswoman for Sheraton Hotels and Resorts, said Sheraton Baltimore North is a franchise property and the owner of the hotel is GF Hotels.

"This is just a terrible tragedy and our team is terribly saddened by this event," Kavanagh said. "We're doing all we can to assist the police and it's a matter that's in their hands at this time."

A call to GF Management Co. in Philadelphia was not immediately returned.

Several marked and unmarked police cars and two forensic services vans were parked outside the hotel entrance.

Nick Gelston, 30, an electrician from Bel Air, said he stayed at the hotel Saturday night to attend a friend's wedding. He was back there Monday afternoon because his car had broken down and he'd had to leave it at the hotel.

"I hope it was nobody who was with us," Gelston said, adding that he wasn't aware that any of the wedding guests had stayed on the 10th floor.

Mississippi juvenile center cited

Lawsuit filed claims occupants physically, emotionally abused

Associated Press

JACKSON — A south Mississippi juvenile detention center subjects young people to physical and emotional abuse, forcing them to live in squalid cells infested with insects and the stench of human excrement, a federal lawsuit alleged Monday.

An attorney for the private company that runs the Harrison County Juvenile Detention Center said he had not seen the lawsuit and denied there are major problems at the facility.

The lawsuit was filed in U.S. District Court in Gulfport on behalf of a 17-year-old boy referred to only by the initials "D.W." and seeks class protection of others in the facility. It alleges, among other things, that D.W. "endured a brutal physical assault from adult staff members" and was denied appropriate mental health care after he tried to commit suicide.

"The abusive conditions at the Juvenile Detention Center include punitive shackling, staff-on-youth assaults, 23-hour a day lock-down in filthy jail cells, unsanitary conditions

resulting in widespread contraction of scabies and staph infections, dangerous overcrowding that forces many youth to sleep on the concrete floor, and inadequate mental health care," the lawsuit alleges.

Harrison County was named as the defendant in the lawsuit, which says the county pays Mississippi Security Police Inc., a private company based in Pascagoula, \$1.6 million a year to house juveniles. Harrison County's administrator, Pam Ulrich, said the county had not seen the lawsuit and could not comment on it. Mississippi Security Police is not a defendant in the lawsuit.

Tim Holleman, a Gulfport attorney who represents the company, denied the accusations.

"I've had clients go in there and not one of them has ever said anything about abuse or anything of that nature," Holleman said.

As for staph infection, Holleman said that's a problem even in sterile environments like hospitals. And he denied the facility is routinely overcrowded, though he acknowledged it sometimes exceeds its designed

capacity of 48 because of the need to hold youth accused of serious crimes.

Members of the Mississippi Youth Justice Project, a project of the Southern Poverty Law Center, filed the lawsuit.

Sheila Bedi, the SPLC's regional juvenile justice attorney, said the population of the detention center is sometimes as high as 60 and that most of the youth there are involved in minor crimes like disorderly conduct.

She said it's problematic for a for-profit company to run a juvenile correction-center: "When there's a market incentive to imprison children, the entire community suffers."

Bedi said the group hopes to work with Harrison County to improve conditions at the facility.

The lawsuit claims D.W. "spent 23 hours a day locked in a squalid vermin-infested jail cell" and was forced to sleep on the floor "with only a thin mat that smells of urine."

The lawsuit claims that more than 30 other youth at the center echoed the descriptions of filthy, crowded conditions and violent staff.

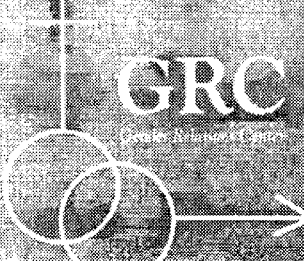
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10-YEAR NOTE	-2.97	-0.090	2.84
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IN BRIEF

Bank sees stocks fall despite profit

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Bank of America Corp. warned of worsening loan default problems Monday even as it posted a first-quarter profit of \$2.81 billion. Investors concerned about the banking industry's health sent financial stocks and the overall market sharply lower.

Although Bank of America said higher revenue from the purchase of Merrill Lynch & Co. helped offset a surge in credit costs, it took a \$13.4 billion provision for credit losses during the first three months of the year. The amount of its problem loans more than tripled to \$25.7 billion and CEO Ken Lewis said he couldn't predict when the bank's credit morass would end.

The bank's stock fell \$2.58, or 24.3 percent, to \$8.02 as the overall stock market plunged. Last week Wall Street was happy with better-than-expected results from JPMorgan Chase & Co., Goldman Sachs Group Inc. and Citigroup Inc., but investors have been rethinking that initial upbeat response. Banking companies generally benefited during the quarter from unusually strong bond trading, a trend not expected to continue, while recession-driven loan problems persist and are expected to worsen this year.

Drugmaker profits rise, stocks fall

INDIANAPOLIS — Drugmaker Eli Lilly and Co. saw its first-quarter profit soar on strong sales but then watched its stock price dip Monday on a rough day for the broader market.

The quarterly performance — which included a 23 percent profit increase — impressed analysts, but they noted that longer-term questions remain unanswered for Lilly.

Despite the strong start to 2009, Lilly only reaffirmed — and did not raise — its guidance for full-year earnings between \$4 and \$4.25 per share. Analysts forecast \$4.14 per share.

"There's not going to be follow-through for the rest of the year, so I think that's a little disappointing from ... a near-term perspective," Edward Jones analyst Linda Bannister said.

Miller Tabak and Co. analyst Les Funtleyder said the company's core business is doing well, but he would like to see new product approvals or learn more about drugs in Lilly's development pipeline before he recommends investors "jump in with both feet" to buy the stock.

Pulitzer wins lift journalists' spirits

Two newspapers hard-hit by the recession earn a chance to celebrate their successes

Associated Press

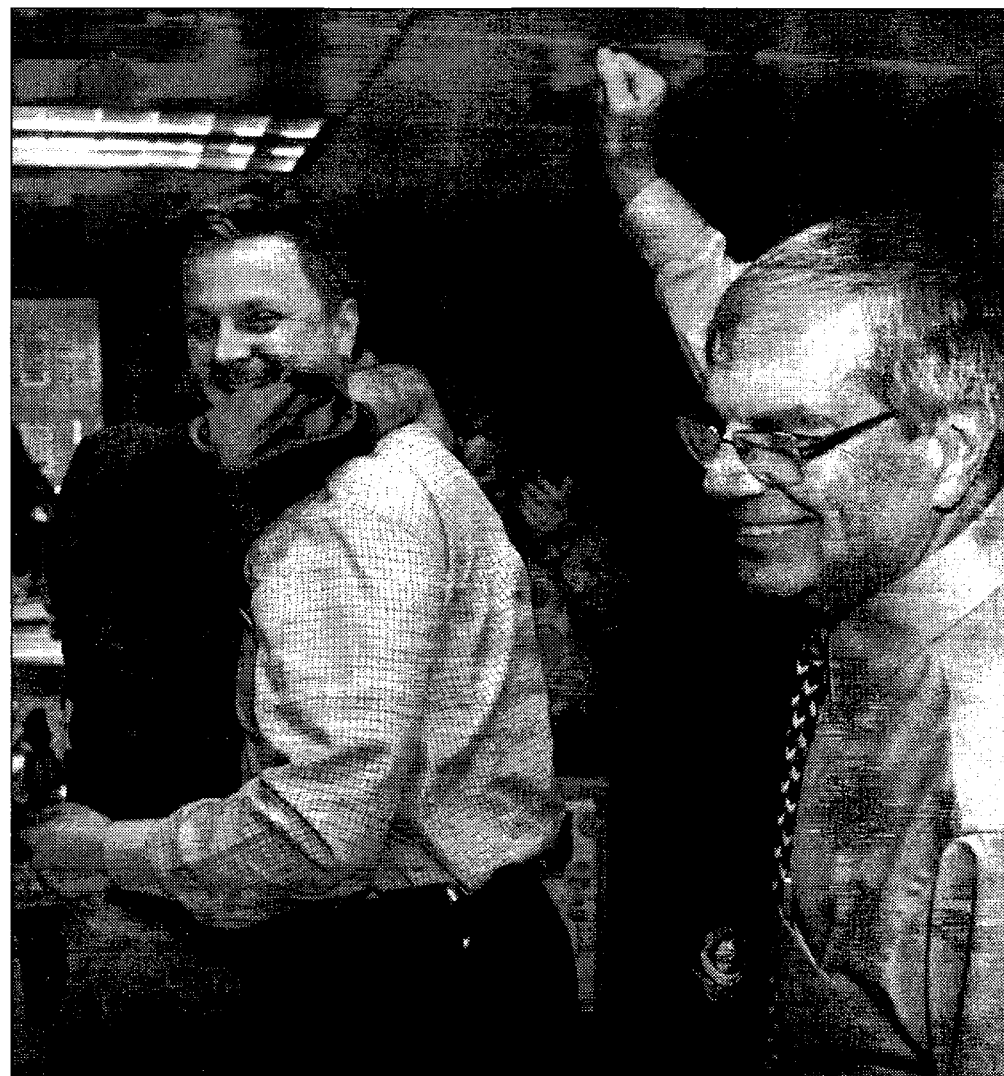
NEW YORK — Two newspapers hit hard by a historic downturn won Pulitzer Prizes on Monday for exposing sex scandals that brought down a governor and a big-city mayor, in what was hailed as a victory for old-fashioned watchdog journalism at a time when the industry's very survival is in question.

The New York Times received five Pulitzers in all, including one for being the first to report that then-Gov. Eliot Spitzer was a client of a high-priced call girl ring — a discovery that led to his resignation. The Detroit Free Press won for obtaining a cache of steamy text messages that destroyed then-Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick's political career.

Three Pulitzers were awarded for coverage of Barack Obama's historic election. But in a surprising turn, not one prize was handed out for the other big story of 2008 — the financial meltdown. Some suggested it could be a criticism of the press for not sounding enough of a warning before the crisis.

"If I had to guess, I feel like there is going to be some reluctance to give prizes for after-the-fact reporting no matter how good it is, period," said Dean Starkman, managing editor of Columbia Journalism Review's The Audit, which focuses on the business press.

The awards were announced after one of the most depressing years ever for the newspaper industry, with layoffs, bankruptcies and closings brought on by the recession and an exodus of readers and advertisers to the Internet. Many of Monday's winners were among the hardest hit; in fact, one of the winners, a



Detroit Free Press vice president and editor Paul Anger, right, celebrates as Pulitzer Prize co-winners Jim Schaefer, hidden at left, and M.L. Elrick, center, congratulate each other.

reporter in Arizona, was laid off a few months ago.

"These are tough times for America's newspapers, but amid the gloomy talk, the newspaper winners and the finalists are heartening examples of the high-quality journalism that can be found in all parts of the United States," said Sig Gissler, administrator of the prizes. "It's quite notable that the watchdog function of journalism is underscored in this year's awards. The watchdog still barks, and the watchdog still bites."

Despite a rule change that allowed online-only

news organizations to compete for Pulitzers this year for the first time, none of the 65 entries won any prizes. However, the Pulitzer Board said online content played a role in several of the winning entries.

In a measure of how bad things have gotten, the Detroit paper less than a month ago cut back home delivery to three days a week. Similarly, the Metro staff that broke the Spitzer story at The New York Times has since been cut back, and Metro was eliminated as a standalone section and folded into the main news part of the

paper six days a week.

The Las Vegas Sun won the Pulitzer for public service for exposing a high death rate among construction workers on the Las Vegas Strip. Alexandra Berzon described how the rush to build quickly and at highly congested work sites led to deadly shortcuts. Her work led to changes in workplace conditions.

"The fact that this series stopped people from dying on Las Vegas Strip construction projects is the most important part of what we did," said Managing Editor Michael J. Kelley.

GM workers laid off as gov't deadline looms

Associated Press

DETROIT — General Motors Corp. started firing 1,600 white-collar workers Monday, continuing its effort to slash costs and qualify for more government loans on the same day it revealed it spent \$2.8 million in the first three months of this year to lobby federal lawmakers.

Meanwhile, Fiat's CEO left Italy to resume critical talks on an alliance with Chrysler LLC, as deadlines draw closer for GM and Chrysler to finish their restructuring plans.

Both automakers are living on a combined \$17.4 billion in government loans and have said they'll need more money to survive. Chrysler must cut its debt and its labor costs and forge an alliance with Fiat Group SpA by April 30, or

President Barack Obama says Chrysler won't get any more help.

If GM can swap much of its debt for stock and get concessions from the UAW and Canadian Auto Workers by June 1, the government says it will provide more loans to keep the company going. Bankruptcy financing also is possible if the company determines Chapter 11 is its best bet to achieve the cuts it needs.

GM's layoffs this week bring the automaker close to its goal announced in February to cut 3,400 U.S. salaried positions, spokesman Tom Wilkinson said. GM has about 29,000 salaried workers in the U.S.

"In these unprecedented times, GM is reinventing every aspect of our business, including our organizational size and structure, to create

a lean and agile company," GM North America President Troy Clarke said Monday in an e-mail to employees obtained by The Associated Press.

Meanwhile, GM said in a government filing that it spent \$2.8 million in the first quarter lobbying the U.S. government on a range of issues, including the economic stimulus package, and environmental, consumer safety and health issues.

"We're a part of arguably one of the most regulated industries and we provide a voice in complex policy discussions," GM spokesman Greg Martin said.

GM's lobbying costs fell 15 percent from the \$3.3 million it spent in the fourth quarter of 2008, but they rose from the \$2.7 million GM spent in the third quarter.

Gun control rally held in Colo.

'Lie down' occurs on 10th anniversary of Columbine shootings

Associated Press

DENVER — Dozens of people participated in a "lie-down" at Colorado's state Capitol Monday to demand stricter gun control and mark the 10th anniversary of the Columbine High School shootings.

Thirteen people representing those killed at Columbine lay like spokes of a wheel at the west steps of the Capitol. They had wrapped blue and white ribbons around their necks, the official colors of the suburban Denver school.

Others knelt nearby as the names of the 23 injured in the April 20, 1999, attack also were read.

