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## Fencing team spears national championship

Irish overcome deficit to claim NCAA title for second time in three years

By ERIC RETTER  
News Writer

HOUSTON — Going into the biggest tournament of the season, sophomore sabre Valerie Providenza got sick.

"On Thursday I got really sick and had to go to the hospital. I had food poisoning and a virus infection," Providenza said. "It's definitely taken my game back a couple of notches."

Despite that claim, Providenza performed extremely well at this year's NCAA fencing championships, going 19-4 in the round robin — including a 9-0 tear on Sunday that helped the Irish turn what was a 24-point deficit Saturday morning into a

2-point victory by Sunday afternoon — as they edged rival Ohio State 173-171 atop the team standing. Behind them, perennial contenders St. John's and Penn State finished with respective scores of 162 and 145.

Providenza was among six Notre Dame fencers, two men and four women, to place in the top four of the round robin and advance to the medal rounds. Providenza joined senior foilist Alicja Kryczalo, sophomore epeeist Amy Orlando and freshman sabre Marileo Zagunis as the women's representatives, while senior epeeist Michal Sobieraj and sophomore sabre Patrick Ghattas advanced from the men's team.

However, the Irish met with

some struggles in the championships, as only Sobieraj emerged as an individual champion, defeating Wayne State's Marek Petraszek 15-13 in the finals to cap his career with a title.

Providenza finished fourth, falling in the semifinals to eventual champion Emily Jacobsen of Columbia by a score of 15-13 before losing the bronze medal bout to Siobhan Byrne of Ohio State 15-11. Zagunis, who beat Byrne 15-5 in the semifinals, lost to Olympic teammate Jacobsen by the margin of 15-11.

Ghattas advanced as a four seed, then upset top seed Franz Boghicev of Penn State 15-10

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Senior Alicja Kryczalo, left, battles Ohio State's Hanna Thompson at the 2005 national championships in Houston Sunday.

## Bouts organizers predict earnings of \$100,000



Peter Sarpong, left, fends off the fists of Daniel Gallegos. Both students were participants in the Notre Dame Bengal Bouts boxing tournament, which celebrated its 75th anniversary this year.

By EILEEN DUFFY  
Assistant News Editor

Celebrating the 75th anniversary of the Bengal Bouts, alumni boxers gathered this weekend and looked on as the Notre Dame Boxing Club gave birth to 11 new "million dollar babies" at Saturday night's final rounds.

Well, \$100,000 babies, at least.

Through a combination of fundraising techniques — Bengal Bouts alumni donations as well as the sale of tickets, program advertising and merchandise — the club has raised a preliminary amount of \$75,000. However, Pat Farrell, Bengal Bouts coach and chair of the alumni reunion committee for this year's bouts, said he "has no doubt" that the final total will exceed \$100,000.

That's a long way from the 1931 donation of \$500. Considering that in recent years the club usually donates

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## Alumnae meet for summit

Saint Mary's grads discuss leadership

By ANGELA SAOUD  
Senior Staff Writer

Nearly 150 Saint Mary's alumnae gathered on campus during the weekend to attend "The Leader in You" leadership conference — which was so popular, the audience reached maximum capacity.

The conference focused on leadership in all aspects of Saint Mary's grads' lives and looked at both professional and personal aspects of leadership. The conference hosted an array of events and workshops including recognizing personal leadership potential, leading Saint Mary's into future successes and even attending Friday night's Midnight Madness event.

Co-coordinators Sarah Belanger Earley (Class of 1971) and Karen Zagrocki McDonald (Class of 1976) said they were thrilled with the outpouring of volunteers and attendees.

"We opened this conference to all alumnae by placing ads in The Courier and by sending targeted mailings," Earley said. "This is the first year we'd offered a conference of this nature, and we were amazed with the fabulous response we

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## SMC student leaders travel to Middle East

Center for Women in Intercultural Leadership sends students, faculty members to conference

By LISA GALLAGHER  
News Writer

With the sponsorship of the Center for Women in Intercultural Leadership (CWIL), two Saint Mary's faculty members and four students attended the first student leadership conference in the Middle East March 14 through

16.

The Women as Global Leaders Conference invited over 1,000 women from 41 countries to Dubai, United Arab Emirates to participate in the historic gathering promoting women to take charge.

As members of the InterCultural living community and through participation in dialogues on campus with

Sister Marianne Farina, a CWIL fellow and director of research and scholarship at SMC, the four Saint Mary's students were invited in December to attend the conference.

Senior Veronica Fritz and junior Carolyn Madison, both accounting majors, Asma Quddoura, a sophomore psychology major and Angela

Johnston, a junior philosophy and religious studies major, all attended.

Planned over the course of only five months, the conference was hosted by Zayed University.

"By hosting the conference, Zayed University aims to build bridges connecting the emerg-

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INSIDE COLUMN

# You can be Latin too

Its not about you not being Latin, its how you express it.

Perfect words to describe Latin Expressions. Never heard of it? Well, I'm glad you asked.

Each year, during Spring Vis Weekend, a show is put on that highlights the many talents that can be found on this campus. If you are wondering if this is a shameless plug, then you would be correct. I can't help it though, I happen to be in the show.

**Lukas Mendoza**

*Photographer*

But first, Latin Expressions allows people to show their Latin side. From the music to the language, everything in the show is distinctly Latin. And it ranges from all of Latin America, and Spain too, the origin of the culture that dominates south of the US border, and heck, many parts of this country too. You will love the thing that is Latin Expressions. I haven't meet one person yet who has not been satisfied with the show. Not only Latinos perform in the show, as you will see when you go check out the show.

With prospective students coming to see the show, the university also shows a side of itself that sometimes isn't clearly seen. That of the diversity that does exist here. I used to believe that the minority students were only that, a minority that didn't do much at all. I believed that all the way up until last year's show. I realized that there is so much for minority students, in clubs and organizations, in activities that go on and in celebrations that are thrown. That is the beauty of this show. No matter what your background is, you can perform in the show. The only thing is that it has to be Latin in some way. I know a few non-latin people who can shake their "bon-bon." The best part of all of these things are that everyone is welcome.

Having said that, I'm glad I'm a part of the minority students body here, but that doesn't mean if you aren't a minority, you can't be a part of these things. Evidence of this is in Latin Expressions and in the Fashion Show that is the night after. And it also doesn't mean that you can't go to the show. Come see traditional Mexican dancing, music from different artists throughout Latin America, traditional Spanish dancing, modern dancing to Latin music, original poems written by our peers and a closing act that will blow you away.

So remember, April 1, 7 p.m., Palais Royale, downtown South Bend. That night, everyone is a Latino.

## QUESTION OF THE DAY: WHO DO YOU PREDICT TO WIN THE NCAA MEN'S BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT?



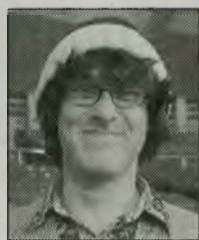
**Ava Collins**  
senior  
off-campus

"Whoever beat Kansas. I don't know who that was but they're gonna win!"



**Kimberly Barnett**  
senior  
off-campus

"UNC, because I used to go there."



**Leif Petterson**  
junior  
off-campus

"Notre Dame — oops!"



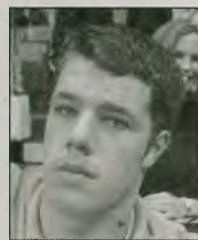
**Mike Spencer**  
senior  
Siegfried

"I believe in miracles, so go Bucknell."



**Pete VanDeventer**  
freshman  
Keough

"Illinois, because the Big 10 is known to pay their athletes best."



**Tom Martin**  
freshman  
Siegfried

"University of Wisconsin, because they took down BC tonight."



CLEMENT SUHENDRA/The Observer

Students gather around a display at the Science and Engineering Fair in Stepan Center Sunday, which featured 285 projects from students in grades 4-12.

### IN BRIEF

Dr. Josette Bijou, minister of health of the Republic of Haiti, will deliver the keynote address today in a symposium entitled "FIRST STEPS: Eliminating Filariasis in Haiti." The speech will begin at 4 p.m. in McKenna Hall auditorium.

The Kroc Institute is sponsoring a conference today entitled "The Ethics of Exit: The Morality of Withdrawal from Iraq," which will be televised live from Fordham University in the Hesburgh Center. It will run from 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

MIT profesoor emeritus Gary Marx will make a presentation today on surveillance and society in an age of high technology called "Windows into the Soul." It will take place in 131 DeBartolo Hall at 4:30 p.m. and is sposed by the Science, Technology and Values Program.

Yale professor Gerhard Bowering will give a lecture entitled "Islam and Christianity: Clashes of Culture and Bonds of Belief" today at 5 p.m. in C-100 Hesburgh Center. The lecture is sponsored by the Erasmus Institute.

Head football coach Charlie Weis will speak in 102 DeBartolo Hall today at 9 p.m. on the value of people with disabilities. The speech is part of Disability Awareness Month.

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

### OFFBEAT

#### Surfers grab world record with group surf outing

CANBERRA, Australia — More than 40 surfers cruised into the record books Saturday when they successfully rode a giant surfboard off an Australian beach, breaking the previous world record set by an English team of 14 people in 2003.

More than 5,000 people gathered Saturday to watch riders conquer the 40-foot-long, 10-foot-wide board, newspapers reported. The board, created by board shaper Nev Hyman, arrived by semitrailer. More than 20 people carried it to the

surf.

The riders at the Queensland state tourist city, Gold Coast, where the Quiksilver and Roxy Pro surf competitions were held, included pro surfers Chris Ward of California and Australian champion Danny Wills.

Newspaper reports of how many riders took part ranged from 44 to 47.

Hyman said the four-minute ride to shore was worth the monthlong effort to build the board.

#### Devil appears on turtle's shell

MICHIGANTOWN, Ind. —

Could it be... Satan? A central Indiana pet shop owner says a turtle that was the only animal to survive an October fire has developed an image of Satan's face on its shell.

Bryan Dora says it looks like the devil wants us to know that he was there.

Dora says he can see a goatee and a pair of pointy horns on the shell of the palm-sized red-eared slider turtle named Lucky.

He says Lucky is healthy and its behavior hasn't changed.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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

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### CORRECTIONS

Due to a production error, Lt. Greg Deitchley's name was spelled incorrectly in a pull quote on page 4 in the March 18 edition of The Observer. The Observer regrets this error.

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## Prof examines modern surveillance

Special to the Observer

Gary Marx, professor emeritus of sociology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and author of numerous books and articles on social control, mass behavior and race relations, will present a talk at 4:30 p.m. today in 131 DeBartolo. Titled "Windows into the Soul," the lecture is free and open to the public.

Marx will discuss the social,

legal, ethical, comparative international, cultural and policy implications of recent developments in surveillance and communications technology.

He is the author of "Protest and Prejudice" and "Undercover: Police Surveillance in America" and co-author, with Doug McAdam, of "Collective Behavior and Social Movements." "Undercover" received the Outstanding Book Award from the

Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences and Marx was named the American Sociological Association's Jensen Lecturer for 1989-90. His works in progress include books on new forms of surveillance and social control across borders.

Marx's talk is sponsored by Notre Dame's Science, Technology and Values Program, the Department of Sociology and the Web Group Faculty Learning Community.

## Haiti health crisis to be addressed

### Lymphatic Filariasis tops list of concerns

Special to the Observer

A symposium titled "First Steps: Eliminating Lymphatic Filariasis in Haiti" will be held today at McKenna Hall. The event is free and open to the public.

Lymphatic Filariasis (LF) causes the grotesque swelling of the body known as elephantiasis, a disease in which progressive lymphatic dysfunction leads to the hideous swelling of legs, arms, breasts, or genitals. LF is aggravated by dangerous skin infections whose heat can become so intense it causes second-degree burns. Notre Dame's Haiti Program, led by biologist Father Thomas Streit,

has as its goal the elimination of LF from Haiti by 2012. As many as 2 million of Haiti's 8.3 million people are believed infected with the mosquito-borne parasites that cause LF.

The focus of the Haiti symposium will be fortified salt production in Haiti. Under the leadership of the Haiti Health Ministry, Notre Dame and principal partners Holy Cross Hospital, the Centers for Disease Control and UNICEF have been working to fortify the Haiti salt supply with the drug diethylcarbamazine (DEC) and iodine to interrupt the transmission of LF and ameliorate iodine deficiency standards.

The symposium will begin at 8 a.m. and the highlight of the event will be an address titled "Health in Haiti: Charge to the

Partners" at 4 p.m. by Josette Bijou, Haiti's Minister of Public Health and the Population. Other presenters include Patrick Lammie, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; Steven Alt, regional advisor for communicable diseases for the Pan American Health Organization; and Madsen Beau de Rochars, director of the LF Reference Center at Hôpital Sainte Croix in Leogane, Haiti.

At 2:30 p.m., Notre Dame industrial design students under the direction of Department of Art, Art History and Design faculty members Paul Down and Robert Sedlak, will make a presentation addressing the need to rebuild the Haitian salt evaporation pools that were destroyed last September by Hurricane Jeanne.

## Peace conference set for early April at ND

Organized by Kroc Institute, event will offer different approaches to ending violence

Special to the Observer

More than 100 undergraduate and graduate students from Notre Dame and some 20 other colleges and universities will participate in the 2005 Undergraduate Peace Conference on campus April 1 and 2 (Friday and Saturday).

Titled "Crossing Boundaries in the Name of Peace," the conference is organized by Notre Dame students under the sponsorship of the University's Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies.

John Paul Lederach, professor of international peacebuilding at Notre Dame, will open the conference with a keynote address at 8 p.m. April 1 in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies. Founder of the Conflict Transformation Program at Eastern Mennonite University, Lederach has helped design and conduct training programs in more than 25 countries and is the author of 16 books and manuals on peace education and conflict transformation, including, "The

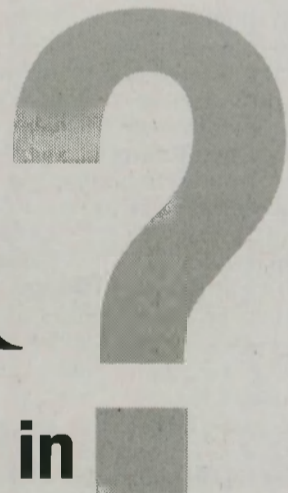
Moral Imagination: The Art and Soul of Building Peace."

The conference will continue with presentations, panels and workshops from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 2 in the Hesburgh Center. Topics include religious approaches to peace, weapons of war and peace, theories of war, conflict transformation, paths to peace in Northern Ireland, relationships between the military and non-governmental organizations in conflict zones, struggles of India's indigenous people, alternate processes of peace and justice, identity crises in the Philippines and Palestine, a multidisciplinary approach to peace in Haiti and genocide.

Registration for the conference, which is free and open to the public, will take place until March 24 on the Web at <http://www.nd.edu/~krocinst/events/crossboundaries.html>, or from noon to 5 p.m. April 1 at the Hesburgh Center. Dinner Friday and lunch Saturday will be provided at no charge to those who register by the March 24 deadline.

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# Alumnae

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got.”  
McDonald said part of recognizing each individual’s leadership potential comes from women who epitomize leadership.

“We wanted this experience to reinforce in them what it is like to be at Saint Mary’s and additionally, we were hoping there would be a sort of discovery — that the attendees would realize that they were already exhibiting a lot of leadership skills, even if they didn’t realize it yet,” McDonald said. “There are many different ways to be a leader at Saint Mary’s.”

The conference attendees ranged from corporate executives to stay-at-home moms to self-employed small business owners. The conference gave alums an opportunity to reconnect with one another as well as meet and talk with current students at Saint Mary’s.

Friday night’s keynote speakers — Superintendent of Benton Harbor schools Paula Dawning and Presidential Medal of

Freedom winner Frances Hesselbein drew a large crowd of not only alumnae but current students and other members of the campus community.

Before planning of the conference, Earley and McDonald studied other college’s alumnae leadership programs as well as collaborating with the Center for Women’s Intercultural Leadership (CWIL) and the Office of Multicultural Affairs (OMA).

“We did a lot of leadership studies, looking at models created by Duke, Georgetown, Welsley and more, but when we sat down to do it, we created a program that was all our own,” Earley said. “This took two years of planning, but it’s true what they say, if you build it, they will come.”

McDonald said since this conference was so successful, she is hoping more will be planned for the future.

“We are hopeful that this is the beginning of a tradition,” McDonald said. “This is just another example of what Saint Mary’s women can do.”

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Special to The Observer

Saint Mary’s graduates gather on campus to participate in an alumnae leadership conference entitled “The Leader In You” held Saturday in the new Student Center.

# Bouts

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about \$50,000, this year’s contribution is “amazing,” senior captain Nathan Lohmeyer said.

The additional money, said both Farrell and Lohmeyer, came from the pockets of Bengal Bouts alumni. The club sent letters to alumni requesting donations, with a \$750 gift establishing an alumnus as a founding member of the Nappy Legacy Fund, named in honor of the first coach of the bouts, Dominic “Nappy” Napolitano.

Alumni were also invited to campus for a series of events surrounding the 75th anniversary, including a reception in the press box Friday night and a banquet in the Monogram Room Saturday evening. The weekend culminated in Saturday night’s finals.

“We just want to get people back here and get them upped again,” Farrell said. “They’ll say, ‘Hey, this is kind of a nice place.’ And of course, whatever we can raise for the missions is fantastic.”

Ticket prices were \$10 for a general, all-nights ticket, \$5 for a student single-night ticket and \$8 or \$10 (during the final rounds) for a non-student single-night ticket. Reserved seating near the ring was also available for a higher fee. Tickets were sold at the dining hall during the week before the event, but they were also available at the door.

Each boxer was required to sell 10 tickets as well as advertising for the programs, which were, in turn, sold each night of the bouts for \$1. Advertisers varied from dorms to clubs to parents of the boxers.

Recognizing the lucrative industry that is the T-shirt business at Notre Dame, the club sold Bengal Bouts shirts for \$15 in the dining halls and at each night of the bouts. Polo shirts, hats and stickers recognizing the 75th anniversary were also on sale.

Another money-saver for the club came from Adidas, which agreed to cover the cost of the clothing for each boxer (two shirts and a pair of shorts). The “\$1,000 or so,” according to

Lohmeyer, that would have been removed for that expense remained a part of the donation.

After asking for something from the alumni, the club gave something back to them: they presented the Bengal Bouts Award — given annually to someone who has gone “above and beyond the call in service to the club,” according to Lohmeyer — to anyone who has ever been a member of the Notre Dame Boxing Club, or spent time in the ring.

Alumni from the class of 1944 to the class of 2003 gathered in the ring to accept the award.

“It was cool to see a guy who was 82 standing next to a guy who was 22,” Lohmeyer said. “They were both part of the same organization.”

Sophomore boxer Clayton Lougée emphasized the bonds formed through the Bengal Bouts experience.

“The amazing part about the Bengal bouts is that we train so hard all together before we get in the ring, then we go and face off ... but then once the fight is over, after we’ve tried so hard to completely beat each other up for three rounds, we’re right back to being friends,” he said.

They fight, but they’re friends. And they fight for something more than a title.

The money they raise goes to the Holy Cross Mission in Daka, Bangladesh, which is made up of a school, college, seminary, orphanage and hospital.

The Boxing Club is the single largest supporter of this mission; “their financial stability depends on how much money [the club] raise[s],” Lohmeyer said.

Indeed, according to the Bengal Bouts Web site, one American dollar can feed and clothe a family of five for a day in Bangladesh.

Reflecting upon a visit to the mission, Bengal Bouts coach Tom Suddes wrote, “I have never fully realized the impact of the Bengal Bouts and the boxing program on people’s lives in Bangladesh.”

Lohmeyer said it succinctly. “I think they’re going to be really, really happy to receive a \$100,000 check over there.”

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# Champs

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before losing to St. John’s Serjay Isayenko 15-12.

“I know that Patrick made big progress this year,” head coach Janusz Bednarski said. “He was competing very well so it was not a surprise for me [that he made the finals].”

Orlando, who had gone from 11th place in the round robin after Saturday to fourth place by the end of Sunday, beat Holly Buechel of Penn 15-5 before losing to Anna Garina of Wayne State 15-6.

The largest upset of the event came as Kryczalo, the three-time defending champion, attempted to join only 29 other athletes in NCAA history as winners of the same event four years in a row. After triumphing over Erszebet Garay of St. John’s 15-8, Harvard freshman Emily Cross defeated Kryczalo 15-5 in the finals.

