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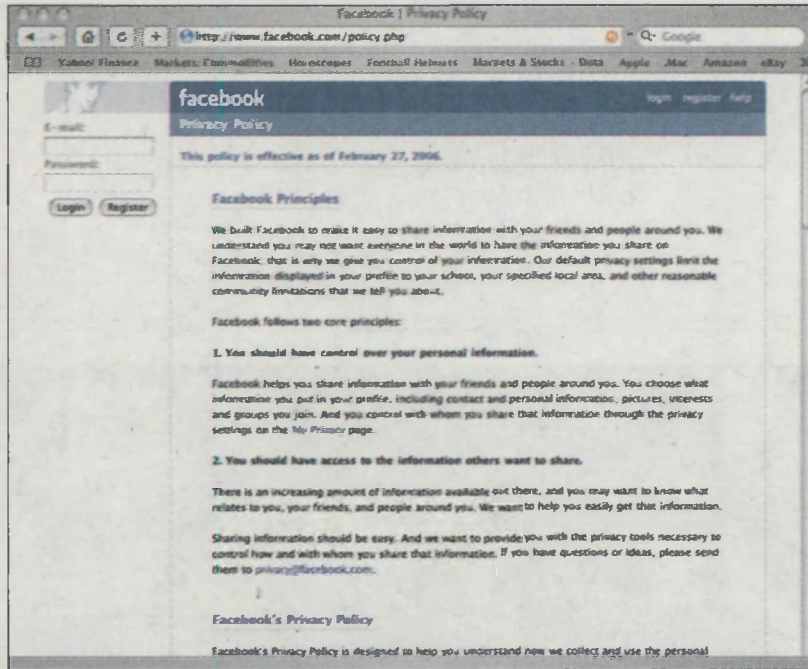
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Administrators question Facebook postings

Faculty, staff at Notre Dame and Saint Mary's view students' profiles



Officials at institutions nationwide use site to identify, punish students

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Editor

By KATIE PERRY
Assistant News Editor

As a growing number of Notre Dame and Saint Mary's students poke, post and tag their way into the Facebook universe, administrators on both campuses are taking a closer look into the social-networking Web site — in some cases, creating their own accounts and viewing student profiles.

Facebook, created two years ago by Mark Zuckerberg, has exploded in popularity across college campuses nationwide. And since the only requirement for membership is a ".edu" e-mail address, virtually any staff member with a University e-mail address can join.

Associate Vice President of Student Affairs Bill Kirk said there is no formal policy "that would prohibit or require" the use of Facebook in disci-

Facebook.com, the online social network and cultural phenomenon availed by millions of college students across America, is spreading to reach an even broader audience — nearly anybody with a ".edu" e-mail address.

And that shift is beginning to have repercussions for students.

Since February 2004, the popular Web site has garnered more than six million members, a majority of which log on at least once a day, a spokesman told the Chicago Sun Times in November. Each day, between 10,000 and 20,000 new members register on Facebook.com.

And that's not the half of it — the average

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facebook Friend or Foe?

February 2004 — Harvard University student Mark Zuckerberg launches Facebook.com

March 2005 — An Oklahoma University student is investigated by the Secret Service after he mentioned assassinating President George W. Bush in his user profile

October 2005 — Fischer University expels a student who publicly criticized a prominent campus security officer on Facebook

January 2006 — A gay student at John Brown University, a Christian college, is expelled for posting photos of himself dressed in drag

2004

2005

2006

May 2005 — Two swimmers at Louisiana State University are booted from the team for being members of a Facebook group that disparaged the team's coaches

November 2005 — Four Northern Kentucky University students are fined \$50 and forced to attend alcohol abuse classes after college officials discovered drinking pictures published on Facebook

February 2006 — Syracuse University places four students on academic probation for creating a Facebook group centered on denigrating their professor

Graphics by Jeff Albert

Jenkins continues to answer questions



DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

University President Father John Jenkins answers questions on academic freedom posed by graduate students Monday.

Grad students engage academic freedom issue

By KATHLEEN MCDONNELL
News Writer

University President Father John Jenkins addressed academic freedom issues ranging from the timing and intent of his Jan. 23 and 24 speeches to hypothetical situations involving stem cell research and artistic expression in an open discussion with graduate students Monday.

After giving a brief introduc-

tory speech, Jenkins fielded questions for nearly an hour in a forum arranged by the Graduate Student Union in DeBartolo 101.

Graduate students have a unique and integral place in a university, Jenkins said, performing researching and teaching roles like faculty members, but subject to supervision like undergraduate students.

He stressed their importance in contributing to the discussion on academic freedom and Catholic character at Notre Dame.

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College completes self-study

By MEGAN O'NEIL
Senior Staff Writer

Two years of research and self-analysis will come to a head at Saint Mary's today as representatives of the Higher Learning Commission conclude a three-day campus visit as part of a reaccreditation process.

Led by Vice President and Dean of Faculty Pat White and Director of the Center for Academic Innovation Pat Pierce, the College compiled a 134-page self-study report that examines the progress of the institution over the last ten years and its direction in the future.

Pierce described the report, two years in the making, as a "really unique one ... very different from accreditations in the past."

In the past, the report has been more like an inventory of the College, Pierce said, and included data such as the number of students enrolled and the number of volumes in the

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Wedding bells toll as graduation approaches

By KAREN LANGLEY
Associate News Editor

Notre Dame seniors Victoria Wittner and Dan DiMassa first discussed marriage while studying abroad in Innsbruck near the end of sophomore year. While Wittner and DiMassa — who began dating at the beginning of that year — knew they were right for one another, they decided not

to take any definite steps towards marriage until graduation drew near.

And drew near it did.

As the two drove to DiMassa's Cleveland home the first weekend of the fall semester, they approached a roadside spot where they traditionally stopped to kiss. DiMassa flicked on the car's hazard lights as he pulled over, and while such a stop was hardly unusual, Wittner

knew something was going to happen.

"I asked myself, 'Is he going to propose?'" Wittner said. "I said, 'No, Victoria, don't be stupid. That's not what's happening.'"

Then DiMassa got down on one knee and asked Wittner to marry him.

She said yes.

There is no count of how many Notre Dame undergraduates are engaged, but

enough couples make the commitment each year to keep stories of Grotto proposals and "ring by spring" Basilica bookings alive. And while the vast majority of students wait until after college to decide on marriage, many engaged couples can be characterized by the uncommon certainty that they are right for one another.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Three phones and counting ...

If only my cell phone had nine lives...
 This year, I learned that nothing in life comes easy. All college students are faced with daily challenges and, as part of the growing up process, need to deal with them without the help of their parents. Some things that seem simple can just drive you crazy. What specific simple thing I am referring to is the almighty cell phone.

Katie Kohler
Wire Editor

I have had the unfortunate experience as to break/drop/lose/damage my cell phone multiple times this year. Was it my fault? Well, yes, sometimes it was. Dropping the cell phone down multiple flights of stairs was all me. Some things, though, were out of my control. I mean who put that toilet there?

Going against my parents' advice, I guess a belt clip would avoid all of the dropping and mishandling, but what fun is that?

For me, it is hard enough to keep track of my cell phone, but trying to get a new one entirely in South Bend is a nightmare. It has taught me to appreciate the essence of the cell phone and protect it with my life so I don't have to go through that ordeal again.

You would think getting a new phone would be easy, but both times I had to replace my poor phone I ended up paying full price for a whole new one because it was too much of a hassle to go through the motions of filing a police report for losing it (yes, you actually have to do that if you have insurance), explaining it to my parents, or activating a new one. And I even had insurance! What is insurance for if you have to buy a new phone every time?

I am not blaming any of my misfortune on Verizon — even though it would make my parents feel better — but just the overall process. Ugh.

Spending the entire day at the mall trying to plead with Verizon to give me a new phone is really draining. It really is.

If you know what kind of phone I have, you would probably be shocked that after all that work, I don't have the top-of-the-line phone. I am smarter than that. My new phone has been the cheapest, most durable and biggest piece of equipment in the store.

Sure, it would be cool to have a new Razor or a camera phone, but with my consistent history of banging up my cell phone, that makes no sense.

I am proud to say that I have had my newest cell phone for two months — knock on wood — and I have not been back to Verizon yet. Impressive, eh?

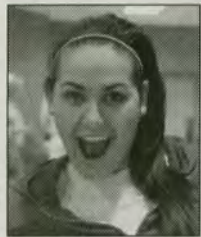
Oh, it's the little things in life that bring us the most satisfaction.

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QUESTION OF THE DAY: ARE YOU WORRIED ABOUT WHO IS READING YOUR FACEBOOK PROFILE?



Megan Staley
sophomore
McCandless

"Terrified — that's why I'm changing my name after this prints."



Joe Powers
sophomore
Carroll

"No, I'm not too concerned because it's fairly difficult for someone not affiliated with a college to get a profile."



Erin Scott
sophomore
Le Mans

"No, because if I was, I wouldn't be on it."



Stephanie Dosmann
sophomore
Holy Cross

"No, since I'm not on Facebook."



Katie Murray
senior
off-campus

"No, I'm more worried about the e-mails I get saying my friends have posted pictures."



George Fisher
junior
Dillon

"No, how else would I meet girls? Chatting online to 'hot chicks' all day just doesn't cover it."



LAURIE HUNT/The Observer

Kat Londergan, right, leads children and their parents in interactive story-telling Tuesday in the Notre Dame bookstore. The event was called "Children's Storytime: Twenty-one Elephants and Still Standing."

OFFBEAT

Man wards off alligator with broom

NORTH FORT MYERS, Fla. — An 82-year-old Lee County man says he tried to get an alligator out of his garage with a broom. John Turney says he also used the blue straw broom to keep the 4-foot reptile from biting him.

The gator later went under Turney's car that was parked in the driveway and Turney sprayed it with a garden hose. The alligator finally didn't leave until three other people prodded it, forcing the reptile to go back to a lake. It had apparently spent the night in Turney's garage in North Fort Myers.

Just a few days ago, another alligator was found at the front door of a Bonita Springs home. Trappers eventually captured it from a nearby lake. No one was injured. Wildlife officials say warm weather makes the reptiles more active, especially male alligators looking for new territories and potential mates.

Boy trapped in toy claw machine

AUSTIN, Minn. — More than a few people are trying to figure out how it happened — how did a three-year-old boy get trapped inside an arcade game?

Little Devon can laugh at it now, but yesterday it wasn't much of a joke. The toddler crawled inside a toy claw machine at a pizza party in Minnesota.

So how he'd get in there? Even Devon's wise older brother isn't sure.

"I'm like, 'How could he fit in there?'" said Devon's older brother, Tyson.

"It's so tiny! I was like, 'Is he getting oxygen?'"

Devon played with toys until firefighters got him out. He's fine. He even got to keep a toy as a souvenir.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Internationally acclaimed collage and montage artist Winston Smith will be the visiting artist in the Saint Mary's Art Department Wednesday through Friday. He will be giving a public presentation of his works at 7 p.m. tonight in room 232 of the Moreau Center for the Arts.

O'Neill Hall will host the "O'Neill Spotlight" — a faceoff with McGlenn — Thursday at 8 p.m. The event will feature singers, comedians and dancers from O'Neill as well as karaoke and free food.

Saint Mary's seniors Emily Fannon, Sinnamon Wolfe, Amanda Caddy and Amber Painter will host a senior comprehensive art gallery opening Friday from 5 p.m. to 7 in the Moreau Art Galleries in the Moreau Center for the Arts. The event is free and the public is welcome to attend.

Famed Notre Dame head football coach Lou Holtz will give a lecture on "Catholicism and Competition" Friday from 7 p.m. to 8:30 in the Stepan Center. The event is sponsored by Student Government as part of the Catholic Think Tank of America Lecture Series. Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students must present student ID at the door for admittance.

The 2006 Notre Dame student peace conference, "Voices of Today, Changes for Tomorrow," will be held Friday and Saturday in the Hesburgh Center for International Studies.

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

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CLAP anticipates response to report

By AMANDA MICHAELS
News Editor

After presenting a report on the living wage to University officials on March 8, members of the Campus Labor Action Project (CLAP) will get to hear the administration's response in a meeting scheduled for Friday — appropriately, the end of Notre Dame's Week of Action.

CLAP lead organizer Kamaria Porter said the meeting, which includes representatives from student government as well as CLAP members, is the first official feedback the group will receive from administrators since distributing the report asking for the institution of living wage at Notre Dame.

Porter said Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves, Associate Vice President for Human Resources Bob McQuade, Executive Assistant to the President Frances Shavers and possibly University President Father John Jenkins were expected to attend the meeting.

As defined by the report, a living wage is "the hourly rate of income that a worker in a specific area must make in a 40-hour work-week to support a family of four."

Porter said CLAP hopes it comes out of the semester — if not Friday's meeting — with the creation of a joint task force made up of students, campus workers, administrators and potentially

alumni.

"[The task force] could bring together the scholarly minds in theology and economics, the administrators who deal with budgeting, the students who genuinely care and have been researching this for quite awhile, the workers who are affected by this and who do not currently have a voice and the alumni who are invested in what happens at this University," Porter said.

Harvard University instated a similar joint task force to support their campus living wage movement, on which Porter said CLAP modeled their idea. Notre Dame's task force would work to finding a way to implement the living wage while still maintaining an "effective and efficient university," Porter said.

Porter said she doesn't know what will happen at Friday's meeting but said CLAP will remain optimistic and open-minded.

"CLAP has done a lot of talking up to this point, so now we're ready to listen," she said.

As part of the Week of Action, today is also CLAP Day. The group will work to raise awareness of its cause and encourage students to sign a living wage petition, Porter said. She said the petition currently has approximately 600 signatures.

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Students aid social service agency

Notre Dame students win Indiana Careers Consortium competition

Special to the Observer

Four teams of students from Notre Dame, Saint Mary's College, Goshen College and Indiana University South Bend weren't told much about issues facing the Marshall County Neighborhood Center in Plymouth, Ind. — only that it was having difficulties meeting the needs of the community's changing demographics.

With that limited information, and in the spirit of the first case competition hosted by the Indiana Careers Consortium earlier this semester at Saint Mary's, their task was to fill in the missing pieces through research and then offer solutions.

One of the oldest social service agencies in Marshall County, the Neighborhood Center, a United Way agency, was founded 23 years ago and currently runs a food pantry; provides clothing, furniture, appliances, household goods and toys; and offers life skills, budget counseling and energy assistance.

While most of these services have always been offered there, a recent restructuring of the center's board of directors resulted in a new goal. Rather than simply handing out charity, the center now strives to foster independence among its beneficiaries.

"Because of our changes, we needed help creating a new public image and revising our internal structure and fundraising efforts," said Jerry Nikitas, the center's director.

That's where the students came in. But, under the guidelines of the competition, they weren't told exactly what was needed unless they asked the right questions.

"The lack of information provided to us actually presented our biggest challenge," said Notre Dame senior Trey Williams from Matthews, N.C. "We were told very little about

the true nature of the center's problems. The competition required a lot of investigation before we could begin."

After a 15-minute question-and-answer session with Nikitas, Williams and his teammates, Matthew Mitchell, Rebecca Spohrer and Danielle Stealy, all seniors at Notre Dame, went to work. They dedicated the bulk of their free time during the first week of the semester to learning all they could about non-profits and brainstorming about the center and its surrounding commu-

nity.

Their efforts paid off. Presenting a variety of ideas for fundraising, community outreach and volunteer efforts, the Notre Dame team won the competition and the admiration of their advisor, Thomas Harvey, director of the Master of Nonprofit Administration Program in Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business.

"The lack of information provided to us actually presented our biggest challenge."

Trey Williams
Notre Dame senior

"They were so well prepared and confident in their recommendations that the judges seemed to view them less as students in a competition, and more as experts in how to make a community center run more effi-

ciently," Harvey said.

Their ideas weren't earth-shattering, according to Williams, just well represented.

"We gave a few simple solutions that were applicable to problems the center likely will face in the future," he said. "I guess what impressed the judges was the way in which we presented our recommended changes, which included strategic partnerships with other organizations in the community to help expand their budget and services."

Forget everything you learned at Notre Dame! It's who you know.

Robert Putnam

Professor of Public Policy

Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University

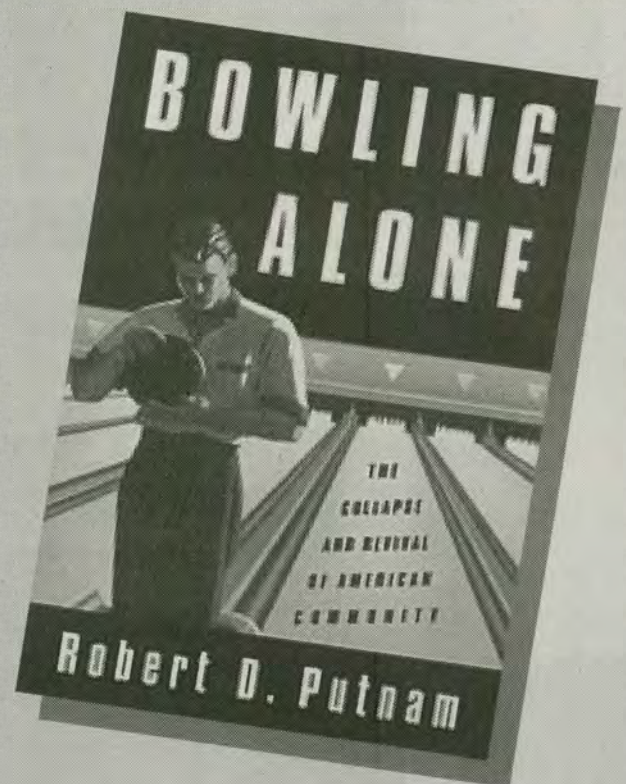
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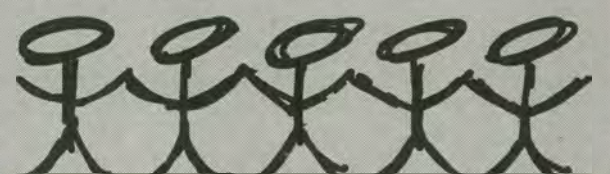
Robert Putnam's book, *Bowling Alone*, seems to have struck a chord with many concerned with the decline of civic engagement in the United States over the last thirty years.