Among them was Mallory Sanders, granddaughter of slain teacher Dave Sanders, and Steve Wewer, godfather of slain student Daniel Mauser.

Daniel's father, Tom Mauser, said he realized some might question his appearance at a ceremony with a political, though not partisan, overtone on the solemn occasion. But he said he doesn't think the coun-

try has done enough to stop gun violence since Columbine.

"I would just say, 'Why wouldn't we do this today?'" Mauser said. "...We have become desensitized. We shake our heads and say, 'What a shame,' but we don't do very much about it."

Mauser wore the Vans shoes his son was wearing the day he was killed, shoes that were held in evidence until five years ago.

Above the rally, the U.S. and Colorado state flags flew at half-staff at the Capitol, as ordered by Gov. Bill Ritter. A giant blue ribbon memorializing Columbine hung from the outside of the Capitol's gold dome.

Monday's event was sponsored by Colorado Ceasefire, a gun control group.

"I don't necessarily think we need to get rid of guns entirely," said Richard Castaldo, who was partially paralyzed at Columbine. But he insisted background checks are needed at gun shows. "We need to know who they are."

The crowd at the rally included families commemorating the 2007 Virginia Tech shootings, as well as Lily Habtu, who was wounded at the university.

Columbine students Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, armed with guns and pipe bombs, killed 12 students and a teacher. Harris and Klebold later killed themselves.

Harris and Klebold obtained three of the four weapons they used in the massacre from an 18-year-old friend at a gun show, where she wasn't subjected to a background check. The friend later insisted she believed the guns would be used for hunting or collecting.

After Columbine, Colorado's Legislature failed to pass a measure that would have closed the so-called gun show loophole. Colorado voters then passed a ballot initiative to do so. People who buy guns at a gun show must now undergo criminal background checks by a licensed gun dealer, just as they would if they bought a gun from a federally licensed gun store.

Dementia patient found dead in woods

Associated Press

AUGUSTA — After hearing news reports about a 75-year-old woman with memory problems who disappeared into the remote Maine woods, Claire Young had a talk with her husband, William, who has dementia.

Snowmobilers had rescued the missing woman. But Claire Young knew it could have ended differently if her 77-year-old husband had been the one missing. She and her husband made a note to keep a closer tabs on his activity.

Strangely, police say, William Young later got a compass out of storage and laid it on his bedroom dresser as he prepared to drive up to the north woods in search of Beverly Rutherford, apparently believing she was still lost.

The compass still lay there three days later, when his frozen body was found 150 miles north of his home in Auburn.

"Mrs. Young said that during the conversation with her husband she expressed some concern that he did not end up in a similar situation," said Lt. Pat Dorian of the Maine Warden Service.

"For some reason, Mr. Young felt compelled to head to the Kokadjo area and find her," Dorian said. "I don't have any doubt in my mind that this is what happened."

People with dementia can often make sense one moment, then behave irrationally the next, said Beth Kallmyer, a spokeswoman for

the Alzheimer's Association in Chicago. There's no way to know what triggered Young's decision to drive about 150 miles from his home to look for Beverly Rutherford.

"That's the frustrating thing for families — wandering," Kallmyer said.

At least a dozen similar searches have been conducted in the past 20 years in the area where both Young and Beverly Rutherford disappeared, Dorian said.

For some reason, people with mental and physical illnesses appear drawn to the rugged, heavily forested region, Dorian said. But Young's case is apparently the first in which someone felt compelled to search for someone with whom they might have shared a medical condition, he said.

Beverly Rutherford had driven to the area from her home in South Portland and was wearing only one boot when she was found on a snowy, icy trail three days before Young disappeared. She suffered no serious injuries.

Like Rutherford, Young had no family or personal ties to the area, Dorian said. He might have been motivated by a desire to help others in need, Dorian said.

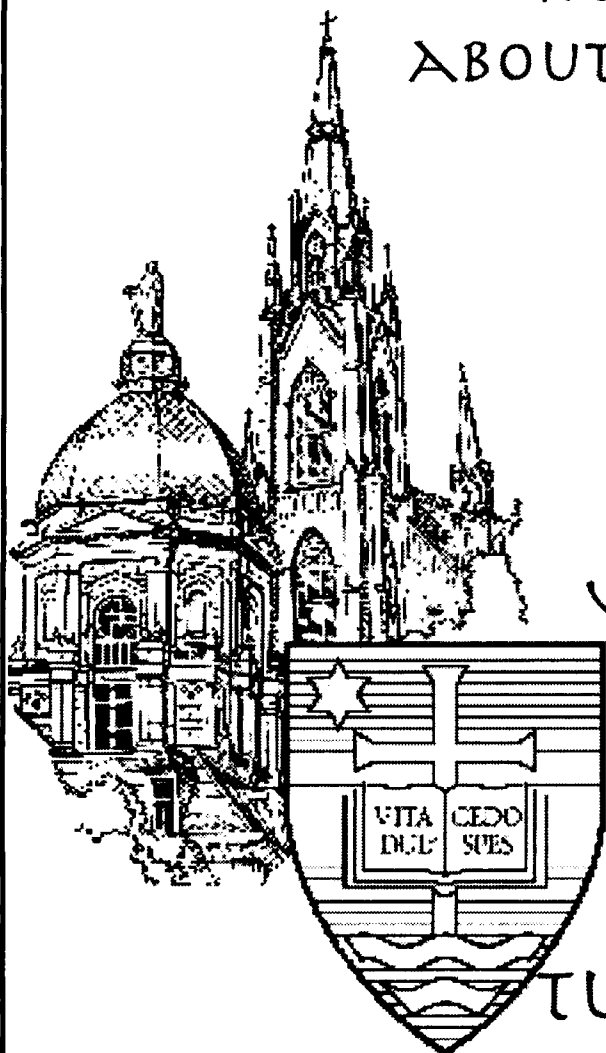
A retired assistant principal at Lisbon High School in southern Maine, Young volunteered with area organizations even after he stopped working, his wife told the Lewiston Sun Journal.

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Torture is in the eye of the beholder

The Justice Department recently released four memos detailing the enhanced interrogation techniques used by the CIA on senior Al Qaeda operatives under the Bush administration.

The tactics employed have been described as "brutal," "harsh," "shocking," "disturbing," "barbaric" and just about every other synonym in the book.

Despite President Obama's high-minded claim of acting in the name of truth and transparency, it should be abundantly clear to any non-Obamaniac that the decision to release these memos was politically-motivated. Facing a flurry of criticism on everything from the economy to his Worldwide Apology Tour, Obama hoped to shift attention to everyone's favorite target: George W. Bush.

And while liberals howl in sanctimonious outrage and our enemies overseas gleefully add new weapons to their propaganda arsenals, just what has the release of these memos really accomplished?

According to Obama, "exceptional circumstances" called for the release of the memos.

Just what sort of "exceptional circumstances" are you referring to, Mr. President?

His response: "Withholding these memos would only serve to deny facts that have been in the public domain for some time. This could contribute to an inaccurate accounting of the past, and fuel erroneous and inflammatory assumptions about actions taken by the United States."

Well I sure am glad we now have more evidence to prove what we already knew. Needless reopening old wounds when most Americans would just like to move on and tackle more pressing issues, like the abysmal state of the economy, is obviously warranted despite the potential risks entailed, including jeopardizing our national security, a charge leveled by five

former directors of the CIA.

Incidentally, a number of other high-ranking officials have severely questioned Obama's decision.

"I cannot think of a rational public policy consideration for releasing these," says Dan Bartlett, former counsel to the White House.

"The release of these opinions was unnecessary as a legal matter, and is unsound as a matter of policy," writes former Attorney General Michael Mukasey. "Its effect will be to invite the kind of institutional timidity and fear of recrimination that weakened intelligence gathering in the past, and that we came sorely to regret on Sept. 11, 2001."

Indeed, a recent Wall Street Journal editorial points out that the administration has effectively bound its own hands, and the hands of all future administrations, in using these coercive measures against high-level, captured terrorists (I apologize, I meant instigators of "man-caused disasters") to gather intelligence enabling our troops to effectively execute the "Overseas contingency operation" (formerly known as the War on Terror) and save innocent lives. Never mind the fact that gathering accurate and timely intelligence is crucial to preventing terrorist attacks, as we learned the hard way on September 11.

Those who claim that these techniques are already prohibited would do well to recall that Obama merely suspended their use until further investigation could be performed by a task force, as the editorial states. Now that they have been released, there would be little reason to authorize methods that are known to the enemy.

One possible silver lining in this debacle is that the administration's desire to incite further outrage could potentially backfire, as the American people now have a chance to judge for themselves whether these tactics used constitute the label of "torture."

So what methods did the Office of Legal Counsel authorize in the memos?

Well for starters, there is waterboarding, which as most of us know involves binding a prisoner to an inclined board, wrapping his face in cellophane, and pouring water over him in order to simulate drowning. No surprises there.

There is also forced nudity.

Embarrassing and awkward, perhaps, but it doesn't amount to torture.

Shoving prisoners into a wall. My friends and I used to do that to one another all the time while walking down the hallways in high school.

Slapping prisoners in the face and stomach. Putting prisoners in stress positions and confining them in boxes. Dousing them with cold water. Again, hardly the equivalent of torture.

Prolonged sleep deprivation. Using this logic, our professors should face criminal charges for forcing students to pull multiple all-nighters during finals week studying for tests and writing papers.

Placing a prisoner inside a box containing a caterpillar to exploit his fear of insects. Yes, ladies and gentlemen, a harmless caterpillar was used to "torture" a prisoner. What kind of sadistic monster would employ such cruel, grisly measures to save the lives of innocent Americans?

What's more, the interrogations were "continuously monitored" and "the interrogation team will stop the use of particular techniques or the interrogation altogether if the detainee's medical or psychological conditions indicates that the detainee might suffer significant physical or mental harm." The CIA has also tested these methods on service members in order to ensure that no long-term physical or psychological pain would result.

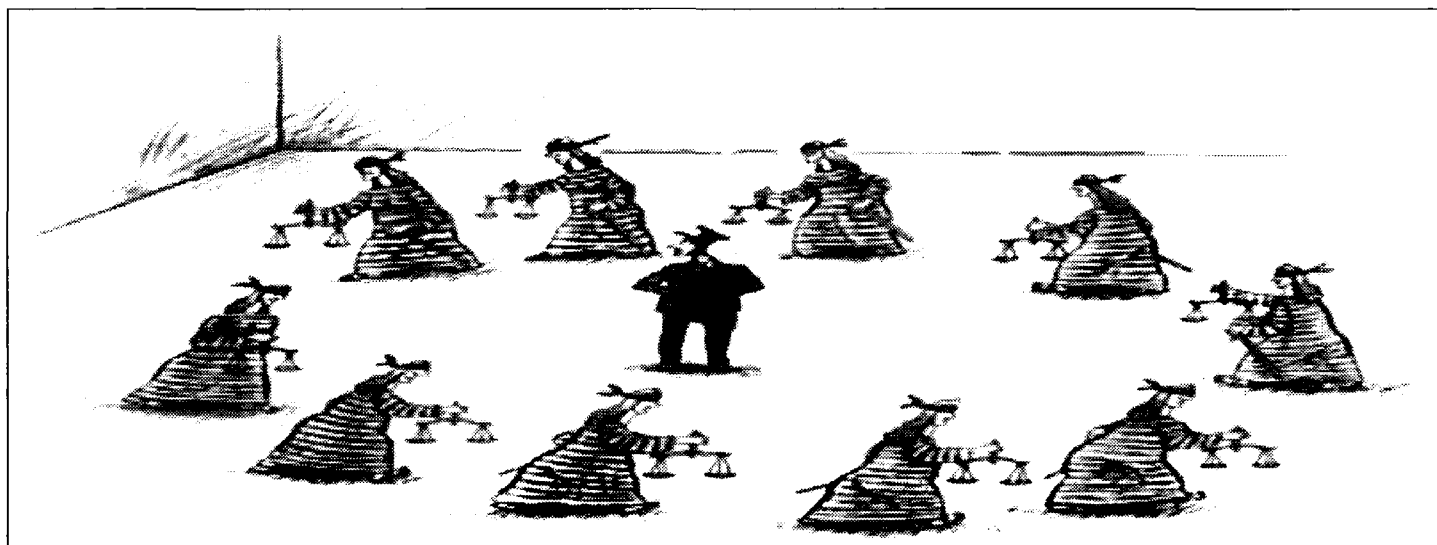
To be sure, enduring such treatment would be far from pleasant. However, classifying the tactics as "torture" is a substantial exaggeration. We must remember that in the wake of September 11, President Bush was under extreme pressure to ensure that Americans were no longer vulnerable to similar, or even worse, attacks. Thank goodness we had a man in the White House who had the courage to put national security concerns ahead of political ones.

Too bad the same cannot be said of its current occupant.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Battle not with monsters, lest ye become a monster, and if you gaze into the abyss, the abyss gazes also into you."

Friedrich Nietzsche
German philosopher

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Just a precaution

I write in response to Brendan Durr's recent Letter to the Editor ("Cover up the crosses," April 20) regarding the White House decision to cover up a cross and the letters "IHS" at Georgetown during a speech given by President Obama. While it is lamentable that images sacred to Christian faith were covered up, it is even more lamentable that our current society requires these actions on the part of our president.

We are lucky enough to live in a nation founded on principles of religious freedom and separation of church and state. However, we are unlucky to live in a nation where any association with religion on the part of a public official is a source of outcry. Any image with a public official with religious symbols could be construed as favoritism, which would violate any impartiality necessary to maintain a separation of church and state and to protect religious freedom.

Unfortunately for President Obama, this question of religious favoritism has plagued him since before he was our nation's leader. His middle name, Hussein, has generated a tidal wave of attacks alleging his partiality to a Muslim faith he does not adhere to.

Given these previous attacks, it is understandable that President Obama would be cautious in how he appears with any religious symbols. While it would be amazing if our nation's leaders could stand next to a cross, the Star of David or the Star and Crescent without public uproar, history has shown that they cannot without seeming to favor one faith over another. Until our nation can mature to the point where simple images of the president by religious symbols do not yield uproar over violations of religious freedom or separation of church and state, we will continue to see these precautionary tactics.