Along with the medalists, freshman foil Jakub Jedrkowiak (7th), senior sabre Andrea Ament (7th) and sophomore sabre Matt Stearns (10th) were All-Americans at the event, giving Notre Dame 9 total.

Despite the individual accolades and troubles, the defining moments of the tournament came when Ohio State’s Metta Thompson lost to St. John’s

Katia Larchanka immediately after Kryczalo had claimed victory over Columbia’s Cassidy Luitjen, giving Notre Dame its seventh national championship and securing the team as the sole champion.

“If we win first, we win first, we shouldn’t tie it,” Providenza said. “We have

done that great in a long time, so it was amazing.”

This is the second national championship for Notre Dame this year. The women’s soccer team won Dec. 5 with a 4-3 penalty kick decision against UCLA.

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## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Clash with ex-soldiers kills three

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — U.N. troops fought the bloodiest clash of their 10-month-old mission in Haiti on Sunday, when a raid to remove ex-soldiers from a police station erupted into a gunbattle that killed three people, including a peacekeeper, officials said. Three peacekeepers were also wounded.

The Sri Lankan peacekeeper who died in the raid in Petit-Goave, an stronghold for former soldiers about 45 miles west of Port-au-Prince, is the first killed in a clash since the United Nations force arrived, said Toussaint Kongo-Doudou, a U.N. spokesman. Two ex-soldiers died and 10 others were wounded.

The U.N. troops entered Petit-Goave before dawn. Using a loudspeaker, the Brazilian commander of U.N. troops in Haiti, Lt. Gen. Augusto Heleno Ribeiro, tried for 20 minutes to get the former soldiers to surrender peacefully when they opened fire on U.N. troops, Kongo-Doudou said.

### Annan calls for U.N. changes

UNITED NATIONS — The United Nations leader proposed bold changes Sunday, fighting to right the U.N. ship of state after a year of scandal — blatant fraud in the Iraq oil-for-food program and sex abuse by peacekeeping troops that deepened the misery in Congo, not to mention the resignation of his refugee chief under the cloud of sexual harassment charges.

Secretary-General Kofi Annan, whose own son has been linked to questions about the oil-for-food program, issued a call for his members to approve what would be the most sweeping changes to the United Nations in its 60-year history.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### Alleged killer returns to Florida

HOMOSASSA, Fla. — The convicted sex offender who authorities say confessed to kidnapping and slaying 9-year-old Jessica Lunsford returned to Florida in shackles Sunday as her family grieved for the girl who vanished from her bedroom.

John Evander Couey was booked early Sunday on a probation violation and failure to register as a sex offender, officials said. He was being held without bail.

Couey, 46, confessed to kidnapping and killing Jessica after taking a lie-detector test Friday in Georgia, officials said. The girl's body was found early Saturday, more than three weeks after she was snatched from her bedroom.

### Navy SEAL to face court-martial

SAN DIEGO — The court-martial of a Navy SEAL lieutenant accused of abusing a prisoner in Iraq is a case full of secrets — even the defendant's name is classified.

The SEAL is accused of punching an Iraqi detainee in the arm and allowing his men to abuse the prisoner, who later died during CIA interrogation at Baghdad's Abu Ghraib prison.

He faces a trial set to begin today on charges of assault, dereliction of duty and conduct unbecoming an officer.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Female lawmakers losing ground

INDIANAPOLIS — There are fewer women in the Indiana General Assembly today than there were 10 years ago — a fact that surprises and disappoints the state's 25 female lawmakers.

In 1995, Indiana had just elected the most women to the legislature in its history.

There were 33 women in the House and Senate.

It seemed like just the beginning of a wave that would change the face of Indiana's government.

## Bush signs bill to prolong life

Michael Schiavo indignant at federal government's intervention in his wife's case

Associated Press

PINELLAS PARK, Fla. — While Terri Schiavo lay dying in her hospice bed, the U.S. Congress and President Bush gave hope to the brain-damaged woman's parents that her feeding tube would be reinserted once again.

Following the Senate's lead, the House early Monday passed a bill to let the woman's parents ask a federal judge to prolong Schiavo's life. President Bush signed the measure less than an hour later.

"In cases like this one, where there are serious questions and substantial doubts, our society, our laws and our courts should have a presumption in favor of life," Bush said in a statement after signing the bill.

Schiavo's father, Bob Schindler, thanked lawmakers but acknowledged "we still have a few hurdles yet."

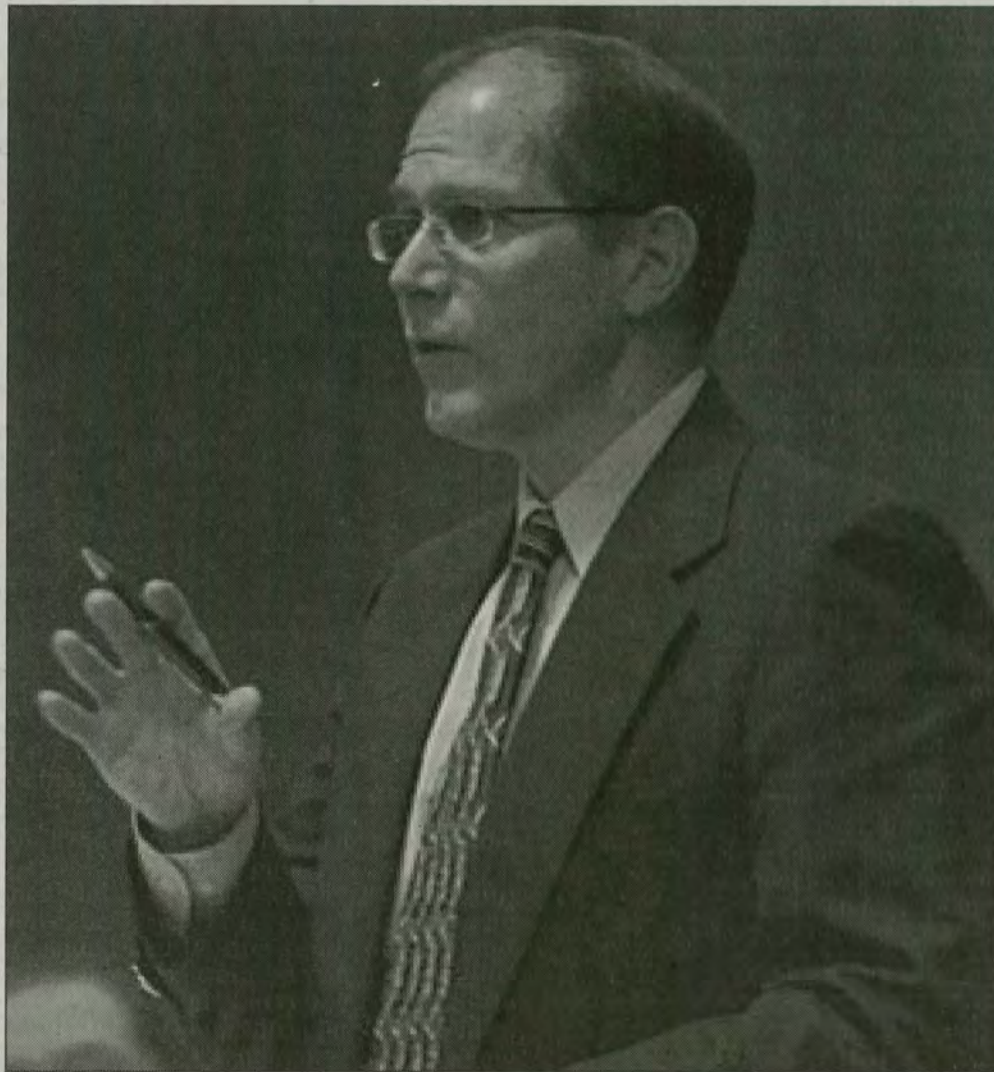
"I'm numb, I'm just totally numb. This whole thing, it's hard to believe it," he told reporters outside the hospice.

Attorneys for Schiavo's parents already filed a request for an emergency injunction with a federal appellate court to have her feeding tube reinserted. They also planned to make a similar request with the federal district court in Tampa.

"We are very, very, very thankful to cross this bridge. And we are very hopeful that the federal courts will follow the will of Congress and save my sister's life," said Suzanne Vitadamo, Terri Schiavo's sister.

Schiavo's husband, Michael Schiavo, said he was outraged that congressional leaders were intervening in the contentious right-to-die battle. He has battled for years with his wife's parents over whether she should be permitted to die or kept alive through the feeding tube.

"I think that the Congress has more important things to discuss," he told CNN, calling the move political



Michael Schiavo's attorney George Felos speaks to Pinellas County Circuit Court Judge George Greer, who ruled that Schiavo could have his wife's, feeding tube removed Friday.

and criticizing House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, who helped broker the congressional compromise.

A lawyer for Michael Schiavo said the bill could be found unconstitutional. "It is in our opinion an absolute attack on the notion that we have separation of powers between the co-equal branches of government," attorney Hamden Baskin III told CNN.

Bob Schindler visited his daughter late Sunday and said he noticed the effects of dehydration on her. He said she appeared to be getting tired, but eventually responded to his teasing by making a face at him.

"It tells us she's still with

us," he said.

The president's brother, Gov. Jeb Bush, praised the actions of Congress. "We in government have a duty to protect the weak, disabled and vulnerable," he said in a statement Monday. "I appreciate the efforts of state and federal lawmakers on both sides of the aisle who have taken this duty to heart."

Outside the hospice, a crowd of about 50 people prayed and sang behind signs bearing such slogans as "Let Terri Live" and "President Bush Please Save Terri." One man played "Amazing Grace" on a trumpet, as a pickup truck pulled a trailer bearing 10-foot-high replicas of the stone

Ten Commandments tablets and a huge working version of the Liberty Bell.

A shout of joy when news of the bill's passage came. Among those cheering was David Bayly, 45, of Toledo, Ohio: "I'm overjoyed to see the vote and see Terri's life extended by whatever amount God gives her."

The 41-year-old woman's feeding tube was removed Friday on a Florida judge's order. Schiavo could linger for one or two weeks if the tube is not reinserted — as has happened twice before, once on a judge's order and once after Gov. Bush passed "Terri's Law," which was later declared unconstitutional.

## PAKISTAN

### Pilgrims flee shrine after bombing kills 30

Associated Press

FATEHPUR — Frightened pilgrims crammed into buses leaving a remote village in southwestern Pakistan on Sunday after a bombing at a Shiite shrine left 30 dead, and relatives sifted bloodied caps and shoes for signs of loved ones.

The blast Saturday night prompted anger and disbelief among the thousands who gather here 500 miles southwest of the capital, Islamabad, for an annual festival that bridges sectarian and religious divides.

"Everyone comes here, even Hindus. There is no distinction here between a

Shiite and a Sunni," said the shrine's caretaker, Syed Sadiq Shah. "God's curse be on those who did this. They have killed innocent people."

The explosion carved out a 2-foot deep crater and added to security fears in restive Baluchistan province, hit last week by fighting between government forces and renegade tribesmen.

No one claimed responsibility for the attack. Shoaib Nausherwani, Baluchistan's home minister, said 30 people died and 20 were wounded. Shah put the number of dead at 44.

A time bomb, packed with about 6.6 pounds of explosive, went off among

pilgrims as they took supper in an open area about 500 feet from the shrine.

Most of them had traveled from other regions of Baluchistan or neighboring Sindh province to mark the death anniversary of the 19th century Shiite saint whose tomb is inside the shrine. Up to 20,000 people had arrived over the weekend for the three-day event at Fatehpur, an arid village of about 50 mud brick homes.

"We were busy serving food to the travelers. I went into the kitchen and there was a big blast like an earthquake," recounted shrine worker Ghulam Mohammed.

## Leaders

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ing generation of women leaders — students from the United Arab Emirates, the Americas, the Gulf countries, Europe, Asia and Africa — with each other and with some of the most prominent women leaders in the world today," the University stated on the conference's Web site.

The trip was sponsored by CWIL, which also footed the bill since the goals of the conference aligned with CWIL's goal of fostering intercultural knowledge. Zayed University, a women's college founded in 1998 in the United Arab Emirates, paid for almost all student accommodations.

Saint Mary's contributed to three lectures with themes of Muslim-Catholic dialogue, social justice teachings and compassionate listening as a form of reconciliation.

"We had all shown interest to be in more than just a dialogue," Madison said. "We still get together every other week to reflect and practice what we learned in the dialogue."

Upon arriving, Fritz, Madison, Johnston and Quddoura, along with Farina and moderator Tracy Robison, director of the InterCultural Living Community, were "greeted in ... waves of women in black with red triangles [around their necks] saying 'Women as Global Leaders.' I didn't expect to be greeted by women leaders," said Madison. Every aspect of the conference was presented in English except for the welcome, which was in Arabic.

Entertainment was large-scale and noteworthy, provided with all-out hospitality, according to Johnston. Nothing was held back. A night at a desert resort included fireworks and "a fabulous cook-out, henna tattoos, camel rides and flame throwers," Johnston said. The night the SMC representatives arrived, there was a laser show in an auditorium and a gala dinner complete with sand art, ice sculptures and a young pianist, cellist and violinist — all from different countries, who collaborated to provide background music the entire night.

Keynote speakers at the conference were multi-generational and included some of the most notable female world leaders. Tipper Gore, wife of former U.S. Vice President Al Gore, spoke about mental health issues; Gro Harlem Brundtland, former Director-General of the World Health Organization, the Right Honourable Kim Campbell, former Prime Minister of Canada, and Patricia de Stacy Harrison, U.S. Assistant



Saint Mary's delegates gather in Dubai for a leadership conference. From left are Veronica Fritz, Angela Johnson, Sister Marianne Farina, Tracy Robinson, Asma Quddura and Carolyn Madison.

Secretary of State for Education and Cultural Affairs also contributed.

Other participants in the conference included women and men from the business world.

According to the Saint Mary's participants, panels and workshops throughout the course of the conference helped to break up the huge amount of women who attended and also served to cater to each woman's individual concerns.

Participation in the Women as Global Leaders Conference has had profound affects on the Saint Mary's Women who attended.

Fritz said she initially had reservations about going to a country in the Middle East, but her eyes were opened by the welcome she received.

"Because we were treated so graciously, I was able to appreciate the different culture as well as the other cultures that were there," Fritz said. "We're all the same, and if we focus on our similarities rather than our differences, the world can be a better place."

Johnston said she felt safe and welcomed "not just in the conference, but everywhere I went in Dubai. Through this conference, my knowledge of the world has grown to include an understanding and appreciation of a Middle Eastern culture that I didn't have before."

"It's a good thing to understand a different culture and put into action the respect of a different culture I thought I had before. I realized people the world over are trying to make changes," said Madison, who appreciated Kim Campbell's idea: "You can be a leader whoever you are — whether a man or a woman."

Johnston said she could see a need for this leadership conference, saying, "It's not likely

to see a ton of women out and about in the city."

"All speakers encouraged leadership both inside families and outside families and how those roles can compliment each other," Johnston said. "To be a good leader, it involves both men and women working together," she said.

Madison said she learned the importance of realizing one's potential as a leader, but also how to follow other's leadership.

"Without one culture, you couldn't have your own ideas. It's easy to forget that most ideas we have weren't founded by Americans," Madison said. "It's good to remember how similar we are, especially in human rights — inalienable rights."

Participants hope to maintain contact with the women they met in Dubai and are already planning future conferences.

"Some women exchanged

information and are considering coming to Saint Mary's for Compassionate Listening this summer," Johnston added.

Next year's conference is slated to be held in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

"We hope the conference will take place every year. I'd love to go back, but I think we have to be invited back, which I'm sure we will," Fritz stated.

"Saint Mary's College would love to participate again," Madison said. "You never know who you will inspire."

Major sponsors of the conference itself included Abu Dhabi Water & Electricity Authority, First Gulf Bank, Microsoft, EmiratesMedia, International Printing Press, Women in Business Magazine and CNBC.

For more information on the conference, visit [www.zu.ac.ae/leadership2005](http://www.zu.ac.ae/leadership2005).

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## IRAQ

# Nations dispute, remove delegates

Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq and Jordan engaged in a tit-for-tat withdrawal of ambassadors Sunday in a growing dispute over Shiite Muslim claims that Jordan is failing to block terrorists from entering Iraq, while U.S. forces killed 24 insurgents in a clash south of Baghdad.

An American convoy was traveling through the Salman Pak area, 20 miles southeast of Baghdad, when it was attacked, U.S. officials said. The military returned fire and killed 24 militants. Seven militants and six soldiers were also wounded.

No further details were available about the attack or the conditions of the wounded soldiers.

The clash was among the largest involving insurgents since the Jan. 30 elections, and came on a day of bloody attacks by militants throughout the country.

Sunday's diplomatic row erupted even as a Jordanian court sentenced in absentia Iraq's most feared terrorist — who was born in Jordan — to a 15-year prison term.

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<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	1,189.65	-0.56
<b>NIKKEI(Tokyo)</b>	11,879.81	+104.31
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**IN BRIEF**

**Affair causes executive to resign**

CHICAGO — The Boeing Co. executive whose affair with CEO Harry Stonecipher led to his ouster last week has voluntarily resigned, the company said Friday.

The woman's resignation was effective Thursday, spokesman John Dern said. He wouldn't comment further, and the aircraft manufacturer continued its refusal to identify her, citing privacy concerns.

Stonecipher resigned at the request of Boeing's board of directors for what Chairman Lew Platt said was unprofessional conduct related to the affair. Company sources have said the ouster was necessary because of graphic e-mail exchanges between the CEO and the female executive at a time when Boeing's ethical conduct was under heavy scrutiny.

When Boeing announced Stonecipher's ouster March 7, it said it also was investigating the woman's activities surrounding the matter and did not know whether she would remain with the company.

That investigation is now complete, Boeing told employees in a companywide message Friday quoting general counsel Doug Bain. The company said that "by mutual agreement," neither Boeing nor the former executive is releasing further information.

**Taser gives active cops stock options**

CHANDLER, Ariz. — Taser International Inc. openly credits its use of active-duty police officers as trainers as a major ingredient in the company's meteoric rise to become the No. 1 seller of stun guns.

And like a lot of other cash-strapped startups, early on Taser offered some of those officers stock options as an incentive.

But with the Scottsdale-based company now under state and federal investigation over safety claims and accounting issues, questions have arisen about whether the officers' moonlighting represented a conflict of interest, particularly when their own departments were buying stun guns.

**Phonebook errors rile residents**

*Customers incur unnecessary losses as a result of Verizon's listing mistakes*

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — For weeks, Rusty McGowan wondered why the phone for his waterscaping company had stopped ringing. Did he offend someone? Had his fish ponds and waterfalls failed to please?