A question and answer session will follow Professor Putnam's presentation.

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library. This time, however, the Higher Learning Commission, an institutional accrediting agency, required Saint Mary's to conduct a self-analysis based on five criteria — missions and integrity, preparing for the future, student learning and effective teaching, acquisition, discovery and application and engagement and service.

"It's a much better [method] than the other approach. This is a real improvement," Pierce said. "It is [more work] but I think it makes the self-study and self-study report more valuable."

The more in-depth nature of the study required White and Pierce to involve a broader spectrum of the College community in the project. Staff and faculty members were selected to research and prepare different sections of the self-study report, Pierce said. They conducted

interviews with students, faculty, staff, alumnae and members of the Board of Trustees — "all sorts of constituents on campus and off campus," Pierce said.

Drafts were made available to faculty and staff last spring for feedback, Pierce said, and certain themes in the report caused dissent.

Diversity at Saint Mary's was one such point of contention. Individuals had varying perspectives on where the College stands on the issue, Pierce said, and where and how far it should progress in the future.

"I think there are differing perspectives between faculty, faculty and students, between members of the Board," Pierce said.

Pierce said there was no effort to hide the existence of dis-

agreements at the College and said all contributors were encouraged to be completely honest in their responses in order to give the accreditors an accurate perspective of the school.

"They are going to do that better if everyone contributed their own understanding of what is going on," Pierce said.

The various drafts were edited and assembled over the summer by a writing team made up of White, Pierce and art professor Laurel Thomas.

They continued to fine-tune the document throughout the fall, Pierce said.

"I guess the hard thing is that it's a long process and it needs to be a long process and then we gather tons and tons of information and then it becomes a huge writing problem ... what do you put in and what do you leave

out?" White said.

During their three days on campus, the three Higher Learning Commission representatives met with administrators, faculty, staff, students, alumnae and community members in order to assess the effectiveness of the College in carrying out its Mission as an institution of high education.

The final meeting will take place today with College President Carol Ann Mooney. The visitors will give a general indication of how successfully the College met the requirements for accreditation, Pierce said. An official report will be issued in the following weeks.

In completing the self-study, Pierce said he and his colleagues were impressed by how thoroughly the Saint Mary's Mission was being lived out in the various departments of the College.

"I think that is something folks found satisfying, and I think beyond that not only did we see the Mission reflected across the institution, [but also] we gained a respect for the work that is

being done outside your division," Pierce said.

White, who participated in the 1996 accreditation, said one major area of improvement he saw at Saint Mary's was long-term planning.

"In 1995 when we did our report we were sort of looking really closely at assessment, and I think this time we were trying to look more at the issue of planning, how are we getting better at planning at Saint Mary's. ... It's also something I think we are doing better over the last three years than we have done since I have been here," White said.

Also included in the self-study were areas that the College identified as needing improvement. These five key areas were originally highlighted by Mooney in her August 2005 speech at the College Forum and include general education, diversity, the identity initiative, library resources and athletics.

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Rings

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Seniors Chelsea Horgan and Ryan O'Larey knew from the beginning that they would one day marry. They met at a Keenan Hall dorm party in the spring of their sophomore year and got engaged the following fall when O'Larey proposed on the Dumbo ride in Disney World.

A week into their relationship, O'Larey said, "So this is what it feels like to fall in love."

Two years later, that conclusion has only been reinforced.

"From that point on, it was pretty much settled in both of our minds that we would even-

tually get married," he said. "When we knew, we knew. I would have felt completely comfortable asking Chelsea to marry me after the first week of our relationship."

Though she acknowledged some people might think juniors young to give or receive proposals of marriage, Horgan echoed O'Larey's certainty in their decision to get engaged.

"We never really gave a thought to postponing the inevitable, so we were willing to get engaged really early," she said. "It was something we have always been serious about, and we're more and more excited to get married."

Horgan and O'Larey will marry in July.

Seniors Gretchen Ryan and Jonny Struempf can't remem-

ber exactly when they first talked about marriage, but like Horgan and O'Leary, they quickly grew sure they wanted to spend their lives together.

"It was probably earlier than most people would expect," Struempf said. "When we got into a relationship, it felt right from the start."

Junior Daralee Thomas said she first spoke of marriage after three or four months of dating her fiancée, Indiana University junior Zach Hughes. Since they began dating in college, their relationship developed over long phone conversations — a condition that she said prompted them to get to know each other much deeper than if they had been physically together.

"You hear older people say,

'Sometimes you just know,' and for us, that's what it was," she said. "It didn't take a lot of thinking. It didn't take a lot of talking. I just knew. Neither of us could believe it happened that way for us."

Young people often see engagement as a time of transition into a truly adult world, and engaged students now have to balance a mature commitment with their time left in college.

Even their friends become caught in the balance of youth and maturity. Wittner and DiMassa returned from their Cleveland trip to their friends' champagne toast — held with Solo cups in a dorm room.

Like other engaged students, Ryan and Struempf spend most of their social time together, although they are often together with other friends.

"We've pretty much been inseparable since freshman year," Ryan said. "I live in a quad, and my roommates joke that Jonny is our fifth roommate."

Since they continue to spend time with close friends, neither Ryan nor Struempf considers their serious relationship and subsequent engagement socially isolating.

"All our friends have been really accepting of each other as friends," Struempf said. "It hasn't been a social hardship."

Since being engaged, however, the two have sometimes encountered new expectations of their social lives from friends.

"I remember one of our friends making a comment when we were going out to a club that 'You guys are engaged, you don't do that anymore,'" Ryan said. "But we still like to have fun."

DiMassa described himself and Wittner as "somewhat reserved" and said their interests more frequently lead to nights at the movies or a bookstore than to the bars or clubs — but Wittner added that these preferences have little to do with their engagement.

"Some of our friends view our social lives as geriatric,"

DiMassa said. "Some of our interests don't fit the college stereotype."

But since his relationship with Horgan began, O'Larey said maintaining close relationships with other friends has been difficult.

"Being with someone [who] you don't get sick of and want to spend all your time with can definitely cause issues with your social life," O'Larey said.

"When something as important as your future spouse walks into your life, there just isn't as much time for other people."

He emphasized, however, that he truly enjoys seeing his old friends.

Thomas' family and many of her friends are thrilled by her engagement, but she said many acquaintances did not expect her to marry while still in college. Her wedding is scheduled for the July before her senior year.

"A lot of people reacted with surprise," she said. "One friend brought up the difficulties, out of concern."

Thomas said her parents have been extremely supportive of her decision, and she plans to rely on her parents as well as her husband for support as they spend their first year of married life apart while completing their degrees.

While Ryan is more than excited about marrying Struempf, she said she would not have predicted that she would marry immediately after college.

"This was not how I pictured my life in high school," she said.

Struempf agreed. "Now you're used to hearing of people being in their upper twenties when they get married, not their younger twenties," he said.

But love can defy societal norms, O'Larey said.

"When I called my dad to let him know that I planned to ask Chelsea to marry me, he agreed that love can just sneak up on you," he said. "And once you know what it is, you don't ever want to let it go."

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Chelsea Horgan
senior



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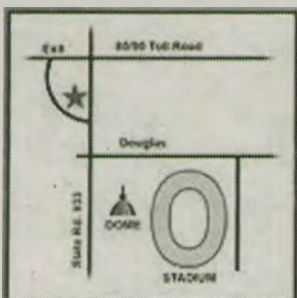
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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Ex-Liberian warlord disappears

ABUJA, Nigeria — Former Liberian warlord Charles Taylor slipped away just after Nigeria reluctantly agreed to transfer him to a war crimes tribunal, and the White House suggested Tuesday that President Bush may cancel a meeting with Nigeria's leader.

The Nigerian government said Taylor vanished Monday night from his villa in the southern city of Calabar, where he had lived in exile since being forced from power under a 2003 peace deal that ended Liberia's civil war.

The announcement came three days after President Olusegun Obasanjo — under pressure from Washington and others — agreed to surrender Taylor to a U.N.-backed tribunal. He would be the first African leader to face trial for crimes against humanity.

One million protest French labor law

PARIS — More than one million people poured into the streets across France and strikers disrupted air, rail and bus travel Tuesday — even shutting down the Eiffel Tower — in the largest nationwide protest over a youth labor law.

Scattered violence erupted in Paris, and riot police used water cannons and tear gas to disperse several thousand youths who pelted them with stones and bottles after an otherwise peaceful march.

Police made 787 arrests around the country — 488 of them in Paris, National Police Chief Michel Gaudin told The Associated Press. Injuries in the capital were tallied at 46 demonstrators and nine police officers.

Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy later invited some 200 police officers, some still wearing their protective gear, to the Interior Ministry for wine and snacks.

NATIONAL NEWS

Moussaoui offers self-testimony

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Al-Qaida conspirator Zacarias Moussaoui offered last month to testify for prosecutors against himself at his death-penalty trial and told agents that he did not want to die in prison, according to last-minute testimony Tuesday.

The bizarre testimony capped a trial that has seen more than its share of the unusual over three tumultuous weeks. Introduced as part of a brief government rebuttal case, this testimony may be the firmest evidence the 37-year-old Frenchman of Moroccan descent hopes for martyrdom through execution and could provide fodder for the closing arguments of both prosecutors and Moussaoui's court-appointed defense attorneys.

War-crimes trials trouble Court

WASHINGTON — Supreme Court justices appeared troubled Tuesday by President Bush's plans to hold war-crimes trials for foreigners held at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

And several seemed outraged by the government's claim that a new law had stripped the high court of authority to hear a case brought by Salim Ahmed Hamdan, a Yemeni who once worked as a driver for Osama bin Laden.

Hamdan has spent nearly four years in the U.S. prison at Guantanamo, and the Supreme Court has been asked to decide if he can be put on trial with fewer legal protections before a type of military tribunal last used in the World War II-era.

LOCAL NEWS

Indiana ups security for Final Four

INDIANAPOLIS — Tens of thousands of Final Four visitors coming to the city this weekend can expect increased security along with Hoosier hospitality.

"We have to inconvenience people a little more than we wish we did," said Gov. Mitch Daniels. "But I think we'll walk the balance between safety and fun as well as it can be."

Indianapolis hasn't hosted a Men's Final Four since 2000 — a year before the 2001 terrorist attacks heightened security for many venues.

ISRAEL

Olmert declares party's victory

Acting Prime Minister vows to resolve border issues, lead negotiations

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Acting Prime Minister Ehud Olmert declared victory for his centrist Kadima party in Israel's elections Tuesday, vowing to act on his own if necessary to draw Israel's final borders and "painfully" uproot Jewish settlers if negotiations with the Palestinians are not possible.

Standing below a massive portrait of his mentor Ariel Sharon, Olmert addressed chanting Kadima members after exit polls and media reports of early results predicted the party would have enough seats in parliament to form a ruling coalition.

Building on the vision of Sharon, who formed the party shortly before succumbing to a devastating stroke that left him in a coma, Olmert claimed a mandate to withdraw from much of the West Bank and set Israel's borders, which he has said he will do by 2010.

The turnout was the lowest in Israel's history, and the results showed voters turning away from conventional political parties to an assortment of third parties with agendas ranging from pensioner rights to the legalization of marijuana. The aftermath will likely be a period of difficult negotiations between Olmert and potential coalition partners.

"Today, Israeli democracy has spoken its piece, in a loud and clear voice," Olmert declared. "Israel wants Kadima," which means forward in Hebrew.

Olmert said he was ready for new peace talks and was prepared to make painful compromises such as uprooting some Jewish settlements in the West Bank and allowing Palestinians to have a state. But he demanded that the Palestinians be willing to compromise in return.

"In the coming period,



Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert visits Jerusalem's Western Wall after exit polls predicted a Kadima party victory in Israel's general elections Tuesday.

we will move to set the final borders of the state of Israel, a Jewish state with a Jewish majority," Olmert said. "We will try to achieve this in an agreement with the Palestinians."

Olmert has said he would govern only with parties that accept his program, and projections showed a center-left coalition capturing 61 to 65 seats in the 120-member parliament. The hawkish parties fell far short of their plan to win enough seats to block Olmert's program.

As Israel held its election, the Palestinian parliament approved a new Cabinet led by the Hamas militant

group. Incoming Palestinian Prime Minister Ismail Haniyeh told Al-Jazeera television that he opposed Olmert's plan. "Such a plan definitely won't be accepted by the Palestinian people or the Palestinian government," he said.

Allies of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, a moderate from the Fatah Party, called for immediately renewing talks on the internationally backed "road map" peace plan under the auspices of the Palestine Liberation Organization, which he heads.

Olmert has said he supports the road map but will

not wait indefinitely for a peace deal and would move unilaterally after a reasonable period of time.

Turning to the Palestinians, Olmert said: "We are prepared to compromise, give up parts of our beloved land of Israel, remove, painfully, Jews who live there, to allow you the conditions to achieve your hopes and to live in a state in peace and quiet."

"The time has come for the Palestinians ... to relate to the existence of the state of Israel, to accept only part of their dream, to stop terror, to accept democracy and accept compromise and peace with us," he said.

Bush names Bolten new chief of staff

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Struggling to revive his troubled presidency, President Bush replaced longtime chief of staff Andy Card with budget director Joshua Bolten on Tuesday and gave Bolten authority to make further changes in a White House staff that even Republicans have complained is tired, insular and lacking fresh ideas.

Appearing with Bush in the Oval Office, Bolten gave no hint about what, if any, shake-up he might order. But White House officials said no one should doubt his ability to replace Bush aides. "He'll have all

the authority he needs ... to make the decisions that he feels best, working with the president," White House spokesman Scott McClellan said.

Like Card, Bolten, 51, is a Washington insider whose ties reach back to Bush's 2000 campaign for the White House. Democrats — as well as some Republicans — grumbled that the new White House boss looked a lot like the old one.

Bush said of Bolten, "He's a man of candor and humor and directness, who's comfortable with responsibility and knows how to lead. No person is better prepared for this important position."

Before being named budget direc-

tor in 2003, Bolten was Card's deputy chief of staff for policy, a colleague of such senior aides as top political adviser Karl Rove and White House counselor Dan Bartlett.

Alarmed by Bush's falling approval ratings and White House mistakes — from the bungled Hurricane Katrina reaction to the ill-fated deal to allow an Arab company to manage U.S. ports — Republicans have been urging the president to bring in new advisers with fresh energy. The GOP's concerns have been heightened by anxiety over midterm congressional elections in November. Card, as chief of staff, became a target for blame.

Jenkins

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Jenkins said he agreed with the prepared statement sent to him by graduate students and their point that the principles he articulated in his addresses were not completely clear. The addresses were intended to start the discussion, not deliver a final decision, he said.

"My initial talk was meant to affirm both academic freedom and Catholic character," Jenkins said. "Obviously they have to be a part of any [Catholic] university. My job is to defend both as vigorously as I can."

When asked why he decided to confront the issue of academic

freedom and Catholic character now, Jenkins said he began to discuss "The Vagina Monologues" as questions arose. He said he realized more input was needed.

"I just felt that as I started my presidency it was important to address it in a way that would characterize future discussions," Jenkins said. "One could have carried on the discussions behind the scenes, but I wanted to say 'These are my thoughts, let's have your thoughts.' I think that is the character of a university."

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**Father John Jenkins
University President**

While he invited contribution from the Notre Dame community, Jenkins reaffirmed his position that his ultimate decision on certain controversial issues — like the place of "The Vagina Monologues" on campus — would not be made by consensus. A higher level of common understanding will be achieved through discussion, he said, but on such a divided issue, no answer will please everyone.

One student questioned whether alumni have more voice in the discussion than other

members of the Notre Dame community given their role as University donors, and whether this will cause Jenkins to come to a more conservative conclusion than he otherwise might have.

Jenkins restated the importance of all contributors to the debate and denied that any group has a particularly strong influence based on its financial power.

"You cannot say to the alumni, 'We'll do exactly what you want,' but you can't say that to the students or faculty either," Jenkins said. "I think it is wrong to say

we better not do what we think is right because we'll lose money. But this is true of all universities. They rely on people outside the university to support what they're doing. What we do is, to a large extent, based on the fact that people support us, financially and otherwise."