We as a nation have a duty to show that we will not be fooled by visual associations so that Georgetown or any other religiously affiliated institution may not have to cover religious symbols to protect our president from public slander over his stance on religious freedom and separation of church and state.

Meghan Thornton
junior
Lyons Hall
April 20

Stay sensible

To Brendan Durr ("Cover Up the Crosses," April 20):

I know that those of you who oppose President Obama's appearance at Commencement are looking for any fuel you can add to your fire. You have missed a key distinction between that appearance and recent appearance at Georgetown. Yes, signs of Georgetown's identity, not just as a Catholic school but as a school period, were covered during the address, which was a speech about the United States economy. The move was made in order to avoid the appearance that the President was giving economic policy advice from Georgetown's "pulpit." At Notre Dame's Commencement, which is all about celebrating Notre Dame and its graduates, you can be certain that no such "cover-up" demands will issue from the White House. Let's try to keep the debate sensible. Obviously, you can see a distinction between a political speech and a commencement address, can't you?

Sean Lyttle
grad student
off campus
April 20

Enough already

Brendan Cordial wrote in a letter to the Editor in today's Observer, "Obama voted — while an Illinois senator — multiple times against legislation that would protect infants who survived a failed abortion attempt." ("Pro-life terrorism?" April 16) This is an absurd distortion. FactCheck.org presents an explanation of the endless loops of technicalities involved in these bills, but the bottom line is this: it is, and has always been, the law that any viable fetus born as a result of a failed abortion must be treated as an individual deserving of medical care. Obama's votes were attempts to prevent the bills' writers from attacking Roe v. Wade, not attempts to "keep infanticide legal," as though it were ever legal in the first place. Could we please make an effort at exerting just a little bit of intellectual honesty when debating these matters?

Jarett DeAngelis
alumnus
class of 2008
April 20

Pick speakers instead

An old SNL skit involved a talk show called, "What Were You Thinking?" where a straight-faced host would grill politicians and celebrities over bone-headed decisions. Considering how well Fr. Jenkins has handled the selection of Commencement speaker, he should pray SNL doesn't bring it back.

I might be reaching here, but I'm guessing most graduates were hoping to hear something a bit more profound than "don't just hope for change, change hope," (or whatever the latest arrangement of those words might be). Perhaps they anticipated hearing from a renowned alumnus, from a leading scientist, entrepreneur, doctor, engineer, industrialist, writer, scholar or philosopher. But no. Instead they'll hear a stump speech from a politician.

Sure, Obama might regale the crowd with riveting stories about how he helped crooked developers expand Chicago's blight of public housing, or sold out students by backing six-figure salaries for incompetent public school administrators. He'll probably have the Catholics rolling in the aisles when he tells them how he fought to kill the Born-Alive Infants Protection Act, is using their tax dollars to fund overseas abortions or demanded Georgetown University cover the monogram for the

name of Jesus Christ as a condition of his speaking there. But I doubt it. It's as if Fr. Jenkins began the selection process by asking, "How can I alienate our graduates, enrage the Catholic community and turn what's supposed to be a dignified ceremony into a political circus?"

Fr. Jenkins, I hate to ask, but ... what were you thinking? Even Obama's campus supporters must realize that any speaker who repulses half the student body probably shouldn't be giving the Commencement address. The purpose of Commencement is to recognize and honor student achievement, not provide a platform to polarizing speakers.

Fr. Jenkins needs a wake-up call. I suggest that during Commencement, at about one minute into President Obama's speech, students and their families should quietly rise and walk out. No heckling or disruption. Just a calm, deliberate exit. Maybe this will help spare future graduates the indignity of having their commencement ceremonies politicized by absent-minded university presidents.

Edward Cox
alumnus
class of 1995
April 20

Oppression?

I thought about writing to respond to Brandon Durr's supreme faux outrage about Obama's visit to Georgetown ("Cover the crosses," April 20). I probably could have made a "Durr" joke somewhere. Instead, I'm going to quote the response NBC Washington got when they asked the University about the covering of the cross. "Julie Bataille from the University's press office e-mailed me that the White House had asked that all university signage and symbols behind the stage in Gaston Hall be covered. The White House wanted a simple backdrop of flags and pipe and drape for the speech, consistent with what they've done for other policy speeches," she wrote. "Frankly, the pipe and drape wasn't high enough by itself to fully cover the IHS and cross above the GU seal and it seemed most respectful to have them covered so as not to be seen out of context."

Man, that's some oppression of Catholicism right there. Ouch.

Ben Meekins
grad student
off campus
April 20

Try to understand ...

It's wonderful that President Obama has agreed to speak at Notre Dame's Commencement exercises, and that the University, as is customary, will confer an honorary degree on him. If Pope Benedict XVI can receive in audience and bestow an honorific title on the president of France, who is also pro-choice, surely Notre Dame can do the same for our own.

As an ND grad I am thrilled to see the progress made by our young and talented president, and by the leadership and vision reflected in his proposals — on the economy, health care, energy, education, taxes, Guantanamo, Iraq, Iran, Cuba — all of which align nicely with church social teaching.

I disagree, however, with his stance on abortion and embryonic stem-cell research. One answer to this dilemma might be to consider what the bishops wrote at Vatican II: "Respect and love ought to be extended also to those who think or act differently than we do in

social, political and even religious matters. In fact, the more deeply we come to understand their ways of thinking through such courtesy and love, the more easily will we be able to enter into dialogue with them."

Another might be to consider what Fr. Jenkins himself wrote in a 2006 statement he made on Academic Freedom and Catholic Character: "We are committed to a wide-open, unconstrained search for truth, and we are convinced that Catholic teaching has nothing to fear from engaging the wider culture ... After all, a Catholic university is where the church does its thinking, and that thinking, to be beneficial, must come from an intellectually rigorous engagement with the world." It is certainly not to let radical pro-life activists, spotlight-seeking fringe groups, or a small number of extremist clergy and hierarchy hijack this year's Commencement and reduce it to a media circus.

May 17 is a day for the Class of 2009, and from an

historical perspective one that should be a time for rejoicing and celebration — for the substantial progress made in civil rights and racial relations over the past 50 years, and Notre Dame's contribution to that progress. It was Notre Dame's president emeritus, Fr. Hesburgh, who was active for years on the Civil Rights Commission and who walked hand in hand with Dr. Martin Luther King in Alabama. For Fr. Hesburgh and all men and women of good will who worked to overcome centuries of deeply ingrained racial injustice, this year's Commencement represents a very special moment. Let's give it the attention it deserves and celebrate it accordingly.

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alumnus
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April 20

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DRAGONBALL A Failure of a Movie

By KAITLYN CONWAY
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The trailer for "Dragonball: Evolution" made the movie look so laughably bad that I couldn't help but tag along with some friends to see it this weekend. Now, I wasn't a huge fan of the series when I was younger, but even I could tell within the first 15 minutes that the movie was one of the worst I have ever seen.

The movie revolves around the search for seven Dragonballs by the main characters. Piccolo, portrayed by James Marsters, wants to gather them to destroy or conquer the world: He says both at one point or another in the movie, which is one example of the film's poor standards for continuity. Also racing against the clock is Goku (Justin Chatwin) and his cohorts, who want the Dragonballs in order to stop Piccolo. Either side will achieve their goal by gathering all seven Dragonballs and summoning the dragon Shen Long, who can grant "one perfect wish."

The most important thing that this movie is lacking is continuity. Not only does Piccolo waver between wanting to destroy and conquer the world — two very different concepts — but supposedly the only time the Dragonballs can be used is during the eclipse. At the beginning of the movie, this is slated to happen in seven days. However, before long, suddenly it's down to two. Where did the other five days go?!

One of the best examples of how important this race against the clock is when Bulma Briefs (Emmy Rossum), Roshi (Chow Yun-Fat), and Goku end up trapped in a hole by the bandit Yumcha (Joon Park). They sit there for several hours when he refuses to let them out without payment. But when Roshi gets upset with Yumcha, he just levitates himself out, saying: "We don't have time for this." Why didn't you say so in the first place?! You are wasting your time in the movie, and the audience is already regretting wasting their money to watch you continue to waste your time!

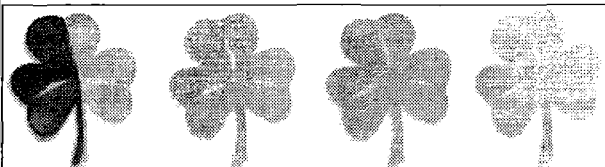
In addition to this, the acting is less than the best. Goku often adopts a monotone voice to lament things like his grandfather, Gohan's, death, and his own solutions to the problems later in the movie. The villains aren't a threat at all, because they're barely in the movie. Piccolo had approximately 15 minutes of screen time during the entire 80-minute film. His henchmen were less than threatening when they appeared, which they rarely did.

Dragonball: Evolution

20th Century Fox

Directed By: James Wong

Starring: Justin Chatwin, Emmy Rossum, Chow Yun-Fat, James Marsters



This film failed to achieve anything even vaguely resembling decency. Characters were randomly thrown in and introduced, placed there more because they were a part of the original series than the fact that they actually had a decent moment to enter the film. Connections were made between characters in the span of seconds, like Bulma's brief affair with Yumcha. Things are never explained, like how Piccolo just seems to know where the Dragonballs are and how Goku and Bulma are lucky enough to stumble upon them with her detector device.

All in all, this wasn't just a massacre of a popular series: it was a poorly written and directed film. It lacked everything that would have made it laughably terrible, and instead plunged off the deep end into just horrible.

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Rock REWIND

What has time told us about old favorites?

Prince's "Purple Rain" Revisited

By NICK ANDERSON
Scene Writer

The 1980's were a strange time. The style of those years is almost incomprehensible. Our generation's current fascination with this past decade seems to originate in a comparison which makes us seem almost intelligent. In as much as our fashion comes off as superior, it's hard to give the 80's much credit.

There remains, however, one aspect of the 80's which is hard to contend with for any decade; the music. While a fair amount of filler was produced, a huge number of excellent artists emerged who were able to achieve both critical and commercial success. One of the rare musicians who reached this summit was Prince.

Before Prince became somewhat of a musical punch line by changing his name to a symbol (O(+) for those who missed it), he had put together one of the most impressive decades of the past 30 years. While his musical peak occurred with the release of "Sign O' the Times," his cultural peak followed the release of the film "Purple Rain" in 1984.

In a modern viewing, the movie cannot be taken seriously. Its immersion into the 80's plays for laughs. In more than one scene, a club full of people dance in unison. The clothing and make-up (on both sexes) looks more at home at a costume party. Not even the slang comes off as authentic. Beyond that, the storyline is full of holes. There are several relationships which are left unexplained. The shooting looks worthy of a much lower budget and the attempts at symbolism are shallow. But if you're watching a film starring Prince for its cinematic value, you're missing the point.

What it lacks in substance, the movie more than makes up in entertainment. At its core, it's a two hour long music video and by keeping music as its focus, it excels.

While Prince's music serves as the score for the film, the finest moments are the music performances. Most of these scenes were shot in a single take and on

location at First Avenue nightclub in Minneapolis, Minn. Prince takes command of the entire audience with an energetic, aggressive stage presence which leaves no questions as to why he's considered one of the best live shows, even today.

For a musician with such a large ego, it's amazing that Prince's performances don't overpower the movie. Prince allows his rival, Morris Day, to steal a couple of scenes. Day's performances don't reach the same emotional highs as Prince, but they're just as entertaining. "Jungle Love", the group's most successful song, provides a wonderfully flamboyant stage show, complete with animal sounds and a dancing hype man. In fact, Day's over-the-top and uncontrolled acting provide a compelling reason to watch the film on their own.

While the climax of the storyline revolves around Prince's relationship with his father, the high point is when Prince and the Revolution take the stage to play the title track. As an expressive Prince plays the best song he ever wrote, the audience is left floored at both the outpouring of emotion and sheer majesty of the music. Even in the outlandish and somewhat cheesy atmosphere, "Purple Rain" stands out as one of the best performances ever filmed.

Although Prince went on to star in two more movies, he would never come anywhere close to the success enjoyed by "Purple Rain". Instead, it propelled his musical career even higher and gave him a huge and well-deserved mainstream audience.

For such an awesome display of music, it's amazing how few people under the age of 40 have seen it. Over the past 25 years, "Purple Rain" went from one of the best rock and roll movies ever to a forgotten gem. At some point, everyone should get out their best high heels, eye liner and tight pants and take two hours to marvel at the experience that is "Purple Rain".

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By CORNELIUS ROGERS
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Journalism. Politics. Murder. Conspiracy. Watergate. No, "All the President's Men" was not re-released in theaters. Rather, the thriller "State of Play" opened this weekend. The film delivers a complex plot rife with the suspense of D.C. politics, journalism, and of course, murder. As if the suspenseful plot wasn't enough, the film packs an all-star cast. Newer stars, such as Rachel McAdams and Jason Bateman, hold their own alongside big names, such as Russell Crowe, Helen Mirren, Ben Affleck and Robin Wright Penn. The film's complex plot and excellent acting are sure to give viewers a lot of bang for their buck.

Coming to the foreground of the film is Cal McAffrey, played by Russell Crowe. Cal is a seasoned newspaper reporter who is interested in only one thing — getting the real story out there. To this end, he will overcome any legal or ethical obstacles, including taping a source without their knowledge. Method actor Russell Crowe fully immerses his persona into the role of Cal. His disheveled hair and the weight he put on for the role are likely to convince viewers that he is long past his physical prime.