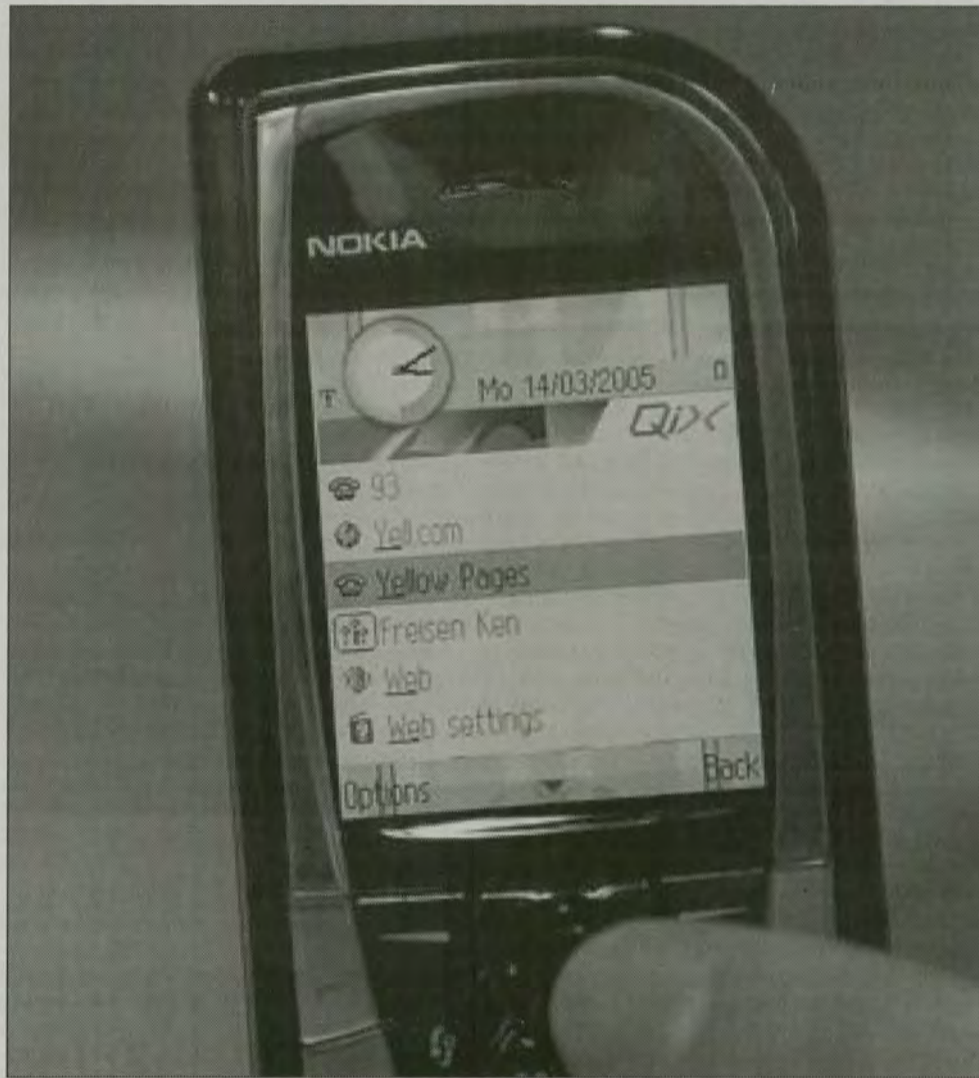
Then he thumbed through the new phonebook. Verizon Communications Inc., he realized, had published the wrong number for the business. Aqua-Scapes of Virginia/Virginia Waterscaping, in three Yellow Pages in the state. In the white pages, his company's listing was dropped altogether.

"They have ruined me," said McGowan, who says his Yellow Pages ads generate about half his sales. Verizon didn't charge him and offered him a free ad in one book, he said, but the damage was done. He estimates the omissions cost his Virginia Beach business about \$35,000.

The nation's largest local phone company, based in New York, has made a series of embarrassing errors in its directories in recent years. In a well publicized gaffe last year, as many as 12,000 Verizon telephone numbers that Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C., customers had paid to keep unlisted were accidentally published. In 2003, Verizon was forced to publish supplements to more than a dozen error-riddled directories in New York.

In Virginia, Verizon has bungled multiple phonebooks across the state several times. In the past year, about 700 businesses, residents and governments have complained to state regulators about wrong numbers, misnamed companies and omitted listings.

Customers who tried to fix the problems say they had to wade through Verizon's bureaucracy, waiting on hold or unable to reach the right person. Some mistakes were compounded instead of corrected, and some cor-



Verizon, the nation's largest local phone company, based in New York, has made a series of embarrassing errors in its directories in recent years.

rections weren't made at all.

In January, the State Corporation Commission said it would investigate the company's white page directories, which fall under its regulations because they are part of basic phone service.

"Something is falling down in the process," said Kenneth Schrad, a spokesman for the agency.

Verizon representatives said they were working closely with state regulators. But they provided little detail about the mistakes and declined several times to discuss specific complaints.

"We have had directory errors, and we apologize for the inconvenience this caus-

es our customers," said Mary De La Garza, a spokeswoman for Verizon Information Services, which publishes 1,200 directories and tens of millions of listings. "When we identify a directory error, we work diligently to figure out what happened, get it corrected and prevent it from happening again."

State regulators and some telecom analysts were puzzled by Verizon's directory mistakes, characterizing them as unusual for the company and the industry. They say service providers have grappled in the past with phonebook errors, but they were not aware of anything to the magnitude of the problems in Virginia.

Jay Pultz, an analyst at

the research company Gartner Inc., said the problems weren't surprising considering the industry's cost-cutting and automation. "They might have gone too far in removing checks and balances," he said of Verizon.

Consumer advocates call Verizon's errors an illustration of how customer service has suffered while the phone company expanded to dominate the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states.

"I don't sense any desire from the folks I've worked with to really make things better for consumers. They're working real hard to take care of their bottom line," said Irene Leech, president of the Virginia Citizens Consumer Council.

**Auto executive and developer dies at 80**

Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — John Z. DeLorean, the innovative automaker who left a promising career in Detroit to develop the stainless steel-skinned, gull-winged sports car bearing his name and was acquitted of charges he planned to sell \$24 million worth of cocaine to support the venture, has died at the age of 80.

DeLorean died Saturday at Overlook Hospital in Summit, N.J., of complications from a recent stroke, said Paul Connell, an owner of A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Directors in Royal Oak, Mich., which was han-

dling arrangements.

DeLorean, whose namesake car was turned into a time machine in the "Back to the Future" movies, was among just a handful of U.S. entrepreneurs who dared start a car company in the last 75 years.

DeLorean "broke the mold" of staid Midwestern auto executives by pushing General Motors Corp. to offer smaller models, auto historians said.

While at GM, he created what some consider the first "muscle car" in 1964 by cramming a V-8 engine into a Pontiac Tempest and calling it the GTO.

Although he was a rising if unconventional executive at GM, and was

believed by many to be destined for its presidency, he quit in 1973 to launch the DeLorean Motor Car Co. in Northern Ireland.

Eight years later, the DeLorean DMC-12 hit the streets with its unpainted stainless steel skin and gull-wing doors.

Its angular design earned it a cult following, and the car was a time-traveling vehicle for Michael J. Fox in the "Back to the Future" films of the late 1980s.

However, the factory produced only about 8,900 cars in three years, estimated John Truscott, membership director of the DeLorean Owners Association.

# Courthouse shooter hurts Atlanta's image

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Atlanta has spent years promoting itself as the welcoming, friendly Capital of the New South — “the city too busy to hate.”

That image has taken a beating following a deadly courthouse rampage that left many with the impression that the city is unsafe and its police inept. It only gets worse as more details about what went wrong continue to trickle out daily.

National television and radio talk show hosts have ripped on the city's response to the rampage, with some referring to the local police as “Keystone Kops.”

A local radio personality even said: “Thank God he left Atlanta, otherwise they never would have found him,” referring to the suspect's capture in a suburb.

Among the missteps: A surveillance camera that recorded images of a rape suspect overpowering a petite deputy and taking her gun was not monitored even as he allegedly entered a courtroom and gunned down a judge and a court reporter.

Local police did not take control of the crime scene until some 20 minutes after the shootings, as the suspect carjacked five vehicles within a mile of the courthouse before walking to a train station in the heart of the city's downtown.

The first photos of the suspect were not circulated until an hour after the initial attack, about the time the suspect escaped on a commuter train.

Although he asked a reporter whose car he stole for directions to a busy mall, the suspect spent as many as 12 hours milling around outside the mall, undetected, before assaulting a couple and killing a federal agent.

And those are just the missteps that have come to light in recent days. Others were known by the time the suspect, Brian Nichols, was arrested March 12, following a 26-hour manhunt.

Mayor Shirley Franklin responded to all the hammering on the city's image Friday, simply by saying: “We're not perfect, but we seek to be the best we can be.”

City officials have nurtured the city's image as a safe, sophisticated place. Atlanta came through the civil rights era with relatively little violence because civic leaders feared trouble would be bad for business.

The city's reputation has helped draw business, sporting events and tourists — it is consistently listed among the Top 10 destinations for conventions and other large meetings.

But Atlanta also landed third on a list of the nation's most dangerous large cities in November, although the study's authors said it would have been fourth if they had known about unreported crimes in St. Louis.

Atlanta has done much to play down its crime — even cooking its crime statistics to help land the 1996 Olympics and pump up tourism, according to an audit commissioned

by police and released last year.

The city's police chief, Richard Pennington, has said he is making widespread improvements in the city's policing and said he will oversee a full review of mistakes in the wake of the courthouse slayings.

The manhunt and its missteps were dissected in the national media, creating a high-profile problem for the city's reputation.

“Regardless of who failed or why they failed, to the general public the fact is they failed,” said Joe King, associate professor of law and police science at the John Jay College of Justice in New York.

“The biggest black eye you could say happened to the Atlanta Police Department and the Sheriff's office is they failed to see this coming and they failed to gear up for it,” King said.

Fulton County Sheriff Myron Freeman did not answer questions about why a 51-year-old, 5-foot female deputy was left alone with an uncuffed, 6-foot-1, 200-pound former college linebacker on trial for rape.

One of Nichols' alleged victims, the judge on his rape case, had requested extra security the day before after Nichols was found with shanks in each of his shoes. Even after killing the judge and court reporter, the gunman made it down eight flights of stairs and walked out onto the street before being confronted by a deputy, who was shot and killed.

Freeman has said his department provided the security the judge requested, but refused to elaborate. Four days after the shootings, he said he would increase the number of deputies at the courthouse and use more stun belts on defendants.

“We will do everything in our power to keep such a tragedy from ever occurring again,” Freeman said in a written statement.

Police, meanwhile, focused their manhunt on a vehicle carjacked by the suspect — its description appeared on TVs and highway message boards across the state. However, the vehicle was found 13 hours later on a lower level in the same garage where it was stolen, discovered by one of the garage's customers, not police.

“We should have gone through the entire building,” Pennington said. “We didn't, based on the information we had at the time,” which was a report that someone saw the vehicle exit the garage.

In the meantime, Nichols allegedly hijacked other cars and fled on the Atlanta commuter-train system MARTA.

“There was a huge effort under way to catch this guy. But in many ways he was good and sometimes he was just damn lucky,” said Gene Wilson, the police chief of MARTA.

Although the incident has brought bad publicity for Atlanta, it shouldn't cause lasting damage to the city's drawing power, said Colin Borrie, president of Dallas-based Meeting Professionals International.

## CHINA

# U.S. defends Pacific, Rice says

European Union may soon lift embargo imposed on China in 1989

Associated Press

BEIJING — Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice suggested Sunday that European governments are irresponsible if they sell sophisticated weaponry to China that might one day be used against U.S. forces in the Pacific.

“It is the United States, not Europe, that is defending the Pacific,” Rice said. She spoke in Seoul, the penultimate stop on her weeklong tour of Asia.

South Korea, Japan and the United States are all Pacific powers and all contribute resources to keep the Asia-Pacific region stable, Rice said.

The European Union may soon lift an arms embargo on China that was imposed after the deadly 1989 crackdown on pro-democracy protesters in

Tiananmen Square. Lifting the embargo would allow sale of technology and weapons that China badly wants to modernize its creaky military. China has recently gone on a military spending spree that Rice said concerns the United States.

“The European Union should do nothing to contribute,” to the possibility that Chinese forces might turn European technology on Americans, Rice said after meetings with the South Korean president and foreign minister.

Rice has earlier said that China's recent statements about a possible invasion of Taiwan should give the Europeans pause. China passed a law this month codifying its intention to use military force against Taiwan should the island declare formal independence.

Rice said she would raise U.S.

objections to the Taiwan development with Chinese officials in two days of talks, along with long-standing concerns over Chinese human rights practices and violations of intellectual property rights.

Rice will also ask China for more help to persuade communist North Korea to return to international nuclear disarmament talks.

The Pyongyang government of Kim Jong Il announced last month what the United States has long suspected: It has already built at least one nuclear weapon.

The United States, Russia, Japan, South Korea and China began a joint diplomatic effort with North Korea last year aimed at persuading the country to give up its nuclear program.

# Lawyer killed by lethal injections

Prosecutor and family man murdered via forced cocaine overdose

Associated Press

MACON, Mo. — A former prosecutor and family man once known for a firm grasp of the difference between right and wrong, David Masters arrived at his death bound to a chair, his final stop along a road of poor choices.

Two housemates are accused of being his judge and jury, condemning Masters for owing three weeks of rent and making passes at a woman with whom he lived. When the woman pulled out a gun, court papers say, Masters said he'd rather die from drugs — so the father of seven was injected with syringe after syringe of cocaine.

The 52-year-old's body was found the next day, March 3, near a river in the Ozarks, a couple hundred miles from this small town where he made his name upholding the law.

“No one in their wildest imagination would ever dream he would succumb to an illicit drug problem and associate with the people he did,” said James Foley, a former Macon County prosecutor and retired judge. “They try and rationalize it, but you couldn't even make this up in TV fiction. That's what his life became.”

No one will say if Masters might have been using drugs as his life fell apart. Since losing re-election in 1998, he'd abandoned clients, separated from his wife and surrounded himself with drug users, his daughter said.

Brad Funk, an assistant prosecutor under Masters for more than five years in the 1990s, said his one-time mentor always “tried to do the right thing. That's why it's so shocking, sickening that David ended up such a lost soul.”

Masters came to Macon in 1990, when then-Gov. John Ashcroft tapped him to be the county's prosecutor.

Masters was a sharp, organized litigator who devoted full-time hours to the part-time job, and had a private

law practice on the side to make ends meet.

Masters often was in the courthouse readying his cases before dawn, then could be seen at his private practice downtown into the wee hours of some mornings.

“He was as productive as two or three attorneys put together,” says Funk, since 2001 an associate circuit judge in Mercer County. “I never questioned his decency or his integrity or his abilities as an attorney. He was an officer of the court, and he took that very seriously.”

The job took a physical toll on Masters, a Diet Coke-swilling diabetic who didn't seem to make his health a priority.

“Some days he just wouldn't look good, his color wouldn't be good or whatever. He just didn't look rested or healthy,” said Judy Roberts, who has run the county's circuit clerk's office for the past 11 years. “I just figured he was working too hard, too many hours.”

Masters and his family lived in one of Macon's best-known homes, the 19th century Wardell Mansion, which was on the National Register of Historic Places.

But after two terms, Masters lost re-election in 1998. He soon seemed overwhelmed by his work.

In late 2003, an ex-client was arrested, suspected of setting Masters' law office ablaze. That month, court records show, Masters' wife filed for divorce; they separated but never officially ended the marriage. The historic house became a money pit.

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“His life seemed to unravel,” Foley says.

Masters left Macon County for a fresh start around Springfield in southwest Missouri, but he failed to tell dozens of his clients — some already having paid for his services — and his law license was suspended in January 2004.

Masters fell in with the wrong crowd, by many accounts sinking into a subculture of drugs and depression.

Today, his housemates — Crystal Naumoyes, 27, and Thomas Naumann, 49 — and Broyles' sister, 23-year-old Brandi Storment are charged with first-degree murder in his slaying.

Prosecutors say Storment was at the house and stole some of Masters' possessions but did not inject him with any cocaine. The defendants are scheduled for a preliminary hearing April 1 and are jailed without bail.

In Macon, gold letters on the glass door of a mostly empty downtown office still read “Law Office of David A. Masters.”

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## KYRGYZSTAN

## Pro-democracy riots promote negotiation

Associated Press

BISHKEK — Thousands of protesters demanding the resignation of President Askar Akayev rampaged through a southern city Sunday amid growing anger over allegedly fraudulent elections in the former Soviet republic.

The government said it was ready to negotiate, but opposition leader Kurmanbek Bakiyev said talks would only be possible if the president himself is involved.

"All other lower level negotiations will be just a waste of time," Bakiyev said.

Several people were believed to be injured in the southern city of Jalal-Abad, though it was not clear how many.

Protesters also occupied government buildings in other parts of Kyrgyzstan, accusing the government of rigging parliamentary ballots on Feb. 27 and March 13 that gave Akayev an overwhelming majority and won places for his daughter and son in the legislature.

European countries and the United States also said the polls were seriously flawed, a charge denied by the government.

Some analysts have suggested Kyrgyzstan is ripe for an outburst of the mass protests experienced by other post-Soviet countries, such as those that recently brought pro-Western leaders to power in Ukraine and Georgia.

Akayev, who has led the Central Asian nation since it gained independence after the 1991 Soviet collapse, was regarded as the most reform-minded leader in the region and the country won praise for its comparative openness.

But Akayev in recent years has shown increasing signs of cracking down. In 2002, his reputation was tarnished after police killed six demonstrators who were protesting the arrest of an opposition lawmaker.

The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe

issued a statement Sunday, urging the government and the opposition to refrain from using force and to begin a dialogue.

In Jalal-Abad, stone-throwing protesters stormed a police station, causing some officers to take to the roof and fire warning shots in the air, regional government spokesman Orazaly Karasartov said. He said smoke could be seen rising from the police station and that protesters broke windows.

Police estimated the number of protesters at 10,000, but local activist Cholpon Ergesheva said 20,000 people participated. She said the protesters ended the attack on the police station after burning down two of its three buildings and forcing all the officers to flee.

Ergesheva also said the protesters had occupied the mayor's office in Jalal-Abad, after the soldiers guarding it had voluntarily vacated it.

Jalal-Abad governor Jusup Sharipov said the government did not have enough police force in the region to restore order right now.

As the protests have gathered steam, the opposition has demanded Akayev step down.

"The authorities' decision to use force against people won't bring any good. It will only provoke anger," said Bakiyev, leader of the opposition People's Movement of Kyrgyzstan.

Sunday's riot came a day after police forcibly evicted demonstrators from the governor's office in Jalal-Abad and another government building in the city of Osh. More than a dozen people, including three police officers, were injured and more than 200 demonstrators were arrested, police and civic activists said.

Street rallies across the country have also increasingly gained momentum. On Saturday, about 8,000 protested in three cities.

## American ends 14-year drought

Associated Press

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — Thomas Mayne, the bad boy of architecture for years before reaping international acclaim in his mid-50s, was named Sunday as the winner of the Pritzker Prize, the field's most prestigious honor.

Mayne, 61, is the first American to win the Pritzker in 14 years and only the eighth U.S. architect to win in the 27-year history of the contest.

The jury cited Mayne for creating a bold architectural style that reflects the "unique, somewhat rootless, culture of Southern California" through angular lines and an unfinished, open-ended feel.

"Thom Mayne is a product of the turbulent 1960s who has carried that rebellious attitude and fervent desire for change into his practice, the fruits of which are only now becoming visible," the jury wrote.

For Mayne, winning the Pritzker is vindication for the years he spent struggling to maintain the purity of his unorthodox ideas. His stand earned him a reputation as an angry young man and alienated many clients.

"My whole essence was attempting to do something I believed in. I didn't understand how to negotiate that notion of the private and the public world," he said in an interview at Morphosis, his Santa Monica studio. "Your whole life you're told you're an outsider and you can't do that, and then you're honored for it."

Mayne will be awarded a \$100,000 grant and a bronze medallion on May 31 during a ceremony at the Jay Pritzker Pavilion in Chicago's Millennium Park. Past winners of the Pritzker Prize, sponsored by the family that developed the Hyatt Hotel chain, include I.M. Pei, Frank Gehry, Renzo Piano and Rem Koolhaas.

Fired from a teaching job at California State Polytechnic University, Pomona, Mayne founded an alternative architecture school called SCI-Arc in 1972 with six colleagues and 40 students. That year, he started Morphosis and two years later won his first award for designing a Pasadena school attended by his son.

For two decades, Mayne worked in relative obscurity on local houses, restaurants and office buildings and a handful of overseas projects. Then, in the mid-1990s, a series of convention-bending designs won Mayne his first major international praise.

He has since won competitions and commissions for an array of major public projects, including the new Alaska state capitol, a new academic building for The Cooper Union in New York, and New York's 2012 Olympic Village, which will be built even if the city doesn't get the games for that year.

## Government data kept private

*Novel excuses multiply for withholding information from public*

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government argues that a health official's required public financial disclosure reports should not become public. Some of President Bush's military records were not released because officials did not want to search boxes filled with rat excrement. Homeland Security Secretary Tom Ridge's public schedules were withheld until he left office.

Those roadblocks to obtaining government data arose in response to requests during the past year by The Associated Press. In recent years, the AP and other regular users of the Freedom of Information Act have been presented with a growing list of never-before-seen excuses for denying the public release

of government documents.

"It's become much, much harder to get responses to FOIA requests, and it's taking much, much longer," said David A. Schulz, the attorney who helps the AP with FOIA requests. "Agencies seem to view their role as coming up with techniques to keep information secret rather than the other way around. That's completely contrary to the goal of the act."

It has taken administrative appeals or lawsuits to overcome some obstacles, but not before requesters had to wait — sometimes until the information sought was no longer useful — and often had to spend hundreds or thousands of dollars for lawyers.

Other times, ordinary citizens were thwarted because they lacked time or money.