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Jenkins repeated he has not made a final decision on the status of next year's production of "The Vagina Monologues." He did, however, explain how he feels repetition can imply endorsement.

"If the political science department invited President Bush to speak five years in a row and did not invite an equally prominent Democrat, wouldn't everyone say that the political science department favors Republicans?" Jenkins said. "No sharp lines can be drawn here, but we need to be conscious of that and use discretion in making judgments."

Graduate students also discussed a number of situations that they believed could potentially pose problems if academic freedom is restricted at Notre Dame.

Jenkins said artistic freedom should not be limited, saying while art is sometimes provocative, that is acceptable for a university.

While he said it would be appropriate to cover an obscene artwork if children were passing through the gallery, he also confirmed the artist's right to create the work and display it within the bounds of the University.

Another student questioned whether a chemical engineering dissertation would be allowed if bone cell tissue from an aborted fetus was used.

Jenkins said these types of situations could be problematic.

"I don't think we would do that if there were some fundamental values that institutionally if we don't affirm, we should cease calling ourselves Catholic," Jenkins said. "I don't know that particular case, but I do feel that there is a conflict, because Catholic view says that that's a human being, and you shouldn't destroy humans for research purposes."

Jenkins could not stay to answer every question but thanked students for their interest and input.

He also urged members of the Notre Dame community to continue to share their views with him.

"As [Irish author] James Joyce said about Catholics, 'Here comes everyone.' We want a diversity of views," Jenkins said. "I think we're a better university with wider views, with a more vibrant face."

"If the Catholic institutional identity is going to be maintained, someone once told me, it's going to be maintained at Notre Dame."

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IN BRIEF

Fed resumes rate-raising campaign

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve's new boss, Ben Bernanke, has the same concern as the old boss — that inflation could flare up. So interest rates are likely to move higher.

Bernanke, at his first meeting as Fed chairman, boosted borrowing costs to a five-year high and hinted that an additional interest rate increase could be in store. In doing so, Bernanke stuck to the script written by his predecessor, Alan Greenspan, who had run the central bank for 18 1/2 years.

"The more things change, the more they remain the same," observed economist Joel Naroff, president of Naroff Economic Advisors.

Wrapping up a two-day meeting Tuesday, Bernanke and his Fed colleagues struck a mostly positive tone, saying the economy "rebounded strongly" in the January-to-March quarter from an end-of-year lull. But Fed policymakers raised concerns about the potential for inflation to take off.

Consumer confidence rises in March

NEW YORK — Americans' optimism in the economy rebounded in March, sending a widely followed barometer of consumer sentiment to a near four-year high, a private research group said Tuesday.

The Conference Board said that its consumer index climbed 4.5 points to 107.2, the highest level since May 2002, when the reading was 110.3. Analysts had expected a reading of 102.

The latest measure was up from a revised 102.7 in February, which was down 4.1 points from January and broke a three-month rebound from last year's Gulf hurricanes.

"The improvement in consumers' assessment of present-day conditions is yet another sign that the economy gained steam in early 2006," Lynn Franco, director of The Conference Board Consumer Research Center, said in a statement. "Consumer expectations, while improved, remain subdued and still suggest a cooling in activity in the latter half of this year."

The upbeat report on consumer confidence is an encouraging sign for retailers, whose sales of spring fashions have been uneven amid cool temperatures. Economists closely track consumer confidence because consumer spending accounts for two thirds of all U.S. economic activity.

Prosecution rests in Enron trial

Defense teams to begin questioning; company's former chiefs Lay, Skilling to testify

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Federal prosecutors rested their fraud and conspiracy case Tuesday against former Enron Corp. chiefs Kenneth Lay and Jeffrey Skilling and dropped four counts against them to streamline an already complicated case.

The defendants appeared undaunted after almost two dozen witnesses bolstered the government's claim that they committed crimes at the energy trading company before it sought bankruptcy protection in December 2001.

"We're looking forward to getting on the stand and getting our case out there — the positive case," Lay told reporters outside the federal courthouse in Houston.

Their defense teams will begin presenting their case in the premier trial to emerge from Enron's rubble on Monday, but other witnesses are likely to be overshadowed by the main event, when Lay and Skilling take the stand.

"We are anxious to get our story told," said lead Skilling lawyer Daniel Petrocelli, his client at his side.

Prosecutors declined comment, as is customary during a high-profile trial.

Lay and Skilling will enter the defense phase a little lighter because U.S. District Judge Sim Lake approved a government request to drop several charges against them for which it had presented no evidence. Two counts of securities fraud and one count of lying to auditors pending against Skilling were dropped, leaving 28 criminal counts against him; and a single count of securities fraud against Lay was dropped,



Former Enron executive Jeffrey Skilling, left, and his attorney Daniel Petrocelli walk into the Houston federal courthouse Tuesday in week nine of his fraud and conspiracy trial.

leaving six in his case.

Lake denied routine requests from the defense for acquittal.

The dropped counts against Skilling stemmed from allegations the former chief executive signed a fraudulent quarterly report submitted to the Securities and Exchange Commission; lied about Enron's health during a first-quarter earnings conference call; and signed a statement to auditors that vouched for fudged financial state-

ments.

The count against Lay that was dropped grew from allegations the company founder lied to analysts about Enron's finances during a conference call.

Lay also faces a separate case related to his personal banking. In one count of bank fraud and three counts of lying to banks, prosecutors allege he obtained \$75 million in loans from three banks and then reneged on an agreement with the lenders that

he wouldn't use the money to carry or buy Enron stock on margin. That case will be tried without a jury before Lake, beginning while jurors in the current Enron trial begin what are expected to be lengthy deliberations.

Prosecutors say Lay and Skilling repeatedly lied about the energy company's financial health when they allegedly knew accounting maneuvers propped up an image of success.

GM lays off hundreds of employees

Associated Press

DETROIT — General Motors Corp. laid off several hundred white-collar workers Tuesday as part of a plan to bring its ailing North American operations back to profitability.

It was the first round of salaried cuts this year for the world's largest automaker which is struggling with sluggish sales, shrinking U.S. market share and high health and pension costs that put it at a competitive disadvantage against Asian rivals.

GM didn't give an exact figure but said fewer than 500 jobs were cut Tuesday at 30 locations across the United States, including factories and engineering centers. A cut of just less than 500 jobs would represent about 1.3 percent of GM's U.S. salaried work force of 36,000.

GM has said it plans to cut 7 percent of its salaried work force this year, or 2,500 jobs, so more cuts are on the way.

GM spokesman Robert Herta said the company hasn't released a figure indicating how much it will save from the salaried layoffs.

GM shares fell 18 cents, to close at \$22.75 on the New York Stock Exchange after rising as high as \$23.25 earlier in the day.

Detroit-based GM announced a restructuring plan in November in the face of mounting losses. Under the plan, GM wants to cut 30,000 U.S. hourly workers and close 12 facilities by 2008. GM lost \$10.6 billion in 2005, largely because of increased competition and rising costs in North America.

The layoffs are GM's second major jobs-related announcement in a week. GM said last Wednesday that it would offer buyouts of between \$35,000 and \$140,000 to its 113,000 U.S. hourly workers. GM Salaried workers aren't eligible for those buyouts.

Chuck Moore, a director at the Detroit restructuring management firm Conway, MacKenzie and Dunleavy, said

he was surprised GM didn't lay off more workers Tuesday.

"It's critical for GM to get through the reductions as quickly as possible. This has been a distraction to the employees since November," Moore said. "The longer this gets dragged out, the greater the chance there is that the most valued employees will walk out the door on their own and GM will have difficulties attracting new employees."

Herta said GM's timeline for layoffs is based on the requirements to run the business.

The size of GM's salaried work force is similar to one of its key competitors, Ford Motor Co., which has around 35,000 salaried employees. But Ford is in the midst of its own restructuring, and Moore said GM can't get complacent.

"They have to cut in every area possible," Moore said. "The number of employees they have right now is still substantially higher than what their current market share will support."

Facebook

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plinary situations, but cautioned that students must be prudent with what they reveal on their profiles.

"I just don't think there's much of an expectation of privacy on Facebook and [students] are misguided if they expect privacy on a public medium ... that would be a misunderstanding," Kirk said.

Director of Residence Life and Housing Jeffrey Shoup would not specify how many in his office have Facebook identities, but said "at least one of us" has a Facebook account.

"I'd say every couple of weeks someone is accessing Facebook [from the Office of Residence Life and Housing.]"

So what exactly do University administrators do on Facebook?

"I'll give you an example," Shoup said. "Say some student comes in and says 'I've never been underage in a bar,' and I said 'So if I pull you up on Facebook, would I see any pictures of you in a bar?' And they said 'sure,' and I might pull them up, and if they have a picture of themselves in a bar, I think that would be a problem."

Kirk and Shoup both stressed that administrators are not using Facebook as a tool to uncover potential Dulac violations. ResLife has not taken punitive measures based on the content of a student's profile, Shoup said.

"I'm not going to sit here all evening to see if people are violating policy, but if a student has been accused already, I might take a look and check out Facebook," Shoup said.

But administrators and rectors alike are aware of Facebook and — in light of national news stories about the dangers of the third party site — becoming increasingly skeptical of it.

Farley rector Sister Carrine Etheridge, who does not have a Facebook account, said she is aware of Facebook's pervasiveness on college campuses, thanks to a cautionary e-mail she received from Vice President for Student Affairs Father Mark Poorman earlier this semester.

The e-mail included a copy of a news story about administrators at Pennsylvania State University who used Facebook to track down and punish students who stormed the football field after Penn State's win over Ohio State last fall, Etheridge said.

"It was more FYI," she said. "[Poorman] sends us things periodically."

Etheridge said the information from Poorman did not indicate that similar actions would be taken by the University, but the e-mail cautioned rectors to be aware of the "dangers" of Facebook and other third party websites like MySpace.com.

"The other thing I worry about with Facebook is that things that [students] put on Facebook that are funny now could come back when they're trying to get a job... I think that's a real shame to be up for a really great job [and] to have a picture that's on Facebook cast a shadow over their character."

For Navy ROTC (NROTC) midshipmen, Facebook profiles are under further scrutiny by their superiors.

"We have no set policy per se over here, but our midshipmen

are by definition, representatives of the United States Navy and Marine Corps, and as officers and officers-in-training for the Navy and Marine Corps we wouldn't expect them to put on Web sites anything their grandmother wouldn't be OK seeing," NROTC commander Jeffery Morris said.

Morris said he has his own Facebook account that he accesses about once every two months to "see what everyone is doing."

"It's purely random," he said. "[It's like] keeping your finger on a pulse. Some people might say it's a little more than that. I'm trying to see what's out there."

Morris has received "numerous e-mails" from Navy ROTC units at other universities around the nation, most of which advise Morris to "check and see what your midshipmen are posting" on Facebook.

He said he's only had to speak with "one or two" midshipmen about their profiles.

If he finds a profile that has questionable photographs on it, he will call the midshipman into his office — but no punitive measures are taken.

"I'd have their advisor talk to them and say 'Hey, I happen to be surfing Facebook today, I saw your site, are you sure your mother or grandmother would be OK with what you have on there?'"

What Notre Dame students must remember, Shoup said, is that Facebook is not a private site.

"Like I said, it's public domain," he said. "If someone puts something on Facebook or MySpace, I can look at it, their parents can look at it, parents can look at it ..."

Facebook at Saint Mary's

At Saint Mary's, the use of Facebook by administrators is more pervasive. But as at Notre Dame, no punitive measures have been taken against students with questionable profiles — or not yet, at least.

"Saint Mary's is just beginning to explore ways to utilize Facebook to communicate with students and to determine if these sites should be considered when hiring for student leadership positions," director of Residence Life Michelle Russell said in an e-mail.

Russell said her main concern with Facebook is the threat it poses to student safety.

"My biggest concern is for the student's privacy and safety in posting these photos," Russell said. "Obviously everyone in the Saint Mary's and Notre Dame community can access this information and pass it on to anyone."

Russell has a Facebook account and accesses the Web site about once every two weeks — or if someone posts a message on her Facebook wall.

"I rarely just go in to look around," Russell said. "I just don't have the time."

Facebook is also accessed by department chairs, like nursing department chair Linda Zoeller. She has access to Facebook and said two or three others in her department of 12 also have accounts.

"I have every right to be on Facebook as much as anyone else," Zoeller said. "That's something I'm entitled to do, like any other person with a '.edu' address. But it helped me to see what was happening and how it's

being used." Zoeller said she heard about Facebook earlier this year from one of her students who informed her about the site and the questionable photographs posted on it. As department chair, she said it's her responsibility to maintain her Facebook membership.

"I'm not sure I would have gotten into it [otherwise] but when I finally did it was concerning to me ... the way [Saint Mary's students] decided to have themselves represented in that domain," Zoeller said. "Partying, drinking out of a pitcher, being in revealing clothing, you get the picture."

Zoeller has not taken punitive action in regards to what she has seen on Facebook. Instead, she uses the site as a point

of discussion in her classes — warning students about the potential predators who could be roaming the site and reminding students that future employers might be looking at their profiles.

"I'm trying to inform students. I've spoken with a couple [students] in particular ... [we] need to have them understand the ramifications of the use of their space and to point back to what is a violation if you don't have someone's permission," Zoeller said.

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Linda Zoeller
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Facebook user logs on six times per day, another Web site spokesman told the New

York Times in January.

Facebook's magnetism has drawn its largest following from students, who register with school e-mail addresses to set up personal pages on which they can post photo albums, class schedules and personal

information such as political affiliation and sexual orientation. The site's users can also send private messages, join groups and inscribe memos on another user's "Wall" — an interactive and ongoing personal message board.

Students often feel comfortable posting questionable photographs or including candid information on their Facebook profiles because a user's page can usually only be accessed by a "Friend" or schoolmate. Additionally, all Facebook users must have valid ".edu" e-mail addresses.

But students are not the only people with such addresses. University administrators, professors, police officers, coaches and alumni can also have college e-mail accounts — and non-students have begun to use Facebook as an investigative tool at campuses across the country.

The issue has become so rampant that the interactive online encyclopedia Wikipedia now features the topic, "Facebook's use in investigations." College administrators have begun to warn students to remove "inappropriate" material, as employers might search their profiles. Coaches worry the Web site might cause trouble for student-athletes bound by a stringent NCAA code of conduct.

The Hanover Police Department in New Hampshire admittedly uses Facebook as a tool for tracking down suspected student lawbreakers at Dartmouth College, according to a Feb. 3, 2006 article in the school's student newspaper, The Dartmouth. Police Chief Nicholas Giaccone said the department "maintain[s] a collection of Facebook [accounts]" — which were created after police bought a number of e-mail addresses from the College for that specific purpose.

According to its Terms of Use, the Facebook is available for "personal, noncommercial use only." But unless users implement the necessary privacy settings in their profiles, information published on Web site is public — a scary thought for students who wish to keep the Facebook world at a safe distance from the real world.

Alcoholics not-so-anonymous

According to the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, an "overwhelming majority" of all college students — 88 percent — have used alcohol. Not surprisingly, the pervasiveness of the habit is often chronicled in the Facebook profiles of underage and of-age drinkers alike.

Students have recently faced disciplinary action for alcohol violations at some universities not for possession of a substance or intoxication, but rather for incriminating Wall posts, group affiliations or published photos.

Fifteen North Carolina State University students were charged with alcohol offenses last fall because of pictures posted on Facebook profiles, according to an Oct. 29, 2005 article in the school's student newspaper, The Daily Technician. That November, four students at Northern Kentucky University — a dry campus — received \$50 fines for posting photos that showed students drinking from a keg at a dorm party.

Students' unseen acts of misconduct have also been punished by campus administrators. In October, the Berry College campus police broke up a freshman party on campus after a student jokingly sent the chief of police an invitation through Facebook.

In November, Emory University officials slapped members of the Facebook

group "Dobbs 2nd Alcoholics" — named for the second floor of a campus residence hall — with conduct code violations. A similar drinking group, "Woodruff=Wasted," was also investigated. In a Nov. 22, 2005 article in the Emory Wheel, the group's creator said members only discussed "having fun in Woodruff" and said no photos of students drinking were ever posted on Facebook.

Other offenses

In February, four Syracuse University students were forced to meet with a judicial committee and placed on disciplinary probation for creating the Facebook group, "Clearly [instructor's first name] doesn't know what she's doing ever." Members personally denigrated the professor through a series of posts on the Web site.

One student at Fisher College in Boston was expelled from the school in October after he used Facebook to criticize a campus security officer who "loves to antagonize students ... and needs to be eliminated." Dean Bonie Bacghi said in an Oct. 6, 2005 Boston Globe article that the student "conspired to and damaged the reputation" of the officer.

Facebook criticisms of prominent individuals are not limited to the college sphere. The Secret Service questioned one University of Oklahoma student after he posted a Facebook comment about assassinating President George W. Bush in March 2005.

In October, a Duquesne University student was ordered to write a 10-page essay about homosexuality in the Catholic Church after material on his Facebook user profile was deemed homophobic by university officials. On the other hand, a gay student at John Brown University — a private, Christian college in Arkansas — was kicked out of school in January because he posted pictures on Facebook in which he was dressed in drag.