Partnered alongside Cal is Della Frye, played by Rachel McAdams. She is an online political blogger, which Cal, whose loyalty is to the printed page, refers to as "online upchuck." Ms. McAdams is quite convincing as an older woman, partly due to her character's older name, and partly due to her acting talent. While the film's plot itself delivers many surprises, another

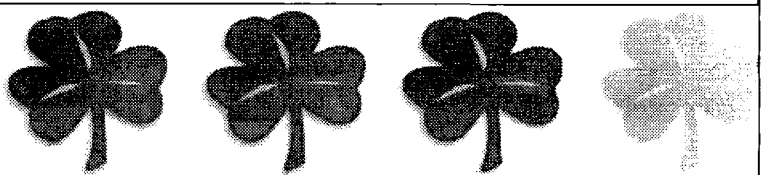
surprise is the great chemistry between Crowe and McAdams. The two actors portray a fierce dualism. Old vs. New. Journalism vs. Blogging. And of course, Man vs. Woman. The odd thing about their chemistry is that there is no sexual tension whatsoever. The fact that the film does not fall into this cliché romantic plotline is refreshing. However, the writers cannot help themselves when Cal has an affair with the wife of his best friend, Stephen Collins (played by Ben Affleck). Affleck's acting is noteworthy. He does a fairly convincing job as the passionate Congressman set on dismantling a malicious defense contractor. But his acting can be a tad overdramatic at times. Nevertheless, he has certainly outgrown the days of "Paycheck" and "Daredevil."

On the other side of the camera, the film is directed by Kevin Macdonald (of "Last King of Scotland" fame). Its three writers are pros when it comes to the subject of politics and conspiracy. The film is written by Matthew Michael Carnahan ("Lions for Lambs"), Tony Gilroy (The "Bourne" trilogy and "Michael Clayton") and Billy Ray ("Breach"). Unlike most films that take place in Washington D.C., the film does not deliver a one-sided political message. Instead it offers a glimpse at the dark side of journalism, with reporters who will violate several laws and ethical codes, including withholding evidence from the police, to get to the bottom of a story. But the reporters are not the only ones to blame because they are under pressure from newspaper owners who are solely inter-

State of Play Universal

Director: Kevin McDonald

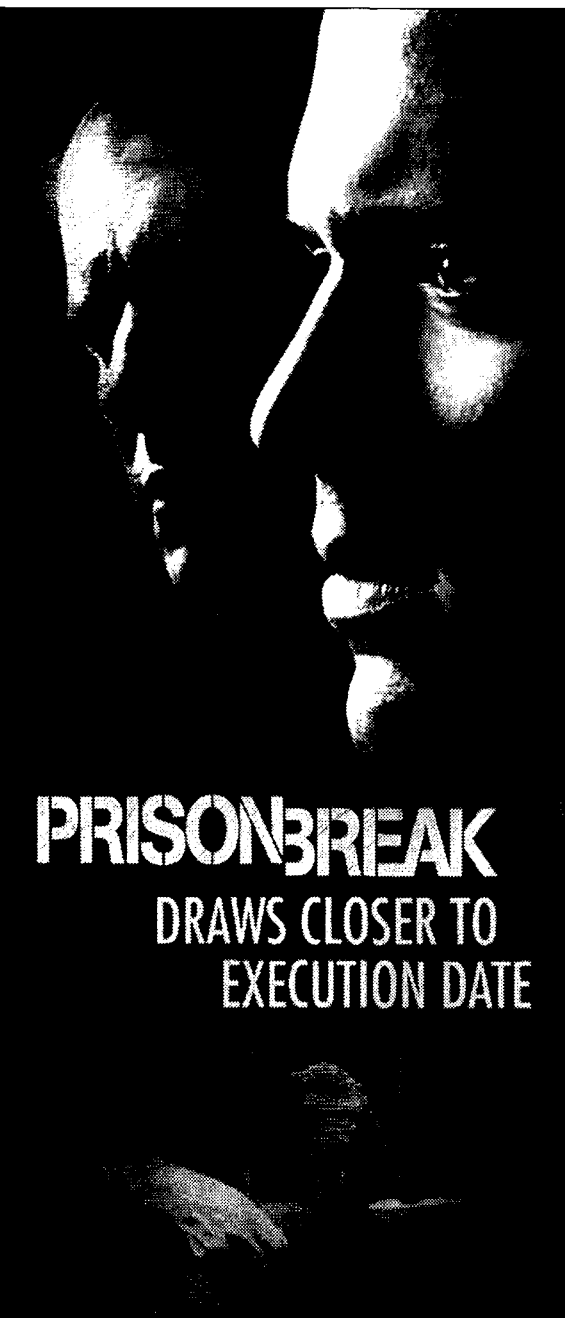
Starring: Russell Crowe, Rachel McAdams, Ben Affleck, Helen Mirren, Robin Wright Penn



ested in making a profit. (Oddly enough these owners never appear in the film.) Rounding out the cabal, there are Congressmen with varying agendas investigating the shadowy dealings of a private defense contractor. But just who is more corrupt? The many pointed fingers are just part of the greater narrative of intrigue and subterfuge.

In short, if you are hungry for a political thriller that is mysterious enough to keep you interested but not complex enough that you get lost, combined with a tremendous wealth of superb acting talent, then "State of Play" will satiate your palate.

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By CORNELIUS ROGERS
Scene Writer

"Prison Break" has broken free of the many shows that get cancelled mid-season with large storylines unresolved. Now in its fourth and final season, "Prison Break" has only a handful of episodes left before its season finale. However, this is not due to a decline in ratings or a lack of confidence by the network. The writers and producers petitioned Fox to allow them to end the series this year, because they felt ending it this season would provide an ending that would be in keeping with the rest of the show and would reward the loyalty of its fans. This will prevent the writers from dragging the show out long past its prime. (They can only escape from prison so many times). But as the series winds to its close, let's look back on how it all began and how it got to where it is now.

The tale began like any other. It was a tale of brotherly love. Not set in Philadelphia, but rather Joliet, Ill. Sentenced to jail and framed for a crime he did not commit, Lincoln Burrows (Dominic Purcell) faces the death penalty. Coming to his rescue is his brother Michael Scofield (Wentworth Miller), the structural engineer who throws himself in jail alongside his brother. Michael's cunning wit and the blueprints of the prison that he tattooed to his body are their only hope for escape.

While they hatch their escape plot they encounter benevolent friends, like cellmate Fernando Sucre (Amaury Nolasco), and despicable enemies like the eloquent Southern pedophile Theodore Bagwell, otherwise known as "T-Bag" (Robert Knepper). The brothers also manage to find romance in the first season. Michael is smitten by prison doctor Sara Tancredi (Sarah Wayne Callies), and Lincoln falls for his attorney, Veronica Donovan (Robin Tunney).

But how could romance blossom when secret service agent Paul Kellerman (Paul Adelstein) was hired by a secret evil corporation known as The Company to kill the brothers and anyone close to them? More about the mystery surrounding the death of the man that Lincoln supposedly "killed," is revealed in a shocking season finale where the brothers and six other cons escape from prison.

But breaking out was only the beginning. As the second season began, the clever Michael Scofield met his match in the formidable genius of Alexander Mahone (William Fichtner), the FBI agent assigned to track down the fugitives. For every smart move Michael had, he had an equally impressive countermove. Just as cunning as Michael, he managed to track down half of the fugitives and had several close encounters with the brothers. But like all "Prison Break" characters he was not perfect. He had some skeletons in his closet, and in his backyard.

Also, the second season showed viewers more background to the characters and how they acted while on the run. Some relationships flourished, while others were cut short by an untimely death. The second season had the highest body count by far, but such can be expected when the stakes are as high as pursuit of a million dollars and exposing a secret government conspiracy. In an explosive showdown full of many twists and turns, the gang ended up in Panama by the end of the second season.

Season three began with half of the characters in a Panamanian prison with no guards. The biggest threat this season was two-fold. 1) If someone threw down a chicken foot, it meant a fight to the death was imminent. 2) Meet sexy Company agent Gretchen Morgan (Jodi Lyn O'Keefe): she will do just about anything to make sure Michael stays out of that Panamanian prison, along with the mysterious James Whistler (Chris Vance).

This season was only 13 episodes long due to the writer's strike, but that did not make any less emotional with the tragic death of a beloved character.

However, season four begins by telling us this "death" never actually took place. This is just one piece of exciting news as the gang of ex-cons are offered an unusual deal by Homeland Security agent Don Self (Michael Rapaport). If the gang can work together to help bring down the evil Company that set them up, they will be granted full immunity. But as "Prison Break" often reminds us, no one can be trusted and the characters soon find themselves scattered across the U.S. and on the search for Scylla — a hard drive that contains vital information to the Company.

This brings us to the current state of affairs. It looks like the writers are trying to meddle with the notion of brotherly love that started the show in the first place by pitting Michael and Linc against each other. Hopefully they are just pulling our legs for a more dramatic fraternal reunion. And the family drama is even more prevalent as the brothers' mom, long thought to be dead, emerges. Her loyalties to her sons and to the Company are both questionable.

What's in store for the final episodes? The writers claim episode 22 will be a flash forward a few years in the future to see where everyone ends up, that is for those who don't end up in body bags. Then a two-hour movie will bridge the gap between the present and the future flash forward. Will Michael and Lincoln finally open their scuba shop in Panama? Will Alexander Mahone ever get to see his wife Pam again? Will the irascible and verbose T-Bag finally get what's coming? You'll have to tune it at 8 p.m. on Friday nights to find out.

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NBA

Brown wins Auerbach trophy for coach of the year

Associated Press

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio — Like his first year in Cleveland, LeBron James' second NBA season ended without a trip to the playoffs. The miss was inexcusable to Cavaliers rookie owner Dan Gilbert, who set out an immediate coaching search so it wouldn't happen again.

Gilbert plucked a highly regarded assistant off Indiana's staff, a likable guy who vowed to instill a defense-first identity in Cleveland.

The hiring wasn't well received. "Who the heck is Mike Brown?" Cavs general manager Danny Ferry recalled as the overriding sentiment back then.

Four years later, here's an updated answer: coach of the year.

Brown, who has taken

Cleveland to the postseason in each of his four seasons, was honored Monday as the league's top coach after leading the Cavaliers to 66 wins, a Central Division title and the No. 1 overall playoff seed following the greatest regular season in club history.

With James and the other Cavaliers standing behind him and his coaching staff seated a few feet away, Brown humbly accepted the Red Auerbach trophy.

"If they did not want me to coach them, I wouldn't be able to coach them," he said. "I look at this as a partnership. Yes, my name is on this, but this is the ultimate team award from a coaching standpoint. I haven't put on a uniform or done anything out on the floor. The players have done it all. The coaching staff has done a lot and when you win an award like this, you can't do it by

yourself.

"You have some great people around you."

None greater than James, the likely league MVP, who feels Brown has been overlooked mostly because he has a superstar at his disposal.

"That was the main reason," James said. "But that doesn't take away from the fact that we still have to go out there and play for him and abide by his system. There are a lot of teams with great talent, but that doesn't automatically qualify you as a good coach or give you wins.

"It just showed this year how good of a coach he is."

Brown joins Bill Fitch in 1976 as the only Cleveland coaches to win the award.

Expected to be a close vote, Brown won in a landslide. He received 55 first-place votes and earned 355 total points from a

panel of 122 sports writers and broadcasters, who awarded five points for first, three points for second and one point for third.

Houston's Rick Adelman was second with 151 points, one ahead of Orlando's Stan Van Gundy. Both got 13 first-place votes. Portland's Nate McMillan was first on 15 ballots and finished fourth with 127 points.

New Orleans coach Byron Scott won the award last year.

Preaching the importance of trust to his players since training camp, Brown has created a tightly knit team fronted by James, who led the applause for his coach during the news conference at Cleveland's training facility. The 38-year-old Brown also has given more authority to his assistants, a sign of both his maturity as a coach and confidence as a leader.

"This is our fourth year togeth-

er," Brown said. "The biggest thing this year was finding that elusive word chemistry among a group of individuals to try and reach one goal. Our goal has not changed, but the thing that we felt would help define chemistry is trust. They have shown tremendous trust in one and other. We've tried as a staff to show trust in them and in order to help that I had to show trust in my assistants."

As he complimented his assistants, James, Delonte West and other players reached over and began patting assistants Mike Malone, John Kuester, Hank Egan, Melvin Hunt and Chris Jent on their backs.

"I had to show our players that I trust those guys," Brown said. "We can talk about something and I can turn my back to it and we know the job is going to get done."



Cavaliers coach Mike Brown, recently named NBA coach of the year, watches during Cleveland's Apr. 13 game against the Pacers.

NCAA BASKETBALL

Coach Kennedy avoids jail time

Ole Miss head coach pleads guilty to disorderly conduct charges

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Mississippi basketball coach Andy Kennedy avoided jail time Monday by pleading guilty to a reduced charge of disorderly conduct for his altercation with a cab driver.

Kennedy was sentenced to 40 hours of community service and six months probation by Hamilton County Municipal Court Judge Dwane Mallory. The coach faced up to six months in jail on his original assault charge.

Standing in the middle of the courtroom with his hands clasped behind his back, Kennedy turned toward the cab driver and a valet who witnessed the incident and apologized to them "for any role that I may have played in this unfortunate situation."

Kennedy has three years remaining on his contract with Mississippi. A few hours after the coach's plea, the school's athletics director declined to extend the deal beyond that — even though he said Kennedy's on-the-court performance warranted it.

"Andy should have handled

this situation better as it relates to the time frame and subsequent dispute," athletics director Pete Boone said.

The 41-year-old coach was arrested last December when Mississippi was in Cincinnati for a game against Louisville as part of the SEC/Big East Invitational. Cab driver Mohamed Mactar Ould Jiddou said Kennedy punched him in the face and called him a terrorist after he told the coach he couldn't fit him and four others into his cab.

Kennedy is still embroiled in civil lawsuits with the driver and the valet, who backed the cab driver.

Kennedy declined to comment after the hearing Monday, noting that the civil lawsuits are still pending. He later released a statement through Ole Miss apologizing to the school and its fans.

"I acknowledge using poor judgment which resulted in an adverse reflection on me, my family, our program and the university that I so proudly represent," Kennedy said in his statement.

Ole Miss finished 16-15 last

season, ending with a loss to Kentucky in the opening round of the Southeastern Conference tournament.