Whether journalists, advocacy groups or private citizens make the requests, the ultimate loser is the public, which learns less about its government, say those who have fought the fights.

Steve Hendricks, a Montana resident writing a book about tumultuous relations between American Indians and the government in the 1970s, said he could never afford an expensive legal battle. He said he was fortunate that his wife, an FOIA lawyer, could wage his battle against the FBI to uncover documents the agency at first said did not exist.

Bush administration officials acknowledge reining in the policies of earlier administrations to protect privacy and national security, particularly after the Sept. 11 attacks.

"We were more attuned to privacy concerns, as well as the security matters, than prior to this administration coming in," said Mark Corallo, who just retired as the Justice Department's spokesman.

Corallo said the department relied on recommendations of career experts to handle information release requests. He said that elsewhere "perhaps the bureaucracy took advantage of the national security imperative at times to withhold non-national security stuff."

Whatever the case, some new roadblocks are novel.

During last year's presidential campaign, the AP filed federal and state suits that uncovered new, long-sought military records of Bush's service.

Weeks after Texas National Guard officials swore under oath they had released everything, two retired Army lawyers searched again under an agreement between the AP and the Guard and found 31 unreleased pages. These included orders for high-altitude training in 1972, less than three months before Bush abruptly quit flying.

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## Historic mansion auctioned

Unknown buyer pays \$4 million for castle

Associated Press

DENVER — A historic castle where John D. Rockefeller and Theodore Roosevelt were guests — and where a coal baron's ghost is said to haunt the halls — was auctioned for \$4 million Saturday, two years after the IRS seized the century-old mansion in a fraud investigation.

A Pasadena, Calif., man made the winning bid, said John Harrison, an IRS special agent. The unidentified buyer declined to talk with reporters.

"I had a brief moment to meet him, and I think he's going to be a real asset to the Redstone community," said Walter Stanaszek, a University of Oklahoma professor who had the winning bid for a nearby Victorian home. "I'm just excited to say I have a neighbor that owns a castle."

IRS agents seized the 42-room Redstone Castle in the mountains near Aspen in March 2003 while investigating an international Ponzi investment scheme. They also seized about \$17 million in cash from bank accounts and race cars worth \$2 million.

The castle's previous owner, Leon Harte, was being investigated before he died in 2003. Court documents said Harte and others had formed three companies to buy the castle and the Victorian home for \$6 million five years ago.

Investigators say about 1,000 people were bilked of a total of \$56 million on the promise of 400 percent investment returns. A grand jury indicted seven people last year and trial proceedings are scheduled for September.

Proceeds from the auction will help reimburse victims, Harrison said.

The sale was the latest twist in the castle's almost epic past.

Teddy Roosevelt stayed at the estate during a hunting trip after he left the White House; oil tycoon John D. Rockefeller did, too.

But it was nearly abandoned after a mining bust, and some say the cigar-smoking ghost of its builder, coal baron John Cleveland Osgood — who died in the castle he named Cleveholm Manor — still haunts the place.

The castle, filled with antiques and surrounded by a carriage house, barn and other outbuildings in the Crystal River Valley about 170 miles west of Denver, was finished in 1902 at a price of \$2.5 million — an astonishing sum at the time.

It was erected on a mountain-side overlooking the coal-mining town Osgood built for his employees.

"It's kind of like a medieval manor. The castle was about an aristocratic mile away from the village," said Darrell Munsell, president of the Redstone Historical Society.

"It demonstrates Osgood's philosophy of industrial paternalism. Osgood believed that his employees should be contented, satisfied workers," said Munsell, who is writing a book about Osgood's labor policies. "He thought if they were satisfied with their conditions, they wouldn't join the union, and he would be rewarded with more production and less labor strife."

## Busy with basketball, BET founder to resign

President to sever ties, focus on NBA team

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Robert Johnson and Black Entertainment Television are known for one thing: each other. Soon, they could go their separate ways after a profitable 25-year relationship.

Johnson is busy with other projects, including his losing NBA franchise in Charlotte, N.C., while the deal that let him stay on as BET's chief executive after he sold the network in 2000 expires this year.

Stepping down at BET would give Johnson more time to

pursue his varied interests.

A divorced father of two, Democratic Party donor and consummate schmoozer who counts former President Clinton among his friends, Johnson set his sights high early on.

Not taken seriously when he first talked about serving a then-untapped market, Johnson was 34 when he launched BET — which is celebrating its silver anniversary this year — from the basement of his Washington home in January 1980.

It is the country's first and largest black-oriented cable network, and has proved an unmatched success.

"Nobody had a clue about

cable back then," says Herman Penner, a college roommate of Johnson's. "Obviously he dreamed a little bit bigger than that and was successful at it."

A Mississippi native with a master's degree from Princeton, Johnson led in other areas, too.

He became the country's first black billionaire after BET's sale for \$3 billion nearly five years ago. He is the first black owner of a major sports team, the NBA's first-year Charlotte Bobcats, which Johnson named after himself.

A lifelong sports fan, Johnson was a partner in the effort to return baseball to the nation's capital, but he pulled

out to focus on basketball before the Washington Nationals arrived.

He owns several Hilton and Marriott hotels, one of the country's largest black art collections and several film rights. He has a stake in a jazz record label, is interested in developing real estate and sought unsuccessfully to buy majority control of Independence Federal Savings Bank, one of the largest black-owned thrifts.

His plan to become the first black owner of a commercial airline failed several years ago when the government opposed a proposed merger that would have created a new carrier he sought to own.

## Sen. McCain: Baseball cannot be trusted

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Saying Major League Baseball "can't be trusted," Sen. John McCain warned Sunday that legislation might be needed to force the sport to change its steroids policy.

The Arizona Republican joined the chorus of congressmen expressing disappointment with baseball's drug-testing plan after testimony from commissioner Bud Selig and union head Donald Fehr at the House Government Reform Committee hearing on steroids Thursday.

"It just seems to me they can't be trusted," McCain told ABC's "This Week."

"What do we need to do? It seems to me that we ought to seriously consider ... a law that says all professional sports have a minimum level of performance-enhancing drug testing," McCain said.

Committee chairman Tom Davis, R-Va., said on CBS' "Face the Nation" that he agreed with McCain's suggestion that the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency could be called in to govern baseball's testing. The independent agency oversees drug testing and discipline for U.S. Olympic athletes.

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Davis, whose committee subpoenaed current and former stars and baseball executives to testify Thursday, said he's willing to wait and see how Major League Baseball handles drug testing and punishment in 2005.

"They've got this season. We'll see how they respond when they find someone testing positive," Davis told CBS.

Asked about possible government intervention, baseball's executive vice president for labor relations, Rob Manfred, told CBS, "Commissioner Selig said unequivocally in the hearing

that if Congress decides that federal legislation is appropriate, that he would be supportive."

In March 2004, McCain's Senate Commerce Committee held a hearing on steroids in baseball, pressure that helped lead to the drug-testing plan that owners and players agreed to in January.

Several lawmakers were critical of two provisions in that agreement: one that allows players to be fined instead of suspended for failing a drug test, and another that calls for testing to be suspended if there's a government investigation.

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# Reduced-sugar cereals do not prove healthy

Experts say popular children's options have same calories, no nutritional advantages

Associated Press

Could this be the end of cereal aisle showdowns between parents and sweet-toothed tots?

New reduced-sugar versions of popular children's breakfast cereals — everything from Froot Loops to Frosted Flakes — certainly sound promising, but consumers might want to hold off chiming in when Tony the Tiger says, "They're Gr-r-reat!"

Experts who reviewed the lower-sugar versions of six major brands of sweetened cereals at the request of The Associated Press found they have no significant nutritional advantages over their full-sugar counterparts.

Nutrition scientists at five universities found that while the new cereals do have less sugar, the calories, carbohydrates, fat, fiber and other nutrients are almost identical to the full-sugar cereals.

That's because the cereal makers have replaced sugar with refined carbohydrates to preserve the crunch.

Officials at General Mills, Kellogg's and Post were unable to explain why the new cereals are a better choice, but noted they give consumers more options about how much sugar they eat.

Company officials said they were responding to parents' demands for products with less sugar and that they aren't claiming these cereals are any healthier than the originals.

That may not be obvious to consumers.

On some boxes, the lower-sugar claim is printed nearly as large as the product's name, and only by carefully comparing the nutrition labels of both versions of a cereal would a shopper know there is little difference between them.

"You're supposed to think it's healthy," said Marion Nestle, a nutrition professor at New York University and author of a book critical of the food industry's influence on public health. "This is about marketing. It is about nothing else. It is not about kids' health."

Only one cereal, General Mills' Cinnamon Toast Crunch, saw a true calorie reduction, dropping from 130 calories to 120 per three-fourths cup serving.

The reduced-sugar versions of Kellogg's Frosted Flakes and Froot Loops; General Mills' Cocoa Puffs and Trix; and Post's Fruity Pebbles all have the same number of calories per serving.

Blame the calorie woes on crunch. To preserve cereals' taste and texture, sugar is replaced with other carbs that have the same calories as sugar and are no better for you.

That's also why not even diabetics benefit from these cereals. The body treats all refined carbohydrates the same, whether they are sugars or grains, said Dr. Lilian Cheung of the Harvard School of Public Health.

"The changes don't buy you

anything," she said. "From a health point of view, I really can't see the difference."

The new cereals were introduced last year as attention on the nation's obesity epidemic forced food companies to rethink marketing strategies.

The \$6.2 billion cold breakfast cereal industry has good reason to pay attention. Nearly 90 percent of children ages 6-12 regularly eat cereal, according to consumer research firm NPD Group. Two-thirds of them eat sweetened cereals.

And while overall cereal sales have been sliding, sales of reduced-sugar cereals grew by almost 50 percent last year, accounting for nearly \$357 million in sales, according to ACNielsen.

To create sweetened cereals with cross-generational appeal, Kellogg's simply cut the sugar, and its price for reduced-sugar Frosted Flakes is the same as the original.

However, Post and General Mills replaced some of the sugar



Frosted Flakes is a favorite children's cereal available in a reduced-sugar version.

with the pricier no-calorie sweetener Splenda, upping the cost per pound by as much as \$1.12 over the full-sugar cereals.

Researchers at five universities were hard-pressed to find advantages of the lower-sugar cereals. Even the cereal companies had a hard time.

## VATICAN CITY

# St. Peter's garners thousands at mass

Pilgrims flood square for Holy Week service

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Tens of thousands of pilgrims filled St. Peter's Square for Palm Sunday Mass, hoping for an appearance by ailing Pope John Paul II, who was unable to preside at the ceremony that ushers in Holy Week for the first time in his 26-year papacy.

Cardinal Camillo Ruini, the pope's vicar for Rome, led the service, but the Vatican said John Paul might make a brief appearance. His third-floor window above the square remained open, with the red papal banner outside.

A long line of cardinals, bishops and priests holding olive branches and palm fronds walked into the square in procession at the start of the Mass.

Potted olive trees surrounded the obelisk at the center of the square, and row after row of gray plastic chairs were lined up for the Mass, which commemorates Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

"We certainly hope to see the pope," said Anna Prati, bringing her visiting sister from Turin to the square. "He likes to surprise."

John Paul, who was discharged from the hospital last Sunday, has long presided over the ceremony marking the start of the most important week in the Roman Catholic liturgical year and which has been one of this pope's favorite appointments.

"It will be an unusual opening, that of Holy Week" without the pope at Palm Sunday Mass, Vatican Radio commented.

In his homily, Ruini spoke of Christ's ordeal and the "drama and mystery" of suffering and its meaning for humanity. The Italian cardinal said Christ's cross brings "new energies" and "shines with special clarity on the weary face of the Holy Father."

The pope is officially convalescing at the Vatican after Feb. 24 throat surgery to insert a tube in his windpipe and ease his second breathing crisis in less than a month.

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## I need a hero

This past week, I couldn't help but think back to that classic "Liar, Liar" scene in which a desperate Jim Carrey is dragged out of a courtroom screaming, "But I'm Jose Canseco! I'm Jose Canseco!" Yes, even though recent events might lead one to believe otherwise, there actually was a time when emulating Jose Canseco was the cool thing to do. After all, at least in some respects, he was a hero.

Not only did he and fellow "Bash Brother" Mark McGwire lead the Oakland Athletics to three consecutive World Series appearances as a notorious tag team of home run hitters, but posters featuring the two hulks posing with their biceps flexed also dotted the bedroom walls of Little Leaguers all across America, myself included. Without fail, throughout most of the early '90s, if my eyes were not glued to the television screen watching the comparatively lackluster New York Yankees and my own personal uber-hero, Don Mattingly, you could bet that I was running around my living room swinging a yellow plastic wiffle ball bat in the hopes of hitting an unlucky household object with the force of a Bash Brother grand slam. Oh, those were the days.

Granted, it was a lot easier to find a hero in the sports world back when we were growing up. The multi-million dollar advertising deals that tend to go to the heads of today's top athletes really only emerged on the scene after the Michael Jordan era, so the bolier-than-thou attitudes of a Barry Bonds or a Kobe Bryant were typically never an issue. Professional athletes were blessed with unthinkable God-given talents, and they never felt the need to appear on ESPN telling us exactly how much better than us they really were, and we loved and respected them for that. Life was good.

Speaking of everyone's favorite Los

Angeles Laker, the typical American sports fan also never had to worry about their heroes showing up on television defending themselves against charges of rape (Bryant), assault (Ron Artest), murder (O.J. Simpson, Jayson Williams), steroid use (Canseco, McGwire, Sammy Sosa, et. al.) or drug use (Ricky Williams, the entire NBA). Rape, murder and drugs, after all, only existed in Al Pacino movies. I'm pretty sure the only guy I knew growing up who used performance-enhancing steroids was the gargantuan Russian boxer in "Rocky IV."

Professional sports were simply an arena for the best Little League athletes who became the best high school athletes who later were the best college athletes to have the honor of playing the games they loved more than anything in front of millions of hot dog-eating fans. It was a natural progression to greatness that every little boy wanted to take, and steroids, felonies and ego trips simply were not a part of the picture. That was, of course, until something went terribly wrong, and those heroes on our posters, trading cards and cereal boxes ended up in our courtrooms, prison cells and congressional hearings.

Switching gears for a second, I should also note that professional athletes were not the only heroes and role models who provided the driving force behind much of the child development of America. There were the billionaire inventors turned businessmen — men like Bill Gates and Steve Jobs — who certainly inspired many of my more financially-savvy peers with imaginings of inconceivable wealth and fame.

There were the beautiful and talented heroes of Hollywood — stars like the gorgeous Julia Roberts and the incomparably-cool Sean Connery — who motivated would-be actors and actresses to stick with their pipe dreams of cinematic success.

There were the legendary and inspi-

rational political heroes of history — great leaders like Presidents George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Franklin Delano Roosevelt — who helped direct the futures of budding politicians. Generally speaking, no matter whom you were and what you wanted to do with your life, there was always a hero out there to help drive you to turn your dreams into realities.

Cue Canseco and his 304-page piece of literary filth, "Juiced," and the steroid scandal in Major League Baseball found itself reignited. Cue Enron and WorldCom and the business world became a bastion of greed, scandal and corruption. Cue Paris Hilton, Pamela Anderson and Robert Blake, who forced Hollywood to begin to look more like a hedonistic sin bin than the euphoric Shangri-La profiled in "Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous." Cue President Bill Clinton's oral office and President George W. Bush's neo-conservative imperialism, and even the presidency lost its luster as the head of state, commander in chief and hero of heroes for the free world.

As a result, we have reached a crossroads in American society in which our youth are now faced with a dangerous hero dilemma. They can either set their sights on a future as a thug (50 Cent), an alleged rapist (Bryant), a loose star (Lindsay Lohan), a thief (Kenneth Lay) or a Republican (see all), or they can set off on their difficult journeys into the gloomy caves of adulthood without heroes by their sides to light the way to success. Call me pessimistic, but I just don't think they're going to make it.

Not without their heroes. Not without their Jose Cansecos.

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### QUOTE OF THE DAY

"True heroism is remarkably sober, very undramatic. It is not the urge to surpass all others at whatever cost, but the urge to serve others, at whatever cost."

Arthur Ashe  
athlete

**LETTER TO THE EDITOR**

# Symposium on women in war biased

I find the headline from the March 18 issue of *The Observer*, "Symposium to debate women in battles," about Saint Mary's upcoming "Women, War, and Peace: Feminist Interventions in a Time of Conflict" symposium very disingenuous, as no debate exists in this program. Rather, it is a propaganda effort against the wars in Iraq, Afghanistan and the Israeli "occupation" of Palestine.

I would even describe some of the speakers featured as anti-Semitic. For example, poet Lisa Suhair Majaj wrote a poem — found at [www.feministpeacenetwork.org](http://www.feministpeacenetwork.org) — honoring "martyr" Rachel Corrie, who was "killed by an Israeli bulldozer while trying to prevent the demolition of a Palestinian family's house." Imagery in this poem evoked Tiananmen Square and the students demonstrating for democracy and freedom in 1989.

Rachel Corrie had nothing in common with those student demonstrators, thousands of whom were killed or imprisoned for voicing their support for democracy and freedom. Corrie, contrary to the imagery evoked in Majaj's poem, was killed while she was attempting to impede an Israeli bulldozer knocking down the homes of Palestinian terrorists and buildings hiding tunnels through which illegal weapons were being smuggled through by terrorists.

Additionally, Corrie was a member of the International Solidarity Movement, a terrorist organization which urges armed uprising against Israel. While Corrie did not ask to die in this accident, neither did the hundreds of truly innocent Israelis murdered by Palestinian terrorists in the suicide bombings of recent years, which are terrorist attacks akin to our Sept. 11, 2001.

Another work of Majaj, an essay found at [www.afsc.org](http://www.afsc.org), accuses Israelis of violations of the Geneva Accords. In a region openly hostile to its very existence, Israel has for nearly 60 years been a beacon of hope, democracy and freedom while also acting as an inspiration to millions around the world. Its citizens have been victimized by terrorist attacks on an unprecedented scale for decades. Israel never launches military action unprovoked, it never deliberately targets civilians, and it has never lacked accountability when tragedy strikes. Accusing Israel of violating the Geneva Accords plays right into the terrorists' playbook.

Perhaps the organizers of this forum — and the other speakers on the agenda — missed the free and fair elections recently conducted in Afghanistan, Iraq and among the Palestinians.

Perhaps the organizers missed the purple fingers of Iraqis lifted sky-high into the air after voting for the first time in their lives.

Was anyone supportive of the Afghan and Iraqi wars invited to respond to what looks like a very biased, one-sided program?

I fear that academic discussion is being stifled before it even begins if feminism is only defined in an anti-United States, anti-Israel and anti-democratic framework.

While I am very proud of my degree from Saint Mary's, I am very disappointed in my school for sponsoring this symposium.

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 March 18

**U-WIRE**

# Thou shall not ...



I have never been a particularly religious person. My inquisitive nature and general obstinacy have always made it difficult for me to follow rigid doctrine or trust in blind faith.

**Sowmya Krishnamurth**

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Organized religion is often contradictory, archaic and divisive, and those who preach the loudest from the pulpit are often the most hypocritical and corrupt. So I've always adhered to a homemade dogma of being a good person and worshiping whatever God(s) exist in my own personal way. I feel that others have the freedom to venerate or not venerate, whatever the case may be, as they deem appropriate.

Because of our nation's long-standing tradition of separating the church from the state, Americans have been able to practice this "live and let live" mentality for over two centuries. But now a pair of U.S. Supreme Court cases threaten to destroy that very sacred freedom.

In one case, two Kentucky executives posted the Ten Commandments on courthouse walls, while in the other case, Thomas Van Orden filed suit against the placement of a 6-foot-tall monument of the Ten Commandments on the grounds of the Texas state capitol building bearing a symbol representing Jesus Christ with the words "I am the Lord thy God."

The Bush administration and 26 state attorneys general have, to no surprise, filed a brief supporting the Texas and Kentucky Decalogue displays.

The ostensibly landmark cases could rewrite precedent on whether the commandments and similar religious symbols that dot public spheres are a federal endorsement of religion or simply a reflection of the Judeo-Christian influence in U.S. history. There is nothing explicit in our Constitution that demarks a separation between church and state, but pro-Separatists have long read the First Amendment's "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof ..." as a governmental *laissez-faire* over religion.