Permeating nearly every facet of campus life, Facebook has also affected university athletics. In October 2005, Penn State University police officers used the Web site to trace the students who rushed the field after the Nittany Lions defeated Ohio State in an Oct. 8 game. Two members of the Facebook group "I Rushed the Field After the OSU Game (And Lived!)" were charged with criminal trespassing.

Athletes themselves — not just their overzealous fans — are also facing severe consequences because of Facebook. Athletics officials at Florida State University and the University of Kentucky recently admonished athletes against posting any questionable material on the Web site. Loyola University of Chicago forbids student-athletes to have Facebook accounts, according to a March 8, 2006 USA Today article.

In May 2005, two Louisiana State University swimmers were kicked off the team after athletics administrators discovered they belonged to a Facebook group which specifically targeted and bashed team coaches.

"Facebook is dangerous right now," one swimmer told USA Today in the March article. "You're supposed to have fun with this Facebook thing, but you need to be careful."

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Reagan defense secretary Weinberger dies

Conservative statesman remembered for role in ending the Cold War, involvement in 'arms-for-hostages' controversy

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Caspar W. Weinberger, who oversaw the Pentagon's biggest peacetime spending increase as President Reagan's defense secretary and later was indicted for his role in the Iran-Contra affair, died Tuesday. He was 88.

Weinberger had been hospitalized in Bangor, Maine, with a high fever and pneumonia brought on by his age, according to his son, Caspar Weinberger Jr.

President Bush called him "an American statesman and a dedicated public servant" who strengthened the military and helped end the Cold War. "This good man made many contributions to our nation," the president said in a statement.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said, "He left the U.S. armed forces stronger, our country safer and the world more free."

Weinberger served as President Nixon's budget director and was given the nickname "Cap the Knife" for his efforts to slash government spending. Yet Weinberger's best-known role may have been as Reagan's defense secretary, when the classic cold warrior presided over a cumulative \$2 trillion in military spending.

Determined to ensure U.S. strategic strength to counter the Soviet Union, Weinberger pushed Congress to fund such programs as the Strategic Defense Initiative, Midgetman and MX missiles, B-1B bombers and stealth aircraft.

But it was also during this time that reports surfaced of excesses at the Pentagon, from \$600 toilet seats to \$400 ham-

mers. Cartoonists had a field day portraying Weinberger with toilet seats around his neck.

In a Feb. 10, 1986, interview with The Washington Post, Reagan defended his defense secretary. "That's the same price that TWA and Delta and United pay. It is a molded cover for the entire toilet system. And, yes, it does cost about that much."

Supporters contended the defense buildup helped cause the collapse of the Soviet Union.

"His legacy is a strong and free America, and for this and for a lifetime of selfless service, a grateful nation thanks him," former first lady Nancy Reagan said Tuesday.

A lifelong Republican, Weinberger's early interest in politics and government — sparked by his father, a lawyer — led him to the Pentagon and White House.

But his work also led to a trouble — federal felony charges stemming from his alleged role in the sale of weapons to Iran to finance secret, illegal aid to the Nicaraguan Contras.

The "arms-for-hostages" affair poisoned the closing years of Reagan's administration and permanently stained the reputations of the insiders involved.

In one of the first President Bush's final official acts after his 1992 loss to Bill Clinton, he granted Christmas Eve pardons to Weinberger and five others accused in the affair. Bush was Reagan's vice president.

Weinberger, 75 at the time, had been scheduled to stand trial in less than two weeks on charges that he concealed thousands of pages of his handwritten notes from congressional investigators and prosecutors.



Former Defense Secretary Casper Weinberger, left, shown sitting beside President Ronald Reagan, center, and Secretary of State Alexander Haig, right, died Tuesday at the age of 88.

He'd earlier rejected independent counsel Lawrence Walsh's plea-bargain offer to testify against his longtime friends and colleagues — including Reagan — and plead guilty to a misdemeanor.

Weinberger had said he was innocent of all the charges and considered the indictment a political attack.

After the pardon was announced, Walsh alleged that "the Iran-Contra cover-up, which has continued for more than six years, has now been completed."

Weinberger's son said Tuesday, "My father was just a

world diplomat, a No. 1 great American patriot. He always stayed the course. He always had beliefs, he held to those beliefs."

In 1989, Weinberger, a self-described "frustrated newspaperman" — he was president of the Harvard Crimson — joined Forbes to become the magazine's fourth publisher. In 1993 he was named chairman of Forbes Inc.

Weinberger occasionally spoke out on current affairs in recent years. In 1996, he criticized then-Defense Secretary William J. Perry for refusing to announce publicly that the U.S.

would defend Taiwan if China fired missiles at the island.

He told a Nebraska group in 1999 that despite victories in the Cold War and Gulf War, the United States still faced threats.

"Peace alone is not enough. Peace can even mean slavery sometimes. Peace and freedom is what we have to have," Weinberger said.

In 1983, he argued that a force of U.S. Marines stationed at Beirut's airport was too small and lightly armed, calling them a "disaster waiting to happen." On Oct. 22, 1983, 241 Marines and sailors were killed in attacks on the barracks.

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State trooper gets life

Indiana officer killed his wife, two children

Associated Press

BOONVILLE, Ind. — A judge on Tuesday sentenced a former Indiana state trooper to life in prison for the murders of his wife and two young children.

Jurors earlier this month convicted David Camm of three counts of murder for the September 2000 slayings of Kimberly Camm, 35, and seven-year-old Bradley and five-year-old Jill.

At the same time Camm's trial was under way, another jury across the state was hearing testimony that led them to convict an ex-convict in the same killings.

Prosecutors said the two men conspired to carry out the shootings.

"This jury should have heard the whole story of Charles Boney as the killer of my family," Camm said tearfully in court Tuesday. "I do not understand this, and I never will."

Prosecutor Keith Henderson, who tried both men, said he did not believe Camm's emotional address.

"Justice has been done here," he said. "This case is closed."

Because of evidence restrictions, jurors in Camm's trial were not told that Boney, 36, was convicted in January.

Camm was first convicted in 2002 and sentenced to 195 years in prison, but the state appeals court overturned the verdict, ruling that testimony about Camm's extramarital affairs had unfairly biased jurors.

The prosecution's case centered on tiny bloodstains found on a T-shirt he wore the night of killings. Crime scene experts testified those stains placed him within feet of his daughter when she was shot while strapped into a seat of Kimberly Camm's SUV.

Defense attorneys argued that the stains got on Camm's shirt when he found the bodies. They called witnesses who said Camm was playing basketball that night, but prosecutors contended Camm left the game, killed his family, then returned. He reported the deaths when he returned home.

Boney was charged with conspiring with Camm, convicted on three counts of murder and sentenced to 225 years in prison. He was linked to the case last year by DNA evidence on a prison sweat shirt bearing his nickname, "Backbone," and a palm print at the crime scene.

Boney's conviction and prosecutors' allegations that Camm molested his daughter — something he was not charged with — will be central to an appeal Camm's attorneys have said they intend to file.

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RUSSIA

UN nears consensus in Iran nuclear debate

Associated Press

MOSCOW — Iran has proposed setting up a nuclear fuel production facility within its borders with international help, the Iranian Embassy said Tuesday, as diplomats reported that the U.N. Security Council was "very close" to an agreement on how to confront Tehran's suspect program.

The new Iranian proposal is an alternative to Russia's offer to host Iran's nuclear fuel production as a way to ease concerns that enrichment conducted in Iran could be used to develop weapons. Iran maintains its atomic program is for generating electricity.

Russia said its enrichment offer was contingent on Iran resuming a moratorium on domestic enrichment, but the Iranians rejected that link.

"In terms of satisfying its needs, Tehran cannot remain dependent on international suppliers," the Iranian government said in the statement.

"Iran would welcome the creation of an international nuclear fuel center on its territory with the participation of other countries and in the framework of an international consortium."

It was not clear whether the offer differed from one that Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad made before the U.N. General Assembly last September. At that time, he offered foreign countries and companies a role in uranium

enrichment inside Iran.

Iran also reiterated that Security Council intervention in the dispute would "escalate tensions, entailing negative consequences that would be of benefit to no party."

Nonetheless, the five veto-wielding members of the Security Council said Tuesday they were nearing a deal on a proposed statement addressing Iran. Russia and China have so far opposed a proposal from Britain, France and the United States that would demand Iran comply with demands that it suspend uranium enrichment.

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said after the permanent five held three meetings Tuesday.

Britain and France circulated the text of a proposed statement later Tuesday to the rest of the 15-nation Security Council. Diplomats said that was a sign that divisions with China and Russia had narrowed after three meetings in eight hours, though they said differences remained.

The five permanent members of the council have struggled for three weeks to come up with a written rebuke that would urge Iran to comply with demands from the U.N. nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency, that it suspend uranium enrichment.

CHINA

Pope may visit China for maiden Vatican trip

Associated Press

HONG KONG — Pope Benedict XVI told a delegation from Hong Kong he will visit China in what would be an extraordinary papal visit to the communist nation, but he said the trip's timing depends on "God's wish," media reports said Tuesday.

One of the Vatican's goals is to restart official relations with China, which forced its Roman Catholics to cut ties with the Holy See in 1951 after the officially atheist Communists took power. People can worship only in government-controlled churches.

But millions of Chinese belong to unofficial congregations loyal to Rome. They say they are frequently harassed, fined and sometimes sent to labor camps by authorities.

Pope John Paul II, the most-traveled pontiff in history, was unable to visit China during his 26-year papacy. Pope Paul VI

made a three-hour stopover in Hong Kong in 1970 when it was a British colony.

No pope has ever visited mainland China.

The Hong Kong delegation was in Rome for ceremonies installing 15 new cardinals, including Hong Kong Bishop Joseph Zen.

Zen, an outspoken champion of religious freedom in China, said he believed the pope would visit Hong Kong first if he made a China trip.

"Hong Kong is part of China and perhaps he should come here as a first step," Hong Kong's South China Morning Post quoted Zen as saying.

The delegation included Hong Kong media mogul Jimmy Lai, who told the pope Monday, "Please come to China to bring us love and democracy," Lai's Apple Daily newspaper reported in a front-page story.

The pope responded, "I will come," the newspaper reported.

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Misbehaved ones

In the final stretch of my columnist career here at Notre Dame, I would like to take the opportunity for the second time to uplift some of the senior members of our community who have impacted this campus and taught me more of what it means to be a student of Our Lady's University.

Considering that we find ourselves in the last week of Women's history month and in the presence of Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, historian (as the best discipline in my opinion) and the coiner of the phrase, "Well-behaved women seldom make history," I will be focusing on great women who have made history here and surely will in their career of life.

Jackie Clark is one of the first people I met at Notre Dame and I have had the real privilege to watch her develop and make trouble during her tenure. Second only to maybe Madonna in reinventing her look, Clark to me is a masterful risk taker. Before really knowing the result, she takes action. This in itself is rare, yet Clark couples her courage with social concern.

In her legacy stands the most interesting coat collection dorm competition, a campus wide sleep out for homelessness, food drop program for social services and a half marathon for charity. Clark has an imagination for making social action accessible for college students. Her work in social justice has also been stellar. As a leader in the Campus Labor Action Project, she speaks with a moral authority of the connection between our faith commitments and society's problems.



Kamaria Porter

Black, Red and Catholic

Kaity Redfield is quite rightly one of our campus's most competent and energetic leaders. At Notre Dame, some issues will drag you through the ringer. Her efforts in standing up against violence against women have been inspiring. I appreciate Redfield's persistence in leading student groups on these issues even in challenging us on these issues is beyond popularity or filling a role. Redfield is disgraced by situations in which people cannot tell their stories of victimization nor seek adequate help and this anger fuels her action. I foresee that the changes the dialogue she has facilitated will make this campus better for all its daughters and sons.

Rhea Boyd gets most of my admiration for taking up an issue close to my heart. As many African American students here I know that fitting in was not a possibility. Boyd has reasoned through a way to not only uplift the images and stories of minority students but also to invite majority students to enter conversation about cultures different from their own. Her push to create cultural competency is a tool that fits our role as an academic institution. We should value the amount of love, curiosity and care that Notre Dame students have for people as much as we do for books and intangible knowledge. Boyd realizes the potential of a university education to prepare people for life in diverse communities, not only a career.

Despite her double major, I cannot skip shining a light on Jess Collado. During her time here, she has really engaged the South Bend community, built relationships and done what most here in power fail to do — listen. Instead of presuming, she has taken the time to listen to community members on what concerns them and what they would like to take action

on.

I have been privileged to go with Collado to community measures on heating deposits and community organizing against poverty. Also, her work here on through the Center for Social Concerns on youth and violence issues has been good to see. Collado shows us what our excellent training and concern for social issues could do in the community.

I could not leave this column without mentioning Julia Fitzpatrick. Her parking practices aside, I have really benefited from seeing how she integrates prayer with social reflection. Whether it was planning a social justice rally, going to the School of the Americas, talking about her experience in Egypt or canvassing for votes on Nov. 2, 2004, I have been glad to work with Fitzpatrick because of the confidence and care she brings to such work. In her actions, one can sense that something deeper than ideas drives her. I suspect it is her faith and commitment to human dignity. I am also refreshed by her study of Arab and plans to work on something related to the Middle East — engaging the other for peace and understanding.

Women make great leaders, teachers and comrades. We are blessed here to have these and many more Notre Dame women who misbehave, take the lead and change our world. I am honored to have worked with these students and even more so to receive my degree in their company.

Kamaria Porter is a senior history major and is excited for today's Provost Lecture. She would like to congratulate Paul Graham, who told her to apply for Viewpoint so long ago, on his wedding this weekend. She can be contacted at kporter@nd.edu

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Spirit of inclusion appreciated

Sometime recently, I was walking through my dorm and came across a rather large rainbow flag inscribed with the words "Spirit of Inclusion" hanging in my dorm lobby. My first reaction was shock. Never in a million years did I expect to see a rainbow flag decorating a dorm on this campus (excluding students' private rooms). My second was deep gratitude.

I am a senior and have been out on this campus for a little over three years now, and have been involved with the Standing Committee for Gay and Lesbian Student Needs since the beginning of my sophomore year. Needless to say, I have seen a lot over the past four years revolving around GLBT issues.

Some of what I have seen has been good, and some of it has made me feel incredibly unwelcome here. What I felt most of all, however, was invisible. So many students see GLBT issues as something that is debated over lunch or in a class, but for me, it involves an important part of who I am. I struggle daily with the assumption of heterosexuality that the majority of people on this campus hold regarding the people around them.

To see a rainbow flag up in my residence hall told me, in the most simple manner I can think of, that GLBT students are embraced and recognized as part of the Notre Dame community and that discrimination and intolerance are not welcome in our halls. For that, I am incredibly grateful.

I recently found out that these flags were offered to all the hall rectors but that only a handful agreed to display them. For those who did, I would like to say thank you. For those who have not, I would like to ask you to reconsider. It could make all the difference in the world to a GLBT student living in your hall to see this symbol of acceptance. I can only imagine, if the flag had such a strong impact on someone like myself who has come to terms with my sexuality, what kind of impact it may have on the students here who are still struggling.

Tiffany Thompson

senior

Welsh Family Hall

March 28

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"One's dignity may be assaulted, vandalized and cruelly mocked, but cannot be taken away unless it is surrendered."

Michael J. Fox
actor

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Injustice in the fields of Florida

The Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW) is a community-based worker organization composed mainly of immigrants with low-wage jobs in the tomato fields of Florida. The CIW focuses its efforts towards achieving respectable working conditions and living wages for these traditionally oppressed people in the region, as well as the right to be directly involved in decisions that affect their lives.

In order to achieve these goals, the CIW set their sights high and aimed for the corporations that purchased tomatoes from the fields they worked in. In 2001 the CIW announced a nationwide boycott of Taco Bell, whose parent company Yum Brands was found to be one of the largest buyers of their tomatoes. Four years later, in March of 2005, Taco Bell agreed to meet all the demands of the CIW. This huge step, however, applies to less than one percent of the tomatoes picked in Florida.

Having won the battle against Taco Bell, the CIW is currently pressuring another fast-food giant, McDonald's, to take responsibility for the workers' rights of those in their supply chain. In the fall of last year, the CIW and the Student Farmworker Alliance (SFA) sent letters and postcards to McDonald's asking for compliance to their demands.

McDonald's response was to sidestep the issue by supporting a new bogus organization called Socially

Accountable Farm Employers (SAFE). The credibility of SAFE as an organization to "audit and certify fair, lawful farm labor practices in the agriculture industry" is called into question when looking at their corporate ties, in particular to McDonald's.

In comparing McDonald's to SAFE, many similarities appear between the two. Handling media work for SAFE is CBR Public Relations, a company who lists McDonald's as one of its major clients and cites "activist response management" as one of its areas of expertise. Also, to verify their certification, SAFE hired the auditing company Intertek, again employed by McDonald's. In addition, out of all the businesses that buy tomatoes from Florida, McDonald's is the only one which publicly supports SAFE.

Besides the possibility of McDonald's aiding in the creation of SAFE, we also must take under consideration who is accountable for creating this organization. Ironically, it is run by the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association (comprised of the same farm employers who SAFE targets) and the Redlands Christian Migrant Association (their favorite charity). Clearly SAFE may not be quite as secure for the workers as its name implies.