Police said Kennedy was in a downtown bar with friends and Ole Miss staff last Dec. 18, the night before the game. When Kennedy hailed a cab to return to the team's hotel, Jiddou told him there were only four seat belts in his car, so under law he couldn't take the entire party.

The cab driver said Kennedy became abusive, called him "bin Laden, Saddam Hussein," and punched him in the side of the face. Police were called and Kennedy was arrested.

Bill Armstrong, the school's director of operations for the basketball team, also was charged with disorderly conduct. Armstrong pleaded guilty before a different Municipal Court judge Monday and was fined \$100.

Kennedy vehemently denied that he hit the cab driver or called him names, saying the allegations were "heinous." He later sued the cab driver and the valet who came forward as a witness, and they filed countersuits.

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team	record
1 Florida	42-3
2 Washington	31-7
3 Alabama	33-8
4 UCLA	29-8
5 Georgia	29-7
6 Tennessee	33-9
7 Missouri	36-5
8 Arizona	33-9
9 Arizona State	34-8
10 Michigan	29-9
11 Oklahoma	31-13
12 Stanford	35-4
13 LSU	25-10
14 Ohio State	32-6
15 Florida State	32-13
16 Kentucky	25-16
17 Louisville	36-5
18 Iowa	33-9
19 Northwestern	23-8
20 North Carolina	37-7
21 DePaul	24-9
22 Auburn	27-16
23 California	28-12
24 Florida Gulf Coast	40-6
25 Texas	31-14

NCAA Women's Rowing Division 1 CRCA Poll

team	points
1 Yale	494
2 Brown	425
3 Washington	420
4 Stanford	413
5 California	400
6 Virginia	366
7 Michigan State	327
8 Princeton	321
9 Harvard	314
10 Southern California	280
11 Washington State	255
12 Ohio State	221
13 Clemson	201
14 Wisconsin	174
15 Michigan	165
16 Tennessee	98
17 Boston University	93
18 Oregon State	70
19 Minnesota	66
20 Louisville	30

NCAA Women's Tennis ITA Division 1 Rankings

team	points
1 Northwestern	86
2 Georgia	74
3 Duke	73
4 NOTRE DAME	70
5 Baylor	69
6 Miami (Fla.)	68
7 Georgia Tech	65
8 California	62
9 Southern California	61
10 UCLA	55
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BOSTON MARATHON



Deriba Merga crosses the finish line first for the men's division at the Boston Marathon Monday. Salina Kosegi won for the women's division. This year's race marked the best placements for American racers since 1985.

Merga and Kosgei win Marathon

Associated Press

BOSTON—Ethiopia's Deriba Merga overcame the disappointment of his Olympic fade to win the Boston Marathon on Monday, and Kenya's Salina Kosegi won the closest women's race in the history of the event. Americans took third in both races for the best U.S. finish since 1985.

Merga, who was passed in the last quarter-mile and finished fourth in Beijing, pulled away before Heartbreak Hill and won in 2 hours, 8 minutes, 42 seconds—almost a full minute ahead of Kenya's Daniel Rono and American Ryan Hall.

"I've never experienced anything like this," said Hall, who took the early lead and was shoulder-to-shoulder with the leaders until they passed from Wellesley into Newton, with about 10 miles to go. "And I've been in the Rose Parade, so that's a pretty big deal."

Kosgei won a sprint with defending champion Dire Tune, trading the lead several times in the final blocks of Boylston Street before hitting the tape less than a stride ahead of the Ethiopian in 2:32:16. American Kara Goucher led the three as they crossed the MassPike into Kenmore Square with one mile to go,

but she was outkicked down the stretch and finished nine seconds back.

"I just wanted it for everybody that wanted it for me," said Goucher, whose voice cracked repeatedly in the post-race news conference. "I'm proud of how I did. I just wanted to be the one that won—for everybody."

The winners will take home \$150,000, but Merga had to wait for his traditional laurel wreath: The women, who had a 30-minute head start, ran so slowly and the men's pace was so fast that he crossed the finish line before Kosgei had a chance to climb the champion's podium.

"I was little bit embar-

rassed," said Colleen De Reuck, a 45-year-old four-time Olympian and naturalized U.S. citizen who grabbed the lead out of frustration and finished eighth. "You come to a marathon and a big marathon like this, you get paid a lot of money to come and run and I think you should race."

No American has won in Boston since Lisa Larsen-Weidenbach in 1985, when the U.S. women swept the top three and the men came in second and third. But the presence of Goucher and Hall among the leaders brought out fans holding "Go Kara!" signs and chanting for the U.S. runners.

IN BRIEF

Demetrius Byrd in critical but stable condition after crash

MIAMI—Former LSU receiver Demetrius Byrd was in critical but stable condition Monday after a car accident in Miami, and his agent said the NFL prospect was expected to recover fully. "I just spoke with Demetrius' mother and she said that he has mostly bumps and bruises," Byrd's junior college coach, Tim Hatten of Pearl River Community College, told ESPN's Joe Schad. "She said his injuries are not life threatening and should not be football threatening."

Agent David Dunn said in a statement that initial reports indicated Byrd will be OK. The statement did not give Byrd's injuries or any details about the crash Sunday.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with Demetrius and with his mother, Sharon, and the entire Byrd family," Dunn said.

Detroit Lions make subtle changes to team's logo

MADISON HEIGHTS, Mich. — Detroit has added teeth to its new Lions logo. Only time will tell if the product on the field also has teeth.

The franchise revealed subtle changes to the logo and how the word "Lions" is spelled out during a news conference Monday attended by dozens of fans.

Detroit stumbled to the NFL's first 0-16 season last year and has the first pick Saturday in the NFL draft.

The leaping lion appears more fierce, while the team name features an italicized slant.

The team says the changes are consistent with its "sense of mission and direction."

"We stand firmly committed to improving the team on the field," team president Tom Lewand said. "That success is always the most determinative factor of any NFL brand."

Celtic's GM comes back after hospitalization

BOSTON—Celtics general manager Danny Ainge attended Boston's shootaround Monday after being released from a hospital following a heart attack but was not at the second game of the playoffs against the Chicago Bulls.

Ainge was released from Massachusetts General Hospital on Sunday, three days after he was admitted and had surgery. The 50-year-old Ainge did not speak with reporters Monday.

"It meant a lot" to see Ainge at the morning shootaround, Celtics coach Doc Rivers said. "He came in today, then we told him to go home. It was great to see him."

Asked if he thought the intense Ainge would watch Monday night's game at home, Rivers said, "I don't know if anybody in his house will be able to turn the TV off."

MLB

Double-digit victory caps off sweep for Red Sox

Ohlendorf allows two hits over seven on way to shutout; Votto drives in two in the seventh to push Reds past Astros

Associated Press

BOSTON — A couple of slumping sluggers broke out on Patriots' Day for the Red Sox.

Dustin Pedroia went 4-for-6 with three run-scoring singles and David Ortiz had a two-run triple to lead the Boston Red Sox to a 12-1 win over Baltimore, completing a four-game sweep of the Orioles on Monday.

"I would like to be able to swing like Pedroia. He doesn't have to worry about mechanics," the big slugger Ortiz joked about the MVP second baseman who hits in front of him.

Ortiz entered the game hitting just .170 with one extra-base hit. He also doubled in the first inning on Monday to go 2-for-4 and knock his average up to .196.

"It felt good today," he said. "I've been working with my mechanics. I've been a little late with pitches, which is something I usually don't do."

Pedroia, who has also started slowly this season and entered the game hitting .235, had simple advice for Big Papi.

"He'll be all right. He swung the bat well today," he said. "It's a long year. Six hundred at-bats. The season isn't 50 at-bats."

Red Sox manager Terry Francona kept Ortiz in the lineup against a left-handed starting pitcher.

"Anytime hitters hit the ball the other way with authority something's got to be right," Francona said.

Jason Varitek hit a solo homer and Jacoby Ellsbury had three hits to highlight Boston's season-highs in runs and hits (15).

The win was the fifth straight for the Red Sox, who won their sixth consecutive Patriots' Day game; and 27th in their last 33 at Fenway Park against Baltimore.

Boston led 3-1 before scoring three runs in the sixth and six in the seventh. The Orioles lost their fifth straight after a 6-2 start.

"Well, it can turn on you in a hurry," manager Dave Trembley said.

Justin Masterson (1-0), who replaced injured starter Daisuke Matsuzaka, held the Orioles to one run and four singles in 5 1/3 innings. He walked two and struck out three.

Cesar Izturis drove in Baltimore's run with an infield hit.

"We didn't pitch well, except for yesterday," Baltimore outfielder Luke Scott said. "But at the same time, the last two days we ran into really good pitching. When we score runs, we've got to have guys hold it on the mound. When guys are struggling on the mound, we've got to pick up the slack and swing the bats."

The Red Sox jumped on Mark Hendrickson (1-2) for a pair of first-inning runs before Fenway was filled on a chilly morning with its 476th straight sellout. Pedroia's RBI single made it 1-0 and Rocco Baldelli's groundout scored Pedroia.

Varitek's homer into the Green Monster seats, where fans were turning around at times to see the Boston Marathon's runners make their way through Kenmore Square, made it 3-0.

Pedroia's RBI single and Ortiz's triple off the left-center field wall, just past a lunging attempt by center fielder Felix Pie, made it 6-1 against reliever Dennis Sarfate in the sixth.

Mike Lowell had an RBI double and RBI single to go along with run-scoring singles by Ellsbury, Pedroia and Kevin Youkilis in the seventh.

Hendrickson gave up three runs, five hits, walked three and struck out six in six innings. He's 0-5 with an 8.05 ERA in eight career Fenway starts.

Baltimore third baseman Ryan Freel left the game in the third after getting hit in the head by Masterson's pickoff attempt at second. He was flat on his stomach for a few minutes before being helped to his feet and aided to the dugout by a pair of Orioles' trainers. Freel has missed time with concussions earlier in his career.

Trembley said that he was taken for a CT-scan, but no

further information was available.

Red Sox left-hander Hunter Jones made his major league debut and pitched a hitless ninth.

Baldelli left the game in the top of the fourth with a mild strained left hamstring.

Pirates 8, Marlins 0

The majors' hottest team was no match for one of its most surprising.

And the surprise is how well the Pittsburgh Pirates are pitching a year after their starters were mostly bad and their bullpen was even worse.

Ross Ohlendorf allowed two hits over seven innings during Pittsburgh's third shutout in four games and Nate McLouth drove in four runs as the Pirates ended Florida's seven-game winning streak, winning on Monday night.

The Marlins began the night with a major league-best 11-1 record and were coming off three consecutive come-from-behind victories in their final at-bat in Washington. This time, they fell behind 1-0 in the first and never caught up during their first loss in seven road games.

With four shutouts, the Pirates already have twice as many as they did last season, when their 5.10 ERA was the NL's worst and the third worst in franchise history. They've cut that by more than two runs per game to 3.08, even while losing 11-1 Sunday to Atlanta. They shut out the Braves 3-0 and 10-0 in the first two games of that series.

The Pirates are 7-6, not a great start but an encouraging one for a club that hasn't had a winning season since 1992.

"We talked in spring training about the expectations, the accountability that was put on the starters to be productive and give us innings," manager John Russell said. "We didn't do that last year and we suffered. There's urgency there that we've got to be better starting pitchers."

All those zeros suggests

something is working.

"As a staff, I think we get along really well and push each other, and it does seem to be breeding confidence and competition between us to see who can pitch the best," Ohlendorf said. "I know we're all really happy with how we've done so far and we feel we'll be able to build on it."

Ohlendorf (1-2), finally getting some run support, won for the first time in eight starts since being traded to the Pirates by the Yankees last season. He shut down a team that had scored a combined 16 runs in its previous two games, giving up only singles to leadoff batters Emilio Bonifacio in the first inning and Hanley Ramirez in the fourth. Ohlendorf struck out five and walked one.

The Marlins' first three batters reached in the first with the help of shortstop Jack Wilson's error. After that, manager Fredi Gonzalez said, "I don't think we put a good swing on him [Ohlendorf] the rest of the night. ... He had a good sinker tailing into right-handers. I think he broke four or five bats."

Tyler Yates and Jesse Chavez finished off the shutout with a scoreless inning each.

The Pirates manufactured a run in their half of the first as Nyjer Morgan was hit with Andrew Miller's pitch, stole second and scored on McLouth's single. They took advantage of some sloppy play by Florida to keep adding on runs, as the Marlins had three wild pitches, a balk and issues six walks. The Pirates also stole three bases.

Miller (0-1) threw a run-scoring wild pitch in the fourth, and reliever Logan Kensing committed a run-scoring balk while giving up four runs over 2 1/3 innings, ending the Florida bullpen's streak of 21 1/3 scoreless innings.

After the game, Miller was placed on the 15-day disabled list with an oblique injury.

"I thought that it'll be a little bit of a factor, but I shouldn't haven't any problems pitching through it," Miller said. "But it's not an excuse for some of the pitches I made. It's just not getting any better. I didn't have that second gear when I wanted to put somebody away."

Before Miller left, Adam LaRoche had a two-run single in the fifth. McLouth hit his fourth homer, a three-run drive off Kensing in the sixth with the Pirates already up 5-0.

"We don't feel like we have to put up seven or eight runs a game," LaRoche said. "It's great. We know if we put up a couple, we have a chance to be in the game and we haven't had that luxury in the past."

LaRoche went 2-for-3 to raise his average to .255 — an improvement for a player whose .179 career average in

April coming into this season was the third lowest of any NL hitter since 1900. LaRoche was 0-for-10 in his previous three games and was 0-for-14 against Florida last season.

The announced crowd on a cool, rainy night was 8,090, but the actual attendance appeared to be about half that.

Reds 4, Astros 3

The Cincinnati Reds are starting to believe in themselves.

Joey Votto's two-run double in the seventh inning lifted the Reds to a victory over the Houston Astros on Monday night.

Trailing 3-2, Paul Janish and Willy Taveras singled before Votto's hit. It was the third time in the last four games that the Reds rallied late to win.

"It feels great to beat a team in our division and to win on the road," Votto said. "But the best part of it was I don't think a single player on the bench was concerned when we were behind."

