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COUNCIL OF REPRESENTATIVES

Officers approve future budget

Sample of Student Union Budget Allocations 2006 - 2007		
	Total Allocation 2005-2006	Total Allocation 2006-2007
Club Coordination Council	\$7,500	\$7,500
College Readership	N/A	\$81,000
Hall Presidents Council	\$45,000	\$59,000
Off-Campus	\$2,500	\$2,456.06
SUB	\$201,500	\$217,000
Total Allocated	\$362,500	\$481,243.06

ALEXA ANTEKEIER/The Observer

By KATHLEEN McDONNELL
News Writer

The Council of Representatives (COR) approved a \$481,243.06 budget Monday, up more than \$100,000 from the \$362,500 allocated last year.

The increase can be attributed to both projected Shirt profits and the higher \$95 student activities fee that will go into effect next fall, Student Union treasurer Steve Friend said.

"Historically we have only projected \$100,000 of revenue from The Shirt," Friend said. "This year we decided to allocate as much as we

could at the present time — giving us \$30,000 extra to play with."

Friend said the latest projection for Shirt revenues is around \$150,000.

The student activities fee will also jump from \$80 to \$95 for the next academic year, a result of two Student Senate resolutions. Ultimately approved by the Board of Trustees in February, the increase will make the College Readership Program possible next fall.

Two-thirds of the money from the student activities fee increase, totaling \$81,000, is assigned to the

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Interim VP to start in July

University forming plan for 2007-08

By RYAN SYDLIK
News Writer

Don Pope-Davis, Notre Dame's current associate vice president for graduate studies and a psychology professor, has been named interim vice president for graduate studies and research, according to a University statement released April 20.

He will begin his duties July 1 and replace Jeffrey Kantor, who has held the position since 2000.

"Don Pope-Davis was selected as interim vice president because he is an accomplished researcher who understands the importance of research," Provost Thomas Burish said Monday. "He is the best qualified person to move in at this time."

But Pope-Davis' appointment is intended to fill the position for just a year. The University has not decided what to do when Pope-Davis' interim term ends, Burish said, and is considering a reorganization of his office.

Burish appointed a committee headed by Dean of the



Pope-Davis

'Senior Week' events not open to all seniors

Current fourth-year architecture students unable to register with their entry class

By KELLY MEEHAN
Saint Mary's Editor

For most members of Notre Dame's Class of 2006, Senior Week serves as a bittersweet conclusion to their four years at the University.

But last week some seniors — future fifth-year students with graduating fourth-year friends — discovered the tradition would not become a reality for them.

Senior architecture major Kate Donovan made this "disappointing discovery" last week when she had her student ID card swiped to receive Chicago Cubs tickets — one of Senior Week's highlight events.

Donovan, like other senior

architecture students, was told she was not eligible to participate in Senior Week since she will be a fifth-year student next year and not graduating this May.

"I was surprised more than anything," she said upon receiving news that she would have to wait until the Senior Week of the Class of 2007.

Donovan and fellow senior architecture major Sonia Garcia said they were disappointed they cannot participate because many of their friends are members of the Class of 2006.

"I feel left out," Garcia said. "I think it is kind of ridiculous that

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CLAIRE KELLEY/The Observer

Third year architecture students, above, study in Rome in February. The program's extra year prevents them from graduating with their entry class and registering for Senior Week events.

Alumni rector receives award

By PETER NINNEMAN
News Writer

After 28 years as rector of Alumni Hall, Father George Rozum was honored and surprised with the Distinguished Alumni Award from the Notre Dame Alumni Association at a banquet in South Dining Hall Friday.

"It's very humbling because all I've done is continue to say I'd do the job of rector one more year and the years went by," Rozum said. "I assume they think



Rozum

that I've done my job of being rector as the University, the students and the alumni would suppose that I should."

The award is not given out annually, and Rozum is only the 12th person to receive it.

His 28-year tenure as rector is a University record.

Chuck Lennon, executive director and associate vice president for university relations for the Alumni Association, said letters were sent to former residents of Alumni to let them in on the secret.

Alumni residents and Notre Dame alumni gathered Friday for the banquet to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Alumni Hall's construction. In attendance were University President

Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh and five Holy Cross priests who had Rozum as a rector when they lived in Alumni Hall as students.

Alumni Board president Tim Brady said nominations for the award are made by "a host of people," and then the Alumni Association committee on internal activities makes recommendations to the whole Alumni Association, which votes for the recipient.

"It is awarded on occasion of exemplary service to the University or the community," Lennon said.

Rozum is the first rector to receive the award. Previous recipients of the award

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Short power, Internet outages hit campus

By RYAN SYDLIK
News Writer

Approximately half the buildings on Notre Dame's campus were affected by a power outage and all lost Internet service for a brief period Sunday afternoon. Director of Utilities Paul Kempf said.

Kempf said the outage lasted for about 15 minutes. It started shortly after 12:30 p.m. and by approximately 12:45 p.m., power was restored to most of the campus.

Internet service was out from 12:33 to approximately 1:20 p.m.

Buildings affected by the power outage included Knott Hall,

Hesburgh Library, North Dining Hall, South Dining Hall, Farley Hall, Dillon Hall, Breen-Philips Hall, Fisher Hall, Pasquerilla East Hall, Zahm Hall and LaFortune Student Center.

The cause of the power outage was a supply interruption from an external supplier, not a fault of Notre Dame's on-campus power plant, Kempf said.

When the connection was interrupted, the Notre Dame system shed half its load to cover the shortfall so the electrical grid would not damage itself, he said.

Notre Dame produces a portion of its own power at the campus power plant and buys another

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INSIDE COLUMN

The art of the nap

Everyone has a hobby. Some people love exercise, running mile after mile every time the sun shines. Other people collect things, searching around town for the next big purchase, putting their trophies in the hal- lowed spaces over their mantles. These activities, like most hobbies, involve one of two things: energy and money, neither of which I have much of at this point. That being said, I too have a hobby, a new love that fills the empty hours of my afternoons: napping.

Eric Retter
Associate
Sports Editor

Unlike most hobbies, where one must start from basically nothing and chase their passion with their money or efforts, napping requires no introduction, no training, nothing but a love of quality rest.

In preschool, napping was encouraged as part of the curriculum — and I feel that it is high time to return to the mind- set of our past.

With time and dedication, anyone can become a good napper. Also, the nap is timeless. At any hour of the day, at any time of the year, the napper can pursue his/her passion. Night or day, winter or summer, the nap is always available as the perfect leisure pursuit.

Napping, however, is not merely the pursuit of sleep and an absence of activi- ty. Napping is a skill honed by years of practice. While anyone can take a great nap when exhausted, these fluke per- formances are not signs of napping prominence.

The true napper must learn to adapt to his surroundings, to push him/herself into the optimal mindset no matter what the conditions may be. With two hours of free time, the committed napper finds a way to get it done. A great napper can sleep through the roommate's telephone conversation while the TV blares, and the best in the business could probably sleep through a rock concert in the rain.

While sleep is an integral part of the nap, a good nap is much more than sleep. Napping is about clearing your mind, finding relaxation amidst the strains of daily life. The best naps come while the sun is out, after one has found the momentary peace that contrasts with the bustle of the outside world. While I must admit that I am not the best nap- per, I feel that I am making progress with my abilities, with a little more work, I soon could be one of the best.

In those preschool days, my teachers gave out the daily "Best-Rester Award" to the best napper of the day. In my four years under their care, I won the award only one time, ranking me last in my graduating kindergarten class of 1991.

If they could see me now, could see how far I've come, I know my teachers would be pleased.

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

CLARIFICATION

In the April 21 edition of The Observer, the article enti- tled "Pulitzer goes to ND grad" mistakenly said Michelle Krupa and David Kinney won Pulitzers, when in fact, they were members of staffs that won Pulitzers and not individual recipients. The Observer regrets this error.

CORRECTIONS

Due to an editing error in the April 24 edition of The Observer, the name Jake La Motta was mistakenly writ- ten Jack La Motta in the Inside Column. Due to a reporting error in the April 24 edition of The Observer, "Dancers raise record amounts" incorrectly said Saint Mary's holds the record for most money raised in Indiana at a first dance marathon. That record belongs to Carmel High School. The Observer regrets these errors.

QUESTION OF THE DAY: HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT GRADUATING IN FOUR YEARS?



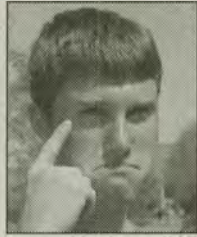
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freshman
Badin

"Four years ... if I'm lucky."



Mike Benz
freshman
Alumni

"With my PLS degree, I'll be the only Nietzsche- quoting hobo in South Bend."



Andy Bulso
freshman
Alumni

"I'm already sad about saying goodbye to Father George Rozum."



Amy Rohm
senior
Opus

"Great."



Colleen Hackett
sophomore
Holy Cross

"I'm going to be a teacher so I'll be in school the rest of my life."



Justine Ray
sophomore
Holy Cross

"I'm just going to more school so it doesn't matter."



JESSICA LEE/The Observer

Missy Reldy, left, and Kerry McGuire prepare to tie-dye T-shirts Monday on South Quad as part of the Student Union Board's annual week-long AnTostal celebration.