William E. Gladstone once said, "Justice delayed is justice denied." The CIW has communicated with

McDonald's through negotiation, but no change has been made. Seemingly inspired by Gladstone, the CIW is now turning to more direct action to fight for the rights that every human being deserves.

Starting this past Sun., March 26, the CIW launched The Real Rights Tour, designed to travel the country educating students, among other allies, on the situation in Florida. Included in its destinations is our own University of Notre Dame. This Thurs., March 30, from 12-1:45 p.m. in the Carey Auditorium of the Hesburgh Library, the CIW will be presenting their experiences in the tomato fields and educating on the McDonald's Campaign. They will then continue on, concluding their tour with a rally in Chicago, Illinois this coming Sat., April 1, in which some Notre Dame students will be participating.

Someone once said, "If you educate people, they will come down on the side of justice." As members of the Notre Dame family, we have a great opportunity here to educate ourselves on what we can do in the fight for justice.

Nate Gibson
 Rosa Lopez
 Carlos Santos
 March 27

Pirate mascots offensive too

I would like to voice my opinion on the ongoing debate that has raged amongst different factions at Our Lady's University regarding the name of our sporting teams. I tend to agree with Paul Richards, Sinead Howley, et al in the attack on our mascot. This issue is very important to me, for being a sports fan I, too, am under constant assault of an unfortunate depiction of my people's history. My father, you see, was a "pirate."

Buccaneering has a long and rich history in the Bochnowski family. The ugly word "pirate," however, harkens back to days when men with scurvy leaped from boat to boat, pillaging and generally raising a ruckus. While there certainly is swashbuckling involved in the life of a buccaneer, this archaic word is clearly associated with the negative aspects of the occupation.

Let me tell you, every day on the playground was terrible on the psyche of a young boy. "Let's see your parrot!" some kids would say. "Where's your eyepatch?" others would sing.

Indeed in this day and age, pirates are forced into the main profession of their ilk — the service industry. Unfortunately, this industry is almost completely reliant on tourists, mostly Americans, who have no idea what real pirates are like. Therefore pirate movies and rides perpetuate an image of the drunken, makeup-wearing, pillaging sort. While there is drinking, there is very limited pillaging. And there is absolutely no makeup.

Myles Brand recently stated that, "The NCAA objects to institutions using racial/ethnic/national origin references in their intercollegiate athletics programs." If this is true, we must take it one step further. We must get rid of every mascot that can possibly offend anyone.

I personally find Seton Hall's mascot offensive. But we cannot possibly stop there. My friend Bobby's father works at a ranch — change Oklahoma State's mascot! My friend Megan's second cousin was mauled by a mountain lion — I say for her sake change Penn State's mascot.

Stop the madness. We wouldn't want to offend anyone.

Jim Bochnowski
 sophomore
 Fisher Hall
 March 27

'Fighting Irish' moniker testament to character, not slur

Paul L. Richards letter on March 22 has gotten our Irish up, so to speak, by suggesting that the "Fighting Irish" nickname is offensive. As proud Irish-American Catholics and proud sons of Our Lady, we believe that the term "Fighting Irish" has become an indication of Notre Dame's pride in and respect for her heritage, rather than a mere epithet.

We agree with Richards that the nickname "Fighting Irish" originally arose as a slur directed against Irish-Americans in general and the largely Irish-American student body of the University of Notre Dame in particular. We do not deny that the term has its roots in anti-Catholic and anti-Irish prejudice of the worst kind. However, we contend that the term "Fighting Irish" has taken on a drastically different meaning in the decades since it was coined.

Since it became the official Notre Dame nickname in 1927 (at the behest of then-University President Rev. Matthew Walsh, C.S.C., an Irish-American), the term "Fighting Irish" has come to be associated with a legendary spirit of tenacity and persistence towards unprecedented athletic excellence. The victories of the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame, especially in football, have long been a point of pride for working-class

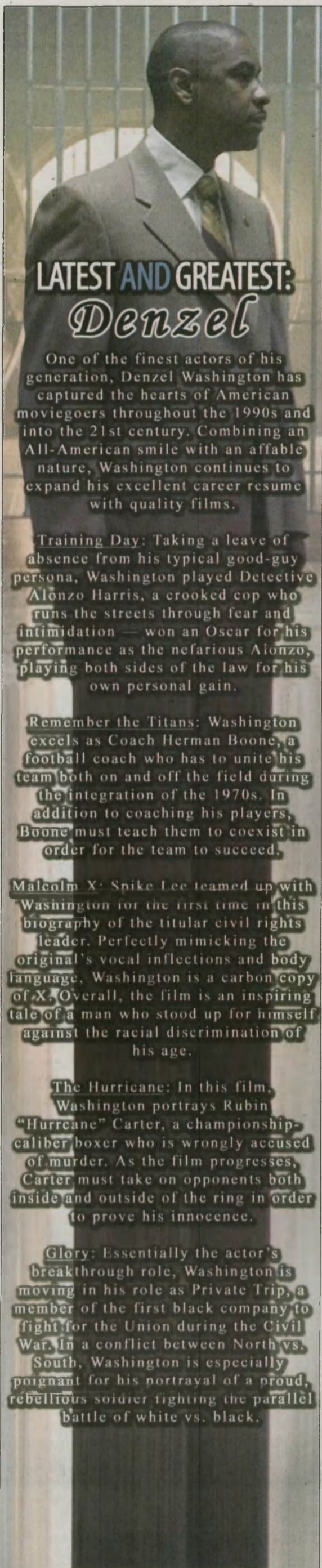
Irish-Americans. Like our athletic teams, Irish-Americans as an ethnicity have worked hard and forged success for themselves, often in the face of long odds and bigoted abuse. The legendary subway alumni — including our own grandfathers — were drawn to Notre Dame because, under the banner of the "Fighting Irish," it exemplified the ability of the underdog to succeed through determination and commitment to excellence.

We believe that the "Fighting Irish" nickname is a vital part of Notre Dame's heritage. Rather than perpetuating a stereotype or slurring an ethnicity, the nickname represents the Notre Dame character of triumph against all odds. We are proud to be known as the Fighting Irish, and hope it ever remains as an emblem of Notre Dame's fighting spirit.

Brendan J. Hanehan
 Michael P. Varney
 juniors
 Keenan Hall
 March 22

EDITORIAL CARTOON





LATEST AND GREATEST: *Denzel*

One of the finest actors of his generation, Denzel Washington has captured the hearts of American moviegoers throughout the 1990s and into the 21st century. Combining an All-American smile with an affable nature, Washington continues to expand his excellent career resume with quality films.

Training Day: Taking a leave of absence from his typical good-guy persona, Washington played Detective Alonzo Harris, a crooked cop who runs the streets through fear and intimidation — won an Oscar for his performance as the nefarious Alonzo, playing both sides of the law for his own personal gain.

Remember the Titans: Washington excels as Coach Herman Boone, a football coach who has to unite his team both on and off the field during the integration of the 1970s. In addition to coaching his players, Boone must teach them to coexist in order for the team to succeed.

Malcolm X: Spike Lee teamed up with Washington for the first time in this biography of the titular civil rights leader. Perfectly mimicking the original's vocal inflections and body language, Washington is a carbon copy of X. Overall, the film is an inspiring tale of a man who stood up for himself against the racial discrimination of his age.

The Hurricane: In this film, Washington portrays Rubin "Hurricane" Carter, a championship-caliber boxer who is wrongly accused of murder. As the film progresses, Carter must take on opponents both inside and outside of the ring in order to prove his innocence.

Glory: Essentially the actor's breakthrough role, Washington is moving in his role as Private Trip, a member of the first black company to fight for the Union during the Civil War. In a conflict between North vs. South, Washington is especially poignant for his portrayal of a proud, rebellious soldier fighting the parallel battle of white vs. black.



INSIDE THE VAULT

SPIKE LEE'S N

MOVIE REVIEW

By TAE ANDREWS
Assistant Scene Editor

Pair two industry veterans with impressive portfolios and savvy to match, then throw in an up-and-comer for good measure, and the result is more than a sound investment — it's a blockbuster. Actor Denzel Washington reunites with director Spike Lee for their fourth collaboration in "Inside Man," a heist film in which Washington plays Detective Keith Frazier, a cop trying to catch up with a bank robber (Clive Owen) who always seems to be one step ahead.

As one of the finest actors of his generation, it's no coincidence that Washington's surname is identical to that of George Washington, the founding father whose visage is printed on the dollar bill — Denzel is money, plain and simple. Washington's currency as an actor is his versatility, as his talents include recent turns as an embattled football coach in 2000's "Remember the Titans," a blue-collar father in 2002 "John Q.," and a bodyguard with a tortured soul in 2004's "Man on Fire." In addition, his atypical heel performance as a hard-nosed corrupt cop in "Training Day" earned him an Academy Award in 2003.

Prior to "Inside Man," Washington's collaborations with director Spike Lee were nothing short of excellent. After teaming up for "Mo' Better Blues" in 1990, the pair met up again two years later in "Malcolm X." Washington put in one of the best performances of his career as the titular and incendiary civil rights leader. In 1998, Washington starred opposite NBA star Ray Allen as an incarcerated felon in "He Got Game."

Taken separately, Lee and Washington are more than capable of cornering the market, but when placed together, the duo is the most powerful union since American Online

merged with Time Warner. Put simply, the Spike-Denzel combination is money in the bank, which provides for an interesting scenario when actor Clive Owen is added to the mix, precisely because he is a bank robber trying to make off with money from a bank.

In "Inside Man," Owen seems to have taken a cue from rapper Juicy J of the Oscar-winning hip-hop group Three 6 Mafia when J raps, "I ain't Denzel but I know I'm a star." As one of the best emerging actors in Hollywood, Owen holds his own opposite Washington as Dalton Russell, a criminal mastermind who has seemingly crafted the perfect crime.

Owen's stock has risen sharply as of late. After developing a cult following in a series of short films produced by auto manufacturer BMW in 2001, Owen made his debut as a lethal assassin opposite Matt Damon in "The Bourne Identity" in 2002. He followed "Bourne" with "King Arthur" in 2004, and "Closer" later that year. Owen then played the character Dwight in "Sin City" in 2005, a ladies' man who takes on a corrupt cop.

In all of his roles, Owen belies his proper British accent by playing characters who are a walk on the wild side — he's English, but with enough rogue in him to let viewers know that he's no gentleman. In "Inside Man," Owen is no different — he is menacing under his dark sunglasses and painter's attire. As a smooth customer with insider information on the business of knocking over seemingly impregnable banks, he stars as an intellectual criminal mastermind.

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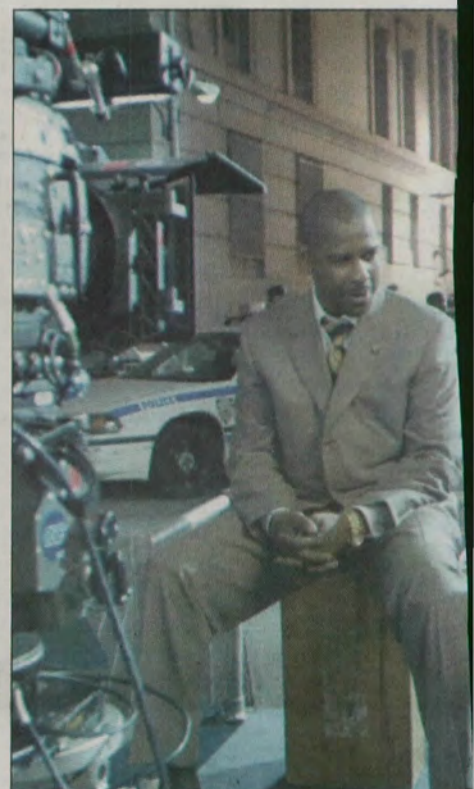
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Inside Man

Director: Spike Lee
Writer: Russell Gewirtz
Starring: Denzel Washington, Clive Owen, Jodie Foster and Willem Dafoe



Mastermind Dalton Russell (Clive Owen, right) and his masked henchmen will try to pull off the perfect bank robbery without spending time behind bars.



Actor Denzel Washington, left, and di on the set of "Inside Man." The film m

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HEIST FILM STEALS THE SHOW

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

By BRIAN DOXTADER
Scene Editor

In a career that now stretches over two decades, director Spike Lee has established himself as one of America's premier filmmakers. From his NYU film school days to "Inside Man," Lee has explored various controversial topics with skill and grace. Though he has well over a dozen films to his credit, there are a few in his oeuvre that stand out.

She's Gotta Have It (1986)

A brief (85 minutes), busy film about a woman who can't decide between three men, Lee's feature debut helped usher in a new wave of American independent cinema. Shot in 15 days on a budget of less than \$200,000, "She's Gotta Have It" introduced the world to the 29-year-old director's considerable talent. Though the film was not as sharp, insightful and polished as Lee's later works, "She's Gotta Have It" has a quirky charm and energetic style that the director would never again quite capture.

Do the Right Thing (1989)

By 1989, Spike Lee had established himself as one of America's premier directors, and he fulfilled his promise with the masterpiece "Do the Right Thing." A pre-"Crash" examination of racism, "Do the Right Thing" bristles with gusto and righteous anger. Praised and criticized in almost equal measure for its passionately incendiary content, the film was nonetheless a box office success and helped pave the way for black directors like John Singleton ("Boyz n the Hood").

At once invigorating, difficult and groundbreaking, "Do the Right Thing" remains Lee's masterpiece and one of the best films of the 1980s. There are those who still feel that the film was robbed at the Oscars, where the uplifting and relatively uncontroversial "Driving Miss Daisy" took top honors.

Malcolm X (1992)

Lee's 1992 biography of the assassinated civil rights leader is as epic as they come, following Malcolm X's entire life over the course of 205 minutes. Anchored by an astounding performance by Denzel Washington, Lee's film manages to capture the civil rights icon as a difficult,

complex and ultimately realistic man — the director neither makes him a larger-than-life figure nor demonizes him for his flaws. "Malcolm X" solidified Lee as a director of great talent and considerable vision, though the overall quality of his work dipped slightly in the decade following its release.

Summer of Sam (1999)

Noted critically as Lee's first film without a primarily black cast, "Summer of Sam" is more problematic because of its unfocused sprawl. Touting such acting talent as John Leguizamo, Adrien Brody and Mira Sorvino, the plot never quite gels. Though this multi-faceted narrative tableau is a trademark of Lee's style, "Summer of Sam" is one of his few films that never becomes quite engaging enough to sustain momentum over its considerable length. The atmosphere of paranoia and fear is suitably oppressive, but becomes wearing as the film surpasses the two-hour mark. Still, the director's ambition and conviction shine through (as usual), and his commitment to detail prevent "Summer of Sam" from being a complete failure.

25th Hour (2002)

A complex, difficult film starring Edward Norton and Philip Seymour Hoffman, "25th Hour" was the first Hollywood film to address post-9/11 New York City. Following a drug dealer's final day before he is to go to prison, Lee's film is a desperate search for hope, redemption and resolution in an uncertain world. Though anchored by the unerring performance of Edward Norton in the lead, "25th Hour" still did not live up to the director's admittedly high standards. Its manically aggressive style and visual overload was problematic for many, who saw the film as an example of the director allowing style to overshadow substance. One of Lee's last forays into didactic cinema, it helped pave the way for 2006's "Inside Man."

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Director Spike Lee, right, share a moment marks the fourth pairing of the two.



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Detective Keith Frazier (Denzel Washington) considers his next move. During "Inside Man," Frazier is always one step behind Dalton Russell (Clive Owen).

LATEST AND GREATEST:

Clive

Throughout all of his roles, Clive Owen belies his proper British accent with characters that walk on the wild side — he's English, but with enough rogue in him to let viewers know that he's no gentleman.

Sin City: Owen stars as Dwight, a good guy with an attitude who sets out to take down his girlfriend's abusive ex-boyfriend, twin pistols in hand. Along the way, Dwight encounters his own old flame, Gail, along with the rest of the warrior women from Oldtown. As the plot twists, Dwight has to discreetly dispose of a corpse in order to protect the ladies of Oldtown, all without getting his bright red Converse kicks muddy.

Closer: This film takes the traditional love triangle and adds a fourth side, upgrading it to a love square. Owen is excellent as Larry, a dermatologist who becomes entangled in a messy game of relationship "Twister," in which two couples lie, cheat and generally inflict as much emotional damage as they can.

I'll Sleep When I'm Dead: Owen dips into darkness as Will Graham, a gangster who has seemingly gone out to pasture. However, Graham is forced to come out of retirement in order to investigate the supposed suicide of his brother. As he delves back into the increasingly seedy underworld of crime, he begins to uncover the truth about his brother's death.

King Arthur: In this alternative take on the King Arthur mythology, Owen lends a certain gravitas and sense of nobility to the grave Arthur. After 15 years serving the Roman Empire as a Samartian Knight, he must lead his men on one final mission to earn their freedom. As courageous as he is just, Arthur battles against overwhelming numbers of enemies and impossible odds.

The Bourne Identity: As The Professor, Owen plays a supporting role as an assassin commissioned to take down Jason Bourne, played by Matt Damon. Menacing behind his wire-frame spectacles, Owen bears down on Bourne through the scope of his sniper rifle in this explosive thriller.