Despite federal regulations against overt religious pageantry, the majority of Americans are at least nominally Christian. Consequently, our country has always had a long-standing tradition of civic faith: The proverbial "In God We Trust" monetary seal, holiday songs performed in public schools during Christmas, the

Pledge of Allegiance and the Supreme Court fresco of Moses. Furthermore, according to a recent CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll, 76 percent of Americans support the display of the Ten Commandments in courthouses.

There is nothing fundamentally wrong with intermingling devotion into public life if such action can invoke the betterment of society through tolerance, personal discipline and sacrifice and kindness toward others. And given the present tenuous state of America's social fabric — malaises like violence and materialism abound — increased spirituality doesn't seem all that bad of an idea. If displaying the Ten Commandments could decrease the national divorce rate or mend broken homes, I would wholeheartedly support it. But realistically speaking, little will actually change — religious imagery is meaningless without societal reinforcement, and we are far too over the edge to be salvaged by a few slabs of stone.

What is more detrimental than propagation of the status quo is the invidious distinction that will undoubtedly result between the religious majority and minority. Permitting the Decalogue in public areas theoretically means that opposing devotional material can be publicly viewed too. Yet given the fact that most religions are at odds with one another, what is the likelihood that alternative faiths will be accepted in an overwhelmingly Judeo-Christian country? Most people in this nation do not even acknowledge that anything exists outside the so-called "Big 3" religions — Christianity, Judaism and Islam (Islam only because of the obsessive fear after Sept. 11). Ignorance is usually not conducive to liberalism, so I wonder how gung ho such individuals would be seeing a picture of Lord Krishna hanging in their post office or a 6-foot bronze statue of a laughing Buddha on the White House lawn.

I have a hunch they would not be too pleased.

Only when, if ever, we get to that point of universal acceptance of every faith is it feasible to conceive blurring the line between church and the government. Until then, religion should be kept a personal matter away from the public sphere and out of the courts.

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**U-WIRE**

# Congress should not have expected players to name names

After being threatened with contempt if they did not appear, five current or former Major League Baseball superstars sat in front of Congress on Thursday.

**Staff Editorial**

The House Government Reform Committee had called on them to come clean about the use of

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steroids in baseball. It was nationally televised on ESPN and highly promoted by the media. Was this going to be the day that the big bomb fell on MLB and busted all those records from the "Steroid Era?"

In a packed hearing room, with cameras shoved in their faces, Jose Canseco, Sammy Sosa, Mark McGwire, Rafael Palmeiro and Curt Schilling looked straight ahead and said, well, nothing new.

No names were named, and no player admitted to having ever used steroids except for Canseco, who has done so previously on a number of occasions.

Congress was hoping to shed some light on the issue of steroids, and what it got was a handful of baseball's brightest stars from the past two decades zipping their lips.

This should have all been expected though.

The hearing took place in front of a very critical public eye, and Congress

offered no immunity to any of the players.

Admitting to using steroids in this setting, under these circumstances left players with nothing to gain and everything to lose.

As McGwire, who refused to answer a number of times whether he had used steroids, said, "If a player answers, 'No,' he simply will not be believed. If he answers, 'Yes,' he risks public scorn and endless government investigations."

With that in mind, it would be ridiculous for Congress to believe that these five players, three of whom are still active, could possibly be candid on such a sensitive issue.

Any steroid mess in baseball, which would not be surprising, needs to be cleaned up, one way or another. But Congress needs to realize that using intimidation and pressure are probably not the most effective tactics in this situation.

If Congress pushes on in this manner, it will fail to go deep into the issue and continue to strike out.

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CONCERT REVIEW

# Ladysmith Black Mambazo is still mesmerizing



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By MARIA SMITH  
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Not many groups out there have been touring as long as Ladysmith Black Mambazo, and it shows.

The singer-dancers in the group took the stage so comfortably you would think there wasn't a huge crowd of people watching them. And yet there were nearly 1000 mesmerized spectators at the show.

Mambazo is a cultural icon, and their music is technically excellent, but even beyond that their performance is simply infectious. Mambazo has a goofy stage presence that promptly breaks down any barrier that might stand between a world-renowned group and its audience. Being able to clown around onstage is a mark of a natural performer, and Mambazo catches its audience by doing

exactly that.

Mambazo's performance was certainly not silly. Several songs related to political and other important issues from the group's native South Africa. The group performed "Homeless," its most famous hit ballad from Paul Simon's "Graceland" album, which despite its tranquil sound is about a dark time in South African history.

And yet there remained a sense that just as South Africa's history couldn't keep Mambazo from worldwide fame, neither could it keep the singers from enjoying their music. Some lines of the songs were beautifully poignant, but overall the show was joyful.

Some of the performers in Mambazo have retired and been replaced over the years — four of founder Joseph Shabalala's sons have notably begun to sing with the group — but some have been singing for decades. Shabalala and

several others rank right up there with Bono for staying in amazing physical shape throughout a career. All eight performers danced and kicked their feet up through entire numbers and barely broke a sweat. Few men Shabalala's age would have the urge, or the capability, to dance and jump right alongside their sons onstage.

Mambazo recently won a Grammy Award for their release "Raise Your Spirit Higher," proving that as members have come and gone, the quality of the group's music has not decreased. Mambazo sings with the same tight, smooth harmonies that brought them to world attention 30 years ago.

Mambazo also released an album with the English Chamber Orchestra in 2005. While the recording is as excellent as all of Mambazo's crossover work, this performance was proof that the group's music needs nothing else to back it up.

The strong bass, and the distinct tone of Shabalala's tenor, might sound strange to American ears at first, but it doesn't take long to realize that these singers are masters of a capella harmony and performance. The way Mambazo's music started may still be its best face.

Mambazo's universal appeal is obvious — their music, and their shtick onstage, is the kind that can appeal to anyone of any age. Forty years on the road have not slowed the group down, and if Sunday night's performance is any kind of evidence, they won't stop touring anytime soon. Mambazo's recordings are excellent, but seeing the group live shows an entirely different face of their performance style. Anyone who had the chance to get this first-hand feel for the singers of Ladysmith Black Mambazo was lucky to catch the group in action.

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THEATRE REVIEW

# 'Angels in America' full of emotions and laughs

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At the beginning of Part Two of "Angels in America," a character whose husband left her wanders around in a mystified daze.

"When your heart breaks, you should die," she says.

This line captures the appeal of Tony Kushner's two-part "Angels in America." The St. Edward's Hall Players performed the second part last weekend as a staged reading. Even if the audience can't exactly identify with an apparently insane woman, or any of the other quirky characters, the themes reach out to every person who has ever felt brokenhearted, hopeful, angry, confused or betrayed.

"Part Two: Perestroika" was performed Saturday and Sunday in the Washington Hall Lab Theatre as a benefit; "Part One: Millennium Approaches" was performed last semester. Admission was free, but donations were collected at the door for the American Foundation for AIDS research. The Pulitzer Prize-winning play addresses many issues that spark controversy on this campus — homosexuality, religion, politics, racism and more.

Each part of "Angels in America" is long enough and comprehensive enough to stand alone, tackling these difficult issues freely and with plenty of sexuality, profanity and hysterically funny one-liners and scenes. Last semester's production introduced the cast of complex characters, who interact during the Reagan presidency as AIDS spreads in America.

Prior Walter (Andre Valdivia) has AIDS — and as if he doesn't have enough stress, he is chosen by angels to

be a prophet. Roy Cohn (Scott Wagner), based on the actual attorney who became famous for high-profile anti-communist cases and celebrity clients, also has AIDS but is in denial. Belize (Mark Ross), a gay black nurse, provides comic relief as well as a voice of reason and truth; Joe (Adam Bonosky), a gay Mormon man who is married to Harper (Lena Caligiuri), struggles with his homosexuality throughout the play.

Caligiuri saw her character, with all of her oddities, as representing any woman who has been wounded and doesn't know what to do with herself.

"You don't have to be a Mormon who married a closeted homosexual to identify with her," Caligiuri said. She pointed out that although Harper doesn't deal well with her heartbreak, she shows outwardly what most girls feel inwardly — she falls apart in a way that most people hide.

Joe's mother, Hannah (Ellen Kennedy), is more compassionate than most of the crowd, although she claims not to feel pity. Louis (Joe Garlock), who left Prior out of fear of his AIDS, helps the uncomfortable Joe accept his sexuality. Through it all, Cricket Slattery as the Angel America haunts Prior about being a prophet.

The actors' portrayals of these passionate characters are what make the lengthy production worth a viewing. Prior and Belize, even with the tragedy of all the dying in their lives, are constantly hilarious — especially Belize. He's the stereotypical flamboyant gay

man who makes no apologies for being homosexual, black or a nurse.

His attitude contrasts nicely with another of the best-played characters, the hateful yet hysterically funny Roy. Roy's offensive tirades keep up despite Belize's attempt to give him advice on his treatment, so Roy asks him why he should listen to him instead of his WASP doctor.

"He's not queer, I am," Belize says.

The play is overflowing with lines that strike nerves, but it was the play's handling of homosexuality and, for that matter, sexuality in general that hit hardest. The Angel America's sex scenes were a combination of the narrator

(Kate Kenahan) reading graphic passages and the actors' Meg Ryan-esque orgasm performances. Some of the script's scenes seemed gratuitous, although most served a greater purpose of shining light on sexual and emotional issues.

The script is full of heartbreak, but also makes room for forgiveness and hope. Prior and Harper epitomize the phenomenon of not being able to move forward from unrequited love, lingering instead in the past and what went wrong. When Louis and Joe make "Swingers"-like reappearances, though, their rejected lovers must reevaluate the one thing they've been wanting for so long.

Dealing with such weighty issues for three hours could have been quite draining, so the lighter moments were refreshing. One of the funniest scenes

was when Prior and Belize decide to confront Joe at the courthouse where he works, as Prior snaps, "I have a hobby now! Haunting people!" He yells at Joe for breaking hearts, while Belize is interested mainly in seeing what Joe looks like. Prior then proceeds to pretend to be a mental patient and tries to make his "nurse" play along with great results.

"I'm trapped in a world of white people, that's my problem," Belize laments.

Later, Prior ends up at the hospital with Joe's mother and matter-of-factly introduces Hannah as "my ex-lover's lover's Mormon mother." After Hannah describes men as lumpy and stupid, he reacts with surprise.

"I wish you would be more true to your demographic profile," he tells her.

For co-director and actor Ross, his favorite message of the play came during the monologue at the end about life on earth — even with everything that happens, there are still people caring for us. He thought that the play's presentation helped it be more thought-provoking and startling.

"It brings all these things into very sharp contrast, in a way you're not used to dealing with," Ross said.

Co-director and actor Caligiuri said that her favorite message in the play was in Prior's epilogue, when he says they, the AIDS sufferers, won't die "secret deaths" anymore.

"That's why I wanted to do it," Caligiuri said. "To bring the secret deaths out, so that people can talk about it and realize this happens to people."

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## "Angels in America Part Two: Perestroika"



Writer: Tony Kushner

Directors: Lena Caligiuri and Mark Ross

BOOK REVIEW

# Novel highlights hilarious shopping antics

By SARAH VABULAS  
Scene Critic

"Confessions of a Shopaholic" is the perfect getaway. The first two pages of Sophie Kinsella's high-energy novel are the hook as the reader is immediately drawn into the developing plot.

The book's main theme is just what the cover suggests — "going broke was never this much fun ..." Kinsella's lead character, Becky Bloomwood, finds herself in a financial debacle with stacks of bills from Visa, her bank and other places Becky likes to shop. She gives her best efforts to duck out of the bills, yet keeps shopping as though she is not in debt.

At one point, Becky picks up the mail, sees a bill from her bank and slides it into a hole in the ground that workers are about to fill with cement. Any tactics that will allow Becky to claim she never saw the bill are considered. She can be quite creative, and her actions are simply so absurd that she makes you laugh until you cry.

The problem with Becky is that she's a shopaholic. She can't make herself stop buying the most frivolous things, no matter how hard she tries. Despite

the haunting bills, letters and phone calls, Becky spends enormous amounts of money on a daily basis for things she believes are necessities. However, in any other person's mind, her buying habits are highly unhealthy and unnecessary. But she continues and finds great joy in doing so.

Becky works as a financial journalist in downtown London and lives in a beautiful apartment with her best friend, Suzy, in London's trendiest neighborhood alongside her group of socialite friends, complete with a closet full of the season's chicest fashions.

Realizing she is in trouble, Becky first attempts to cut back her addiction by purchasing a book called "Controlling Your Cash," by David E. Barton. Her efforts to see her pitfalls and what she spends money on are quite hilarious. Every page was full of laughter detailing how Becky manages to dig herself deeper into debt.

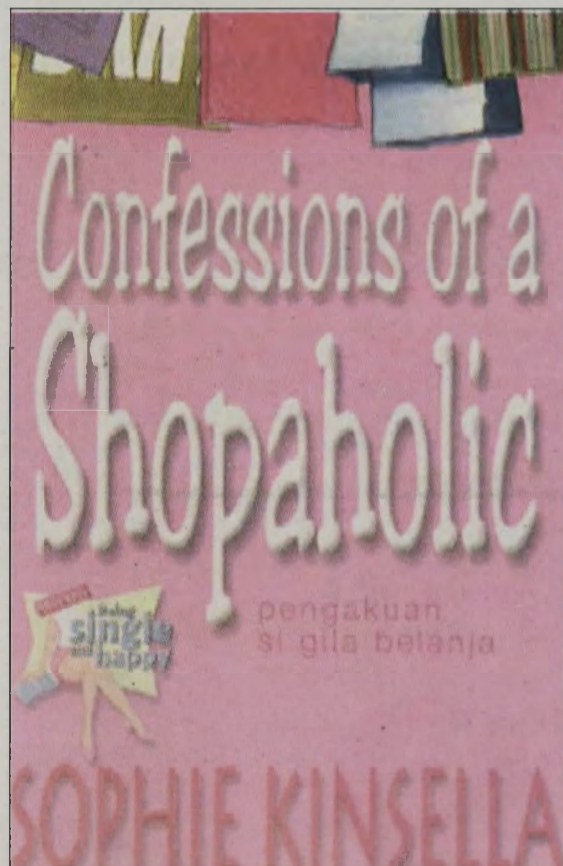
Becky then attempts to make more money by getting another job and by making crafts out of her own home. But both of these only provide more trouble for Becky. She certainly has a knack for getting in tight spots. When something goes wrong for Becky, she

turns to shopping to feel better. This does not help her financial situation, but she feels it eases her emotions. And that's the important thing for her.

Finally, after her spit of bad luck, Becky actually finds a story that offers her some interest. Her neighbors are in trouble, and she wants to help them. Although she is not confident in her skills as a reporter, she gives it her best shot. Little does she know the events to follow will change her life forever — both socially and financially.

Kinsella is a former financial journalist and the author of the four bestselling "Shopaholic" novels, in addition to her stand-alone New York Times bestseller, "Can you keep a Secret?" She lives in England, where she is at work on her next novel. Kinsella attended university at Oxford, where she studied politics, philosophy and economics before getting her first job as a junior assistant on a magazine for retirees.

Kinsella's books are sold in more than 31 countries and are translated into more than 30 languages. She is married, has two sons, and her husband heads the classics department at a boy's grammar school in England. Kinsella, as mentioned on her Web site, loves to shop but likes to



think that she keeps herself in better check than her character, Becky Bloomwood.

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## MEN'S NCAA TOURNAMENT

## Louisville routs Georgia Tech, heads to Sweet 16

Duke drops Miss. St. 63-55; runs end for Vermont, Bucknell

Associated Press

Francisco Garcia scored 18 of his 21 points in the first half and Taquan Dean stopped any hope Georgia Tech had for a rally with three straight 3-pointers, sealing a 76-54 victory that sent Louisville to the regional semifinals for the first time since 1997.

Dean finished with 14 points, all but two on 3-pointers, and also had six rebounds and two assists. Larry O'Bannon added 16 for the fourth-seeded Cardinals (31-4), who have won 20 of their last 21.

As the final seconds ticked down, the thousands of Cardinals fans who were lining up Saturday night to buy left-over tickets started chanting "Sweet 16! Sweet 16!" Garcia was beaming as he came out of the game and hugged coach Rick Pitino, who improved to 29-9 in 11 NCAA tournament appearances.

It was a swift end for the fifth-seeded Yellow Jackets (20-12),

who made a thrilling run to the title game last year. Though they returned almost the entire team, they looked more like newcomers than crusty veterans against the Cardinals and their 2-3 zone. They trailed by double digits less than five minutes into the game, and ended up shooting less than 38 percent.

Luke Schenscher led the Yellow Jackets with 13, but the rest of Georgia Tech's offense was largely ineffective. Jarrett Jack had 11 points, Will Bynum had eight and B.J. Elder was held to just three.

The Cardinals were sure they'd locked up a top seed after beating Memphis to win the Conference USA tournament, and made no secret of their disgust when they didn't get one.

Worse, they drew the fourth seed in the Albuquerque Regional, behind lightly regarded Washington, Wake Forest and Gonzaga.

#### Duke 63, Mississippi St. 55

The celebration was muted, emotions kept in check. Never mind that Mike Krzyzewski had just passed Dean Smith for the most wins in NCAA tournament

history with a victory that moved Duke into the round of 16.

The tears will come only when this unlikely team plays its final game. The top-seeded Blue Devils assured themselves of at least one more game with a 63-55 victory over Mississippi State in the second round of the Austin Regional on Sunday.

"Coaches don't win games, players do," Krzyzewski said. "Look, I love this group of kids, it's as good a group as I've ever coached ... and whenever they have played their last game, that is when I will truly be emotional."

Daniel Ewing handled the offense and Shelden Williams took care of defense to get Coach K his record 66th tournament victory, moving him ahead of Smith at the top of the list. It took a reminder from J.J. Redick for the Blue Devils (27-5) to get the milestone win.

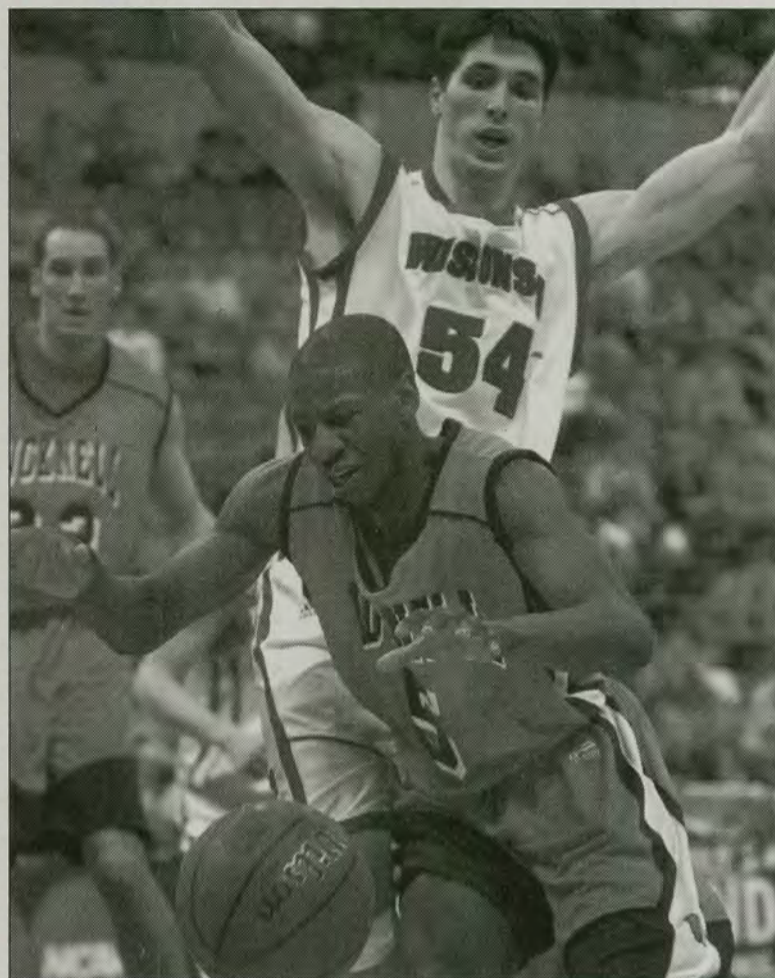
#### Wisconsin 71, Bucknell 62

Maybe Bucknell could've found a scheme to stop Wisconsin's Mike Wilkinson or Zach Morley. Handling both, however, was too much for the upstart Bison.