OFFBEAT

Cruise baby name puzzles Israelis

JERUSALEM — Suri, the name chosen by Hollywood couple Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes for their new- born daughter, is raising more than its share of inter- est in Israel.

It means "get out of here" in the local language, Hebrew.

News of the naming puzzled even those Israelis who thought they had seen it all after pop diva Madonna turned the ancient Jewish mystical tradition Kabbalah into a faith for the masses.

"I really don't know what they were thinking when

they chose this name. It's a term that denotes expul- sion, like 'Get out of here,'" said Gideon Goldenberg, a linguistics professor at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. "It's pretty blunt."

College bars students from posing for Playboy

SAN ANTONIO — Baylor University in Waco, Texas, which bills itself as the world's largest Baptist col- lege, has threatened to dis- cipline students if they pose for Playboy magazine, which is trying to recruit models from the college.

Playboy photographers

came to Baylor's hometown seeking models for a photo spread on women of the Big 12 college athletic confer- ence, of which the college is a member.

Baylor Vice President for Student Life Samuel W. Oliver sent an e-mail to stu- dents this week warning that any who "associate" with Playboy would be sub- ject to the university's disci- plinary processes.

Baylor, known for its con- servative outlook, did not allow dancing on campus until 10 years ago.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

IN BRIEF

Class of 2006 Senior Week tickets will be on sale at the LaFortune Box Office today. Graduating seniors interested in purchasing tickets to the events must bring their Notre Dame ID to the Box Office between 12 p.m. and 6.

A part of AnTostal, the First Annual Dorm Olympics will take place today from 4 p.m. to 7 on South Quad. The events are free.

The Bookstore Basketball tournament will continue with round 32 at 6 p.m. tonight at the bookstore courts.

Notre Dame softball will take on Purdue at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Ivy Field.

Notre Dame baseball will take on Bowling Green at 5:05 p.m. Wednesday at Frank Eck Stadium.

The world premiere of the opera "Witness" will be at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday in O'Laughlin Auditorium. It will run through the weekend with performances at 7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 2:30 p.m. Sunday.

The film "Top Gun" will be shown Wednesday at 9 p.m. on North Quad as part of AnTostal festivities.

The SMC Irish Dance Club will perform at 4:30 p.m. Saturday and 7:30 p.m. Sunday in The Little Theater in Moreau Hall.

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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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Group grants co-sponsorships

Allocations made for psychology honors society trip, The Show 2006

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) officers approved two co-sponsorships totaling \$6,045 at their meeting Monday night. One will help fund a scholarship for a group of students to travel to a national psychology honors society convention, and the other will go to support The Show 2006.

The first co-sponsorship will help fund a trip for 11 members of the Saint Mary's Psi Chi Club to the Psi Chi Midwestern Regional Convention in Chicago, Ill. Psi Chi is a national honor society in psychology.

Saint Mary's students have attended the conference for several years, Psi Chi representative Jennifer Hanlon said.

"Five Saint Mary's psychology [major] seniors will present research they have conducted throughout their undergraduate work [at the conference]," Hanlon said.

Athletic commissioner Anne Cusak motioned to pass the co-sponsorship for \$1,045, which promptly passed.

The second co-sponsorship will help fund The Show 2006 — the largest annual concert event intended for all members

of the Saint Mary's, Notre Dame and Holy Cross communities, according to the co-sponsorship application.

Notre Dame junior Patrick Vassel presented the \$10,000 co-sponsorship proposal to BOG. The estimated total cost of The Show for 2006 is \$128,000.

"It's important to us that [The Show] be as much a Saint Mary's event as a Notre Dame event because it shows new and returning members of this community what it means to be a part of each student body and the community as a whole," Vassel said. "From start to finish we really do everything possible to make sure that this is as much a Saint Mary's event."

Following Vassel's proposal, board members discussed BOG's past financial involvement with The Show.

The board discussed placing stipulations on BOG funding of the event such as advertisement of Saint Mary's orientation weekend events like the Jamaica Shaka.

"That's one of the reasons that the Jamaica Shaka was so big last year because it was on all their flyers," student body vice president Maggie Siefert said.

Former BOG treasurer Jillian Waters sat in on the meeting to

help guide the new board members through their first co-sponsorships.

"I think \$10,000 is a lot," she said. "I think it's a great event and I think it should be one of the largest if not the largest co-sponsorships that BOG supports."

Admissions commissioner Annie Davis motioned to provide \$5,000 with the stipulations that by the end of the school year The Show's committee find a Saint Mary's liaison as well as advertising the Jamaica Shaka on fliers. The board voted to provide the money with the stipulations after a small amount of discussion.

In Other BOG News:

◆ Student Activities Board president Claudia Toth announced there will be an 80s-themed dance this Saturday on the Library green.

◆ Student body president Susan McIluff reminded the board of a Chicago bus trip and Student Activities Board bus trip Saturday to the Dunes in Michigan. A sign-up sheet for both trips is at the front desk of the student center.

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College Readership Program. But that distribution — which makes the College Readership Program the only group to receive 100 percent of its requested funds — left some student groups unsatisfied with their share.

The Club Coordination Council (CCC), which this spring countered the allocation plan that accompanies the increase, continued to voice opposition Monday.

"With the \$15 increase, we heard that \$10 would go to College Readership and \$5 would go to everyone else," said Kerry Kilbourn, CCC president. "But we're not seeing the money."

The CCC saw no increase in allocation this year, despite a request for nearly \$1,500 in additional funding.

Friend justified the allocations for the College Readership Program, which will provide three national newspapers on campus daily next fall.

"The College Readership Program was a unique request this year," Friend said. "Unlike any of the others, it required full allocation, and that's why it was met."

Another contested allocation was that of the Hall

Presidents Council (HPC). The HPC requested funding that totaled over \$800,000 — almost twice the overall Student Union budget. HPC received the highest proportion of its request besides the College Readership Program.

Friend said while HPC was only allocated \$45,000 last year, the group was reallocated quite a bit more. This year's \$14,000 increase anticipates HPC will not need any more money at reallocation.

Though off-campus students will comprise a larger percentage of the student body next year, the allocation for the off-campus student organization has decreased. And Friend said the organization is not promised any more next

fall.

"We don't have a priority list for reallocation," Friend said. "I can't guarantee that if off-campus comes in that they're going to get anything."

While few organizations have been allocated as much as requested, groups should be reallocated a substantial amount later next fall as revenue estimates were modest, Friend said.

"Our goal was to allocate as much as we could, and we allocated every bit of it," he said.

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Steve Friend
Student Union treasurer

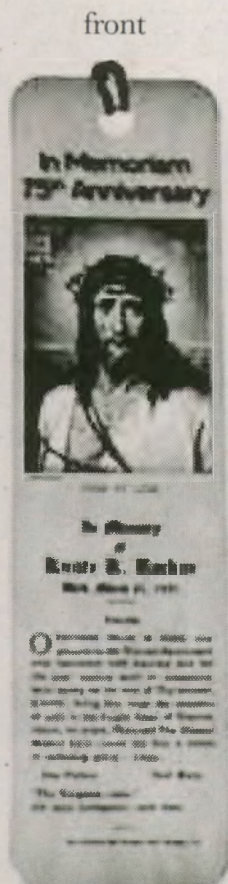
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we cannot celebrate our friends' graduation with them. To not be able to see everyone off makes me sad, really."

Class of 2006 Vice President Anna Skoien said she hopes seniors who will return to the University for a fifth year of studies understand University policy prohibits students not graduating this year from participating in events.

Skoien said she was informed of this policy about one week ago by Senior Class Council faculty advisor Amy Geist.

Skoien was unaware of when this policy was created and said she did not "think [the Class Council] considered changing it."

"This is the policy that was presented to me, and I thought that was an assumed thing ... architects participate in a fifth year, and we believed they must have already been told this," she said.

Assistant Director of Student Activities Ryan Willerton said Class Council members are primarily responsible for the planning of events and that all policies "may be stated on the class Web site."

Willerton also said all concerns

should be addressed to the Class Council.

Senior Class Council members have discussed the issue, but Skoien said the policy "is not anything we as students are enforcing ... Regardless of if [a student] entered as the Class of 2006, the University's policy is if [a student] does not graduate in May they cannot participate in Senior Week."

Skoien said she does not want ineligible seniors to think the council is "trying to spite them in any way."

"I know some architects are upset, but I don't think that this is something Senior Class Council wants them to feel negative about," she said. "To me the University policy is something most people are aware of."

But for seniors like Donovan and

Garcia, not being able to participate in the week's events leaves them feeling robbed of final memories with fellow seniors.

"It seems unfair because we are part of the Class of 2006," Donovan said. "These are all the kids I have shared my ND experience with and who I would want to spend my Senior Week with."

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"I feel left out. I think it is kind of ridiculous we cannot celebrate our friends' graduation with them. To not be able to see everyone off makes me sad, really."

Sonia Garcia
architecture student

Outage

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portion from outside suppliers. Since the suppliers who provide approximately half of Notre Dame's power were cut off, the campus lost about half of its power.

"Nine feeders tripped, which is about half of the 20 feeders," Kempf said.

The feeders — lines that supply power to clusters of buildings — shut down as a result of the temporary lack of power. When the power was restored, feeders went through a reconnection process and

they came back on automatically.

The loss of electricity was not the only effect of the power outage, as Internet service for all of campus was lost as a result.