"They just believe in us now. I didn't get the feeling that anyone had their heads down."

Bronson Arroyo (2-1) allowed three runs and nine hits in seven innings.

"Things are really rolling for us now," Arroyo said. "Everything is just falling into place for us. I just want to keep riding this wave."

Manager Dusty Baker agreed.

"Arroyo pitched really well," Baker said. "And (Ryan) Hanigan and Janis and everyone contributed. His is a really big win. It's early but they all count the same."

Arthur Rhodes got out of a bases-loaded jam in the eighth by striking out Hunter Pence. Francisco Cordero then pitched the ninth for his fifth save in five tries.

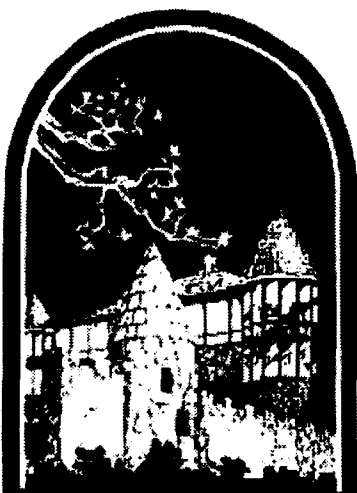
"We still haven't gotten the big hit," Pence said. "You don't have a lot of opportunities. I think everyone has and once again we didn't get it done. I'm going to be a winner, I'm going to find a way in those times I'm up at bat, this time I didn't get them."

Geoff Geary (0-2) took the loss.

Lance Berkman and Carlos Lee hit consecutive homers in the sixth inning to give the Astros the lead. Arroyo was the pitcher who broke Lee's hand last Aug. 9 ending his season when he was leading the league in RBIs.

Mike Hampton gave up three runs and eight hits in 6 1/3 innings for Houston. He struck out five and walked one. It was his first start against the Reds since May 26, 2003.

"I know I sound like a broken record, but we got good starting pitching and couldn't come up with a big hit when we needed one," Astros manager Cecil Cooper said. "All we needed was one big hit in the eighth and that would've given us the big, big inning for us but we just couldn't get it."



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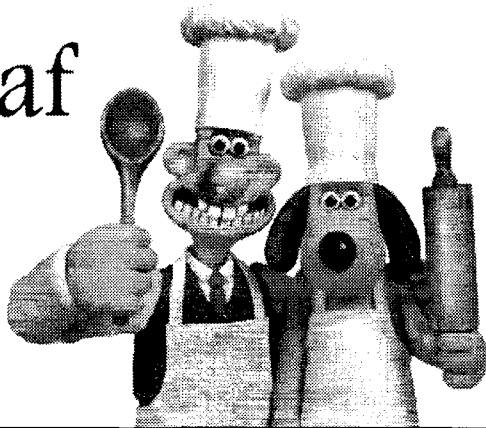
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NBA

Last-second shot gives Celts victory

Allen scores 30, hits tie-breaking three-pointer with two seconds left to beat Bulls

Associated Press

BOSTON — Ray Allen landed the final blow in a memorable duel with Ben Gordon on Monday night, shooting the Boston Celtics back into their first-round series.

Allen made a tiebreaking 3-pointer with 2 seconds left and finished with 30 points, leading the Celtics a 118-115 win over the Chicago Bulls in Game 2 on Monday night.

Gordon nearly carried Chicago to a 2-0 lead in the best-of-seven series. He scored with 12.3 seconds left to tie it, the final hoop of his playoff career-high 42 points. Then Boston set up a play for Allen, who took a pass from Rajon Rondo and connected from the right side.

Allen scored 28 points after getting some advice from coach Doc Rivers at halftime.

"Doc said going into the half, 'Be aggressive, but let it come to you,'" Allen said. "I never think I'm not in my rhythm. It can be a grind as a shooter. As a scorer you're always trying to find something."

Allen and Gordon each had several clutch baskets in the second half as the former University of Connecticut guards battled for control of the game. After Tyrus Thomas missed a shot from midcourt as time expired, Allen headed for his bench where injured Kevin Garnett delivered a couple of congratulatory slaps — to his head and chest.

Allen said he doesn't like "being made a fuss over." But that was unavoidable after he broke out of his shooting slump. He scored just four points on 1-for-12 shooting and missed the final shot in Chicago's 105-103 overtime win Saturday.

"It felt like we were at UConn in the summertime playing pickup," Gordon said. "He is a great shooter and I knew he would break out eventually."

The next two games of the series are scheduled for Chicago on Thursday night and Sunday.

"We feel very confident because we feel like we haven't even played good basketball yet," Boston's Paul Pierce said. "Our best is yet to come."

The Bulls showed they could compete with the Celtics, who could be without Garnett (strained right knee) for the rest of the playoffs.

"We got a split and that's tough to do against the defending champs," Gordon said.

Consecutive 3-pointers by Gordon gave the Bulls a 109-104 lead before the Celtics rallied. Glen Davis made two free throws and Rondo connected

on a long jumper to give Boston a 112-111 lead with 1:01 to play.

Gordon followed with a 16-foot jumper and Allen countered with a 3-pointer that put Boston ahead 115-113 with 25.3 seconds remaining.

Then it was Gordon's turn. He connected from near the foul line before the Celtics called a timeout to set up their final play.

Rondo dribbled on the left side and Allen worked himself free, caught the pass in rhythm and converted as the crowd went wild.

On his way to the locker room after Thomas missed the last shot for Chicago, Rivers shouted, "yeah, yeah," pumped his fist and exchanged high-fives with fans. Then, headed to his postgame news conference, Rivers joked, "nice and easy, never a doubt."

Davis had 26 points for second-seeded Boston, passing his career high of 24 points on March 21, and Rondo had a triple-double — 19 points, 16 assists and 12 rebounds. Pierce added 18 points and Kendrick Perkins contributed 16 points and 12 rebounds.

John Salmons had 17 points and Brad Miller scored 16 for Chicago.

The Allen-Gordon shootout "almost looked like they turned it into a personal battle," Rivers said. "You know, who's the best UConn player to ever play. And it was amazing."

And physical.

"We were exchanging jabs there, and I don't mean shots," Allen said. "I mean he caught me with an elbow, I got him right back with an elbow. It was ... competitive."

Chicago coach Vinny Del Negro cited the Celtics' rebounding as a key to their win.

"They had 21 offensive rebounds," he said, "and it's going to be hard to win any game, not even a playoff game, if you give up that many offensive rebounds."

The Celtics nearly lost despite controlling rookie point guard Derrick Rose, who sat out most of the first quarter with two fouls. He finished with 10 points, seven assists and six rebounds after leading the Bulls with 36 points and 11 assists on Saturday.

Rondo missed the last 5:03 of the first half with a minor right ankle sprain but returned to start the third quarter. Backup forward Leon Powe didn't return to the bench after going to the locker room early in the second quarter. Rivers said he didn't know anything about Powe's condition "but it didn't look good."

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NHL

Bruins lead series 3-0 after victory

Ryder, Thomas lead Boston over Montreal; Varlamov posts shutout in Capitals victory

Associated Press

MONTREAL — Michael Ryder put his past behind him and the Boston Bruins one win from their first playoff series win in 10 years.

Ryder scored late in the second period against his former team and Tim Thomas made 23 saves to lead Boston to a 4-2 win over the Montreal Canadiens on Monday night.

Phil Kessel, Shawn Thornton, Chuck Kobasew also scored for Boston, which increased its lead in the Eastern Conference quarterfinal to 3-0 despite the absence of left wing Milan Lucic, who sat out a one-game league suspension.

Ryder, a healthy scratch for all but four of Montreal's 12 playoffs games last season, put Boston ahead 17:21 into the second period.

"I'd forgotten about last year. I don't really think about it," said Ryder, who signed a three-year, \$12-million free agent contract with Boston. "It feels like I've been here for so long now, actually, and the guys are great and they've welcomed me in and it's good just to be a part of the team. We're rolling good right now."

The former Canadiens left wing jumped on a rebound of Dennis Wideman's shot from the right point and beat Carey Price with a shot into an open left side.

"I'm sure everybody would like to hear the word 'justice', but that's not for me to say," said Bruins coach Claude Julien, who was himself relieved of his duties behind the Canadiens' bench midway through the 2005-06 season by Montreal GM — and current head coach — Bob Gainey.

"I think we're just kind of happy we were able to sign him," Julien said of Ryder, "and he's played a big role for us this year."

Kobasew scored into an empty net with 37 seconds remaining.

Chris Higgins and Yannick Weber scored for Montreal, which has lost seven in a row, including its last four games of the regular season.

"At this point, there's not too much positive there," Canadiens Saku Koivu said. "Every game, there are things you try to build on but what we're doing right now is not enough. We have to find a way to get the goals. It doesn't matter how you do it, to get the win."

Price, pulled Saturday after allowing five goals through the first two periods, made 26 saves in his third straight start.

The Bruins, who haven't won a playoff series since 1999, are poised to beat the Canadiens for only the eighth time in 32 playoff matchups between the longtime rivals.

Game 4 is Wednesday night at the Bell Centre.

Lucic was suspended Monday by league disciplinarian Colin Campbell after he was assessed a match penalty for cross-checking Montreal's Maxim Lapierre late in Saturday's 5-1 win in Boston.

Left wing Alex Tanguay and defenseman Mathieu Schneider were both injured and unable to play for Montreal. The Canadiens, already without injured top defenseman Andrei Markov,

announced moments after the opening faceoff that both key players were sidelined by upper-body injuries.

"I didn't even know they weren't playing until pretty close to warmups," Higgins said. "To miss those guys, that's a lot of skill that you've got to replace."

Weber, who made his playoff debut Saturday, remained in the lineup and collected two points, including an assist as Higgins gave the Canadiens' their first lead of the series when he opened the scoring with his second goal 11:52 in.

Capitals 4, Rangers 0

Alex Ovechkin proved that the Washington Capitals still have plenty of playoff life even though he's still searching for his first postseason goal.

Ovechkin did plenty Monday night without finding the back of the net, and the Capitals knocked back the upstart New York Rangers with a solid victory. Washington rebounded from a pair of frustrating home losses, got to goalie Henrik Lundqvist, and cut its series deficit to 2-1.

"It was an important game, but it's over," said Ovechkin, who led the NHL with 56 regular-season goals. "It's done. It's history. And we have to battle next game."

Ovechkin went a third game without a goal, but earned two assists for the second-seeded Capitals, who dominated the No. 7 Rangers.

Behind 33 saves from 20-year-old Simeon Varlamov, the Capitals moved into position to tie the Eastern Conference matchup Wednesday at Madison Square Garden.

"We had some lucky goals," said Nicklas Backstrom, Ovechkin's linemate who had three assists. "It's just one game. We have to regroup and come back Wednesday."

"We worked harder and we had to fight for our lives."

Despite playing only six career NHL games, Varlamov made a surprise start in Game 2 after Jose Theodore was ineffective in the opener. He was the hard-luck loser in New York's 1-0 victory and earned the nod again. Varlamov, 4-0-1 in the regular season, made coach Bruce Boudreau's decision look brilliant with the help of Washington's potent attack.

"He's played in the finals of the Russian elite league, which to him is probably like our Stanley Cup," Boudreau said. "He's played in the world championship, and the fact that he doesn't understand a word we're saying probably really helps him."

After being held to three goals in two games, one at even strength, the Capitals showed how they ranked third in the NHL in scoring during the regular season.

Ovechkin cut down on his shooting after recording 19 shots in the first two games and having another 17 attempts blocked, and showed off his passing skills. He earned assists on Alexander Semin's two goals in the first period and was on the ice when Brooks Laich added a power-play tally in the second.

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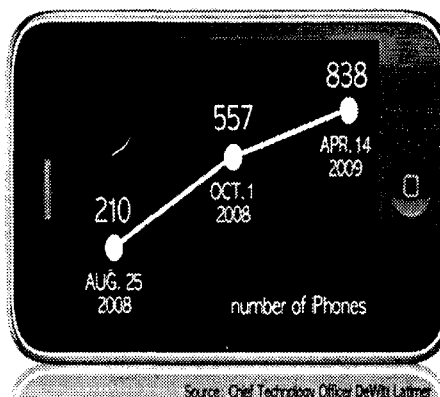
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will enter Tuesday's contest after rattling off a string of strong performances last weekend. Notre Dame swept the cellar of the Big East with convincing wins over Villanova and Rutgers to maintain their third-place position in the Big East standings.

Irish coach Deanna Gumpf knows her squad will not change its approach to accommodate any team, even a nationally-ranked nonconference opponent.

"We prepare for all teams the way we've been preparing all year, and that's working on the fundamentals," Gumpf said.

Not only will today's game serve as an intense matchup between two conference leaders playing at the top of their game, but it will also be the scene of a collision between two of the nation's best.

Notre Dame senior Brittney Bargar, scheduled to start today's contest, was named the Big East Pitcher of the Week by the league on Monday. Bargar finished last week with a 3-0 record and an ERA of 0.33, bringing the righty to 18 wins and shrinking her ERA to 1.72 on the season.

The confident Wildcats will bring their best to Melissa Cook Stadium to contend against the stingy Bargar.

Northwestern freshman Adrienne Monka, one of the nation's most promising young stars, was named Big Ten Player of the Week on Monday for the second time this season after putting together the ninth-longest consecutive hitting streak in Division I history. Monka, joined by four teammates who have earned Big Ten weekly accolades this season, hit .765 in five games, driving in 13 runs and slugging 1.706.

Nevertheless, Gumpf places a great deal of trust in the veteran hurler

Bargar, who she believes the team can ride all season long.

Keeping in mind that a postseason berth is the team's ultimate goal, Gumpf is confident that solid pitching and timely hitting will lead the Irish to victory.

"I think that when we bring it, we can beat anyone we want at any time," Gumpf said.

Expect big performances at the plate from freshman Dani Miller and junior Christine Lux. Miller is riding a 20-game hitting streak, while leading the Irish in batting average, doubles, and slugging percentage. The dangerous Lux is having a sensational junior campaign, as she looks to build upon her league-leading 13 homeruns and team-leading 42 RBIs.