The 6-foot-8 forwards consistently put themselves in all the right places, especially when things were tight in the second half, carrying the Badgers to a 71-62 victory Sunday in the second round of the NCAA tournament that sent 14th-seeded Bucknell back to its Pennsylvania campus with plenty to be proud of nonetheless.

Morley, who was shut out in 28 minutes of a first-round win over Northern Iowa, was 6-of-7 with three 3-pointers and 15 points. His tap-in with 8:41 left put the Badgers (24-8) ahead for good, then he protected the lead with rebounds on the next two defensive stands. He finished with eight boards.

The Bison (24-9) were still within four points when Wilkinson showed why he's won more games than any player in school history. He personally went on a 7-2 run, capped by a three-point play to push the lead back to nine, virtually ending Bucknell's bid to become just the third No. 14 to reach



Bucknell's Abe Badmus dribbles past Wisconsin's Dan Wilkinson in a second-round NCAA tournament contest Sunday. The Badgers won 71-62.



Michigan State players Kelvin Torbert, right, and Drew Naymick react in the second half of Sunday's NCAA Tournament game with Vermont. The Spartans won 72-61.

the NCAA's round of 16. He finished with 23 points and nine rebounds.

#### Michigan St. 72, Vermont 61

An afterthought during the regular season and sentimental second choice in the NAAs, Michigan State finally is stepping out of the shadows.

The Spartans advanced to the Austin Regional semifinals on Sunday with a 72-61 victory over 13th-seeded Vermont, the plucky school with the wacky coach that upset Syracuse for its first NCAA tournament victory. Michigan State, which finished second to top-ranked Illinois in the Big Ten, reached the round of 16 for the sixth time in eight years.

"I'm glad it's over," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said. "I thought with the entire state

and nation pulling for them, it would be tough to overcome. I tell you, if I wasn't playing against them, I'd be pulling for them." Maurice Ager scored 19 points and Paul Davis had 11 points and 14 rebounds for Michigan State (24-6).

Izzo improved to 21-6 in the tournament — a winning percentage second among active coaches to Duke's Mike Krzyzewski — and set the Spartans up with a matchup with the Blue Devils in Austin. Duke defeated Mississippi State 63-55 on Sunday.

"You know your program has come a long way when you lose to Michigan State and you're crushed," said Vermont coach Tom Brennan, who had announced he would retire after the season.

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Boston	38-29	.567	9-1	-
Philadelphia	32-34	.485	5-5	5.5
New Jersey	31-36	.463	6-4	7.0
Toronto	28-38	.424	4-6	9.5
New York	27-37	.422	6-4	9.5

### Eastern Conference, Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Detroit	42-23	.646	6-4	-
Cleveland	34-30	.531	3-7	7.5
Chicago	33-31	.516	4-6	8.5
Indiana	33-32	.508	5-5	9.0
Milwaukee	27-37	.422	4-6	14.5

### Eastern Conference, Southeast

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Miami	52-16	.765	10-0	-
Washington	36-28	.563	5-5	14.0
Orlando	32-34	.485	3-7	19.0
Charlotte	12-52	.188	0-10	38.0
Atlanta	11-54	.169	1-9	39.5

### Western Conference, Northwest

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Seattle	44-20	.688	6-4	-
Denver	34-30	.531	9-1	10.0
Minnesota	33-34	.493	5-5	12.5
Portland	23-41	.359	1-9	21.0
Utah	20-46	.303	1-9	25.0

### Western Conference, Pacific

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Phoenix	49-16	.754	7-3	-
Sacramento	41-26	.612	5-5	9.0
L.A. Lakers	32-33	.492	4-6	17.0
L.A. Clippers	29-37	.439	4-6	20.5
Golden State	22-44	.333	6-4	27.5

### Western Conference, Southwest

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
San Antonio	50-16	.758	7-3	-
Dallas	43-23	.662	5-5	6.5
Houston	39-26	.600	7-3	10.5
Memphis	38-28	.576	7-3	12.0
New Orleans	15-50	.231	4-6	34.5

## College Softball

### Big East Conference

team	conf.	overall
Providence	0-0-0	14-4-0
Villanova	0-0-0	19-9-0
NOTRE DAME	0-0-0	11-8-0
Seton Hall	0-0-0	7-6-0
Syracuse	0-0-0	9-8-0
Pittsburgh	0-0-0	11-13-0
Boston College	0-0-0	9-12-0
St. John's	0-0-0	10-15-0
Connecticut	0-0-0	5-9-0
Rutgers	0-0-0	0-13-0

## College Baseball

### Big East Conference

team	conf.	overall
Connecticut	0-0-0	4-1-0
Georgetown	0-0-0	4-1-1
Villanova	0-0-0	4-3-0
Boston College	0-0-0	2-2-0
Pittsburgh	0-0-0	3-4-0
NOTRE DAME	0-0-0	3-4-0
Rutgers	0-0-0	1-2-0
St. John's	0-0-0	2-5-0
West Virginia	0-0-0	1-5-0
Seton Hall	0-0-0	0-4-0

## around the dial

### NBA

Hawks at Bulls, 8:30 p.m., Comcast

### NCAA WOMEN'S TOURNAMENT

NOTRE DAME vs. Arizona St. 9 p.m., ESPN2

## NCAA TOURNAMENT



Julius Hodge celebrates North Carolina State's second-round upset of defending national champion Connecticut. Wake Forest, another No. 2 seed, was also eliminated over the weekend.

## Favorites fall: No. 2 seeds ousted from NCAA's

### Wolfpack victorious over shocked Huskies

Associated Press

WORCESTER, Mass. — Julius Hodge looked up and saw Rudy Gay smiling with the game on the line. There was no way Hodge would let the Connecticut freshman stand there smirking as the final seconds ticked away.

So the flashy North Carolina State senior made his move. He darted past Gay — leaving him sprawled on the floor — and scored on a slashing drive with 4.3 seconds left to break a 62-all tie and

send the Wolfpack past the defending national champions 65-62 Sunday in the second round of the NCAA tournament.

"He started clapping his hands and smiling," said Hodge, who finished with 17 points and six assists. "I just felt like there was no way I was going to be denied."

Hodge was fouled on the play by Ed Nelson and completed the three-point play. The Wolfpack survived after Marcus Williams missed a desperation 3-pointer from the top of the key at the buzzer.

North Carolina State (21-13) advances to the regional semifinals for the first time since 1989.

### W. Virginia, Gansey stun Wake Forest

Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Former local prep star Mike Gansey spent his summer shooting baskets on Cleveland State's cozy court, picturing himself making a big shot in an NCAA tournament game.

Remarkably, he got the chance on the very same court, and made the shot. Then another, and another.

Shooting at those familiar baskets, the junior guard scored a career-high 29 points — 19 of

them in the two overtimes — and the Mountaineers sent No. 2 seed Wake Forest to another stunning second-round loss, 111-105 on Saturday night.

West Virginia (23-10) will play Texas Tech next in the Albuquerque Regional, its deepest tournament run since it also made the round of 16 in 1998. The Mountaineers have beaten seven Top 25 teams this season, a school record.

The crowd at Cleveland State reveled as Wake Forest (27-6) became the first ACC team knocked out of the tournament.

## IN BRIEF

### Mets acquire Ishii from Dodgers

VERO BEACH, Fla. — The New York Mets plugged a hole in their starting rotation Sunday, acquiring left-hander Kazuhisa Ishii from the Los Angeles Dodgers for catcher Jason Phillips.

The Mets traded for Ishii to fill the void created when they lost Steve Trachsel to a back injury this spring. Trachsel, who made 33 starts for New York last season, had surgery Saturday to repair a herniated disc and will miss at least three to six months.

Ishii will step into the No. 5 spot in the rotation behind Pedro Martinez, Tom Glavine, Kris Benson and Victor Zambrano.

Ishii went 13-8 with a 4.71 ERA in 31 starts last season for Los Angeles. Often erratic, he walked 98 batters in 172 innings. He is 36-25 with a 4.30 ERA in three seasons with the Dodgers since coming over from Japan.

### Alonso wins Malaysian Grand Prix

SEPANG, Malaysia — Fernando Alonso is making the most of Michael Schumacher's struggle with his old Ferrari.

Alonso won the Malaysian Grand Prix on Sunday in 1 hour, 31 minute, 33.736 seconds to give Renault its second straight victory. He was 24.3 seconds ahead of Jarno Trulli, who powered Toyota to its first top-three finish in Formula One. Nick Heidfeld of Williams-BMW was third.

Schumacher, who completed a fifth straight drivers' championship last year by winning 13 of 18 races, was seventh. Still, that's two points in the standings and an improvement from the season opener in Australia, where Schumacher stopped after colliding with Heidfeld.

Alonso said Renault needs to capitalize while Ferrari is running a modified version of its 2004 cars. Ferrari's F2005 is still being tested and might be introduced for the next event in

Bahrain on April 3 before the 19-race series heads to Europe.

"In these days that Ferrari is not so strong, we need to be in the first position and take the points," Alonso said.

### Perry wins at Bay Hill

ORLANDO, Fla. — Vijay Singh returned to No. 1 in the world Sunday and couldn't care less.

Kenny Perry lost a three-shot lead in three holes, but emerged the winner in the Bay Hill Invitational when Singh hit his approach off the rocks and into the water on the 18th hole to make double bogey, the second straight week he has blown a chance to win.

With Singh in the water, Perry went for the center of the green and lagged his putt within 2 feet. He closed with a 2-under 70 and at age 44 became the oldest winner of Arnold Palmer's tournament.

Last week, Singh missed a 2 1/2-foot par putt on the second extra hole in the Honda Classic to lose to Pádraig Harrington.

## MEN'S LACROSSE

# Karwick leads Irish to 22-6 pounding of Butler

*Midfielder comes up one point short of tying school record*

By **BOBBY GRIFFIN**  
Associate Sports Editor

Even for Notre Dame's most loyal fans, the sound of the fight song became a bit repetitive Saturday afternoon.

With the music blaring after each Notre Dame goal, the Irish crushed Butler 22-6 to improve to 3-1 on the season.

It was Notre Dame's first league game of the season, and a good start for the Irish, who were coming off a close win over North Carolina.

Matt Karwick had eight points for Notre Dame, five goals and three assists, highlighting the team's offensive dominance.

The school record for most points in a game is nine.

Pat Walsh had six points, three goals and three assists, and now has eight goals on the season.

Jim Morrison also scored three goals for the Irish for the fourth consecutive time this season.

Irish coach Kevin Corrigan was happy with his team's performance, even though the

level of competition was clearly not the same as Notre Dame's previous opponents this season — Penn State, Cornell and North Carolina.

"[Butler] had an overtime game on Wednesday night and I think they must have left a little bit on the field there, because we were able to get on them," Corrigan said. "We thought coming into the game that it was going to be important to get a lead on them. They wanted to play a little bit slower and a little bit more deliberately, and they can't control that tempo if they are down."

That's exactly what Notre Dame did, getting out to a 12-0 lead before Butler scored their first goal.

"I thought that certainly the key to the game is getting that quick early lead and then forcing them to play our tempo which we were a lot more comfortable with than they are," Corrigan said.

Notre Dame was able to control much of the clock, keeping the ball on offense and in the Butler zone.

"Our face off guys did a great job, our ground ball play was very sharp, and those are the possessions that are up for grab," Corrigan said. "We got the vast majority of those early ... it was hard for them to get settled in,

"I think it went from 1-0 to 4-0 before they got another possession."

In fact, Butler did not score until 5:09 remained in the second period, when Kyle Tietjen put home his third goal of the season.

Notre Dame's scoring came quickly and often, allowing

Corrigan to play some of his other players in larger amounts later in the game.

"It's certainly one game that were thrilled with and especially happy that a bunch of guys who have been working extremely hard in practice and doing a great job got to play a lot of minutes today

and did very well with it," Corrigan said.

Notre Dame will take on Hofstra this weekend in Hempstead, N.Y.

The game is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Saturday.

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Irish attack Matt Malakoff, right, passes the ball upfield against Butler in Saturday's contest. Notre Dame crushed the Bulldogs 22-6.

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## BASEBALL

# Irish drop two games in Aces Diamond Invite



The Irish turn a double play against Chicago State last season. Notre Dame opens its home schedule Tuesday against Cincinnati.

TIM SULLIVAN/The Observer

*Eight errors and 23 runs allowed doom team in Evansville*

By TOM DORWART  
Sports Writer

The differences between the Irish and their weekend opponents are glaring.

Notre Dame has an NCAA Division I record 16 straight 40-win seasons. South Dakota State has won three games in its first year in Division I. Notre Dame has appeared in the NCAA tournament 19 times — six consecutive. Evansville has appeared in the NCAA tournament twice.

But none of those statistics mattered over the weekend in the Aces' Diamond Classic where the Irish fell to host Evansville on Friday 10-3 and to South Dakota State on

Saturday 13-7.

Notre Dame (7-9) hoped to build on back-to-back wins after beating Northern Illinois in Thursday's game.

With six players batting over .300, Notre Dame's offensive production has been solid this season.

But the same old problems came back to bite the Irish — pitching and defense.

In three games from Thursday through Saturday, the Notre Dame defense committed eight errors and gave up 29 runs.

The Irish ran into a hot Evansville squad (19-5) Friday and a desperate South Dakota State bunch (3-13) Saturday.

While Evansville has had a strong start to the season, South Dakota State has struggled early due to a testy schedule.

Against the Evansville Purple Aces, junior Tom Thornton suffered his third loss for the Irish.

Early on, Notre Dame led 3-0 after home runs by Matt Edwards and Greg Lopez. Edwards leads the Irish with five home runs and 21 RBIs, and owns a .369 batting average.

The Aces broke the game open in the middle innings with four runs in the sixth inning and five in the seventh.

Freshman designated hitter Tony Langford, seeing more time after strong performances last week, was 2-4 in the loss.

Langford is batting .500 in 16 at-bats on the year.

Saturday the Irish trailed the South Dakota State Jackrabbits 7-2 heading into the bottom half of the fourth inning.

Then the offense made its move, as Notre Dame plated four runs.

Senior Scott Bickford entered the game for the Irish and shutdown the Jackrabbits in the top of the fifth.

His offense backed him up with a run in the bottom of the inning.

With the game tied 7-7, Bickford took the mound again in the sixth but yielded the two game-winning runs to South Dakota State.

He suffered his first loss of the season. The Jackrabbits added four late runs to cushion the lead.

After 16 games on the road to open the season, home could be the remedy for the Irish.

The Irish will try to get back on the winning track when they face Cincinnati Tuesday — playing at Frank Eck Stadium for the first time this season.

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## FENCING

# Irish women find place among all-time greats

By ERIC RETTER  
Sports Writer

The whispers have already begun.

Some people close to NCAA fencing have already begun making claims that the fencers Notre Dame sent to the NCAA finals are the best group of six women's fencers on one college team in history.

Seeing that women's sabre was not added as an additional event into the NCAA until 2000, these claims may have some merit.

Certainly, the numbers speak for themselves.

Among the group of senior foilists Alicja Kryczalo and Andrea Ament, epeeists senior Kerry Walton and sophomore Amy Orlando and sabre sophomore Valerie Providenza and freshman Mariel Zagunis, there are a combined five individual national championships, six NCAA individual second place finishes, 15 All-American awards and an Olympic gold medal — won by Zagunis in Athens this past summer — and all of them have reached the NCAA finals at least once.

The group's greatest accomplishment may have come Saturday and Sunday in this year's national championships, when they turned a 24-point deficit into a two point victory, including erasing a four-point shortfall heading into the final round, allowing the Irish to edge

perennial rival Ohio State 173-171 in the standings to take the program's seventh gold medal.

"We won in the last round when pressure was highest," head coach Janusz Bednarski said. "I'm really proud of them."

For the three graduating seniors, the team title capped off an amazing four years that included two team national championships, the last coming in 2003.

"I'm going to be sad leaving, but it's a great way to end. I couldn't ask for more," Walton said. "I'm very happy with everybody. Alicja and Andrea did excellent today."

The tandem of Kryczalo and Ament may have been the most potent 1-2 punch of any two competitors in the same weapon.

Kryczalo, herself a three-time champion, narrowly missed being able to join an elite club of NCAA athletes that have won the same event four times in a row, and Ament was twice a runner-up to her teammate in the finals.

"In some things I'm better and in some things she's better, as a captain, so we kind of share it," Kryczalo said of her teammate. "We just cooperate very well together."

Sunday, Zagunis and Orlando joined Kryczalo in the finals, marking only the second time that 3 women from the same team have made the championship bout in all three disciplines in the same year, the only other time being when the Irish did it in 2004.

Over the course of the year, the six had formed an identity as a unit.

"I think we work really well together, and we're all very strong fencers" Zagunis said.

In part because of this, the largest aim for any of them seemed to be winning the team goal.

"My job was to win bouts, and I won as many bouts as I could [for the team]," Zagunis said.

Those staying on after this year feel somewhat bittersweet, as they will be saying goodbye to three of their close teammates.

"It's actually kind of sad, we're losing a lot of really great seniors," Providenza said. "I'm

happy we could give them a championship on their way out."

With Providenza, Zagunis, and Orlando coming back next year, the Irish return three fencers who have been named All-American at least once, all of whom

reaching the finals at least once, and Providenza having an NCAA title.

For Notre Dame, that's a rebuilding year.

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Notre Dame Sports Information

Irish sabre Mariel Zagunis competes in the NCAA championships Sunday. The top six Irish fencers have 15 All-American awards between them.

*"I think we work really well together, and we're all very strong fencers."*

**Mariel Zagunis**  
Irish sabre

*"We won in the last round when the pressure was highest."*

**Janusz Bednarski**  
Irish head coach

## ND SOFTBALL

## Irish win two games in Buckeye Invitational

By THOMAS BARR  
Sports Writer

The hits keep on coming for the Irish.

Even poor weather could not cool down the Notre Dame softball team's red-hot bats. The Irish out-hit opponents 28 to 12 in three games.

The Irish are coming off a spring break trip in which they went 6-1 and captured the Hawaii Invitational Tournament. Notre Dame went 2-1 in this weekend's Buckeye Invitational Tournament in Columbus, Ohio, after having their first game cancelled against hosting Ohio State.

"The weather has no effect, we are used to bad weather, it should never be a problem," Irish coach Deanna Gumpf said.

The Irish beat the Eastern Michigan Eagles 4-1 in their third game late Sunday afternoon. The team was carried in part by the efforts of pitcher Heather Booth, who allowed only two hits in seven innings, and senior Liz Hartmann, who went 3-4 with 3 RBI in the tournament's final game. Hartmann would amass a .700 batting average for the tour-

namment, driving in seven RBI and scoring two runs.

Earlier in the day, the Irish beat the Oakland Grizzlies 8-0 in only five innings due to the mercy rule. Pitcher Steffany Steinglem earned the win and added to her impressive tournament totals of 19 strikeouts while allowing only three earned runs in 10 innings.

Hartmann had another big outing with 3 RBI and a run.

"Liz Hartmann was absolutely on fire, she was unbeatable and nothing could get by her," Gumpf said.

In Notre Dame's first game, they were tied 4-4 with Marshall going into the final inning when an error and a three-run two-out homerun lead to the end of the Irish's five-game winning streak.

The Herd improved to 12-8 after winning their first-ever meeting with Notre Dame.

"We got better as we played, we hit very well but we made a lot of mistakes ... some that cost us dearly," Gumpf said.

The Irish are now 13-8 and return home for their first home game of the season Wednesday against Western Michigan.

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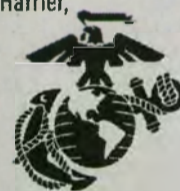
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**ND WOMEN'S TRACK**

# Erigha leads Irish at Williams Invitational



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**Irish sprinter Maryann Erigha runs in a recent meet. Erigha won the 200 meters at the Willie Williams Invitational last weekend in Tucson, Ariz.**

By RYAN KEIFER  
Sports Writer

The Irish enjoyed warm weather and fast times at the Willie Williams Invitational, their first outdoor track meet in Tucson, Ariz. this weekend.

Notre Dame sent a limited number of athletes to Arizona, mostly sprinters and hurdlers, but was able to score five top-three finishes and qualify one athlete for the NCAA regional meet.

Maryann Erigha was the star of the meet for Notre Dame as she notched the lone victory for the Irish in the 200 meters and also finished fourth in the 100 meters. Her time in the 200 earned her a place in the NCAA regional meet, while her time in the 100 left her just one tenth of a second short of the qualifying mark.