"The whole network was down," Aaron Wright, a technical support analyst for OIT said.

He said while back-up generators exist to protect critical areas of the network such as the data center, they are not meant to keep all of campus running during a power outage.

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Interim

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College of Engineering Frank Incropera to research splitting the position of vice president for graduate studies and research into two positions. If split, one position would be responsible for issues relating to academics, while the other would be responsible for issues related to research.

There is "no one particular model that is used" by universities, Burish said.

Burish said "no final decision" would be made until Incropera's committee reaches a conclusion.

The search itself will take time, Burish said.

"I anticipate a national search for one person to fill the role of vice president, or

two if it is divided," he said.

Pope-Davis specializes in the areas of multicultural psychology, counseling and education. He is also the co-author of three books related to his fields of expertise, and he has had more than 50 journal articles and book chapters published.

Pope-Davis was appointed assistant vice president of the Notre Dame Graduate School in 2002 and was promoted to associate vice president two years later. He has also served as a coordinator for the Multicultural Research Institute and is a director of Notre Dame's McNair Scholars Program.

He is the chair of Notre Dame's Faculty Board on Athletics and its NCAA faculty athletics representative.

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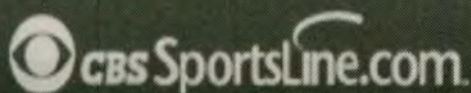
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include Chris Zorich (1991), Walt Collins (1996), Jen Renola (1997), Father John Wilson (2001), Richard Conklin (2001), Aubrey Lewis (2002), Father Al D'Alonzo (2003), Dr. Donald Diebold (2003), Dr. Robert Perry (2004), Dr. Raymond Holden (2004) and Ken Kwak (2005).

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Car bombs amass Iraqi casualties

BAGHDAD — A string of car bombs rocked Baghdad on Monday, killing 10 people and wounding nearly 80 in an apparent campaign to discredit Iraq's new leadership. At least 15 people were killed in other bombings and shootings.

Police also discovered the bodies of 28 people in the capital and the northern city of Mosul. They included 15 police recruits from Ramadi who were kidnapped Sunday and slain by insurgents, police said.

The seven car bombs exploded over a five-hour period in six widely separated neighborhoods across the capital. The first blast occurred near the Health Ministry and killed five people, Lt. Col. Faleh al-Mohammedawi said.

Nepal king offers peace to protesters

KATMANDU — Nepal's embattled King Gyanendra on Monday reinstated the lower house of Parliament and expressed his sympathies for those killed in weeks of pro-democracy protests, trying to avoid a bloody showdown between demonstrators and his security forces.

"We extend our heartfelt condolences for all those who have lost their lives in the people's movement," Gyanendra said in the address, broadcast on state television and radio.

Nepal's largest opposition party welcomed the king's comments, and the sounds of celebratory shouts and whistles could be heard in the streets of Katmandu minutes after the 11:30 p.m. speech.

NATIONAL NEWS

Siraj faces trial for subway bomb plot

NEW YORK — A Pakistani immigrant, angered by the war in Iraq and the Abu Ghraib prison scandal, plotted to bomb one of the city's busiest subway stations in 2004 to teach America "a good lesson," a prosecutor said Monday at a federal conspiracy trial.

The defendant, Shahawar Matin Siraj, considered striking several potential targets including the Verrazano-Narrows Bridge before settling on the Herald Square subway station, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Todd Harrison.

"In the summer of 2004, he could barely pass a bridge or subway station without planning to place a bomb there," Harrison said.

Defense attorney Martin Stolar told jurors his client was entrapped by an informant who had infiltrated a Brooklyn mosque.

The government "created a crime where none previously existed," Stolar said.

Jury takes up Moussaoui's fate

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Zacarias Moussaoui's fate was placed Monday afternoon in the hands of a jury that will decide whether he is executed for his part in the deaths of Sept. 11, 2001.

Jurors opened deliberations at 2:26 p.m. EDT, after final pleadings from the prosecution to "put an end to his hatred and venom" by opting for execution, and from the defense to spare him the martyr's death he seeks and send him to prison for life instead.

The jury decided in 15 hours of deliberations over four days earlier this month that Moussaoui, 37, the only man charged in this country in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, was responsible for deaths that day even though he was in jail.

LOCAL NEWS

Teen center workers face sex charges

INDIANAPOLIS — Nine former juvenile detention workers are facing sexual misconduct and other charges for allegedly having sex with six teenage girls detained at the center between 2000 and 2005.

Marion County Prosecutor Carl Brizzi said Monday that the men wooed girls ages 13 to 15 with love letters and gifts, including a teddy bear emblazoned with the words "I Love You."

Damon Ellison, the center's superintendent, is charged with neglect of a dependent and obstruction of justice for allegedly failing for six years to report the rape of a girl housed at the center on Indianapolis' northeast side.

EGYPT

Blasts devastate tourist area

Attack occurs day after bin Laden's warning, al-Qaida involvement unconfirmed

Associated Press

CAIRO — Three nearly simultaneous explosions rocked the Egyptian resort city of Dahab on Monday, killing at least 22 people and wounding more than 150 in a terror attack at the height of the tourist season.

Police said the explosions hit the central part of the city where there are many shops, restaurants, bars and guesthouses. The blasts ripped through the town at 7:15 p.m., shortly after nightfall, when the streets would have been jammed with tourists — mainly Egyptians, Europeans, Israelis and expatriates living in Egypt.

The attackers struck a day after al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden issued a taped warning that ordinary Western citizens had become legitimate targets of his terrorist organization because of their support of governments that he said were conducting a "crusader war against Islam."

President Hosni Mubarak, whose economy is heavily dependent on tourism, said the blasts were a "sinful terrorist action."

A witness, Serge Loussarian, told CNN that an explosion took place in an area with restaurants and bars. "We heard the explosion and then we saw a big light. And a lot of people running," he said.

Another witness said the Al Capone restaurant, one of the resort area's most popular spots, was destroyed.

"At the restaurant, there is nothing there. The tables and chairs have gone, there is nothing left," Joseph Nazir, who owns a safari company in Dahab, told Britain's Press Association. "Everybody is panicking, a lot of people are crying. We



Emergency vehicles line up at the Taba border crossing between Israel and the Egyptian Sinai Monday, after three explosions rocked the Egyptian Sinai resort city of Dahab.

will be affected by this for a long, long time."

British tourist Paul McBeath told Sky News that there had been "no warning whatsoever."

"There were just three loud bangs and people rushing around," McBeath said. "Everybody is shaken."

Security officials, who would not allow use of their names because they were not authorized to release information, said at least 22 bodies had been recovered. Dr. Muhammed Hussein at the Dahab International Hospital said 12 bodies and 23 people with serious

injuries had been brought to his emergency room alone.

Terrorist attacks have killed nearly 100 people at several tourist resorts of Egypt's Sinai region in the past two years.

Bombings in the resorts of Taba and Ras Shitan, near the Israeli border, killed 34 people in October 2004. Last July, suicide attackers in the resort of Sharm el-Sheik killed at least 64 people, mainly tourists.

The Egyptian government has said the militants who carried out the bombings were locals without international connections, but

other security agencies have said they suspect al-Qaida.

In Washington, a U.S. counterterrorism official, who spoke on condition of anonymity in compliance with office policy, said that it is unclear who is behind Monday's attack. U.S. officials have not ruled out the possibility that al-Qaida may be involved, but have no evidence showing that's the case.

Nor do officials have any evidence that bin Laden's tape, released Sunday, was in any way linked to the attack, said the counterterrorism official.

Bush calls deportation unrealistic

Associated Press

IRVINE, Calif. — President Bush, rebutting lawmakers advocating a law-and-order approach to immigration, said Monday that those who are calling for massive deportation of the estimated 11 million foreigners living illegally in the United States are not being realistic.

"Massive deportation of the people here is not going to work," Bush said as a Congress divided over immigration returned from a two-week recess. "It's just not going to work."

In addition to speaking here, Bush was meeting Tuesday with a bipartisan group of senators at the White House to press his case.

In Irvine, Bush spoke in support of a stalled Senate bill that includes provisions that would allow for

eventual citizenship to some of the illegal immigrants already here. Some conservatives say that would amount to amnesty.

"This is one of the really important questions Congress is going to have to deal with," Bush said. The president said he thought the Senate "had an interesting approach by saying that if you'd been here for five years or less, you're treated one way, and five years or more, you're treated another."

Standing in the center of a theater in the round-type setting with an audience full of business people, Bush spoke sympathetically about the plight of foreigners who risk their lives to sneak into the United States to earn a decent wage. He said the U.S. needs a temporary guest worker program to stop peo-

ple from paying to be smuggled in the back of a truck.

"I know this is an emotional debate," Bush told the Orange County Business Council. "But one thing we can't lose sight of is that we are talking about human beings, decent human beings."

Lawmakers, with an eye on Election Day in just over six months, remain far apart on whether to crack down on illegal immigrants or embrace them as vital contributors to the U.S. economy.

Bush said it's important to enforce border laws that are on the books and boasted that 6 million immigrants have been captured and turned back since he took office.

"You can be a nation of law and be a compassionate nation at the same time," he said to applause.