The Irish will defend their season-high 10-game winning streak when they take the field at 6:00 p.m.

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NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL

Jackson pleads guilty, avoids jail

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Purdue point guard Lewis Jackson must complete community service and spend a year under court supervision after pleading guilty Monday to charges of illegal alcohol consumption and possession of drug paraphernalia.

While Jackson will avoid jail time if he stays out of trouble, Purdue coach Matt Painter has not yet announced any team discipline against him. Jackson's bright future could be in doubt after a freshman season that saw him start 30 games and average 5.9 points and a team-leading 3.3 assists as the Boilermakers reached the NCAA regional semifinals.

Jackson made the plea during a court hearing in Piatt County, Ill. Jackson, 19, was arrested after he was stopped about 2:30 a.m. April 12 for speeding on Interstate 72 near his hometown of Decatur, Ill. Jackson's defense attorney, Daniel Kennedy, said his client was pulled over for driving 81 mph in a 65 mph zone.

Assistant state's attorney Jerry Johnson said charges of illegal alcohol possession and possession of less than 2.5 grams of marijuana were dropped in the plea agreement.

Johnson said Jackson faced no jail time because it was his first criminal offense and that the conviction would be removed from his record if he completes the requirements of his sentence. Kennedy said no judgment will be entered unless Jackson makes another mistake, and he doesn't expect that to happen.

"He was one of the most respectful clients I've ever had," Kennedy said. "He's deeply remorseful for the

impact this has had on his family."

During his court supervision, Jackson cannot enter any establishment that primarily serves alcohol, and he is subject to random urinalysis. He also must complete 50 hours of community service and a drug evaluation.

One reason for the guilty plea, Kennedy said, was that the case could be decided in one day, which would prevent Jackson from having to make multiple trips back to Piatt County during the school year.

A Purdue spokesman did not immediately return a call seeking reaction to Jackson's guilty plea. The school last week released a statement saying Painter was aware of Jackson's arrest and that he would wait for an outcome to the court case before commenting.

Painter has been tough on players who have gotten in trouble in the past.

He suspended Tarrance Crump in 2005 for an entire season after his sport-utility vehicle hit a student on campus.

That same season, Painter kicked guard Korey Spates out of the program for conduct detrimental to the team. Spates was averaging 10.1 points and 2.5 rebounds a game for a team that had already lost four projected starters to injuries or suspensions that season.

In October 2007, Painter threw starting forward Gordon Watt off the team for good after he was arrested on suspicion of drunken driving.

Kennedy wants Painter to view Jackson's case differently.

"I really hope this doesn't have any impact on his future or his career," Kennedy said. "I hope this doesn't hurt him in any way."

NBA

Parker's 38 helps Spurs even series

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Tony Parker had 38 points and eight assists to help the San Antonio Spurs beat the Dallas Mavericks 105-84 on Monday night in Game 2 of their first-round playoff series.

Dallas was trying to send the Spurs to consecutive home playoff losses for the first time since 2002, but couldn't contain San Antonio's speedy point guard. Parker had 27 points in the first half.

"I was just trying to be aggressive," Parker said. "It was a must win for us. Big game."

Jason Terry finished with 16 points for Dallas, which suffered one of the worst losses in the playoff rivalry.

Game 3 is Thursday in Dallas.

The Mavericks beat the Spurs 105-97 on Saturday night for

their first road playoff victory in three years. But it was hardly rare territory for San Antonio: The Spurs have come back to win four series after losing Game 1 since 2002.

They put together a convincing response in the second game and the frustration for Dallas could be seen all the way down its bench. Mavs owner Mark Cuban punched a water cooler as San Antonio pulled away in the fourth.

The Mavericks haven't won a playoff series since 2006. Winning the opener was a start, but they'll have to figure out another way to stop Parker in Game 3.

Parker finished 16-of-22 from the field. He had 19 points in the first quarter alone, equaling the Mavericks' total.

Parker departed with about 5 minutes left in the fourth to a raucous ovation — and with

the leading man out of the game, many fans headed to the exits as Parker took his seat.

The Mavericks were a favorite target all season for Parker, who averaged more than 31 points and seven assists in four regular-season meetings this season. He had 24 points in Game 1 but the Mavs kept him under control by using different defenders, including the pesky Jose Barea.

The approach didn't work this time.

Parker fell three points of his playoff high of 41, set last year in the first round against Phoenix.

Dirk Nowitzki and Jason Kidd had 14 points apiece for Dallas.

Tim Duncan had 13 points and 11 rebounds, and Drew Gooden had 13 for the Spurs.

Dallas shot just 39 percent from the field. The Spurs also dominated on the glass, outrebounding Dallas 44-28.



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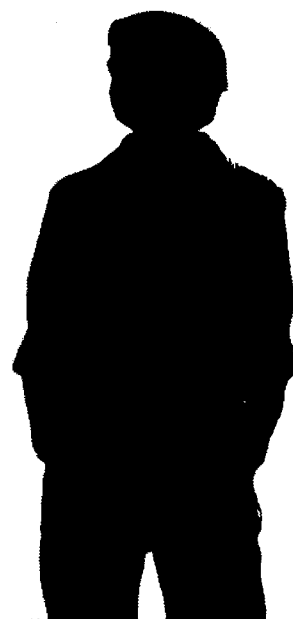
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also just went cold from the field in the second half."

Hallelujah will move on to play in the championship game tonight against Main Street Pub at 8:45 p.m.

Main Street Pub 21, The Delivery Boys 11

Main Street Pub proved why they are the top team when they handily dispatched The Delivery Boys 21-11 Monday night.

As the rain drizzled on and off, the undeterred crowds packed the bookstore courts in anticipation of the tough match up. The two teams began play, clearly favoring mad skills over fancy matching uniforms.

The game started out roughly and intensely. Main Street Pub's defense forced The Delivery Boys to take off-balance shots and miss key offensive opportunities.

Main Street Pub's offense seemed unstoppable, scoring the first 10 points of the contest, including two steals, two break-away lay-ups, and going 2-2 from the line.

"This was a tough game, they really came out quickly at the start," said Delivery Boys captain senior Gary Burke. "We came out of the second half with a lot of adjustments, and managed to keep pace with them, but it was just a little too late."

After being run over for almost the entire half, The Delivery Boys managed to get

a basket on a skillful tip-in, but Main Street Pub quickly answered to bring the half to a close at 11-1.

The second half opened as the rain continued to intensify. The ball and the court became slippery, leading to several dropped passes, lost balls and scraped knees.

Main Street Pub struck first once again, but The Delivery Boys answered back.

The Boys put together a 4-2 run early in the second half, but Main Street's offense was too dynamic to control for long, as they threatened from all over the court.

"This has been a great season so far, a really great tournament, these guys were a great team and we had a lot of fun playing them," said Pub captain senior Alex Klupchak. "We have played some tough matches in this tournament, this match and tomorrow's are no exceptions, I just hope we get better weather."

The Delivery Boys pushed the score up to 13-5, but that was the closest they would pull in the second half. Main Street Pub attempted some NBA Jam-esque plays late in the half, but after The Delivery Boys continued to gain momentum, Main Street Pub put the final nails in the coffin and finished the game off 21-11.

Main Street Pub will face Hallelujah Holla Back in the open bracket championship tonight at 8:45 p.m. at the Bookstore Courts.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles break streak vs. Trine

New lineup adjustments prove vital in timely conference victory

By KATE GRABAREK
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's earned a convincing 9-0 victory over MIAA opponent Trine Monday evening at the Eck Tennis Pavilion, breaking a

three-game conference losing streak.

The Belles surrendered just 12 games total on the day, with six of their nine victories coming without dropping a single game.

Thanks to a few lineup changes made by coach Dale Campbell, sophomores Jessica Camp and Mary Therese Lee were able to cruise to an early 8-0 victory at No. 3 doubles.

"We made lineup changes to try to change the strategy a bit in doubles," Campbell said. "Doubles can be quickly won or lost in an eight game pro-set

format, therefore we are trying to be more aggressive. [Mary Therese Lee] moves extremely well at the net. She is quick and is able to put the ball away quickly up close at the net."

The No. 1 duo of junior Camille Gebert and sophomore Jillian Hurley continued their dominance, winning 8-0, while sophomores Betsy Reed and Franca Peluso teamed up at No. 2 doubles for

an 8-2 victory.

Sophomore Jessica Kosinski was inserted back into the lineup at No. 3 singles and was able to defeat her opponent without dropping a set.

Reed defeated her opponent by the same score at No. 4 singles, while Peluso earned a double bagel at No. 5 singles.

Camp followed suit in the No. 6 singles match, also without dropping a game.

Hurley and Gebert both faced tough opponents at No. 1 and 2 singles, respectively, but each came away with straight set victories.

Campbell noted that Gebert's physical fitness has been a key for her this season and that it gives her a tremendous amount of confidence going into her matches.

This was the Belles first MIAA win since defeating Alma on March 28, dropping more recent matches against Calvin, Albion and Kalamazoo.

"I hope the tough losses will motivate us," Campbell said. "We know we are so close to breaking through."

The Belles will travel to Hope College to play their next conference match, and then to Adrian on Saturday.

"Hope is really tough and they will be ready for us," Campbell said. "They have been on a roll as of late. Hopefully, we can bring our best game and give them a close match. We look forward to the challenge." The match against Hope is slated to start at 4 p.m.

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Michigan

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Michigan will make the trip to Eck Stadium Wednesday for the second game of the home-and-home series.

Junior A.J. Pollock said he thinks placing more emphasis on one opponent than another can be dangerous in a sport like baseball.

"If we put more emphasis on this game than any other game it goes against what baseball is all about," Pollock said. "It's not like football where you have a week build-up and pep rallies and all that."

Both Pollock and Maust said the length of the baseball season makes it difficult to play up one opponent over another. And after the weekend the Irish had, they're looking to continue their momentum no matter whom they face.

Notre Dame (22-14, 8-7 Big East) got drilled 19-3 by West Virginia Friday, but took both games of Saturday's double-header, 8-6 and 3-0. Maust pitched a complete-game shutout in the second game and allowed only five hits.

"If you dwell over one loss and have that carry over into the next games you're not going to do too well," Maust said. "You've got to be able to bounce back and be resilient."

The Wolverines (21-16, 5-7 Big Ten) are 4-7 in their last 11 games. They beat Michigan State 9-2 Sunday. Ryan LaMarre leads the Wolverines in batting average (.364) and on-base percentage (.473). He

also has hit 10 home runs and has 45 RBIs. The team as a whole hits .296

"The thing about Michigan is they have a solid athletic program," Maust said. "It starts with the fact that you have to respect your opponent. But also, beyond respect you can't give them anything else."

The Wolverines have been at home for 12 of their last 14 games and only had to travel to East Lansing to face the Spartans for the other two. After a series at Cincinnati, Notre Dame was home this weekend and will travel to Louisville next weekend.

Maust said that to be successful against a tough opponent like Michigan, the team needed to break the game into nine one-inning games. That way the task seems more manageable.

"They have good hitters, good pitchers, and it may look like it's too much to handle, but if you break it down and focus on the process and try to take it inning by inning, break that big thing up, then it's very ... achievable," he said.

To continue the success the Irish had Saturday, Pollock said, the team must play loose.

"The pressure was off on Saturday. We lost 19-3, what's the worst that could happen?" he said. "The pressure's off, have fun, enjoy yourself. If you have fun I'm sure you're going to be winning a bunch of games."

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"Three scores were good," Holt said. "But an 80 negated the good three rounds."

Halfway through the round on Monday, play was suspended due to weather. After the players got back out on the course, the Irish weren't able to regain the momentum they had possessed earlier in the day. Senior captain Lisa Maunu was one-under until finishing the round with two bogeys on the 17th

"Three scores were good, but an 80 negated the good three rounds."

Susan Holt
Irish coach

and 18th holes to end the round at one-over and tied for the individual lead.

"She played really well, but finished bogey-bogey," Holt said about Maunu's round. "She wasn't very happy, but she still played a solid round."

Other notable scores for the Irish included junior Annie Brophy's round of one-over to finish in a tie for eighth after two rounds and freshman Becca Huffer shot two-over to finish in eighth after two rounds.

Holt said the team realized the opportunity they missed

on Monday to catch up to Louisville, and that it might be hurting the team's morale.

"[The team was] in position to get about eight shots back," Holt said. "Morale isn't very good right now because of the weak finish."

The Irish have a chance in the final round Tuesday to catch Louisville and claim back-to-back Big East titles. With Louisville's average performance on Monday, the Irish are well within striking distance.

"We didn't expect them to leave the door open for us," Holt said. "We've got a good round in us, we just hope that it can come out tomorrow."

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Big East

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Dustin Zhang, shot five-over or worse in each of the other rounds.

"We played a little better, but we still can't get a fourth score that really helps us out," Kubinski said. "We've had to count 77 in the first two rounds and in this kind of event you'd like a 73 or 74 at worst. We're just not quite getting four guys to put up the numbers for us."

The Irish will finish the tournament tomorrow, and with a low scoring differ-

tial between the teams ahead of them, they have a good chance to finish strong.

Kubinski would not rule out his team's chance to make a run at the top spot.

"[The scores are] really bunched up second through fifth, so it's a real opportunity for us to move into second tomorrow," he said. "We've come back from 12 down, and granted we're down a lot more than that, but if you get three or four guys who can shoot in the 60s, you can make up a lot of ground."