Sophomore Okechi Ogbuokiri also ran well, finishing second in the 400 meters and eighth in the 200. Freshman Dominique Manning showed promise in her outdoor debut, finishing fourth in the 100-meter hurdles and running on the fourth place 4-by-100 team, which also featured Erigha, Brienne Davis and Crysta Swayzer.

Petra Dankova and Cassie Gullickson highlighted the field events for the Irish. Dankova finished third in the triple jump and long jump competitions, and Gullickson finished second in the high jump.

Notre Dame's goals entering this meet were to get some of its younger athletes experience,

affording them as many opportunities as possible to qualify for the NCAA regionals. The Irish showed promise in this area, as the athletes showed their ability to adapt to the warm, dry conditions in the desert.

The outdoor portion of the schedule also brings a different NCAA qualification process. Indoors, athletes must hit an automatic qualification mark to be guaranteed a spot in the NCAA field. After that, the NCAA selects a number of athletes from each event among a pool who have earned a lesser, provisional standard.

This number varies from year to year and can leave athletes in limbo as to whether they have qualified for the championships.

Outdoors, athletes strive for one mark, which earns them a place in the NCAA regional where two athletes from each event advance to the championships.

Coach Tim Connelly feels the outdoor process favors his athletes.

"It's so much clearer outdoors. The athletes know exactly what they have to do. We just have to get them to a point where they can achieve these times," Connelly said last week.

The Irish will continue their quest for qualification times next weekend with two meets, one at Baylor University and one at Stanford University.

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**MEN'S TRACK**

# Team begins outdoor season

By NATHAN DYER  
Sports Writer

The Irish kicked off their outdoor season over the weekend, sending a contingent of athletes to Tucson, Ariz., at the Willie Williams Invitational at the University of Arizona.

The Irish sent 26 men's and women's competitors to the event, which was held at Roy P. Drachman Track and Field Stadium.

While it was the women who stole the show — namely sophomore sprinter Maryann Erigha, who ran a personal-best and NCAA Regional qualifying time of 23.70 seconds on her way to victory in the 200-meter dash — the men's team also left its mark in the desert.

Competing in mostly field events in this non-scoring meet, as opposed to the women who sent more runners, the men's team was led by junior Chris Staron, who claimed fifth place overall with a clearance of 1.95 meters.

Teammate Chris Jacques came in at ninth, with a leap

of 1.90 meters.

Staron, who finished in third in the Big East Indoor Championships, said this meet was a good warm-up to begin the outdoor season.

"[It was a nice way to] work the kinks out and hopefully set myself up for some better finishes later in the season," Staron said.

Not satisfied with his finish in the indoor season, Staron was hopeful that the outdoor part of the season would give him the opportunity to improve.

"[This meet was a good way] to get some more work in, and, hopefully, get some better jumps in later in the season," he said.

Also competing in the long jump, sophomore Jacques was able to finish in sixth place with a best jump of 6.66 meters. Jacques was the indoor season's Big East champion in the long jump,

and hopes to garner such accolades during the outdoor season.

Senior thrower Chip Roberts came in seventh in the hammer throw with a throw of 48.13 meters, and teammate Garet Koxlein finished right behind Roberts in eighth place with a throw of 46.41 meters.

Both Roberts and Koxlein competed in this year's indoor Big East Championship, where Roberts who claimed third in the weight throw.

Junior Derek Goguen rounded out the finishes for the Irish, coming in seventh place in the javelin with a throw of 59.91 meters.

The outdoor season will continue for the Irish next weekend when the team travels to the Stanford Invitational at Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif.

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**Chris Staron**  
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# Bouts

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two minutes. In the third round, Gallegos overpowered Sarpong as Sarpong tired out. Gallegos won by unanimous decision.

### Goldrick def. Valenzuela

Well into the second round, sophomore Thomas Goldrick knocked down senior Jon Valenzuela. Valenzuela headed back to his blue corner to get his bloody nose patched up.

But the knockdown didn't faze him. Valenzuela came back furiously with sharp, quick jabs.

In a fairly even third round, both boxers fought through their bloody faces. One of the hardest fought bouts, the title fight drew a standing ovation from much of the crowd. Goldrick won by unanimous decision.

### McCann def. Hennig

In another back-and-forth bout, junior Mike McCann pulled out the victory over sophomore Michael Hennig. McCann used a strong third round — in which he delivered six punches in-a-row to the head — to win the title by split decision.

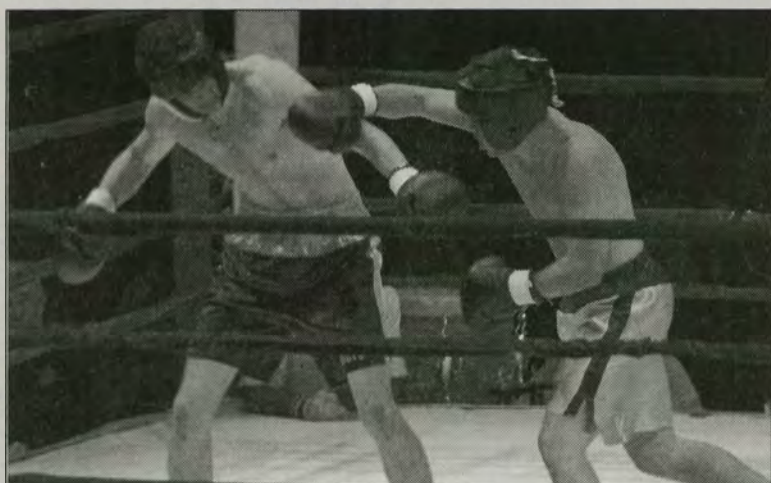
### Lohmeyer def. Huml

Each had large cheering sections chanting their names, but senior Nate Lohmyer won the title over senior Tim Huml. In the tight match, the crowd was especially loud. Lohmyer used his reach to overcome Huml's strong hooks.

### Loughrey def. Panzica

After four years of hard work and training, senior Galen Loughrey finally achieved his dream — a Bengal Bouts title. He defeated fellow senior Mike Panzica by unanimous decision for his first Bengal Bouts title.

With no knockdowns, Loughrey used a steady attack to overcome a hard-fighting Panzica. In recognition of Panzica's valiant effort, Loughrey hoisted Panzica into the air after the winner was



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Mark Basola, left, evades the punch of Bobby Gorynski in the final bout of the 160-pound division Saturday.

announced and the two high-fived once more.

### Basola def. Gorynski

Junior Mark Basola defeated senior Bobby Gorynski in a split decision. Back-and-forth the whole way, neither boxer overpowered the other, but Basola had just enough energy left in the third round to pull out the victory.

### DeSplinter def. Nicholson

The crowd boomed, cheered, hemmed and hawed. The boxers uppercut, jabbed, blocked, ducked, sweated and bled. In a heated fight, senior Mark DeSplinter defeated law student Brian Nicholson for his third title in three tries.

DeSplinter seemed to become the crowd favorite after Nicholson threw him to the canvas in the first round. The rest of the way, the bout was fought fairly evenly. DeSplinter won by unanimous decision.

### Ward wins by forfeit

Sophomore Dan Ward won by forfeit. Top-ranked senior Justin Alanis broke his hand in his semi-final victory over Brad Wanchulak and was unable to compete in the title bout.

### Christoforetti def. Bartels

Senior Jim Christoforetti knocked down MBA student Doug

Bartels early in the second round. Later in the round, Bartels got a knockdown of his own, sending Christoforetti to the canvas. Christoforetti won the split decision.

### Zizic def. Griffin

Throughout the first round, the bout was a stalemate. But MSA student Billy Zizic then began a stronger attack on junior Johnny Griffin. Both boxers gushed sweat and fought relentlessly. Griffin backed Zizic into the gold corner early in the third round. Punch after punch Zizic stumbled. Griffin then dealt a blow that knocked Zizic into the ropes. Zizic came back powerfully and held on to squeak out a split decision victory.

### Hasbrook def. Schroeder

Imposing 6-2 senior Matt Hasbrook stepped into the ring against junior Nathan Schroeder. When the bell rang, Hasbrook was the aggressor. He never let up. Schroeder tried to keep up and kept the match even for awhile, but Hasbrook used shifted his weight into his every hit and gained the unanimous decision title.

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Saracino said he was impressed with the coaches' desire to learn the recruiting process from the alternative perspective of an admissions director.

Weis said he and his assistants understand the guidelines Saracino has laid before them.

"I think [the] admissions [department] is on the same page with athletics here and vice versa," Weis said. "I think that not every athlete that comes to Notre Dame has to have a 1350 on their SATs, but it's nice if some of them do. I think from the president right through the admissions office, there's some give and take there, but I think it's important that you try to get those guys, realizing that not everyone has that."

Weis also understands how emphasis on academics at Notre Dame can affect the recruiting process.

### Academic Influence

"What's happened," Weis said, "is that the student body's SAT average continues to get higher and higher."

In an article published on April 14, 2004, The Observer reported the average SAT score of football players at Notre Dame had risen in almost direct proportion to rising standardized test scores of the average student from 1993 to 2004 — 6.3 to 6.7 percent, respectively, according to data compiled from a Social Science Quarterly article.

At the time of the reported findings, Saracino disagreed standards for football players had toughened in terms of overall curriculum, grades and other factors.

"We have not been any 'tougher' on the admissions of football players in recent years as we have with the overall applicants," he said in the April 14 article.

Over the past few years, critics have questioned Notre Dame's recruiting capabilities, but Saracino maintains the roots of these complaints are not in a negative relationship between admissions and coaches.

"It wasn't bad before," Saracino said of his relationship with former Notre Dame head coach Tyrone Willingham. "If we were having some difficulty in recruiting the student-athletes that we wanted, it wasn't because they were trying to get young men admitted who could not do the work. It was just that they weren't getting them."

Saracino said the admissions department has remained consistent in its standards for student-athletes, reiterating its emphasis on a high school course-load that demonstrates an

ability to handle the Notre Dame curriculum.

Such a courseload, Saracino said, ensures "the transition from high school to Notre Dame will be minimized."

"It's insulting to think every single athlete can't be a solid student," Saracino said. "Overall, our concern is that they are students that can be successful at Notre Dame, and really that's no different than the way it's been for years at Notre Dame."

### Developing relationships

Irish assistant coaches have already brought potential recruit information over for Saracino to evaluate. Saracino said he has met individually with coaches he called "passionate" and "hard-working" who exhibit serious interest in becoming experts in operating recruiting practices within the expectations of the University.

"In talking with them, I was really struck by how interested they were in the type of student who comes to Notre Dame," Saracino said. "One of the coaches has a son who's applied to Notre Dame and hopefully will be coming next year ... His son could pretty much go anywhere and really is looking at Notre Dame. I take that as a good sign this coach specifically understands this is the kind of student that comes to Notre Dame."

Once assistant coaches like recruiting coordinator Rob Ianello fully grasp Notre Dame, they can fully explain it to potential recruits.

"Notre Dame doesn't have to be so much sold as the story told," Saracino said. "If the student-athletes know what's going on here, they're going to want to be here."

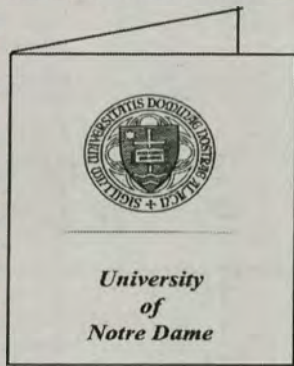
Weis has made himself responsible for maintaining a solid relationship between Saracino, the admissions department and the coaching staff. In maintaining that relationship, the head coach — who has spent the majority of his coaching career in the NFL — has learned a few intricacies himself about what to look for in a recruit at Notre Dame.

"I think that there are really three things that I think are independent that you have to bring together," Weis said. "We're all looking for good athletes. We're all looking for high-character kids. And we're all looking for kids that can graduate. Everyone's looking for that."

"Obviously, in almost every kid there's a deficiency in one or two of those areas. The question is to what extent will you go down to, and it's really got to be a mesh of all three of those ingredients."

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ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Irish prepare for deep Arizona State team in 2nd round

By MATT LOZAR  
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FRESNO, Calif. — Shutting down one Sun Devil won't send the Irish to their third straight Sweet 16.

Arizona State just has too much depth.

Facing a team with 10 players logging double-digit minutes and no one scoring more than 11.4 points per game, overcoming Arizona State's deep bench will be the challenge for Notre Dame in tonight's second-round NCAA tournament game at 9 p.m. on ESPN2.

"They have a very balanced

attack," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said at Sunday's press conference. "We can't just shut down a [Kristen] Mann to win this game."

Tonight's game figures to be a defensive struggle since both teams normally play that type of the style. Unlike the 87 points Arizona State scored in its first-round win over Eastern Kentucky Saturday, the Sun Devils average 63 points per game.

The Irish played their normal style of game in the 61-51 win over UC Santa Barbara. McGraw knows her team needs that type of performance on defense again tonight.

"They are really physical and play great defense," McGraw said. "I was pleased with our defensive effort and we need it again [tonight]."

"We're not a team that blows people out."

**More than just Batteast**

With Jacqueline Batteast struggling from the field and the post players in foul trouble, McGraw needed her role players to step up on Saturday to defeat the pesky Gauchos.

She got just that.

"I was pleased with everybody," McGraw said. "We got great contributions from our starters and everyone gave us a lift."

One interesting lineup McGraw used late in the first half saw three freshmen — Charel Allen, Tulyah Gaines and Melissa D'Amico — on the court with sophomore Breona Gray and Batteast. McGraw hadn't used that combination very often this season, but she was pleased with the results.

"It was great to get them some minutes. You're not sure what to expect," McGraw said. "I was pleased to see the freshmen play like that."

What may have been most satisfying for McGraw was seeing her team excel with Batteast only scoring eight points.

"I thought that was one of our best games of the year," McGraw said. "It was great to see us win with [Batteast] getting eight points and 10 boards and not 20 points."

**Quick hits**

◆ Saturday's win gave the Irish 27 on the season, the third highest total in school history. Notre Dame's 1996-97 team, which advanced to the Final Four and won more



Notre Dame's Charel Allen looks to pass against California-Santa Barbara in NCAA first round action Saturday.



Arizona State's Amy Denson tries to steal the ball from Eastern Kentucky's Candis Cook during the teams' first round NCAA meeting Saturday. Denson's Sun Devils take on the Irish tonight.

games than any team in history, won 31 games.

◆ Batteast started her 96th consecutive game against the Gauchos, which set a school record. Katryna Gaither, who played at Notre Dame from 1994-97, previously held the mark.

◆ McGraw earned her 499th career victory Saturday.

◆ Since the Irish joined the Big East for the 1995-96 season, the Irish have qualified for 10 straight NCAA tournaments. Each year, the Irish

have advanced to at least the second round.

◆ Current Notre Dame athletic director Kevin White held the same position at Arizona State from 1996-2000. Current Arizona State athletic director Gene Smith, who is leaving for the same position at Ohio State in Columbus, is a former football player at Notre Dame and graduated in 1977.

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	COACHING	STYLE OF PLAY	POST PLAYERS	PERIMETER PLAYERS	BENCH	INTANGIBLES
NOTRE DAME	McGraw is now 22-10 in NCAA Tournament games and gunning for career victory No. 500 as a head coach. She knows how to prepare her teams for second round match-ups with six of the past nine reaching the Sweet 16.	The Irish focus on defense, then scoring. They did a great job of that against UCSB by shutting down Mann and then getting their points. Against ASU, Notre Dame must once again play stifling 'D' and find ways to score enough for a victory.	LaVere played very well against UCSB, while Erwin grabbed six boards off the bench. Notre Dame needs those two, plus Borton, to control the paint in terms of both scoring and rebounding. Batteast should have a better shooting game.	Duffy had a game-high 18 against UCSB, picking up the slack for Batteast. She continues to play well on both ends. Allen and Gray played pivotal roles in the first round as well, contributing on offense and defense.	McGraw praised her bench after the UCSB game, and the Irish need another solid performance against ASU. Allen and Erwin are the two most consistent and significant sixth and seventh players — both had good games in the first round.	The Irish expect nothing less than their third straight Sweet 16 appearance. They'll have to get there with little crowd support and the pressure of being the higher-seeded team. Notre Dame does, however, have much more tournament experience.
ARIZONA STATE	Turner Thorne is the all-time winningest coach at ASU, but her career record is just 145-121. She has led the Sun Devils to three NCAA bids and one 20-win season during her nine years at the helm.	The Sun Devils rely on a balanced offensive attack and solid defense for their success. They average just 63 points a game, but give up only 53. Ten players average double figure minutes with no one logging more than 26 a game.	Westerberg and Kovesdy are the only two ASU players to average double figures in scoring. Against Eastern Kentucky, the two combined for 38 points. Look for ASU to feed these two the ball first, then look for other scoring options.	ASU's key guard is Loney, who averages 9 points and three assists a game. She's also the only real 3-point threat, making 35 percent for the season. Freshman guard Johnson gives the Sun Devils a spark off the bench.	Turner Thorne uses 10 players for double figures in minutes and all 10 have contributed, with no one tallying more than 26 minutes a game. The Sun Devils are very balanced and should have fresh legs all game, thanks to frequent substitutions.	The Sun Devils are especially confident after trouncing Eastern Kentucky. They have quietly had a very good season. ASU should also have a distinct home court advantage and have nothing to lose against the favored Irish.
ANALYSIS	Turner Thorne has done a nice job forming ASU into a competitive program, but McGraw easily takes the cake here. She has a national title and routinely leads the Irish to the Sweet 16.	Expect a low-scoring affair, with defense as both teams' strengths. The Irish want to get Batteast the ball early and often, hoping she can find her rhythm. The Sun Devils could use a full court press to disrupt Notre Dame.	Slight edge to the Irish here, at least on paper. Notre Dame's post has steadily improved throughout the season and they played tough against UCSB. The Irish have a go-to player in Batteast, while ASU isn't sure who will be the star each game.	No one really stands out for ASU, while Notre Dame has Duffy, Allen and Gray. The Irish must try and take Loney out of her game to disrupt the Sun Devils offense. If the forwards cancel each other out, Notre Dame should have the advantage.	Notre Dame's bench can be brilliant at times, but it can also be inconsistent. Meanwhile, ASU has had steady play from the bench players all season. Turner Thorne has no problem playing 10 players and the continuous lineup changes could be trouble for the Irish.	ASU wants respect and they know a win against Notre Dame gives them that. The Irish are expected to win and have more pressure on their collective shoulders. If ASU plays well early, the team's confidence will grow, which means more problems for Notre Dame.



# Champs

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everybody. It came down to the wire, and that's the most exciting way to win," senior epee captain Kerry Walton said.

The Irish qualified 11 out of a possible 12 fencers for the tournament, with only freshman Jakub Jedrkowiak representing Notre Dame in men's foil, but despite this, the team entered the weekend more than optimistic with regards to their chances to win their first team title since 2003.

"As a team, we had really, really high expectations. Every year we come in expecting to win, and especially this year because Ohio State only qualified 11, that was huge for us," said sophomore sabre Matt Stearns.

Stearns joined his four other teammates in competition Thursday and Friday, as the men took to the strips first in the championships. Senior epeeist Michal Sobieraj led the team, going 18-5 in the round robin before beating Ohio State's Denis Tolkachev and Wayne State's Marek Petraszek in the semifinals and finals to claim his first individual NCAA title.

In his semifinal bout with long-time rival Tolkachev, Sobieraj avenged his 5-4 loss in the round robin, jumping out to a 7-2 lead and cruising to a 15-9 victory. In the finals, Sobieraj again took an early lead, going up 9-4. However,

Petraszek fought back to make it tense, closing the scoring to 14-13 before Sobieraj scored the final touch to claim his victory.

"There aren't too many surprises between me and Marek. We've fenced each other for the last seven or eight years and know each other pretty well," Sobieraj told und.com.

Notre Dame head coach Janusz Bednarski was not surprised by Sobieraj's success.

"I expected that Michal would be winner because I know that he had a strong drive to do this," he said.

In victory, Sobieraj closes out his career as a four-time All-American and leaves Notre Dame with a 68-24 record in the NCAA championship round-robin, third best in the school's men's fencing history behind sabre Mike Sullivan and foilist Ozren Debic.