PANAMA

President announces expansion of canal

Associated Press

PANAMA CITY — Panama's president said a planned expansion of the Panama Canal would define the waterway's "role in the 21st century" and on Monday called on voters to support a referendum to pay for the proposal.

The expansion to make way for huge new container ships that can carry twice as much cargo is expected to cost \$5.3 billion — in a country whose government budget is \$6.5 billion a year. It will be put to voters in a referendum later this year.

In a speech televised nationwide Monday evening, President Martin Torrijos said the expansion, approved by the board of directors of the Panama Canal, was "the most important decision about the canal and its role in the 21st century."

The biggest ships that can pass through the canal's current locks are known as "Panamax" vessels and can carry 4,000 cargo containers. They barely fit in the locks, which are about 108 feet wide.

The project calls for the construction of a third set of locks of water chambers that will allow the large "Post-Panamax" class of cargo ships to use the 50-mile waterway between the Atlantic and the Pacific oceans.

The president — whose father, Omar Torrijos, negotiated the 1979 treaty that eventually gave Panama total control over the canal — appealed to Panamanians to support the expansion.

The government's determi-

nation to widen the canal is fueled by fears that newer, larger ships will seek other routes between the Atlantic and the Pacific.

"The Panama Canal route is facing competition," Torrijos said. "If we do not meet the challenge to continue to give a competitive service other routes will emerge that will replace ours. It would be unforgivable to refuse to improve the capacity of the waterway."

The Torrijos government also is counting on an economic windfall that would come from an estimated 7,000 jobs during the five-year construction.

Recent polls indicate that a majority of Panamanians favor the expansion, which the president said would be financed through canal fees and some bank investments without risking government social programs.

In 2005,

Panama earned \$1.2 billion in canal fees, maintenance and other related services levied on some 13,000 ship crossings.

Panama took over the administration of the waterway on December 31, 1999, the day the U.S. military presence in Panama ended. The United States is the main user of the canal, followed by the combined South American countries and China.

Opponents of the expansion, among them former canal administrator Fernando Manfredo, argue that the project is unnecessary and risky because it depends on variables like the growth of maritime world trade, world economic fluctuations and even politics.

"If we do not meet the challenge to continue to give a competitive service, other routes will emerge that will replace ours."

**Martin Torrijos
president**

VENEZUELA

Chavez pushes to increase control

State-owned oil company proposes larger stake in heavy crude projects

Associated Press

CARACAS — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez wants to further increase state control over some of the country's most promising oil projects in a move industry analysts warn could squeeze corporate profits and spook foreign investment.

A proposal raised by state oil company Petroleos de Venezuela SA, or PDVSA, to take a larger stake in heavy crude projects operating in the oil-rich Orinoco River basin has yet to be spelled out. But analysts warn it is threatening to hurt long-term oil production in an area that potentially outstrips Saudi Arabia's proven reserves at a time when oil prices are rising on fears of depleting deposits and surging demand.

In comments published over the weekend, Eulogio Del Pino, a PDVSA director who oversees contracts with foreign oil companies, told the El Universal newspaper that Venezuela would like oil majors BP PLC, Exxon Mobil Corp., Chevron Corp., ConocoPhillips, France's Total SA and Norway's Statoil ASA to change four heavy oil upgrading projects into state-controlled joint ventures, known as "mixed companies."

While the terms have yet to be presented and any changes would need to be approved by congress, Del Pino said the government should "do the job completely and the participation of the state should be 51 percent."

Venezuela has already set a precedent for what it has in

mind: earlier this month, it voided oil-pumping contracts with private companies at 32 fields and replaced them with the new mixed-company model that gives PDVSA a minimum 60-percent stake, sharply raised royalties and taxes and reduced potential drilling acreage by almost two-thirds.

"It's a matter of time," before Venezuela moves to impose similar terms on the Orinoco projects, which together produce about 600,000 barrels a day, said Juan Carlos Sosa Azpurua, president of Grupo Petroleo YV, a Caracas-based energy consultant.

The results of that could be grave in a sector that needs as much as \$5 billion a year just to maintain current production and will probably suffer if operations were to be handed over to other players with less expertise in extracting heavy crude, he said.

"It's very possible that production will go down," Sosa said.

He said the synthetic crude produced by the projects comprises only a fraction of total world oil supplies — currently at about 84 million barrels a day — and is unlikely to have a tangible effect on the market.

Venezuela has so far left little negotiating room from the oil majors in announcing such contractual changes.

PDVSA seized two oil fields from Total and Italy's Eni SpA after they refused to migrate their oil-pumping contracts to the joint ventures earlier this month. Oil Minister Rafael Ramirez has said Venezuela

does not need companies that refuse to adjust to the new terms.

Ramirez said on the sidelines of an oil conference in Qatar on Sunday that Total and Eni would not be compensated for the fields they lost.

Much more is at stake in the Orinoco projects, where the companies have invested a combined \$16 billion in developing the technology and infrastructure to extract tar-like bitumen and convert it into lighter, more marketable crudes at the giant Jose refinery.

The Orinoco projects in eastern Venezuela differ markedly from the 32 oil fields where the state has already taken a majority share, because companies operating in the Orinoco own the bulk of the oil infrastructure in the area, Sosa said. In the other oil fields, the companies did not own such assets.

"It's going to be much more difficult," to calculate and compensate the companies for investments in the Orinoco if the government decides to seize them, he said.

Jose Toro Hardy, an oil analyst and former PDVSA director, said the private companies are also clearly the best at exploiting the reserves and it's in Venezuela's interest to keep them there. "The companies that made these investments have been extremely successful," he said.

Most of the companies involved have not responded directly to Del Pino's comments, though most indicated discussion were ongoing with the government.



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IN BRIEF

Retired worker sues Exxon Mobil

TRENTON, N.J. — A retired steamfitter who claims his asbestos-contaminated work clothes caused his wife's death can sue Exxon Mobil, owner of a refinery where he worked, New Jersey's Supreme Court ruled Monday.

The oil company should have known Eleanor Olivo was in danger from washing her husband's work clothes, the court said in a unanimous ruling.

"Exxon Mobil owed a duty to spouses handling the workers' unprotected work clothing based on the foreseeable risk of exposure from asbestos borne home on contaminated clothing," the court said.

Eleanor Olivo died in 2001 from a rare form of cancer associated with prolonged exposure to asbestos. Her husband is seeking unspecified damages.

Anthony Olivo worked as a steamfitter and welder from 1947 until he retired in 1984. The Woodbury resident worked for several contractors at various sites in New Jersey, among them Exxon Mobil's refinery in Paulsboro. At the refinery, Olivo worked around asbestos-laden pipe coverings and gaskets.

The company argued that it should not be held responsible for Eleanor Olivo's death because she had never been on company property and her husband was not an Exxon Mobile employee.

An attorney for Exxon Mobil did not immediately return calls for comment.

Former CEO pleads to fraud charges

NEW YORK — Sanjay Kumar, the former CEO of Computer Associates International Inc., pleaded guilty on Monday to obstruction of justice and securities fraud charges.

According to a 2004 indictment, Kumar was so involved with adding revenue to a financial quarter even after it closed that he flew to Paris in July 1999 to complete a deal and signed a contract that had been backdated.

The indictment also charged that executives instructed salespeople to complete deals after the quarter had closed and "cleaned up" contracts by removing time stamps from faxes.

The law allows a maximum sentence of 20 years in prison for the offenses, but the term could be substantially less under federal sentencing guidelines.

Microsoft battles Europe ruling

Software giant claims software the EU required them to release did not sell

Associated Press

LUXEMBOURG — The European Commission forced the world's largest software maker to offer a product no one wanted and no one bought, Microsoft Corp. told the EU's second-highest court on Monday as it began trying to overturn a landmark antitrust ruling against it.

Microsoft lawyer Jean-Francois Bellis said in his opening statement that the Commission made "fundamental errors of fact and reasoning" in its decision two years ago that the company abused its dominant market position to muscle into media software.

The Commission's order that Microsoft offer customers a version of its Windows desktop operating system without its Media Player — intended to give people a free choice of media software — has been a spectacular failure, he said.

In its core market, no computer maker had shipped a PC or laptop with the media-free Windows XP N version. "Not a single one," Bellis told the 13 judges. Some 90 percent of Windows sales come from being pre-installed on computers when they are sold.

XP N sales represent 0.005 percent of overall XP sales in Europe, Microsoft told the court, and many of the ones produced may remain unsold, it said.

French retailer FNAC, the single largest retailer to order XP N with 46 percent of the orders, has said that it sees no consumer demand for the product, Microsoft said.

"The failure to offer a product that nobody wants cannot be an abuse," Bellis said.

But Commission lawyer Per Hellstrom said Microsoft's arguments were



Commission members gather in the hearing room Monday at the Court of First Instance. Microsoft will fight for the way it conducts future business at this week's hearings.

irrelevant because consumers did not have real freedom of choice over the media software they are offered.

"Microsoft's pleas must be ignored," he told the court. "This is the world according to Microsoft where it decides what is best for consumers."

He said the company effectively controls the market because seven out of ten computers sold in Europe ship with Media Player. Developers see these figures and make content for the player, a situation that squeezes rivals even further, he said.

Bellis said the Commission was wrong to predict that its media player would quash rival software. Economist David Evans told the court that the success of Apple

Computer Inc.'s iTunes and Adobe Systems Inc.'s (formerly Macromedia Inc.'s) Flash player did not bear out EU forecasts.