SCENE FEATURES

Cinematic crime capers emerge as fresh film genre

By SEAN SWEANY
Scene Writer

The job. The con. The heist. In Hollywood, the heist film is one of the trickiest to capture. Characters must embody a certain amount of ambiguity, the plot must contain the right level of complexity and the story must be believable for a heist film to be successful. Because of these prerequisites, caper films are usually either horribly bad or delightfully entertaining. Here are some of the better examples of an increasingly popular genre.

The Sting (1973)

A winner of seven Academy Awards, "The Sting" is perhaps the quintessential heist film. Hollywood giants Paul Newman and Robert Redford co-star in a humor-filled caper, complete with a plot line that constantly twists and turns. "The Sting" can easily be watched repeatedly thanks to its clever plot and memorable soundtrack. The acting here is superb, and it's easy to see that the filmmakers had a fun time making the movie, a trait that usually translates to success and longevity for Hollywood films. This classic has served as a benchmark for all heist films and still maintains its vitality and relevance.

Reservoir Dogs (1992)

The first true directorial effort of Quentin Tarantino, this movie uses flashbacks to depict a heist on a diamond warehouse. As writer and director, Tarantino had great control over this film, and his distinct style is very

evident. The film is set completely in a warehouse except for the flashbacks, which emphasize the heavy violence and actions of the main characters. The well-written script is skillfully enacted by veterans Harvey Keitel, Tim Roth and Steve Buscemi. While it is extremely violent and visceral, "Reservoir Dogs" is an intelligent heist movie worth seeing for its unique approach to the genre.

Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels (1998)

This Guy Ritchie film is a strangely addictive heist movie where four idiots try to scam a group of dumb drug dealers. "Lock Stock" combines an intelligent heist plot with quick, witty British humor. The actors, headlined by Jason Statham ("The Transporter") speak in clipped British accents and drop several instant-classic quotable lines. Ritchie directs his movie with a fast style that heightens the tension of the heist while bringing out the inherent comedic elements, thanks to the foolishness of the characters. Gritty and original, "Lock, Stock and Two Smoking Barrels" stands out as a unique and fresh take on the traditional genre film.

Ocean's Eleven (2001)

A remake of the 1960 Rat Pack film by the same name, "Ocean's Eleven" lists an all-star cast that includes George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Matt Damon, Andy Garcia and Julia Roberts. Director Steven Soderbergh helms the casino heist movie in a slick, cool style befitting its Las Vegas setting. The theft involved is one of the more unlikely ever devised for a heist film, but the



Left, Steve Buscemi, left, and Harvey Keitel, right, face off in "Pulp Fiction." Right, George Clooney plays Danny Ocean in the 2001 remake of "Ocean's Eleven."

vigor with which the characters approach their task makes it palatable and very entertaining. From the look of the film to its music to the acting, "Ocean's Eleven" exudes a clever, charismatic feel from start to finish.

The Italian Job (2003)

Another remake of a '60s film, "The Italian Job" is a fun, action packed movie that stars Mark Wahlberg as a master thief plotting a large heist in the middle of Los Angeles. A supporting cast of Charlize Theron, Edward Norton and Donald Sutherland keep the movie entertaining, but the real fun lies in the stunts. Car chases abound here, especially with the new Mini-

Cooper vehicle made famous in the film. It is obvious that the film crew took pride in their stunts and special effects, as most of the main actors performed their own stunts. This adds realism to the film and allows audiences to engross themselves in the action of the film.

What all these heist films have in common is the ability to grab the imagination of an audience and run away with it, including audience members as participants in schemes to steal and swindle. They remain vital pieces in the arsenal of Hollywood genre films.

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SPIKE LEE: A DIRECTOR'S OEUVRE

Visionary film director 'spikes' the movie industry

By MARTY SCHROEDER
Scene Writer

It's not enough to say that Spike Lee is one of the foremost African-American directors of our time — he's easily one of the greatest living filmmakers. Known for films that concern themselves with race and ethnicity, Lee's pictures frequently delve into societal ills such as poverty, crime and media influence over these subject matters. Despite the controversy they often create, Lee's best films certainly deserve recognition as important cinema.

Born in pre-civil rights era Atlanta to a jazz musician and schoolteacher, Lee moved to Brooklyn as a young child. After high school in New York, Lee went back to Atlanta and completed a B.A. at Morehouse College, the all-male college for blacks that counts Martin Luther King, Jr. among its alumni. He would then go on to complete an M.F.A. at the prestigious Tisch School of the Arts at New York University (NYU). While at Tisch, fellow classmate Ang Lee — whose directorial credits include "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" and "Brokeback Mountain" — helped Spike Lee with his student film "Joe's Bed-Stuy Barbershop: We Cut Heads."

After completing his education, Lee started his own production company, 40 Acres & a Mule Filmworks — so called because of the "40 acres and a mule" promised to freed black slaves after the Civil War, which was ultimately an empty promise. Lee's first two features, "She's Gotta Have It" and "School Daze," would showcase his talent and potential greatness as a filmmaker. Lee's third film, "Do The Right Thing," in which he also starred, would garner an Academy Award nomination for Best Original Screenplay

and prove to be one of the most controversial films Lee has made to date.

The film opens with a quotation from Martin Luther King, Jr. in which he condemns violence and states it is never justified. The film's plot revolves around a violent situation in a New York neighborhood involving race issues. In closing, a quotation from Malcolm X is displayed, stating violence in response to oppression is justified. The apparent contradictions of these two quotations are left up to the audience to resolve. Despite the controversy — or perhaps because of it — Lee was pushed onto the movie scene as a filmmaker to watch.

In this same vein, he would make the 1992 biopic "Malcolm X," starring Denzel Washington and "Bamboozled," a 2000 film concerning racial stereotypes, as well as other films that raised issues of race and race relations in the urban United States.

"Bamboozled" is of particular interest because the circumstances of its creation are typical of Lee as a filmmaker — he carefully selects his projects, directing only the films he wants to make. Due to the low budget of this film, a vast majority of it was shot on digital video instead of film. Using cameras that one could purchase at a local electronics store allowed Lee to use 15 cameras at a time and saved money on the budget. Only one scene was shot on film, but costs were again cut by using cheaper 16mm film instead of the usual 35mm. These sacrifices were made because Lee had trouble finding finances for the film. However, he was able to juggle these choices and make the film work due to these sacrifices.

Not all of Lee's films deal with race. "Summer of Sam," released in 1999, follows residents of New York as they deal with the serial murderer "Son of Sam"



Denzel Washington stars as the eponymous character in "Malcolm X." Directed by Spike Lee, the film was the second collaboration between the two.

during the summer of 1977. It is an insightful look not only at the situations surrounding the murders but also at 1970s New York and its culture. "25th Hour," starring Edward Norton, is a film that deals with relationships as it follows a man through his last day before a seven-year incarceration. His latest, "Inside Man," is a heist film that reunites Lee with Washington.

While these films do not deal specifically with the issues of most of Lee's other films, they do pertain to his New York City

home and the specific culture in which he was raised.

Respected as a filmmaker and a man who does not pull punches when it comes to his choice of topics, Lee can always be counted on to make a film that most critics will like but not everyone will agree with. Regardless, he will undoubtedly continue to receive recognition as a premier American filmmaker.

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NBA

Pistons win in possible championship preview

Bell drops career-high as Milwaukee heats up and routs Phoenix by hitting a team-record 18 three-point baskets

Associated Press

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — The Detroit Pistons enjoyed beating Dallas so much that they want a chance to do it again.

"I told Avery [Johnson] after the game that I'd like to see him seven more times, starting in about three months," Pistons coach Flip Saunders said.

If the Pistons (56-14) and Mavericks (54-17) do meet in June's NBA Finals, Detroit's 97-90 victory Tuesday might play a crucial role in determining who gets the home-court advantage.

"Obviously, this is a very disappointing loss," Johnson said. "We definitely gave ourselves a chance to win, we just didn't execute down the stretch."

With the win, the Pistons split the season series with the Mavericks and moved 2½ games ahead of them for the league's best record.

"This is a very big win, but we won't know just how big for a while," said Chauncey Billups, who scored eight of his 31 points in the final three minutes. "It might be huge, or it might just end up as another victory."

The win avenged Detroit's worst loss of the season, a 119-82 rout in Dallas on Nov. 19. The Pistons trailed 40-16 after one quarter, and Billups wanted to make sure there wasn't a repeat.

"Dallas and Phoenix are the two teams that really make an effort to jump on you early, so I knew I had to be aggressive tonight," he said. "I think the team plays better when I'm aggressive."

Rasheed Wallace added 21 points and 10 rebounds for Detroit, while Richard Hamilton scored 14 points.

"It's a lot of fun to play games like this," Wallace said. "Especially when you are going up against one of the NBA's best teams, like we were tonight."

Dirk Nowitzki and former Piston Jerry Stackhouse each had 25 for Dallas.

"That's as good as it gets in this league," Stackhouse said. "But we're going to look at this film, and we're all going to be [mad], because we had the game. We didn't play smart, and that cost us the game."

Stackhouse, who still holds the Pistons' single-game scoring record, had nine points in the third quarter, but the Mavericks needed Keith Van Horn's late 3-pointer to stay within 72-69 at

quarter's end.

"Stack did his thing tonight," said Wallace, a close friend of Stackhouse's since their days at North Carolina. "I just wish he would have done it against someone else."

The teams traded the advantage for most of the fourth, and the game was tied with 3 minutes to play.

Charlotte 125, Atlanta 117

Charlotte Bobcats guard Brevin Knight looked at Gerald Wallace's shooting numbers and thought of an NBA legend.

"He had 17 layups — those are Wilt Chamberlain numbers," Knight said after Wallace scored 18 of his career-high 41 points in the fourth quarter of the Bobcats' victory over the Atlanta Hawks on Tuesday night.

Raymond Felton added 28 points and 10 assists, and hit the clinching 3-pointer with 31 seconds left. Charlotte shot 57 percent, snapped a three-game losing streak and scored the most points in its two-year history.

Wallace hit 17 of 22 shots, almost all coming in the paint, including two alley-oop dunks in the final quarter to set a franchise record for points in a game. He scored six more than Kareem Rush had against Indiana on Nov. 16.

"They played him 1-on-1 for the most part and he's tough to guard," Knight said. "He attacks the basket."

Despite Wallace's big night, the Hawks had a chance to tie, but Zaza Pachulia missed a foul-line jumper with 52 seconds left. Felton, who missed Sunday's loss to Memphis with an abdominal injury, hit his fourth 3 from the right wing on the next possession to seal it.

Joe Johnson scored 35 points and Josh Smith added 20 points and 14 rebounds for the Hawks, who have lost five straight.

The game, matching teams with the league's worst record (Charlotte) and the fourth-worst (Atlanta), featured little defense. Wallace took the biggest advantage of the Hawks' soft interior, repeatedly beating defenders Marvin Williams and Smith on post moves before the Hawks switched to a zone.

"It's ridiculous. Our commitment to defense is awful," Atlanta coach Mike Woodson said. "We're not even trying to defend."



Seattle's Ray Allen throws up a shot as time expires in Tuesday night's game against the Memphis Grizzlies. Allen made the basket, and the SuperSonics won the game, 98-97.

Milwaukee 132, Phoenix 110

Charlie Bell had career highs of 19 points, 13 assists and 10 rebounds for his first career triple-double, and the Milwaukee Bucks hit a franchise-record 18 3-pointers in a victory over the Phoenix Suns on Tuesday night.

Michael Redd had 28 points as the Bucks set season highs in almost every offensive category, scoring 46 points in a blistering third-quarter 3-point assault.

Milwaukee finished 18-of-32 from 3-point range and set season marks for points, and points in a half (74), points in a quarter, field goal percentage (60 percent) and assists (36).

Early in the fourth quarter, Bobby Simmons hit a 3, followed by a dunk, a layup and a dunk by Dan Gadzuric where the Bucks ran the same play three straight possessions as they built a 115-96 lead. The Bucks never let Phoenix get close again and led by as many as 24.

Bell had the type of night most expected from reigning MVP Steve Nash, who scored 23 points after his first scoreless performance since joining the Suns against New Jersey the night before in a 110-72 loss.

The Suns regained their scoring touch, but couldn't slow the Bucks' sudden offensive juggernaut.

With Amare Stoudemire returning to the Suns' bench with knee pain after a sluggish night Monday, the Bucks went with a bigger lineup and began taking over in the third quarter.

Tied at 80, Milwaukee hit five consecutive 3s to start a 17-3 run that made it 97-83 midway through the third.

After Suns coach Mike D'Antoni called a timeout, he disputed a foul call and was given a technical foul, but it didn't spark the Suns, who trailed 104-88 going into the fourth quarter.

Toni Kukoc had a season-high 17 points after playing sparingly before last week's road trip. Gadzuric also scored 17, while Simmons and Mo Williams each had 15. Andrew Bogut added 14.

Nash hit his first seven shots and got an extended rest early in the game with Phoenix in a stretch of five road games in six days.

Meanwhile, Eddie House came off the bench and hit his first five shots and scored 13 points in 7 minutes. He finished with 19.

Seattle 98, Memphis 97

Ray Allen made an off-balance 19-footer with 0.3 seconds left, and the Seattle SuperSonics overcame Pau Gasol's 44 points to beat the Memphis Grizzlies on Tuesday night.

The Grizzlies had their seven-game winning streak snapped despite Gasol's franchise-record scoring total.

Allen dribbled to the left wing, and as Eddie Jones made a stab at the ball, Allen shot the jumper which bounced on the rim before dropping through. Shane Battier's inbounds lob as time ran out hit the backboard.

Allen led the Sonics with 20 points and five assists, one of seven Seattle players in double figures. Johan Petro finished with 15 points, while Rashard Lewis added 14 before being helped off the court with a leg injury with 3:12 left.

Earl Watson had 13 points and six assists for Seattle, while Chris Wilcox and Luke Ridnour each scored 11. Mikki Moore scored 10 points and had seven rebounds.

Jones had 16 points for Memphis, while reserve Mike Miller added 11. Gasol grabbed nine rebounds.

The Sonics scored seven straight points midway through the final period and held an 89-86 lead with 5:21 left.

But Memphis retook the lead on Gasol's runner that broke the franchise record, and back-to-back baskets by Miller. The Grizzlies held a 97-93 lead when Miller scored again on a fadeaway 15-footer with the shot clock running down and 1:07 left in the game.

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And, she is Final Four-bound. The littlest Tar Heel, making every big play down the stretch, put top-seeded North Carolina in its first Final Four since winning the 1994 national championship with a 75-63 win over Tennessee in the Cleveland Regional on Tuesday night.

After complaining that their road to Boston was way too tough, the Tar Heels are packing their bags for another road trip.

"We're the No. 1 team in the nation," said Latta, "and tonight we showed it."

The 5-foot-6 (with heels on, maybe) Latta finished with 20 points, nine assists and four steals in 40 minutes for the Tar Heels (33-1), who will play Maryland in this weekend's Final Four.

The Terrapins were the only team to beat North Carolina, edging the Tar Heels by three points in overtime on Feb. 9.

Latta scored nine of her team's final 11 points, drilling a crucial 3-pointer with 3:27 left.

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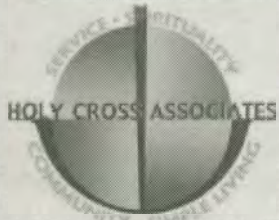
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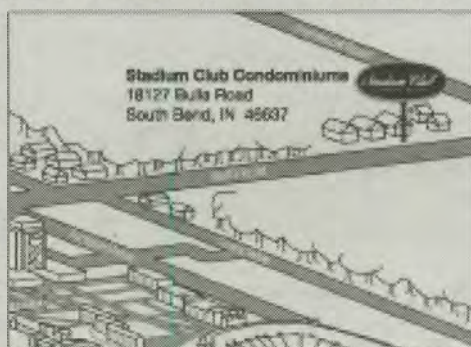
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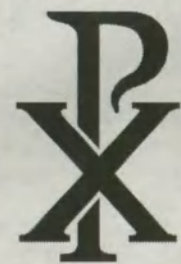
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Danica Patrick and crew opt out of Toyota 300

After tragic death of rookie team member Paul Dana, the Rahal Letterman Racing Team withdraws from big race

Associated Press

HOMESTEAD, Fla. — Danica Patrick said Tuesday the Rahal Letterman Racing team made the right decision in keeping both her and teammate Buddy Rice out of Sunday's season-opening race at Homestead-Miami Speedway after the death of rookie Paul Dana.

"I don't think you can ever question the decision that your boss makes," she said during a break in testing on Homestead's road course.

Referring to team co-owner Bobby Rahal, she added, "If he would have said 'race' or 'don't race,' that's what I would have done. I race for him. I think he did a very, very good thing. This is life. We drive race cars, and it's our job, but we don't walk out there a couple minutes afterward and say, 'I've forgotten already.'

"I don't think that anybody can critique the fact that he said 'don't race.' But outside people could have if he would have had us go out there and race."

Patrick and Rice both plan to race on Sunday at St. Petersburg in the second IRL IndyCar Series race of the season.

Dana, a 32-year-old rookie, joined the team this season and was scheduled to make his first start of Rahal Letterman last Sunday. Instead, he was pronounced dead two hours after crashing into the nearly stopped car of Ed Carpenter, who had hit the wall several seconds earlier.