However, Sobieraj was not the only Notre Dame men's fencer to make it to the championship bout, marking the first time since 2000 that two Irish men's fencers have made the finals. Sophomore sabre Patrick Ghattas also made it to the finals, where he fell to Serjaj Isayenko of St. John's. Ghattas entered the semifinals as the No. 4 seed, taking the final slot by way of a +46 touch differential after his 18-5 round-robin record put him in a 3-way tie for

third with Harvard's Tim Hagamen and three-time All-American and 2004 Olympian Jason Rogers from Ohio State, the latter of which was left out in the cold after ending up with only a plus-44 touch differential. Adam Crompton, the Buckeyes' other sabre and two-time defending champion, also failed to make the cut, finishing in seventh place after going 17-6.

Ghattas' semifinal bout with Penn State's Franz Boghicev was the sequel to one of the most intense round-robin bouts of the first two days. When the two first met, Boghicev seemed to be on his way to a rout, taking a quick 4-0 lead, but Ghattas battled back to tie the score at four before Boghicev registered the final touch to win.

When they met again, Ghattas held on to a slim 9-8 lead

before finding his rhythm and winning the bout 15-10.

"Initially in the pools I was losing 4-0, then I kind of figured it out that he was just hitting to my hand every time, so I adjusted and came back 4-4 but he scored the last touch," Ghattas said. "In the finals, I felt real confident after that 4-0 run in the pools. I knew I had a real good chance of beating him."

The championship bout with Isayenko again proved to be one of role reversals, this time working out against Ghattas as

Isayenko bounced back from a 5-0 shutout to capture the title. The bout was close from beginning to end, but after losing the lead and going down 5-4, Ghattas never regained it and fell 15-12.

"Being up there in front of everyone, it's so hard to stick to your game plan, because there's so many outside factors that come into play," he said. "I knew what to do but couldn't do it because of all these things."

In the men's foil final, Ohio State's Boaz Ellis easily triumphed over Gabriel Sinkin of New York University to claim his second title in as many years.

While missing out on the finals, two other Notre Dame fencers, Stearns and Jedrkowiak, also performed well enough to be named All-Americans. Stearns went 14-9 to finish in 10th place, and Jedrkowiak's 15-8 record was good enough for a seventh-place finish.

Sophomore Aaron Adjemian rounded out the Irish contingent, going 5-18 on the weekend.

Notre Dame went 11-17 in the men's division against their major rivals, going 4-6 versus Ohio State and 5-5 and 2-6 against St. John's and Penn State, respectively.

As Friday's events unfolded, the championship still seemed to be a viable option.

"[Ohio State] qualified six guys but only five girls, so we felt like if the guys could keep it close after [Friday] and we weren't too far behind, the girls could pick it up and win a lot of bouts for us," Stearns said.

Although they fenced with one man less than Ohio State and St. John's, the men did keep the score relatively close, and when the women began Saturday afternoon, the Irish were in fourth place and trailed leader Ohio State 94-70.

"Ohio escaped us, so we have to chase them, but they didn't escape so far that we will feel as we are lost. We have simply to make up 24 bouts on Ohio [State]," Bednarski said Friday. It will not be easy, but we will try."

When the women's team began their tournament, they did better than try, and the Buckeyes' lead quickly began to erode. Four Irish fencers recorded 10 or more wins in Saturday's 14 bout action, as Zagunis and sabre partner sophomore Valerie Providenza went 13-1 and 10-4, respectively, while the senior foil tandem of Kryczalo and Andrea Ament combined for respective records of 12-2 and 11-3, helping to trim Ohio State's lead from 24 to 13 by the end of the afternoon.

Coming into the arena Sunday, the team seemed to sense that they were on the verge of doing something great.

"Today was shorter than yesterday. There were less bouts so we knew that everyone counted, every single bout, every single touch counted," Walton said. "We were all pumped up coming in."

Notre Dame's momentum continued into throughout the day, with wins coming when they were needed the most. It was truly a team effort Sunday, as the two epees, Walton and sophomore Amy Orlando, who had struggled Saturday, improved drastically and contributed to the Irish run. Orlando, who had been in 11th place when Saturday concluded, finished the round robin in fourth place with a 16-7 overall record, while Walton ended up 11-12.

With the epees regaining their form late in the tournament, the Irish blitzed through round 7, going 16-2 combined and turning a 4 point deficit into a 2-point

margin of victory.

"Finally they woke up, and they start to feel that their bouts are so much important. Adrenaline started working and they went for a victory. They helped us a lot," Bednarski said.

Providenza caught fire on Sunday, going 9-0 on the final day to improve her record to 19-4 and finish the round robin in second place behind Zagunis, who went 21-2, a feat made even more impressive by the fact that she was fighting illness the whole weekend.

"[Shel] was in the hospital the whole night. She was under the IV because she was sick, but it happened that she recovered and now she is number two in the saber," Bednarski said.

Four Irish fencers qualified for a chance to compete further for individual accolades, as Providenza, Zagunis, Kryczalo and Orlando all finished in the top 4 and moved into the semifinals, with the latter 3 winning easily and moving into the finals. While Providenza fell 15-13 to Columbia's Emily Jacobson, Kryczalo cruised past St. John's Ersebet Garay 15-8, and Zagunis and Orlando each won by a score of 15-5, defeating Ohio State's Siobhan Byrne and Holly Buechel of Penn, respectively.

This year marked the second time that a woman's team had had a competitor in the finals of all three events, as Notre Dame repeated the feat it achieved last year. However, the quartet went 0-4 in the medal bouts, providing a somewhat sour ending to an otherwise red-letter day for the squad.

Providenza took a 10-7 lead in the bronze medal match, but fell 15-11 after Byrne went on an 8-1 run to end the bout. Orlando fell behind to Wayne State's Anna Garina 5-0 and never recovered, losing to the now back-to-back champion 15-6. In the sabre, Zagunis fenced a tight match with Olympic teammate Jacobson, coming back from a 4-1 deficit to knot it up at 8-8 and 10-10, but she was never able to take the lead and lost in her first NCAA final by a score of 15-11.

However, the biggest upset of the day came as Harvard freshman Emily Cross was able to defeat Kryczalo, a three-time champion who was trying to join an elite group of 29 NCAA athletes who had

been 4-time champions in the same event.

The two battled a close, defensive match at first, as Cross took a 3-2 lead into the first break. However, the freshman seemed to figure Kryczalo out after the intermission, stunning everyone by taking eight of the next nine points and going on to take her first championship by a score of 15-5.

With their respective finishes of second and seventh place with round robin records of 21-2 and 15-8, Kryczalo and Ament joined Zagunis, Providenza and Orlando to give Notre Dame five All-Americans.

While the individual disappointments in the finals ended the day on somewhat of a down feeling, the team's overall triumph was still cause for pride and became the focal point of the weekend.

"I wish I could have fenced better in the last bout against Emily Jacobson," Zagunis said. "I came to this tournament saying to myself I was just going to do the best for the team that I could."

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# Gauchos

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Overcoming a difficult day on the offensive end by Jacqueline Batteast, the Irish (27-5) used their 2-3 zone to contain the Gauchos' (21-9) attack and an unorthodox shot from Megan Duffy in a 61-51 win to advance to tonight's second-round game against Arizona State.

"We did a great job on Mann. We really worked hard in our zone," Irish coach Muffet McGraw said. "I think that was the key to the game."

Mann finished with seven points on 2-of-14 shooting. Every time she touched the ball on the perimeter, an Irish defender was in Mann's face, not allowing her to get an open look. When Mann got the ball down on the post, at least two Irish defenders collapsed on her, taking Mann and the Gauchos out of their offense.

"They did a good job of double and triple-teaming me. I struggled a lot. They did a good job of collapsing on me. I couldn't even distribute it to my teammates," Mann said. "It wasn't my night."

Gauchos coach Mark French admitted after the game the coaching staff should have adjusted the team's strategy after realizing the Irish were focused on taking Mann out his team's offense.

"We probably would have acknowledged it was one of those nights that she wasn't shooting well and gone away from her sooner," French said. "We've seen her score so well for four years that it's hard not to ride the horse that got you here."

Duffy's shot came with the Irish up six after a Breona Gray steal and breakaway layup made the score 52-46. On

Notre Dame's next possession, Duffy dribbled along the left baseline with the shot clock winding down. Guarded tightly by the Gauchos' Mia Fisher, Duffy drove towards the basket and the normally left-handed shooter threw up a shot with her right hand — nothing but net.

"I was just trying to get a shot up before a shot clock violation," Duffy said. "The coaches don't really like me doing that, but it worked out so I'm pleased."

Duffy made 7-of-8 free throws down the stretch to seal the game for the Irish.

Batteast struggled for Notre Dame, finishing with eight points on 4-of-14 shooting after making three of her first four shots. The senior made up for her shooting troubles by grabbing a game-high 10 rebounds.

Breona Gray and Courtney LaVere each had 10 points for the Irish who finished with five players scoring at least seven points.

Fisher led UCSB with 18 points, the only Gaucho to score in double figures.

Starting the second half up 31-28, the Irish took advantage of a Gauchos team that looked tighter and was feeling the pressure of the NCAA tournament more than during the first half. A 16-7 run during the first 10 minutes of the half extended Notre Dame's lead to 47-35.

"We kept our poise [in the second half]," Duffy said. "We had more turnovers in the first half, but we settled down."

"In the locker room, we said we have 20 minutes to prove what type of team we are, and we wanted to leave it on the court."

But the Irish made things hard on themselves, scoring three points during the next 7:32 which allowed the Gauchos to get within four at 50-46 before Gray's layup and

Duffy's shot put the game away. "Duffy saved all of her St. Patrick's Day karma for that shot she made," French said. "If she doesn't make that and we get one, it's interesting down the stretch."

"She's a great leader, and that's what great leaders do."

The Irish looked like a team that hadn't played in 12 days, committing three turnovers on their first four possessions to start the game. The Gauchos opened up a quick 8-4 lead.

Switching to a 2-3 zone after opening in man-to-man, the Irish forced the Gauchos into long offensive possessions. On the other end, the Irish used solid entry passes to get easy layups and eventually built a 19-12 lead.

The Gauchos responded with a run of their own, an 11-2 spurt highlighted by a deep 3-pointer from Erin O'Bryan that put the Gauchos ahead 23-21.

## NOTRE DAME 61, CALIF.-SANTA BARBARA 51 at the SAVE MART CENTER

**NOTRE DAME (27-5)**  
Batteast 4-14 0-3 8, LaVere 5-10 0-1 10, Borton 2-2 0-0 4, Duffy 4-8 8-10 18, Gray 4-8 2-4 10, Gaines 0-1 0-0 0, Allen 1-6 5-6 7, D'Amico 1-1 0-0 2, Erwin 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 22-52 15-24 61.

**UCSB (21-9)**  
Richardson 4-14 0-3 8, Nichols 2-3 3-4 7, Mann 2-14 2-2 7, Fisher 6-14 6-6 18, Bonds 0-4 0-0 0, Wilson 1-5 0-0 2, Bauman 3-3 3-3 9, O'Bryan 2-5 0-0 6. Totals 17-52 14-16 51.

	1st	2nd	Total
NOTRE DAME	31	30	61
UCSB	28	23	51

**3-point goals:** Notre Dame 2-6 (Duffy 2-3, Allen 0-1, Batteast 0-2), UCSB 3-17 (O'Bryan 2-5, Mann 1-4, Richardson 0-2, Bonds 0-3, Wilson 0-3). **Fouled out:** Wilson. **Rebounds:** Notre Dame 38 (Batteast 10), UCSB 34 (Nichols, Mann 8). **Assists:** Notre Dame 11 (Batteast, Duffy 3), UCSB 11 (Richardson 3). **Total fouls:** Notre Dame 17, UCSB 19.

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basket in frustration, then missed both ensuing free throw attempts.

It was that kind of day on offense for the Big East Player of the Year.

But Notre Dame didn't panic or lose confidence, despite its star's rough shooting performance. The Irish simply found another way to win. Thanks to a total team effort, Notre Dame scratched and clawed its way past an underrated Santa Barbara team, 61-51, to advance to its 10th straight second-round appearance.

And they did it by getting contributions from everyone.

Breona Gray recorded her second double-figure scoring performance in the last three games, finishing with 10 points. But her biggest play came with 2:27 left and the Irish clinging to a 50-46 lead.

Covering Santa Barbara's star player, Kristen Mann, Gray anticipated a pass from the Gauchos' Erin O'Bryan. When O'Bryan threw the ball to Mann, Gray knocked it away, then gained control and made an easy layup to put the Irish up by six.

Instead of an opportunity to cut Notre Dame's lead in half, Santa Barbara found itself all but finished.

"That was a huge basket," Santa Barbara coach Mark French said.

In the first half, when Courtney LaVere, Teresa Borton and Crystal Erwin all had two fouls, Irish coach Muffet McGraw turned to seldom-used freshman Melissa D'Amico to fill in. The youngster did so admirably, logging five minutes and tallying an offensive rebound and a put-back bucket.

In the whole scheme of things, that line may seem insignificant. But more important than scoring or rebounding, D'Amico played well enough to keep LaVere, Borton and Erwin on the bench, where they couldn't get into any more foul trouble.

Megan Duffy's performance was outstanding en route to 18 points, including 8-of-10 from the line, which nailed Santa Barbara's coffin. The first-team All-Big East selection provided the scoring Batteast usually does — and did so while running the team well, like she normally

does. Freshman Charel Allen struggled to just 1-of-6 from the field, but added 5-of-6 free throws to score seven points in 19 minutes off the bench. Crystal Erwin did not start either, but complimented Allen's points with six rebounds in just 14 minutes.

And even Batteast, who finished with just eight points on 4-of-14 shooting, made her mark by grabbing a game-high 10 rebounds and dishing out three assists.

All nine Notre Dame players who saw action did their part to beat Santa Barbara. In past games, in past seasons, the Irish might have folded when Batteast went cold. They might have lost confidence and lost faith in their abilities. Or they might have just plain lost. But this version of Notre Dame didn't even flinch when Batteast missed time and time again.

This 2004-05 squad just found a way to win.

Now the Irish face challenge number two on their path to Indianapolis. No. 5 Arizona State looked impressive in its win over No. 12 Eastern Kentucky. The Sun Devils drained 60 percent of their shots and had 49 points at halftime. Notre Dame will have its hands full against an athletic, big, physical team tonight.

But if Saturday's win taught the Irish anything, it was that they are much more than Batteast. With her playing well, Notre Dame is as good as anyone in the country. When she's not, the Irish still have enough firepower to get the job done.

As the final buzzer sounded Saturday, Batteast showed little emotion by clapping her hands softly and congratulating her opponents on a good game. The senior didn't care whether she had 48 points or eight — all that mattered was a final score in favor of the Irish.

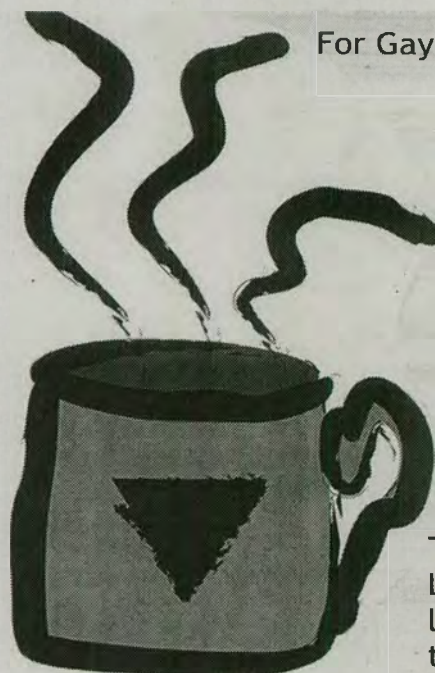
Batteast gets an opportunity tonight to make up for her tough offensive day against Santa Barbara. She rarely has a bad shooting performance two games in a row. But Batteast knows that even if her shot doesn't fall as usual, the rest of the Irish will be there, backing her up.

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**FENCING**

# National champions

*Irish come from behind to win ninth title*

By ERIC RETTER  
Sports Writer

HOUSTON — There were a lot of smiles on Sunday afternoon when Katia Larchanka of St. John's touched Ohio State's Metta Thompson to secure victory in the pair's women's foil bout.

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Those happy faces all belonged to the men and women of the Notre Dame fencing team, who saw themselves move into sole possession of first place at the first and best time. Moments earlier, senior Irish foilist Alicja Kryczalo defeated Columbia's Cassidy Luitjen to give the Irish at least a shared title, but with Thompson's loss, the Irish clinched their seventh national championship and their second in three years, edging Ohio State 173-171.

"Overall I'm so happy with

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Senior foilists Alicja Kryczalo, left, and Andrea Ament embrace after Kryczalo's victory in her final bout clinched a share of the NCAA title. Ohio State's failure to win its last four bouts gave the Irish the victory.

**FOOTBALL**

# Admissions, staff 'on the same page'

*This is the third of a three-part series detailing the recruiting methods and policies under new head coach Charlie Weis.*

By PAT LEONARD  
Sports Writer

Charlie Weis established his recruiting priority immediately by inviting 80 juniors to campus. He confirmed his concern for bringing top talent to Notre Dame by assembling an experienced coaching staff. But from the beginning, Weis understood his most significant relationship throughout the recruiting process would be his interaction with the admissions department.

Over the brief time span Weis has spent in South Bend thus far, the head coach said his relationship and interactions with the admissions department have been positive and encouraging in accordance with his expectations of his alma mater.

"I think that having a working relationship with the director of admissions, and the admissions staff is imperative to success," Weis said.

Standards for Notre Dame student-athletes differ from those of competing programs and schools. Dan Saracino, director of admissions, believes Weis, a 1978 Notre Dame graduate, has an advantage in being more familiar with the school.

"One of the benefits of having a Notre Dame alumnus in that position is he understands Notre Dame," Saracino said. "He understands and does not believe that we need to admit anyone just because they're a good athlete."

Saracino visited Weis' staff on Feb. 19 to inform the less-familiar assistant coaches of Notre Dame's recruiting history and expectations, both Weis and Saracino said.

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**BENGAL BOUTS**

# Champions crowned Saturday

By TOM DORWART  
Sports Writer

Another year of Bengal Bouts came to a close Saturday, with 11 new champions named after a night of furious fights.

**Sarpong def. Gallegos**

The lights dimmed, the crowd buzzed and the judges peered. It was time for the championship rounds of the 75th annual Bengal Bouts.

In the 126-pound weight division, Peter Sarpong took on Daniel Gallegos. Throughout the first round, Sarpong attacked. He looked like the aggressor until the first bell rang.

But Gallegos fought back in the second round. Gallegos wailed, blocked and wailed more. At one point, he had Sarpong stumbling. Sarpong kept his balance and kept up for the remainder of the

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**ND WOMEN'S BASKETBALL**

# First round of NCAAs no problem

*Irish move on to second round with 61-51 win over UCSB*

By MATT LOZAR  
Senior Staff Writer

FRESNO, Calif. — The game plan for Notre Dame against California-Santa Barbara was simple — stop Big West player of the year Kristen Mann.

Mann came into Saturday's first round of the NCAA tournament being held to

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single digits only once in the Gauchos' previous 29 games.

She left the Save Mart Center at Fresno State University with that total at two.

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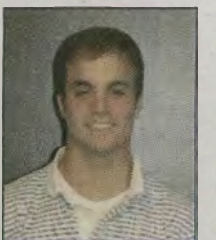
AP  
Irish guard Megan Duffy drives against California-Santa Barbara's Mia Fisher in Notre Dame's 61-51 win over the Gauchos.

*Batteast's play not stellar, but rest of team makes up for it*

FRESNO, Calif. — Clank after clank, brick after brick, Jacqueline Batteast kept chucking up jumpers in Notre Dame's first-round NCAA

Tournament game against California Santa Barbara Saturday, and she kept watching helplessly as the ball went anywhere but through the hoop.

After dragging a foul late in the second half, in the midst of missing yet another short field goal, Batteast fired the ball off the



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Irish perform well at Williams Classic  
Chris Staron places fifth in high jump with a leap of 1.94 meters.  
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Erigha wins 200 at Williams Classic  
Sophomore sprinter sets a personal best en route to her victory in the 200-meter dash.  
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Team goes 2-1 at Columbus, Ohio  
The Irish easily defeat Oakland and Eastern Michigan, but suffer a loss to Marshall.  
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Irish inconsistent over weekend  
Notre Dame's pitching especially struggles as team goes 1-2 at neutral-site Evansville.  
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The Irish had little difficulty with the Bulldogs in their league-opening game.  
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Pair of No. 2 seeds fall  
Wake Forest and Connecticut each suffered losses in the second round of the NCAA Tournament.  
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