More than 87 percent of computer users now play media on non-Windows software, Evans said, and PC manufacturers have doubled the number of media players pre-installed on personal computers in Europe over the last two years.

"If the Commission was correct, we should see a steep downward trend," he said.

The European Committee for Interoperable Systems — a group representing some of Microsoft's rivals — said this was false reasoning, because iTunes and others are not fully functioning media software that compete

directly with Windows Media Player.

"It (Windows Media Player) has become the dominant video streaming applications product today only because it was tied to the Windows monopoly," ECIS said in a statement.

"Consumers are obliged to accept Windows Media Player on the PCs they purchase and content providers have little choice but to write their content to work with the ubiquitous technology," it said.

The EU fined the Redmond, Washington-based company a record 497 million euros (\$613 million) in 2004 after deciding that Microsoft had taken advantage of its position as the leading supplier of software for PC operating systems.

Reserve accuses bank of loose grip

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve has accused the Bank of New York of failing to tighten its controls against money laundering as it had promised in 2000 in a case that resulted in its paying \$38 million in criminal penalties.

The Bank of New York, one of the nation's oldest, was not fined in a new agreement with the Fed and the New York State Banking Department, which was dated Friday and made public on Monday. The bank was given 60 days this time to review its compliance with regulations, submit a plan for strengthening its controls against money laundering and take other steps.

In a statement Monday, the bank said it had already completed some of the mandated actions and that others were under way. "We plan to fulfill the expectations of the agreement in

a timely manner," said Thomas Renyi, the bank's chairman and chief executive.

The Fed formally sanctioned the Bank of New York in February 2000 for allegedly lax control and risk-management procedures in its operations involving international banking, fund transfers and stock listings for foreign companies. In an accord with the regulators at the time, the bank promised to correct the alleged deficiencies by tightening its anti-money-laundering controls and its screening of customers in those operations.

The central bank terminated the sanction in June 2002 because, it said, the bank had complied with the agreement.

But the Fed disclosed in the new agreement that reviews conducted last year found "further deficiencies."

The Bank of New York, founded with the aid of Alexander Hamilton in 1784 and one of the nation's largest

trust banks, was rocked by revelations in late 1999 that it had served as a conduit for \$7 billion in Russian money — some of it believed to be from criminal activities. The case was thought at the time to be the largest money-laundering scandal in U.S. history.

Former Bank of New York executive Lucy Edwards and her husband, Peter Berlin, pleaded guilty in February 2000 to federal money-laundering charges. They admitted helping Russian bankers wash billions of dollars through accounts at the bank to avoid Russian taxes and cover up the money's connection to crimes — including money paid as ransom for a Russian kidnapping victim.

Last November, the bank agreed to pay \$38 million in penalties and undertake reforms to end a long-running criminal investigation by federal authorities into fraud and money laundering.

TURKEY

Orthodox celebrate Easter, pray for peace

Associated Press

ISTANBUL — Orthodox Christians around the world celebrated Easter Sunday, worshipping at candlelit services from Russia to Ethiopia before gathering families for outdoor feasts.

Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I, spiritual leader of 200 million Orthodox Christians, led prayers on Easter eve in the crowded Church of St. George in Istanbul. A flame brought from the site of Jesus' grave in Jerusalem was passed from candle to candle.

The patriarch called for peace, telling the congregation, "We call for an end to the killing of one another, and we denounce the violence and fanaticism that threatens life."

In Jerusalem's Church of the Holy Sepulcher, hundreds of Orthodox Christians gathered for Mass.

Candles glowed around the tomb where many Christians believe Jesus was buried, and hymns filled the cavernous grotto-like church.

Orthodox Christians use a different calendar from Roman Catholics and Protestants, so their celebration of Easter usually falls on a different date from the rest of Christianity and always after the Jewish festival of Passover. Coptic Christians in Egypt and some 25 million Ethiopian Christians also celebrated Easter on Sunday.

At the Vatican, Pope Benedict XVI joined Orthodox religious leaders' calls for peace and offered prayers for victims of flooding along the Danube River.

"In the joyous atmosphere of these days, I cannot not recall that many of these peoples, in

Serbia, Romania and Bulgaria, are suffering because of the flooding," he said, speaking from his window overlooking St. Peter's Square to tens of thousands of pilgrims.

The disaster has forced thousands from their homes yet Orthodox Christians still managed to celebrate Easter. Romanian refugees held services outdoors in the flood-stricken village of Rast, where priests used an improvised altar in an open tent.

Similar services in other flooded Eastern European villages were accompanied by fireworks and even celebratory gunfire.

Easter celebrations, a blend religious and local traditions, typically include a spit-roast lamb dinner and a display of hard-boiled eggs, dyed red to symbolize the blood of Christ.

In Cyprus, youths around the island lit traditional Easter bonfires to burn effigies of Judas — the disciple thought to have betrayed Jesus.

In Greece, Orthodox leader Archbishop Christodoulos said the church remains a source of defiance against the negative effects of globalization and dominance of major world powers.

"The church is our hope for the future," Christodoulos said in his Easter message. "It is the living and new resistance against the murderous world order which throws every independent voice, every protest of conscience and reasonable opposition into the meat grinder."

Christodoulos' remarks were seen in part as a reference to the United States, ahead of demonstrations planned this week by anti-globalization and other groups against a visit by U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

"The church is our hope for the future."

Archbishop Christodoulos Orthodox leader

ISRAEL

U.S. teen injured in bombing

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — A 16-year-old American tourist is fighting for his life a week after a Tel Aviv suicide bombing, and thousands are praying for him after an Internet appeal.

Daniel Wultz came to Israel with his parents, Tuly and Sheryl, to visit relatives on Passover. They live in Weston, Fla., north of Miami.

On April 17, father and son were eating lunch in Tel Aviv when a Palestinian suicide bomber ignited 10 pounds of explosives at the entrance to the restaurant. The bomb killed six Israelis, two Romanians, a French tourist and the bomber. Dozens of people were wounded.

Critically wounded, Daniel was taken to Ichilov Hospital. Doctors removed his spleen and a kidney and treated a serious leg wound. His condition remains critical, hospital officials said.

His father suffered less severe injuries but remains hospitalized.

The Wultzes, who have declined to speak to the media, asked their friends and congregation to pray for their son. On Monday, the David Posnack Hebrew Day School in Plantation, Fla., where Daniel has been a student since elementary school, held a prayer service for him.

Rachel Keller, director of Judaic studies at the school, said, "Daniel is a most remarkable

young man. He is a person of great moral convictions and has been a wonderful asset to our school."

In addition to praying for Daniel, the Chabad Lubavitch of Weston has set up a fund in his name.

The family's request for prayers also went out over the Internet, where it reached Naomi Ragen, whose best-selling novels include "The Covenant," a tale of Israelis whose lives are changed by terrorism.

"I got an e-mail from a woman in Dearborn, Mich.," Ragen said, "who forwarded to me a letter she had received from a friend of hers. The message gave Daniel's name and his age and asked that people pray for him."

Scientists study energy in space

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With gasoline hitting \$3 per gallon, scientists have just found the most energy-efficient engines in the universe — black holes, those whirling super-dense centers of galaxies that suck in nearly everything.

The jets of energy spurring out of older ultra-efficient black holes also seem to be playing a crucial role as zoning cops in large galaxies, preventing too many stars from sprouting. That explains why there aren't as many burgeoning galaxies chock full of stars as previously expected, said scientists citing results from NASA's Chandra X-ray Observatory that were released Monday.

For the first time, scientists

measured both the mass of hot gas that is being sucked into nine older black holes and the unseen super-speedy jets of high energy particles spit out, which essentially form a cosmic engine. Then they determined a rate of how efficient these older black hole engines are and were awe-struck.

These black holes are 25 times more efficient than anything man has built, with nuclear power being the most efficient of man-made efforts, said study lead author Steve Allen of Stanford University and the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center.

"If you could make a car engine that was as efficient as one of these black hole engines you could get about a billion miles per gallon of gas," Allen

said. "In anyone's book that would be pretty green."

The galaxies in which these black holes live are bigger than ours, the Milky Way, and 50 million to 400 million light-years away. One light-year is nearly 5.9 trillion miles. The black hole at the center of our galaxy wasn't studied because it wasn't gas-rich and big enough so scientists couldn't measure what was going in and coming out, Allen said.

The results were surprising because the types of black holes studied were older, less powerful and generally considered "boring," scientists said. But they ended up being more efficient than originally thought — possibly as efficient as their younger, brighter and more potent black hole siblings called quasars.

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There is no one true faith

The belief that there is one true religion has incalculably hampered mankind's quest for truth. There is no one most true religion; every religion offers wisdom to be gleaned by the philosophically inquisitive. Most of the major modern world religions have historically refused to recognize this reality, because they have an institutional imperative to perpetuate themselves. If they should have recognized truth in other religions, they would have gained a less firm hold upon their adherents. Truth is not the private possession of any belief system, it is commonly held by all the major world religions.