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Undergraduate Male Athlete of the Year:

1. **Carl Andersen**
 - o Senior Carl Andersen, one of the top basketball players on campus, led Morrissey Manor to their second straight Interhall Basketball title and undefeated season with 17 points in the championship game. Carl's athleticism and ability to shoot it from anywhere make him a tough opponent and an impressive player to watch. In addition to playing basketball, broomball and volleyball, Carl also plays Interhall and CoRec football where he is one of the league leading wide receivers for both his Interhall and CoRec football teams.
2. **Alex Klupchak**
 - o Alex Klupchak, a senior from O'Neill Hall, can be found most afternoons playing several hours of pick-up basketball at Rolfs. Alex has a confidence and intensity that can be matched by few other players and his quickness and ability to both drive the lane and shoot it from deep make him a constant threat. As captain and leading scorer of his CoRec and Interhall basketball teams, he led them both to appearances in the championship games, putting up 23 points in the Interhall Final. When not on the hardwood, Alex plays wide receiver on O'Neill's Interhall Football team and referees countless basketball and football games.
3. **Casey McGushin**
 - o Casey "Pistol" McGushin is the captain and leading scorer for Sorin's Interhall Basketball team where his driving ability and accuracy from deep behind the arc make him the Otter's number one threat. In addition, Pistol plays quarterback on the Otters' Interhall Football team and is the captain of the Little Giants flag football team who had an undefeated regular season, beating opponents by an average of 52 points.

Undergraduate Female Athlete of the Year:

1. **Kathleen Stanley**
 - a. Kathleen Stanley helped McGlenn Hall capture the Interhall Women's Basketball & Flag Football championships. McGlenn upset the top seeded Purple Weasels of PW in a 41-33 victory to win the Interhall Women's Basketball title. In addition, Stanley plays in multiple soccer leagues, Interhall Lacrosse, and was a member of DVD Late Night who made an appearance in the CoRec basketball final.
2. **Mary Forr**
 - a. Mary Forr was a major component of Pasquerilla West's Flag Football team as their top wide receiver. She also led the Purple Weasels to the number one seed in the Women's Interhall Basketball tournament where they fell to McGlenn in the championship game. In addition, Mary was a key contributor on several CoRec teams including Flag Football, Basketball, and Broomball.
3. **Jenni Gargula**
 - a. Jenni Gargula plays quarterback for Welsh Family's Interhall Flag Football team that lost the championship game in the final minutes. Over the past three years, she has a perfect record in the regular season as the Whirlwind's quarterback. Jenni also brings an unmatched intensity to the point guard position on the Whirlwinds' Interhall Basketball team.

Graduate Male Athlete of the Year:

1. **Matt Hamel**
 - a. After losing on penalty kicks in the GFS Soccer championship game, Matt Hamel helped the Insurance Waivers capture the CoRec Basketball title en route to an undefeated season. Hamel brings an unmatched intensity and determination to all sports as the leading scorer of the GFS basketball team, Flannel, and a strong defender on his CoRec Soccer team. In addition to playing basketball, soccer, broomball and volleyball, Hamel is one of the top officials for both soccer and basketball.
2. **Braden Turner**
 - a. Braden Turner represents MSA in a variety of sports including basketball, flag football, and volleyball. He was captain of the MSA flag football team and a member of the MSA soccer team that lost in the finals on penalty kicks.
3. **David Standa**
 - a. As captain of his self-titled team, Dave Standa led his team to the GFS baseball title with a victory over CEGEOS. Dave played GFS basketball on Team Flannel who made it to the semifinals before losing to the eventual champions. He is also a key contributor to his league leading Floor Hockey team, Threat Level Midnight, who has beaten their opponents by an average of 10 goals.

Graduate Female Athlete of the Year:

1. **Susan Pinnick**
 - a. Susan Pinnick represented the MSA program well, playing as many sports as she could. She was a member of MSA soccer team that lost the championship game on penalty kicks and a key component of her undefeated CoRec soccer team. In addition, Susan played basketball, flag football, and volleyball.
2. **Chrissy Vaughn**
 - a. Chrissy Vaughn was the captain of the Mighty Mendoza GFS soccer team that won their league. She always brought enthusiasm and leadership to her team as a key contributor to their successful season.
3. **Brittany Baron**
 - a. Brittany Baron is the leader of MSA athletics as the captain of both their soccer and basketball teams. She was a member of the CoRec championship basketball team, Insurance Waivers, and the GFS soccer runner-up as well as flag football and volleyball.

Team of the Year:

1. **Interhall Men's Basketball Champions: Morrissey Manor Basketball**
 - a. By averaging 65 points a game, Morrissey Manor completed an undefeated season and claimed the number one seed in the Men's Interhall Basketball Championship. Led by senior Captain Carl Andersen's 17 points, they were able to defend their Interhall basketball title with a 69-62 victory over O'Neill Hall.
2. **CoRec Flag Football Champions: Weapons of Mass Destruction**
 - a. Weapons of Mass Destruction struggled in the regular season, but a 2-2 record was just enough to get them into the playoffs where their season took off. They upset both the number one and number two seeds en route to the CoRec Flag Football Championship.
3. **CoRec Basketball Champions: Insurance Waivers**
 - a. Joe Marnell, Matt Hamel, & Joe DeMott led the Insurance Waivers to an undefeated season. Averaging 71 points a game to their opponents' 38, they captured the CoRec Basketball Championship over DVD Late Night with a 71-30 victory.

Game of the Year:

1. **Men's Interhall Hockey Championship: Siegfried vs. Stanford**
 - a. The #4 seed Siegfried met the #1 seeded Stanford Griffins in the Interhall Men's Hockey championship after both teams had to go into OT to win their semifinal games. The Siegfried Ramblers pulled off the 3-1 upset over the heavily favored Stanford Griffins to take home the championship trophy.
2. **Men's Interhall Football Championship: Siegfried vs. Keenan**
 - a. The top-seeded Siegfried Ramblers defeated the seventh-seeded Knights of Keenan Hall 14-13 to capture the Men's Interhall Football Championship trophy and complete an undefeated season. Despite the inspired play of the Knight's wide receiver, James Zenker, Siegfried was able to seal the victory when they stopped Keenan's attempt at a two-point conversion with just over two minutes to play.
3. **GFS Soccer Championship: Team MSA vs. Pick Up United**
 - a. Forty minutes wasn't enough to settle the GFS Soccer Championship as the game went into overtime tied 2-2. Top seeded Pick Up United pulled out the victory over third seeded Team MSA in Penalty Kicks 5-3.

Fans of the Year:

1. **Zahm Hockey**
 - a. Defending Interhall Hockey Champion, Zahm House, could always be found with a large contingent of fans including fans in costumes of all sorts. Even as the team started to struggle, their fan base stayed strong during the early morning hours at the JACC Ice Rink.
2. **Welsh Flag Football**
 - a. Welsh Fam was never short of fans, especially for Flag Football. Even Father Greg never missed a game. It's hard not to play well when you have the fan support that the Whirlwinds do, cheering them on to an undefeated regular season and an appearance in the Interhall Championship game.
3. **Purple Rain**
 - a. GFS Flag Football team, Purple Rain, always had a ton of support from their fans, even bringing a mascot. The fans for Purple Rain stayed strong even as the weather turned cold and rainy for the playoffs where the team lost in a hard fought semifinal game to Palin's Spawn.

Voting is open until midnight, Sunday, April 26th

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BASEBALL

Heated rivalry

Irish begin home and home series vs. UM

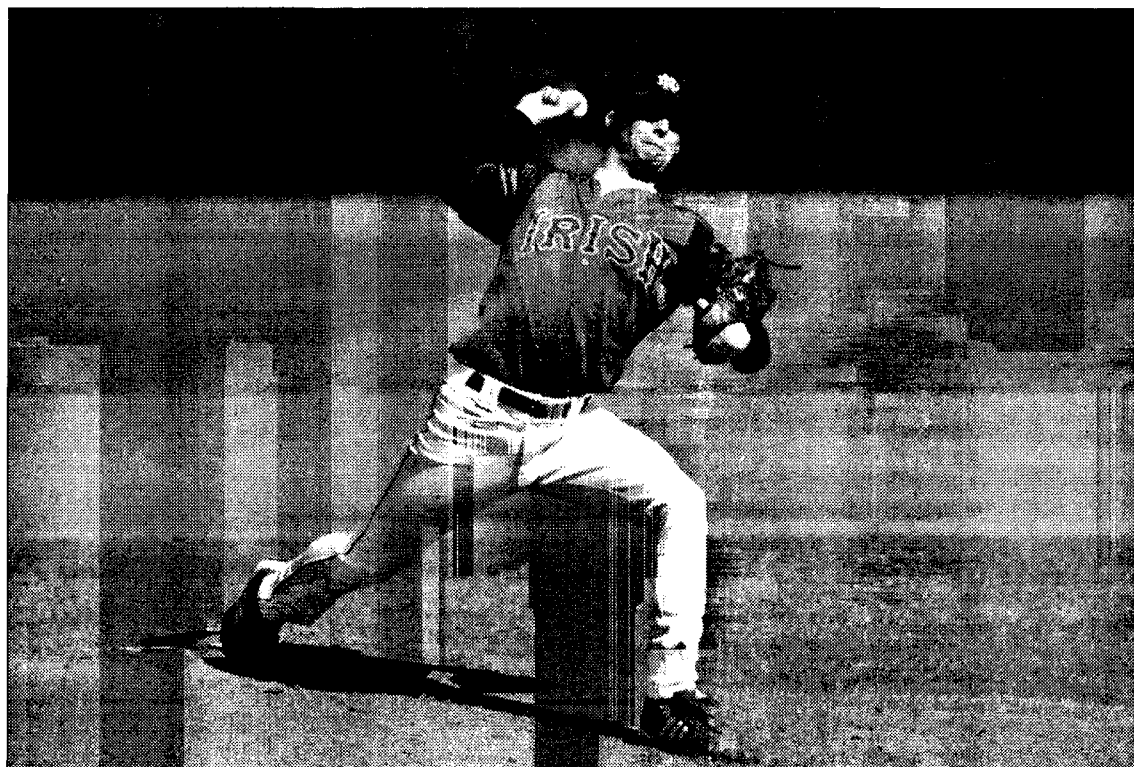
By BILL BRINK
Sports Writer

The animosity between the two teams certainly doesn't run as deep as it does in football, or in this day and age hockey, but junior pitcher Eric Maust, for one, hates Michigan.

"You don't see any signs in here that say we hate Michigan, but I guarantee if you ask anybody nobody really likes Michigan," Maust said. "I can't stand them. There's a few teams that I really cannot stand at all, and Michigan and USC are up there, easily in the top three."

The Irish travel to face the Wolverines tonight at 7:05 p.m. at the Wilpon Baseball Complex in Ann Arbor, Mich.

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Irish junior pitcher Eric Maust throws a pitch against Villanova April 4 in a 9-3 victory. The Irish swept the Wildcats in a three-game series.

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WOMEN'S GOLF

Team eyes final round comeback

By ALEX WEST
Sports Writer

Normally, cutting into a 16-stroke lead in the Big East championship can be looked at as a successful day of play, but the Irish really felt that they could have done a little more damage in Monday's second round.

Despite the feeling of a missed opportunity, they were still able to cut No. 19 Louisville's 16-stroke lead down to just 12 strokes after firing a team best 298.

Coach Susan Holt, although happy with her team's performance, said she knew her team left some opportunities out on the course.

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MEN'S GOLF

Scodro, Fortner top-ten individually at Big East championship

By ERIC PRISTER
Sports Writer

The Irish struggled to find consistency from the team as a whole over the first two days of the Big East championships, in which they find themselves in fifth place with just one round remaining.

"We just need a little bit

more from our five," Irish Coach Jim Kubinski said. "We felt good coming in, like we had five guys that could keep us in play, but honestly we've only had two or three good scores in the first two days."

Notre Dame posted a seven-over 295 on day one and a four-over 292 on the second day of the tourna-

ment, leaving them 19 strokes behind the leader, Louisville, but only eight strokes behind second-place Marquette.

Freshman Max Scodro and junior Doug Fortner have led the Irish thus far, posting solid rounds early in the tournament. Scodro has been under par on both days, starting the tournament with

a one-under 71 on Sunday and then following that Monday with a two-under 70, putting him at three-under and in a tie for third overall. Fortner is currently in sole possession of eighth place after shooting a one-over 73 on the first day followed by a one-under 71 on day two.

"[Scodro] and [Fortner] have done a fantastic job,"

Kubinski said. "Both of them have a chance to win the tournament tomorrow as individuals."

Beyond that, the Irish have not gotten much help. Sophomores Jeff Chen and Connor Alan-Lee each contributed a two-over, 74, but they, along with sophomore

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ND SOFTBALL

Bargar takes mound vs. NU

By CHRIS MASOUD
Sports Writer

Normally a respite from Big East play is a godsend for a team that just finished a seven-game road trip undefeated and uninjured. But as the Irish host Northwestern today at Melissa Cook Stadium, the Wildcats will be an unwelcome presence this late in the season.

Northwestern (27-9, 12-2 Big Ten) has won 16 of its last 18 games, good enough for second in the Big Ten and No. 7 overall in the nation according to the ESPN.com/USA Softball Poll. The Wildcats are coming off a split against Purdue last weekend, with scores of 0-2 and 10-8, respectively.

Not to be outdone, the Irish (31-13, 13-3 Big East)



Irish sophomore outfielder Sadie Pitzenberger stands on second base during a 15-0 victory over Toledo on March 18.

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

Holla Back to face Main Street in finals

By ALEX WEST and
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Sports Writers

Hallelujah Holla Back defeated a resilient and talented Kramer Properties team 21-17 Monday night to move onto the final game of the Bookstore Basketball tournament.

Early in the game, Kramer and Hallelujah traded baskets. Kramer was leading 9-8, relying mostly on jump shots. The game changed when freshman Joseph Fauria dunked over Kramer's Joe Marnell to tie the game and fire up his teammates.

"I, Joe Fauria, had this monstrous dunk on Marnell," Fauria commented after the game. "If anybody wants to bring a picture of that 'posterization' to me in

St. Ed's, I will sign it for them."

Hallelujah lead 11-10 at halftime, and was never able to open a lead greater than four the entire game. A free throw by Dayne Crist sealed the game for Hallelujah as they moved onto the finals.

Fauria went on to compliment all of his teammates efforts in the game, including fellow football players Dayne Crist and Jonas Gray, as well as Pat Kelly and Griffin Naylor.

"We all played well," Fauria said. "We're bringin' gangsta back to Catholicism."

Kramer captain Joe Marnello attributed Hallelujah's size to some of their success.

"They were a lot bigger than us," Marnello said. "We

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