Carpenter spent a night in the hospital, but was released Monday, suffering from a bruised lung.

Patrick, last year's rookie phenom who led and finished fourth in the Indianapolis 500, said she didn't know Dana very well.

"I tend to keep a little bit to myself," she said. "I don't talk to very many people. I pretty much go from my motorcoach to my truck and to the track. I really didn't get to know him very well."

"I told him to move over a couple of times when he was sitting in my seat right next to my engineer," she said, smiling. "But he was a very nice guy. And, gosh, did he want it."

Patrick pointed out that Dana got his ride with Rahal by getting Team Ethanol to sponsor his No. 17 race car.

"Either you get a free ride or you bring a sponsor along," she said. "You can write your own tickets, and you write your own checks. He did the hardest thing; he got a sponsor to stand behind and give him a ride."

"They said, 'All right, Paul Dana, we believe in you.' I remember at the Christmas party, and I was sitting in a meeting with the team and I thought, 'What's going on here, is he going to drive for the team? I was surprised, but he made it happen. Good for him. And you know what, he was proving he was driving the thing. I was a little scared because he was keeping up with us. I think he did better than I expected.'

Rice, the 2004 Indy 500 winner, remembered Dana as a

driver with a lot of heart.

"That guy put everything he had into becoming a race car driver," Rice said Tuesday. "Obviously he got a little bit of later start than some of us; that's just the way of the course. I think he had a lot of drive, he had a lot of heart and he put everything he had into becoming a race car driver."

"Obviously, it was short but he got to do what he wanted to do and he made it to the top level."

Patrick said race car drivers understand that it is their job to race, even under difficult circumstances. She said there was no hesitation about getting back in the cockpit this week.

"Things are a lot more somber, and rightfully so," she said. "Somebody died. It sounds a little bit cold, but it is the job. We do have to keep racing, but we will give him the best tribute and the best thoughts and prayers that we can."



Danica Patrick waits in the pit Saturday during a practice session for the Toyota 300. Patrick's team announced it would not race this weekend following the death of teammate Paul Dana.



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NHL

Eastern Conference, Atlantic Division

team	record	OT	points
NY Rangers	40-20	12	92
Philadelphia	40-21	10	90
New Jersey	35-27	9	79
NY Islanders	33-32	5	71
Pittsburgh	18-41	12	48

Eastern Conference, Northeast Division

team	record	OT	points
Ottawa	48-16	6	102
Buffalo	44-21	6	94
Montreal	35-27	9	79
Toronto	33-32	6	72
Boston	28-32	13	69

Eastern Conference, Southeast Division

team	record	OT	points
Carolina	47-18	6	100
Tampa Bay	38-29	5	81
Atlanta	35-30	6	76
Florida	32-30	9	73
Washington	23-38	9	55

Western Conference, Central Division

team	record	OT	points
Detroit	49-15	7	105
Nashville	42-21	8	92
Columbus	28-40	3	59
Chicago	21-38	11	53
St. Louis	20-38	12	52

Western Conference, Northwest Division

team	record	OT	points
Calgary	39-24	8	86
Colorado	39-25	8	86
Vancouver	39-28	6	84
Edmonton	36-24	12	84
Minnesota	32-32	7	71

Western Conference, Pacific Division

team	record	OT	points
Dallas	48-20	3	99
Anaheim	37-21	12	86
San Jose	36-24	10	82
Los Angeles	38-29	5	81
Phoenix	33-34	4	70

NCAA BASKETBALL



Oklahoma basketball coach Kelvin Sampson watches his team play Oklahoma State in a basketball game on Feb. 27 in Norman, Okla. Sampson announced he will leave Oklahoma to coach at Indiana.

Oklahoma's Sampson bolts for Indiana

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Indiana will hire Kelvin Sampson as its next basketball coach, taking him from an Oklahoma team under the cloud of a recruiting investigation to lead one of the most prestigious programs in the country.

Sampson broke the news to his Sooners team Tuesday, the same day Indiana players were informed, one of the Hoosier players' relatives told The Associated Press.

Details of the deal were being worked out Tuesday, said a person close to the talks who requested anonymity because negotiations were ongoing. No news

conference was scheduled.

"I was caught by surprise a little bit," said Taylor Griffin, a freshman forward for the Sooners. "He made the decision. I guess it's better for the program. I guess it's better for him."

The 50-year-old Sampson, AP's Coach of the Year in 1995, will replace Mike Davis, who announced last month he was resigning. Davis went 115-79 in six seasons as head coach, was the first Indiana coach to win 20 games in each of his first three seasons and led the Hoosiers to the national championship game in 2002, two seasons after Bob Knight was fired.

The Hoosiers were 19-12

this year and reached the second round of the NCAA tournament, where they lost to Gonzaga.

Stephanie Gilbert, who help raised nephew A.J. Ratliff in Indianapolis, said the Hoosiers' sophomore guard called her Tuesday to discuss the change, first reported by ESPN. Gilbert also said it was likely Ratliff would stay at Indiana.

"He's looking forward to meeting him and getting to know him," Gilbert said. "He seems pretty happy."

Ratliff declined to comment and denied that a team meeting was held. Two other key Indiana players had said after Davis resigned that they were apt to transfer:

D.J. White, the 2005 Big Ten freshman of the year, and Robert Vaden.

Gilbert said Sampson's hiring could change their minds.

"Once they meet with him, they'll probably need to see," Gilbert said. "I think, from the looks of it, they have a pretty good coach on their hands."

Oklahoma officials declined to comment Tuesday. Telephone messages left for Indiana athletic director Rick Greenspan and spokesman Pete Rhoda were not immediately returned.

Sampson leaves Oklahoma behind amid an investigation for possible recruiting violations.

NCAA Baseball Top 25

team	record	points
1 Florida State	25-2	495
2 Mississippi State	19-1	494
3 Nebraska	17-3	492
4 Georgia Tech	20-4	488
5 South Carolina	22-3	486
6 Cal State Fullerton	20-7	484
7 Rice	20-8	483
8 North Carolina	20-5	481
9 Clemson	16-6	479
10 Texas	19-10	477
11 Miami (FL)	23-7	472
12 Arizona State	21-7	469
13 Wichita State	21-5	466
14 Virginia	22-5	465
15 Louisiana State	19-7	463
16 Alabama	19-8	460
17 Vanderbilt	17-7	456
18 Oregon State	15-7	453
19 Georgia	17-5	452
20 Arkansas	20-5	450
21 Kentucky	20-5	448
22 Tennessee	17-7	447
23 Oklahoma	20-6	445
24 Baylor	16-8	443
25 James Madison	19-5	440

IN BRIEF

NASCAR's Gordon fined for track-side altercation

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Jeff Gordon has always been a model of good behavior off the track, the rare driver able to keep his emotions in check.

That changed when he angrily shoved Matt Kenseth following the race at Bristol Motorspeedway, an action that drew a \$10,000 fine from NASCAR on Tuesday. It's the first time in Gordon's 14-year career that he's been penalized for his conduct.

Don't expect Gordon, who was placed on probation until Aug. 30, to turn into another Tony Stewart or Kurt Busch. But the image-conscious driver is committed to letting loose the emotion he's kept bottled up over the years.

"For many, many years I've been so reserved from controversy," he said. "I was just so concerned with 'What was this person going to think?' and 'What was that person going to think?' and I was more caught up in

that than I was in being true to myself.

"What you see today is a more truer Jeff Gordon and who I really am. I'm not a robot. I have a personality and I have emotions and I have a humorous side to me and an angry side to me."

Outfielder Grissom calls it a career after 17 seasons

MESA, Ariz. — Marquis Grissom announced his retirement Tuesday after a 17-year major league career.

The 38-year-old outfielder signed a minor league contract with the Chicago Cubs in January and had hoped to make the team as a backup. But he batted just .200 in 17 spring training games.

Grissom leaves as one of seven players with 2,000 hits, 200 home runs and 400 stolen bases, joining Craig Biggio, Roberto Alomar, Barry Bonds, Rickey Henderson, Paul Molitor and Joe Morgan.

Grissom finished with 429 stolen

bases, including a career-high 78 in 1992. He was a two-time All-Star and four-time Gold Glove winner during a career that saw him play in the majors with six teams.

"I'm at peace with myself. I'm happy," Grissom said. "I feel like the whole world has been lifted off my shoulders."

Indiana highway will not be named for Reggie Miller

CARMEL, Ind. — A stretch of U.S. 31 won't be named for retired Indiana Pacers star Reggie Miller after all.

That's because the highway section just north of Indianapolis that was to be designated for Miller by the Indiana Department of Transportation has spent the past 12 years as the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway.

"Once we were made aware of it and spoke with the veterans and that sort of thing, we decided to not pursue that plan," highway department spokesman Gary Abell said Tuesday.

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Boston vs. New York, 7:30 p.m., ESPN2

Utah vs. Denver, 7:30 p.m., ESPN2

MLB

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NBA

Spurs beat Clippers to claim conference lead

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Tim Duncan and the San Antonio Spurs vividly remembered what Elton Brand did against them three weeks ago.

They were not about to let him repeat it.

Duncan had 20 points and 13 rebounds, and did a lot of the heavy work in containing Brand on the other end of the floor Tuesday night in leading the Spurs to a 98-87 victory over the Los Angeles Clippers.

"Elton is having such a great season, he's been an MVP candidate all year long, and we felt we should start there because he hurt us so bad last time," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "It worked out for us this time."

Brand led the Clippers with 20 points and 10 rebounds, but he shot only 3-of-11 and scored 11 points after the first period. He had 30 points and nine rebounds March 7 in a 98-85 victory over the Spurs at Staples Center.

"It was a huge key," Duncan said of containing Brand. "He really hurt us last time. We decided to come after him and make them change their game a little bit."

Michael Finley also scored 20 points, Bruce Bowen had 16, Brent Barry scored 11 and Manu Ginobili had eight points and nine assists for the Spurs (55-16), who moved into first place in the Western Conference, one game ahead of Dallas.

The Spurs won for the seventh time in nine games despite the absence of leading scorer Tony Parker, who sat out because of a sore right shin. He was injured Sunday night during a 106-102 loss in Seattle, when he was accidentally kicked.

"It's really sore," Popovich said. "He can't push off or put any weight on it."

Popovich said Parker might be available Thursday night when the Spurs play the Lakers.

"Tony's a really good player, but their offense is so easy to run," Clippers guard Cuttino Mobley said. "You dribble it down, you give it to Tim, and

those guys are knocking shots down and making plays. That team is deep enough that it's OK.

"If you miss Tim Duncan, then there's a difference. But you can make up Tony's 20 (points). And Finley's a starter anywhere else."

Chris Kaman added 18 points and eight rebounds and Corey Maggette had 16 points, 11 rebounds and six assists for the Clippers (41-29), who lost for just the fourth time in 12 games and need only one victory to clinch their first winning season in 15 years.

Sam Cassell was held to eight points and seven assists.

"It was a little disappointing," Brand said of the Clippers' performance. "We built some confidence playing against this team. We felt like we should have won up at their place and lost in overtime, then we beat them pretty handily here, and with their full complement — Tony Parker, Ginobili, Duncan, everybody.

"But they played pretty well tonight. They made shots and we didn't. We didn't take it onto the court, and they got easy layups and easy shots."

The Spurs shot 36-of-73 (49 percent) including 10-of-25 from 3-point range, while the Clippers went 28-of-74 (38 percent) including 1-of-10 from beyond the arc.

"Good win for us against a very good team," Popovich said. "We needed to get back to who we are and what our personality is. I thought we did that tonight."

Popovich referred to the solid defense his team played, something he hasn't seen for the past few weeks.

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SMC TENNIS

Belles face strong Hope team today

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

After a promising start in MIAA play, Saint Mary's will face a real conference test when it matches up against Hope today at 3 p.m.

The Belles are coming off a weekend in which they went 1-1, improving their record to 6-4 (2-0). They defeated conference member Adrian but lost to non-conference foe Aquinas. Saint Mary's is looking to win its third conference match, which would already equal its conference win total from last season.

"A win this weekend would really help the team's confidence," Belles head coach Dee Stevenson said. "It would reaffirm in their own minds that they are among the best, not just in the conference but out of conference as well."

A tough Hope team, however, stands in Saint Mary's path. Hope finished second in the MIAA last season, and they have won three straight matches heading into their clash with Saint Mary's. While

admitting his team will be challenged today, Stevenson is optimistic about his team's chances.

"They're definitely one of the better teams in the conference," Stevenson said. "They are year in and year out, but that's not to say that we can't compete with them. Last year's match [that Saint Mary's lost 5-4] could have gone either way, and it will probably be a similar match this year."

The Belles are also hoping that they will finally be able to field their best team when the two teams meet today. Due to either sickness or injury, Saint Mary has not played a match this season with all their best players competing.

Regardless of which players end up able to compete, Stevenson has emphasized the importance of today's match.

"I've been stressing to the girls that if they want to compete in conference, they have to be able to compete with teams like Hope," he said.

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Vandy

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over Anastasia Kugakolova. Other players contributing to the team's depth are Taka Bertrand and Amanda Taylor. Bertrand defeated Martina Banikova 6-1, 6-3 at No. 2. Taylor followed the win with a 3-6, 7-6 (5), 1-0 (13) victory over Renee Joseph.

However, the Irish are trying not to focus on winning streaks

or rankings.

"We have taken every match one at a time this season and not been caught up in anyone's rankings," freshman Kelcy Tefft said. "Vanderbilt definitely has a great team, so we are hoping we play our best tennis."

The Irish have not lost a doubles point this entire season, and they enter the match with two ranked doubles teams.

The No. 3 pairing of Catrina and Christian Thompson leads

Notre Dame in doubles, followed by the No. 29 twosome of Tefft and sophomore Brook Buck.

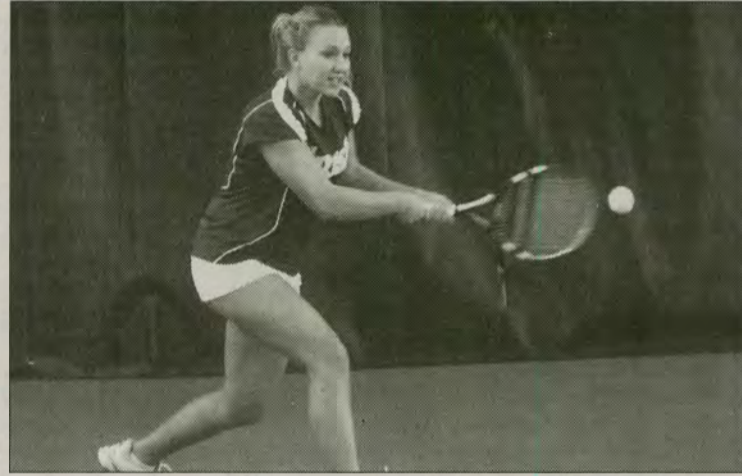
"We have had an awesome year in doubles and are hoping we don't drop the point this whole season," Catrina Thompson said. "If one team has an off day, we have two others that give our opponents difficult doubles matches."

In singles, No. 30 Catrina Thompson leads the team at No. 1 and holds an 11-3 record in dual matches this season. She is followed by No. 74 Christian Thompson, who had difficulties closing out her last match against Iowa's Hillary Mintz.

Following its match against Vanderbilt, Notre Dame will return home to play Eastern Michigan on Friday.

"It will be nice being able to play at home again after being on the road during spring break and facing tough home crowds at schools like Texas A&M," Tefft said. "So we will definitely take advantage [of that] when we face Eastern Michigan."

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Freshman Kelcy Tefft returns a ball during a match on March 5 against Illinois at the Eck Tennis Pavilion.

MLB

Cubs place Prior and Wood on disabled list

Associated Press

Mark Prior and Kerry Wood went on the 15-day disabled list Tuesday along with the hopes of many Chicago Cubs fans.

Neither move came as a surprise, as both have been rehabbing from injuries.

"We knew neither one of them would be ready for opening day," Cubs general manager Jim Hendry said. "Mark has been throwing again and has had no discomfort. Woody has been very, very good."

Prior, who has not pitched in a spring training game, has a strained muscle in the right shoulder. Wood had arthroscopic surgery on his right knee this month to repair a minor cartilage tear. He began throwing shortly after that. He threw 60 pitches from a bullpen mound earlier this week.

Also at Cubs' camp in Mesa,

Ariz., Marquis Grissom announced his retirement after a 17-year major league career.

The 38-year-old outfielder signed a minor league contract in January and had hoped to make the team as a backup. But he batted just .200 in 17 spring training games.

"It's been a pretty fun ride along the way," Grissom said. "I came into spring training to this organization to really see if I could go out and play baseball again for another year. And I got that opportunity from the Cubs. It didn't work out. Over a period of the last two, three weeks, I've been going in and out, strength-wise, body-wise emotionally, whether I wanted to do it, could I do it."

Also, Kansas City claimed infielder Tony Graffanino off waivers from Boston, returning him to the team that traded him to the Red Sox eight months ago.

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Bears

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house.”
Notre Dame hopes its return to the Dome will help it prepare mentally for a team with a record that may conceal its talent.