All the traditions of the major world religions are necessarily flawed in several respects. Whether the great sages of history were recording the revelations offered to them by Allah, Yawheh, Christ, the Lord Krishna, the great Buddha or any other figure, it was still a human hand with human prejudices unique to the time of composition that wrote down the interpretations of divine reality. If the divine had inspired the sages so that it was rather a human hand dictating exactly what the divine desired, then a literal interpretation of scriptures would be correct. The world religious traditions and scriptures contain unethical stories, contradictions and falsehoods that preclude this from being a reality. The myths of the Old Testament, for instance, have passages that suggest entirely unethical courses of action — like the stoning of certain peoples, or the divinely inspired sacking of cities.



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The great sages were attempting to capture the divine reality, and did capture elements of it. No human religion could ever capture all of it though — religions were created by human beings. Human logic can never completely comprehend or understand the divine. The divine is perfect, and hence the supreme and highest form of logic. In order for humans to be able to understand the logic of divinity, it would mean that our lesser, flawed logic would be able to contain and control the elements of this logic divine. Nothing that is inferior is able to contain that which is superior; thus, it is an impossibility for men to understand the logic of the gods.

The wise man, understanding that truth is present in all religions, and can never truly be found, does not turn away from the quest for divine. He steels himself and redoubles his resolve. The search for the divine becomes much harder, because instead of looking for truth within one tradition, the challenge becomes to search within manifold traditions. One must, like a prospector, sift dirt through his pan hoping to find nuggets of gold. Different people find certain traditions more relevant than others to their individual life and spirituality. People should go forth into the world with a mind open to receive God.

A particularly healthy approach to spirituality is to develop a fusion of religious ideas, and to mold them into a coherent and sound philosophy that can be applied to one's life. Where one religion is weak, another is often strong. For example, the western religious tradition tends to draw hard dualities, like that of people and God. These seem to be false dualities to this writer. I find that the Hindu concept of the immanence of God everywhere, and in everyone, seems more real. God is literally in everyone; we are part of God,

perhaps better seen as an absolute reality. I firmly believe the Christian ideal of fraternal love and compassion. Hence, I am trying to fuse Eastern and Western traditions, in order to create a Hindu-Christian approach. It works for me, but I don't necessarily expect it to work for others. Everyone must find out for himself what religious traditions lie in harmony with the truth he has felt via life.

Spirituality is an intensely personal experience, and one should seek to actualize her potential to participate in the beauty and splendor of the divine. If people peg themselves within one tradition only because they were born into it, they will not know if they are getting the most out of their spiritual life. The tradition of someone's birth may be the correct one or ones for him, and that is perfectly fine and acceptable. One can only know this through experience. All truth is experiential at its roots. Empiricism is the way to find the divine. Philosophy takes the raw, visceral experiences of our lives, and orders them in a way that our mind can process and understand them. Experience tempered by empirical philosophy is the path to the absolute reality of God. While we can never fully understand this reality, we can become closer to it, and gain a firmer, though still incomplete, understanding of it.

Ian Ronderos is a senior majoring in the Classics with a supplementary major in ancient Greek and Roman civilizations. Writing this column has been a pleasure. He would like to thank all of his friends for the philosophical conversations without which this column would have been an impossibility. Life is a celebration.

The views expressed in this column are those of the author and not necessarily those of The Observer.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Improving relations, one can at a time

I've always been one to defend the police whenever peers complain about "the man getting them down" when what that really means is "the police doing their job." However, after seeing the NDSP do everything in their power to prevent the MCAT examinees from celebrating the completion of an eight-hour test that requires an entire semester (if not more) of preparation, I felt compelled to write a letter.

Yes, I'm sure that champagne showers on the quad are against du Lac, illegal, etc. Same goes for beer. I'm sure that in terms of the applicable rules, the students' actions were blatantly wrong. I also acknowledge the fact that NDSP's role is not to improve relationships between the students and authority. However, with all the disclaimers in place, I present my point:

The presence of NDSP officers outside of DeBartolo Hall on Saturday, April 22, did little to improve... well... just about anything. If the goal of the officers was to prevent students from consuming alcohol then I assure you, they failed. Maybe they stopped people from drinking on the quad, but I'm fairly certain that the kids that planned on celebrating ended up doing it at a different time and place. If their goal was to maintain the pristine image of Notre Dame in front of the campus visitors that came for the Blue & Gold Game, I assure you, they failed. However, I'm not sure how impressed the visitors were with the random bag searches (including kids just coming out of the MCATs, as if they brought drinks with them to the test), the bickering between students and the officers (including calling students "idiotic," an effective means of conveying an opposing viewpoint, to be sure), the theft of a stu-

dent's camera, and the blatant lack of respect (on both sides). Truly, this did little to illustrate Notre Dame at its finest.

So what did the presence of NDSP achieve? Increased animosity between students and police officers, some citations, possibly a good amount of recycling and general discontent. I will acknowledge that safety is a valid concern, and that the job of the police is to protect and serve, but I truly believe that, with the number of officers present, it would have been sufficient to let the students celebrate and only step in when something blatantly dangerous was happening. Had this been the case, I wouldn't be writing this letter, because I realize that safety is important and should be given priority. However, I would classify the amount of NDSP involvement as "preventing as much jubilation as humanly possible" instead of "reacting to danger." I am truly disappointed that post-MCAT celebration turned out the way it did. The examinees deserved the celebration, everyone deserved more respect, and supportive friends deserved acknowledgement as supportive friends, instead of being treated like unsavory youths.

Maybe next year the students should adopt a "For every bottle of champagne you dump, I'm going to drink three" policy. Or maybe the administration will remember that they, too, were fun-loving college kids at one point... but let's go with the former next year, just to be safe.

Vince Thomas
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April 24

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William Shakespeare
English playwright

AROUND THE NATION

Tuesday, April 25, 2006

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Women's Tennis ITA Top 25

	team	record	previous
1	Stanford	22-0	1
2	NOTRE DAME	21-1	2
3	Southern California	14-3	4
4	Florida	18-1	3
5	Baylor	20-3	5
6	California	15-6	11
7	North Carolina	23-5	10
8	Vanderbilt	20-3	8
9	Miami (Fla.)	17-5	6
10	Georgia Tech	18-5	12
11	Northwestern	17-4	9
12	Duke	16-6	7
13	Pepperdine	17-3	6
14	Va. Commonwealth	24-0	19
15	UCLA	13-4	14
16	TCU	17-6	20
17	Clemson	15-6	21
18	Harvard	14-6	15
19	Texas	13-9	17
20	Wake Forest	12-8	16
21	Kentucky	15-8	23
22	William and Mary	14-7	22
23	Fresno State	15-6	24
24	Georgia	12-8	NR
25	Arizona State	23-8	18

Men's Tennis ITA Top 25

	team	record	previous
1	Georgia	22-0	1
2	Pepperdine	27-2	2
3	Duke	17-6	6
4	Texas	18-2	3
5	Illinois	18-5	5
6	Baylor	15-5	4
7	Ohio State	20-1	8
8	UCLA	16-5	7
9	Virginia	19-7	11
10	Miami (Fla.)	17-3	10
11	North Carolina	23-3	12
12	Va. Commonwealth	22-4	9
13	Mississippi	18-4	13
14	Florida	14-6	14
15	Stanford	14-3	15
16	NOTRE DAME	15-7	17
17	Texas A&M	14-8	18
18	Washington	17-4	20
19	Florida State	15-10	22
20	LSU	15-8	16
21	Oklahoma St.	13-4	19
22	Arkansas	16-8	25
23	California	14-5	24
24	Clemson	19-8	21
25	Colorado	17-6	NR

MIAA Softball

	team	conf.	ovr.
1	Hope	9-1	21-11
2	Albion	8-4	20-16
3	Alma	8-4	19-9
4	Saint Mary's	9-5	23-11
5	Tri-State	7-5	19-17
6	Olivet	6-6	20-10
7	Calvin	5-7	13-17
8	Adrian	3-13	12-24
9	Kalamazoo	1-11	6-22

NCAA LACROSSE



Duke lacrosse player Collin Finnerty, right, sits with his father Kevin Finnerty as he waits to appear before a judge in Durham, N.C. April 18. Finnerty was charged with raping and kidnapping a stripper hired for an off-campus party.

Duke alumni question suspensions

Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Several Duke University alumni questioned the school's president Saturday about suspending two lacrosse players charged with raping a stripper at a team party, with one saying his alma mater is guilty of "a tremendous rush to judgment."

"It was convenient to throw the lacrosse team overboard along with their coach," said Joe Baden, a 1970 Duke graduate from Raleigh.

Baden was among about a half dozen alumni to question President Richard Brodhead during a forum held as part of a weekend of

class reunions. During a talk about the school's strategic plan, Brodhead stopped the program for a half hour to specifically take questions from the crowd of nearly 100 about the lacrosse team and the rape allegations.

Duke has not confirmed it suspended the two players charged with rape, although the university has said the school's practice is to issue an interim suspension when a student is charged with a felony or when the student's presence on the campus may create an unsafe situation.

"We really asked ourselves, on the matter of interim suspension, 'How do

we do these things?'" Brodhead told a questioner. "The custom of this place, I assure you it is the custom of many places, on indictment for a felony ... that's the way to go with it and that's the way we did it this time."

Sophomores Reade Seligmann, of Essex Fells, N.J., and Collin Finnerty, of Garden City, N.Y., were charged this past week with first-degree rape, sexual assault and kidnapping. Authorities believe they were two of the three white men who a 27-year-old black single mother says raped her at a March 13 lacrosse team party.

Both quickly posted a

\$400,000 bond, and attorneys for the two players and other team members continue to strongly proclaim their innocence. Meanwhile, District Attorney Mike Nifong has said he hopes to charge a third person, whom he has yet to identify with certainty.

The allegations led Brodhead to cancel the lacrosse season and accept the resignation of the team's coach. Baden wondered whether Brodhead would have done the same if men's basketball coach Mike Krzyzewski, who has won three national titles and is considering among the best in the game, was at the center of the scandal.

IN BRIEF

Bush refutes housing scandal rumors

LOS ANGELES — Former Southern California star Reggie Bush said there was nothing inappropriate about his family's living arrangement at a home owned by a man who reportedly sought to market him because they paid rent there.

"My parents leased the house, just like any normal family would," Bush said in an interview Monday. "It's kind of funny how this whole story is getting blown out of proportion."

The Pac-10 said Sunday that it will investigate whether any NCAA rules were violated when Bush's family, including mother Denise Griffin, stepfather LaMar Griffin and brother Jovan Griffin lived in the Spring Valley, Calif., house while Bush was still playing for USC last season.

The home was owned by Michael Michaels, who reportedly attempted to steer Bush toward signing with San Diego agent David Caravantes.

Panthers refuse to match Bears' offer for Manning Jr.

LOS ANGELES — The Carolina Panthers declined to match the Chicago Bears' offer sheet to cornerback Ricky Manning Jr., one day after he was arrested on suspicion of assault following a fight at a restaurant near the UCLA campus.

A Panthers spokesman said the decision was unrelated to the arrest. Manning, a 25-year-old restricted free agent, signed a five-year, \$21 million offer sheet with the Bears last Friday after three seasons with Carolina.

Manning was arrested early Sunday after he allegedly hit a man in the face along with four or five companions at a Denny's restaurant in the Westwood section of Los Angeles, said officer Mike Lopez, a spokesman for the Los Angeles Police Department. Police didn't know what prompted the fight, or whether Manning knew the alleged victim.

SMU hires former Tar Heel Doherty as hoops coach

DALLAS — SMU hired former national coach of the year Matt Doherty on Monday to try reviving a program that hasn't gone to the NCAA tournament in 13 years.

Doherty signed a five-year deal, but terms weren't disclosed. Doherty, coming off a 15-13 season at Florida Atlantic, replaces Jimmy Tubbs, who was fired April 6 after two losing seasons and an internal investigation that uncovered NCAA violations.

"I look at this as a destination job," Doherty said. "I didn't want to take a job to take another job."

Doherty, who won a national championship as a player for North Carolina, broke into coaching with Notre Dame in 1999-2000. He took over the Tar Heels the next season and earned the coach of the year award from The Associated Press for going 26-7 and winning a share of the regular-season ACC title.

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NBA

Heat hold off Bulls' run to take two-game lead

Wade scores 21, including game-clinching shot to stop Chicago's rally with one minute remaining in the game

Associated Press

MIAMI — Same old story: With the Miami Heat in trouble, Dwyane Wade saved the day.

Wade hit a spinning jumper in the lane with 1:04 left to halt a frantic Chicago rally, and blocked Ben Gordon's layup with 26 seconds left to ensure that Miami would beat the Bulls 115-108 on Monday night and take a 2-0 lead in the teams' best-of-seven Eastern Conference first-round series.

Jason Williams and Shaquille O'Neal each had 22 points for Miami, which saw what was a 20-point third-quarter lead cut to four with 1:15 remaining. But Wade added 21 points, seven assists, five rebounds and four steals for the Heat, who tied a franchise playoff record with six players in double figures.

Antoine Walker — who played the first 40:20 without a rest, filling in for the suspended Udonis Haslem — added 17 points and 10 rebounds for the Heat, who also got 12 points from James Posey and 11 from Gary Payton.

Andres Nocioni led all scorers with 30 points — on 13-for-15 shooting — for Chicago. Kirk Hinrich had 17 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter for the Bulls, who will host Game 3 on Thursday night.

The Bulls allowed 111 points or more four times in the regular season. The Heat now have done it twice in this series, and shot 52 percent on Monday. Walker scored off an offensive rebound with 8:12 left, giving Miami a 102-84 lead — and a

two-game series lead seemed all but certain.

Five minutes later, those prospects were precarious, at best.

Hinrich hit three straight jumpers — a personal 7-0 run — to get the Bulls within 102-91 with 4:52 left, and he scored four more points in what was a 13-2 Chicago burst that cut Miami's lead to 104-97 with 3:00 left.

Wade found Walker for a layup at the 2:46 mark, and hit a jumper 59 seconds later to push Miami's lead back to 108-99. Once again, the Bulls weren't done — Hinrich scored, and after Wade missed from the same spot he'd hit from one possession earlier, Nocioni hit a 3-pointer with 1:15 left that got Chicago within four.

But Wade scored on the next trip, Nocioni threw the ball away on Chicago's next possession, and Miami could soon exhale.

No one need remind Chicago how a 2-0 series lead guarantees little; the Bulls blew a two-game lead in the first round against Washington last season, dropping the next four games. But recovering is a daunting task; the Bulls have prevailed only once in 14 previous playoff series after starting with two losses.

The Heat have taken 2-0 series leads on five other occasions, and won them all.

After Michael Sweetney hit two free throws with 5.4 seconds left in the half, the Bulls could have gone into intermission trailing by only seven.

Instead, in a flash, the margin was 11.

Williams streaked down the

right sideline and made a layup with 1.2 seconds left — leaving enough time for one more score. Wade intercepted Chicago's inbound pass and dunked just before the clock went to 0.0, giving Miami a 68-57 lead at the break.

And the deficit had to perplex the Bulls, who shot the ball at a ridiculous clip in the first half. They hit 61 percent of their tries, were 6-for-8 from 3-point range and 7-for-8 from the foul line — yet still faced a double-digit hole, largely because of 12 turnovers that Miami cashed in for 14 points.

For the second straight game, the Bulls — who led the NBA in field-goal percentage defense during the regular season — couldn't do much to slow Miami's offense.

The Heat were up 8-0 before the game was 17 minutes old, and although Miami later found itself trailing by three in the second quarter — a period which Chicago began with a 9-0 run — it outscored the Bulls 19-10 in the final five minutes before halftime.

Miami's lead reached 15, then its largest, after O'Neal and Wade had the opening two baskets of the second half.

Nocioni had five points in a 7-0 burst that got Chicago within 72-64, but Wade spun in the lane and threw a lob for a one-handed O'Neal slam that got Miami's cushion back to 10 and ended the Bulls' run.

Posey and Walker hit back-to-back 3-pointers later in the third to start what became a 12-2 Miami run, with Posey capping it with a layup for an 89-69 lead, and the Heat entered the fourth up 95-76.



Chicago's Malik Allen, right, and Andres Nocioni watch from the bench during their 115-108 playoff loss to Miami Monday night.

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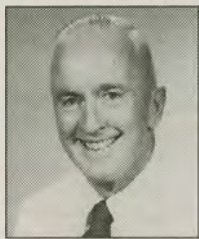
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Jenkins' closing statement a serious misstep

University President Father John Jenkins, in his April 5 closing statement, delivered the name of Notre Dame to validate "The Vagina Monologues" movement, including the book of that name, and the Queer Film Festival, with the movement of which it is a part. He distorted the meaning of a Catholic university. And he did it all with persistent incoherence.

Jenkins ignored the substantive defects of the Queer Film Festival and gave it a license as long as it goes by its new name. That is like dealing with a soiled diaper by changing the pins. That validation of the Queer Film Festival may be more significant, but "The Vagina Monologues" was the focus of his statement.



Charles
Rice

*Right or
Wrong?*

Jenkins fell for the lie that the "Monologues" oppose violence against women. "The Vagina Monologues" promotes that violence. First, the proceeds go to the YWCA, which informs pregnant women about abortion, in which about half of those murdered are women. Second, the "Monologues" encourage such violence by objectifying women. The human person, as Pope John Paul II put it, is a "unified totality" of body and soul. "The Vagina Monologues" fragments that unity by personifying a body part and equating the woman to that part.

The "Monologues" present the vagina as an entity with which the woman should establish a "conscious relationship." It includes such gems as, "If your vagina got dressed, what would it wear?" and "If your vagina could talk, what would it say, in two words?" The "Monologues" recount the lesbian seduction of a 16-year-old by a 24-year-old, which the victim describes as "my ... salvation." Another monologue consists of the repetition of a four-letter expletive describing a body part. Other monologists recount conversations with their vaginas or vulvae. Others describe lesbian sexual acts. One monologue recounts a group masturbation, with the aid of hand mirrors, in a workshop run by "a woman who believes in vaginas." The decisive moment

came when a participant thought, "I didn't have to find it. I had to be it. Be it. Be my clitoris. My vagina, my vagina, me." This moronic equation of a woman with her body part facilitates the violence the "Monologues" claim to oppose.

Jenkins would "suppress speech" only if it were "overt and insistent in its contempt for the values and sensibilities of this University, or of any of the diverse groups that form part of our community." Those, including Bishop John M. D'Arcy, who rightly see "The Vagina Monologues" as a "contempt for [their] values and sensibilities," do not count, in the Jenkins world, as one of those "diverse groups." Bishops, incidentally, "should be seen not as external agents but as participants in the life of the Catholic university" (Ex Corde Ecclesiae, Application, III).