“They’re a very good team,” Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. “They haven’t gotten a lot of wins thus far, but they haven’t not been in any games this year. We’ve seen video of their games this year, and they’ve played very good games and stayed right with [their opponents].”

Three of the Bears’ four losses have come by four goals or fewer, including two-point losses to No. 18 University of Maryland-Baltimore County and last Saturday to Ohio State. They also lost to No. 7 Massachusetts 13-9 in a game in which they trailed by two midway through the fourth quarter.

“This is a statement game for us, coming off a bad loss, to come back and get back on our feet,” Driscoll said. “We’ve seen the type of offense they run all year in practice. We have to play a full game and play with the potential I know our team has, and we can run with anyone.”

If Notre Dame’s effort at practice Monday is indicative of how the team will respond in today’s game, Corrigan expects the Irish to be fully recovered from Saturday’s loss.

“[The] guys came out and had a great practice [Monday],” Corrigan said. “They came out and competed. That’s all you can ask — that’s how you get better. We have to take what we can learn from the last game and expect to come out and play

better.”

Corrigan is confident his team can win at the highest level if it plays a mistake-free game and execute the bare fundamentals of lacrosse from start to finish.

“I don’t think we need to do anything differently,” Corrigan said. “We need to do things consistently. That’s been our biggest challenge this year. We haven’t continued to execute for 60 minutes the way we need to. We haven’t put together the 60 minutes on both sides of the ball.”

Driscoll believes the Irish are close to making that jump.

“We watched film and saw that we made some simple mistakes,” Driscoll said. “Coach has told us that Brown runs the same style of offense as us, and it’s all about execution.”

Though Corrigan said sophomore midfielder Mike Podgajny will not be ready to play a full game, he will see action as he continues to recover from mononucleosis.

The Irish will also be without sophomore face-off specialist Taylor Clagett, who is recovering from a shoulder injury.

Clagett’s absence Saturday critically hurt the Irish, as they lost 16 of the game’s 22 face-offs and struggled to gain possession of the ball all day, managing just five goals.

Senior backup Steve Panos will make his third straight start at face-off for the Irish. After winning 9-12 against Bellarmine, Panos managed 2-15 against Hofstra, as he split time with sophomore Sean Dougherty.

“We’ll continue to look for answers there,” Corrigan said. “Steve has had one real good game and one where he struggled. We’ll start with Steve and go from there.”

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ND WOMEN’S SOFTBALL

Irish prepared for home opener

Notre Dame to play in first game at Iov Field 24 games into season

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

After starting the season with 23 consecutive road games, the Irish (13-10) finally take the field at Notre Dame, playing their home opener against Bowling Green (17-8) today at 5 p.m.

The Irish are coming off arguably their best day of the season so far, having swept a doubleheader against Western Michigan last weekend. Not only did Notre Dame win both games, but won both in very different, yet equally dramatic fashions. The combined no-hitter thrown by Heather Booth and Kenya Fuemmeler in the first game and the eight-inning, 2-1 victory in game two showed Notre Dame’s ability to win tough games.

Notre Dame head coach Deanna Gumpf hopes to take this weekend’s game and use it as motivation for her team against Bowling Green.

“I hope we can use the momentum from the weekend, but three days is a long time for softball,” Gumpf said.

Bowling Green has had an impressive start so far this year, having already beaten No. 13 Washington earlier in the season. Going into Tuesday night’s matchup with defending champion Michigan, Bowling Green has a seven-game win streak, including five shutouts.

Gumpf recognized the need for her team to be at their absolute best in this game, playing against one of the strongest Bowling Green teams in recent memory.

Although they have been strong defensively all season,

the Irish will look to wake up their bats, as Notre Dame batters reached base safely only seven times in eight innings against Western Michigan.

The Falcons have a lineup that could challenge the Irish pitching staff. Bowling Green has three starting players hitting over .300 for the year, the most fearsome of whom is third baseman Gina Rango, the Bowling Green cleanup hitter currently batting .392 with a .662 slugging percentage.

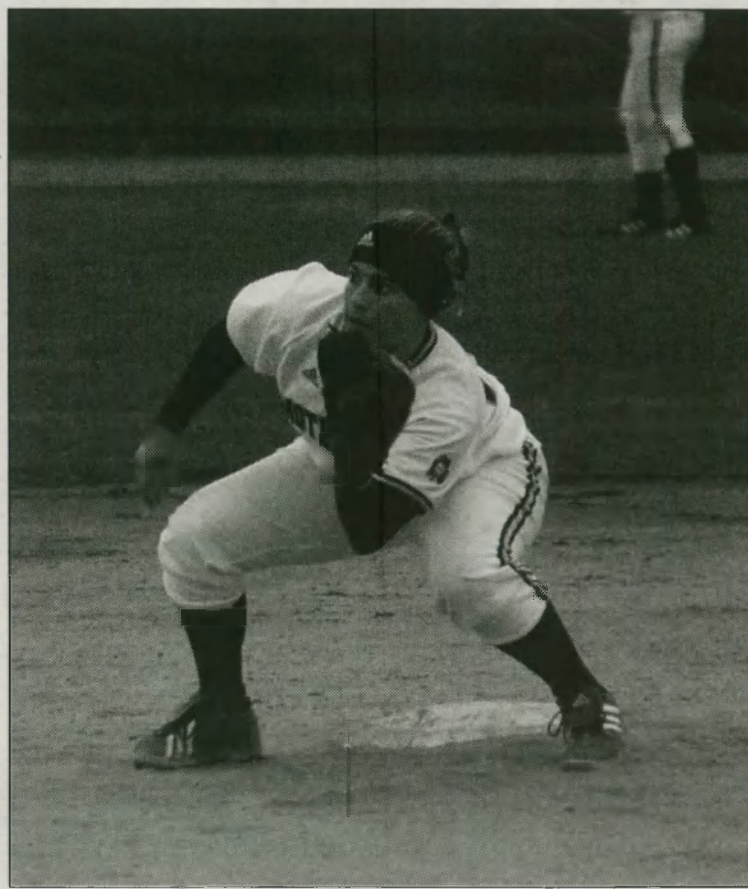
Senior Heather Booth and freshman Brittney Bargar will most likely split the game against this potent lineup. While Booth has a 6-7 record, she owns a 1.70 ERA and a 1.23 WHIP (walks and hits per

innings pitched). Bargar has been a very consistent pitcher this year, winning seven of her first ten starts in her Irish career.

The Irish are 14-3 all-time in season home openers, and have beaten Bowling Green in six of their last seven meetings. More importantly, the Irish know they thrive on intensity — something that has propelled them to every one of their victories so far this year.


“They [the team] knows they need to keep their intensity high because when we don’t play with intensity, we don’t win,” Gumpf said.

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Senior second baseman Sara Schoonaert waits for a ball during an April 22, 2005, game against St. John’s.



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tonight," Irish head coach Paul Mainieri said of his rookie aces.

Sophomore David Gruener started the game on the mound for the Irish, before being relieved after three innings of one hit, one walk, three-strikeout work.

Freshmen Brett Graffy, David Phelps and Sam Elam threw five innings — two innings each for Graffy and Phelps, one for Elam — before junior Mike Dury closed out a 10-pitch, hitless ninth.

"It played out exactly as we had hoped," Mainieri said of the pitching workload. "We have two mid-week games. This is when these young pitchers have to get the experience so that when we really

need them down the line we're not all of a sudden throwing them out there for the first time."

Valparaiso (2-13) managed only two innings from starter Dallas Cawiezell (eight hits, six earned runs, one strikeout) before turning the ball over to a platoon of four relievers, who allowed four hits and four runs in seven innings of work.

The Irish hitters batted

around the order in the second inning and left the frame with an 8-0 lead. Senior centerfielder Alex Nettey collected his 100th career hit and senior left fielder Matt Bransfield sent home his 100th career RBI in the seven-run deluge.

Shortstop Greg Lopez laid down a bunt with two men on base to score Nettey from third for the 2-0 advantage to open the floodgates. After a Cody Rizzo fly out, third baseman Brett Lilley singled in Dury — who had reached base on a double down the right field line — on a line shot to right for the 3-0 lead.

A Danny Dressman RBI single was followed immediately with a Jeremy Barnes RBI double to left centerfield to put the Irish up 5-0. Bransfield plated a run with a sacrifice fly and was followed by consecutive RBI singles by Ross Brezovsky and Nettey to round out the inning at 8-0. Nettey was 2-for-4 with two RBIs and one run on the game.

"It was good to see some guys come through with some real clutch hitting, and I think we showed that we are capable of being a good offensive team," Mainieri said of the lively bats. "When everybody is clicking and everybody is swinging the bats the way that they can, we can back this up now with tomorrow's game and do it through the week."

The Irish opened the first inning with a run off a Bransfield single to right centerfield and Barnes on second. It was the sixth consecutive game in which the Irish have scored a first-inning run.

Notre Dame has outscored opponents 22-5 in the first frame this season.

"In all honesty, with us not being a home run-hitting team by scoring early in the game and taking the lead, it allows us to use a squeeze bunt early there in the game — we hit and ran a couple of times," Mainieri said. "We have to try to manufacture some runs because we don't have an enormous amount of power in our lineup."

Notre Dame scored again in the sixth inning on a single to centerfield by Eddie Smith, who filled in at second base for Brezovsky.

A three-run eighth on Crusader sophomore hurler Aaron Rank rounded out the Irish tally. Smith and Nettey took consecutive walks a Dury was hit by a pitch — all with the bases loaded — sending three runners home for the 12-0 final. Freshman Eddie Mendiola and sophomore Chris Soriano were sent home by the walks after reaching base on back-to-back line drive singles, and Bransfield was walked home after he reached his base on balls.

"If they're hitting it, I'd rather have them hitting it than us walking them — which happened when we allowed a sophomore to come in at the very end so we could give him an inning," Valparaiso head coach Paul Twenge said.

The Irish are in action again today against Western Michigan in a 5:05 p.m. game at Frank Eck Stadium.

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Senior outfielder Alex Nettey slides back to first after a pick-off attempt during Tuesday's game against Valparaiso at Frank Eck Stadium.

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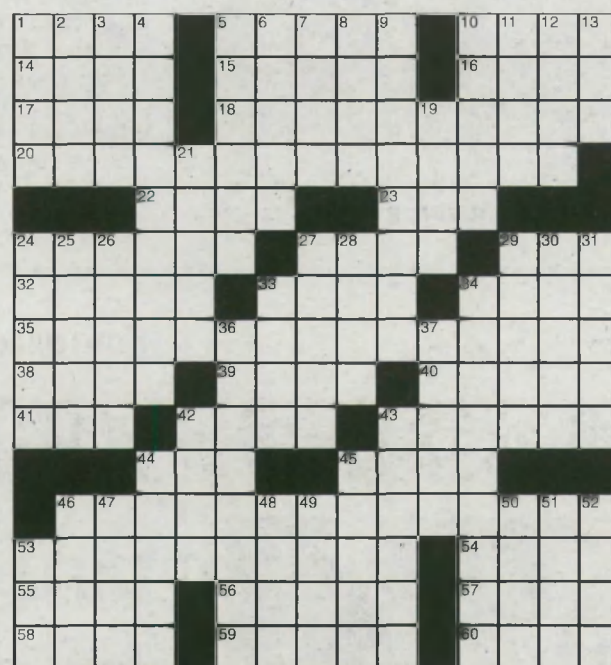
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BASEBALL

Bombs away

Five pitchers scatter three hits in shutout

By **KYLE CASSILY**
Sports Writer

A seven-run second-inning explosion — the second consecutive home game with seven men plated in one frame — and a three-hit shutout propelled Notre Dame over Valparaiso 12-0 on Tuesday night at Frank Eck Stadium.

The Irish (13-8) collected 13 hits — seven in the second inning alone — and got behind a planned rotation of five young hurlers — three freshman, one sophomore and a junior — to scatter the three Crusader hits in separate innings. It was the fewest hits Notre Dame has allowed in a game since a 21-1 victory over Pittsburgh on May 16, 2005.

"The key of the game today was really the outstanding pitching, really the kiddie corps was out there throwing



Notre Dame second baseman **Ross Brezovksy** takes a swing during Tuesday's game against Valparaiso. The Irish won the game, 12-0.

ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Irish ready for strong Vandy foe

By **DAN TAPETILLO**
Sports Writer

The Irish have proven themselves as one of the nation's top programs after remaining undefeated 16 matches into the season. However, Notre Dame will still face competition today as it heads back to the road to face No. 11 Vanderbilt.

"We have both had really great seasons and [we] know they have a strong lineup," junior Catrina Thompson said. "Every match is going to be a big one. It's going to come down to who competes the best."

Under the leadership of junior Amanda Fish, the Commodores (15-2) are coming off their third SEC sweep after topping Mississippi State 7-0 in Starkville. After Vanderbilt swept the doubles point, Fish followed with a 6-1, 6-1 win

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MEN'S LACROSSE

ND returns home to face Brown

By **TIM DOUGHERTY**
Sports Writer

Coming off their most lopsided loss in four years, the Irish are hungry for a win.

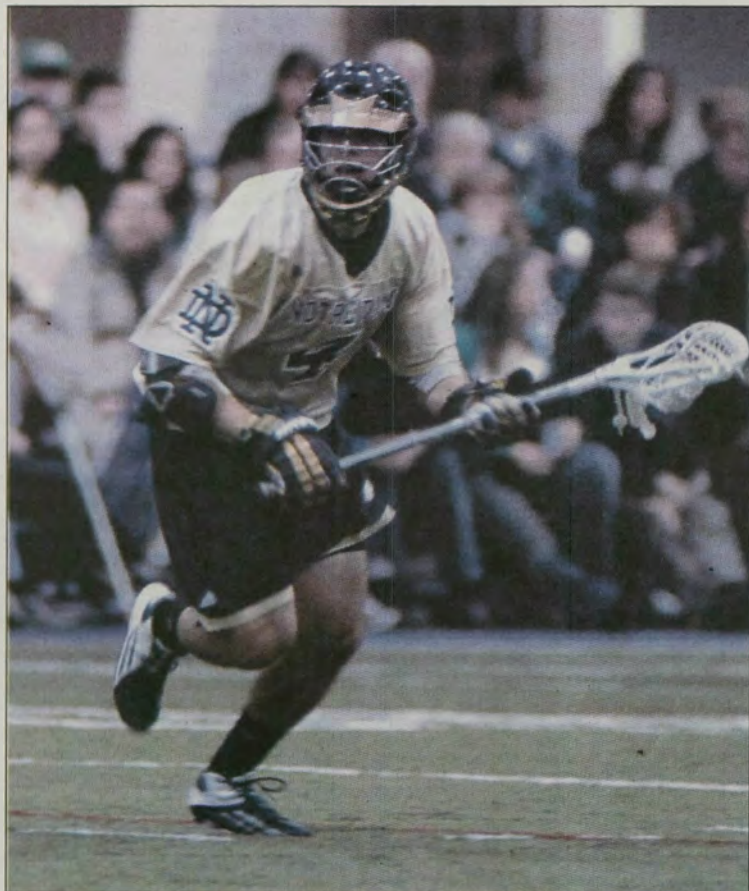
Notre Dame (4-2) will have its long sticks ready to go bear hunting as it invites the Brown Bears (2-4) to Moose Krause Stadium today for the first meeting between the two schools.

No. 11 Notre Dame returns from a three game road trip that started 2-0 but ended in a 13-5 route at No. 4 Hofstra — the worst defeat for the Irish since the Pride beat them 15-5 in 2002.

After playing in front of a hostile crowd of 4,363 at Hofstra, the Irish are re-focused and eager to welcome the Bears to their neck of the woods.

"Hofstra is such an intense atmosphere," senior defenseman and co-captain D.J. Driscoll said. "It's definitely nice to sleep in your own bed, but now this is our field. They're coming into our

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Senior defenseman **James Severin** looks for an open teammate in a Feb. 22 game against Penn.

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FOOTBALL

Zbikowski to fight pro debut at MSG

Irish safety's decision won't affect eligibility

By **KEN FOWLER**
Sports Editor

Irish rising senior Tom Zbikowski will announce at an 11:15 a.m. press conference today in New York City that he will make his professional boxing debut June 10 at Madison Square Garden, ESPN.com reported Tuesday.

His father, Ed Zbikowski, told the Associated Press the four-round fight will not jeopardize his son's NCAA football eligibility.

Zbikowski, Notre Dame's starting strong safety and punt returner was unavailable for comment Tuesday, as was Irish head coach Charlie Weis.

The Chicago Sun-Times first reported Zbikowski's decision to fight professionally Tuesday morning. The Sun-Times reported Zbikowski will sign an agree-

ment with Bob Arum of Top Rank Promotions that would have the third team All-American fight three times within 12 months.

In an e-mail to members of the media, Notre Dame assistant sports information director Alan Wasielewski said there would be no official comment from the athletic department before the press conference.

"There will be no reaction to the Chicago Sun-Times story on Tom Zbikowski from the Notre Dame football program until the issue discussed in the article becomes official," Wasielewski said in the e-mail.

The WBO junior welterweight title fight between Miguel Cotto and Paul Malignaggi will be the headline bout the night Zbikowski fights, the AP and Sun-Times reported. The Sun-Times article said Zbikowski's fight would be included on HBO's pay-per-view coverage of the event.

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