Jenkins' Jan. 23 address said, of an anti-Semitic play, "I do not believe that such a performance could be permitted at Notre Dame." He got that right: "Its anti-Semitic elements are clearly and outrageously opposed to the values of a Catholic university." But what about "The Vagina Monologues" and the Queer Film Festival? The Jenkins Statement says that "[The Monologues'] portrayals of sexuality [are] in opposition to Catholic teaching." So they should be banned, right? Guess again:

"It is essential," said Jenkins, "that we hear a full range of views. ...but ... we must ... bring these ... views into dialogue with the Catholic ... tradition. This demands balance ... and the inclusion of the Catholic perspective ... [T]his year's ['Monologues'] was brought into dialogue ... through panels which ... taught me ... that the creative contextualization of a play like ['The Vagina Monologues'] can bring certain perspectives on important issues into a constructive and fruitful dialogue with the Catholic tradition." Translating the jargon, his bottom line is, "I see no reason to prohibit ['The Vagina Monologues']."

So Jenkins, correctly, would bar the anti-Semitic play, even with a panel. Such a play is a lie. But so are the "Monologues" and the Queer Film Festival. Jenkins would allow "The Vagina Monologues" if it is followed by a panel including the Catholic "perspective" as a debatable alternative. The Catholic university "guarantees academic freedom

... within the confines of the truth and the common good" (Ex Corde Ecclesiae, no. 12). That truth, a unity of faith and reason, includes the ennobling Catholic teaching on women and sexuality. It is objective and normative, not one of the "perspectives" that might be nonjudgmentally included in a panel at Michigan State.

Why do the "Monologues" and the Queer Film Festival get an easy pass at Notre Dame? In our politically correct culture, it is open season on Catholic sexual morality. That teaching can be advanced only as one "perspective" without any serious claim to objective validity. Jenkins, playing that game, confirms that political correctness is the operative official religion of Notre Dame. His statement patronized faculty and students with a self-centered concept of freedom, divorced from any duty to objective truth. That concept corresponds to the "relativism" which, in Pope Benedict XVI's words, "recognizes nothing as absolute and ... leaves the I and its whims as the ultimate measure."

Incidentally, Jenkins' encouragement of "Loyal Daughters," a proposed play of uncertain content, his creation of a diverse and predictably useless committee to discuss things and his announcement of porous guidelines for events, all amount to a fig leaf to cover an accommodation to the relativist, homosexual culture.

President Brian J. Shanley, O.P., got it right in banning "The Vagina Monologues" at Providence College. "A Catholic college" said Shanley, "cannot sanction the performance of works of art that are inimical to the teaching of the Church in an area as important as female sexuality and the dignity of women." Jenkins should have borrowed the Shanley statement.

The Closing Statement is well named. It closes the effective phase of the Jenkins presidency. It involves no animosity or disrespect toward Jenkins to conclude, with regret, that he should resign or be removed.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Crisis in Uganda an affront to Catholicism

What determines the Catholic character of Notre Dame? While recent campus debates are legitimate and important, I fear such confrontational discourse has distracted the Notre Dame community from other issues which constitute a much more potent affront to the tenets of our faith in its contemporary context. Our late Holy Father, Pope John Paul II, wrote in his apostolic exhortation *Ecclesia in Africa* that the global Catholic community is called to engage in "an organic pastoral solidarity within the entire African territory." Unfortunately, we have patently failed to achieve such solidarity, and modern depravities of the most abhorrent nature occur without notice or challenge from the majority of American Catholics.

For the past 20 years, northern Uganda has been besieged by a campaign of brutality and violence executed by the Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), a rebel group intent upon overthrowing the Government of Uganda and expressing no political agenda aside from terror. The LRA's methodology is chilling: rebel leaders abduct children from their homes and force them to partake in the group's ruthless crusade of death and destruction, often-times against their own families and villages. Those who have managed to survive the deadly assaults languish in the squalid conditions of Internally Displaced People camps, where excess deaths due to disease and malnutrition claim the lives of 1,000 people per week (a death rate which is three times that of Iraq). Since the LRA's formation two decades ago, experts estimate that as many as 66,000 children have been abducted and enslaved as child soldiers.

Plagued with an unrelenting fear of abduction, tens of thousands of children — the "night commuters" of northern Uganda — take to the streets each night and walk incredible distances to avoid the LRA. They sleep without shelter or protection, their bodies piled upon one another in public parks and doorways. Jan Egeland, the United Nations Under-Secretary General for Humanitarian Affairs, has referred to the situation in northern Uganda as "the world's worst neglected humanitarian crisis," and called for the interna-

tional community's resolute action to end this "moral outrage."

Yet the crisis persists. The world has shamefully turned its back on the suffering of those whom Jesus would assuredly consider "the poor in spirit." Given the conditions of northern Uganda, it is morally unjustifiable for any Christian to remain complacent while such degradations of humanity exist. This issue transcends partisan lines to offend every person of good will, and it is our duty as members of a Catholic institution to take responsibility for the lives of the people of northern Uganda.

The iniquities occurring are unambiguous, as should be our unity in their opposition. With one voice, we should decry the horrors of the LRA and utilize our outrage to effect real change. We must appeal to local leaders to mobilize grassroots efforts to address the conflict in northern Uganda; we must petition the U.S. government to support peace processes and dedicate more resources to emergency aid in the region; we must entreat the United Nations Security Council to pass a resolution acknowledging and attending to the crisis. Most importantly, we must become informed and active participants in halting the atrocities of northern Uganda. On behalf of the Uganda Conflict Action Network, I implore the Notre Dame community to make this matter a personal priority. You can begin by attending the Mock Trial of world leaders tonight at 6 p.m. at Fieldhouse Mall and visiting our website (ugandacan.org) for more information on becoming involved in this vital cause.

Notre Dame's true Catholic character can and should be demonstrated through a commitment to ending this crisis, for it is only when the anguished cries of our Ugandan brothers and sisters are answered with loving compassion that we can stand in solidarity as the one human family Jesus intended.

Nicole Steele
Uganda-CAN
April 24

'Jockular' is just a joke

Recently "Jockular" has been at the receiving end of criticism from certain members of the community. I thought about this at length and decided this to be a debate between sponsorship and censorship. Then I thought about it again. It's just a dumb cartoon. Much to my chagrin, some people take stick figures to be deep, insightful commentaries into the state of the Notre Dame community. I once saw Erik Powers at a party and Alec White checked his email in the computer next to me the other day. I don't really know them, but they don't look like they hate Saint Mary's. I would like to remind certain members of the community that it is okay to laugh every once in a while. "Jockular" is not "deeply insulting and unacceptable," it's just a damn comic strip. I commend the work of the artists and implore them to continue making fun of everything that is Notre Dame. Oh yeah, and Saint Mary's, too.

Oliver Gamez
senior
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April 24

EDITORIAL CARTOON





That crazy Cruise

Tom Cruise scares me. I don't mean the screaming, life-flashing before-my-eyes-type of scared. I mean scary in that uncomfortable, "oh-God-please-leave-me-alone" type of scared. If I saw him, I wouldn't be in awe of his talent, or his wealth, or his gaudy movie-star lifestyle. I would literally be frightened.

It's not that Cruise isn't a good actor. I've enjoyed many of his flicks — some I would even place in my "Top 5" movie list (Jerry Maguire is one of my favorites). But lately, Tom, you've gotten a little out there.

It all seemed to start with that fateful Oprah show. We've all seen it or at least heard of it. Cruise, age 43, made like a hopped-up five-year old — jumping on the couch, grabbing Oprah and screaming, "I'm in love!" Some people praised Cruise's outright disregard in self-dignity in claiming his love for Katie Holmes. To me, I found it just plain creepy.

Cruise appeared to be completely out of his mind. Yeah, love will make you do crazy things. But not literally! Crazy things are thinking about someone all the time or going out of your way for someone like you haven't done before — not things that will make a strong case for your candidacy for hospitalization.

But even with all that, I could deal with it. Cruise was overcome with joy at his newfound amour with his young (age 27) significant other. But it didn't stop there. Cruise spent the next few months spastically rambling about his life with Holmes and Scientology and seemingly whatever abstract thought came to his mind. Cruise increasingly made less and less sense until his blathering monologues finally became too much to handle.



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Assistant
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There was talk of his relationship with Holmes as a publicity stunt, that there was a contract signed between the two that included having a baby. How much of that is truth is really unknown, but of course, there was fuss between Cruise and the family of his now-fiancée. Everything was the absolute height of drama for the Hollywood pair. And why not? Cruise's on-camera dramatics had been making him famous for years — why stop there?

As fate would have it, Holmes became pregnant, and Cruise, in his typical fashion, freaked out. The spirituality of the whole thing was overwhelming, and Cruise yelled, and hopped and threw his arms up in excitement. All the while shrinking me further and further into my unhappy, depressive stage of fright.

Maybe I'm making a bigger deal of this than is necessary. But, I can't help but look at Cruise in a completely different light. He joked about eating the placenta of his child. Eating the placenta?! Maybe Val Kilmer was right in the fighter-pilot flick "Top Gun" — Cruise "is dangerous." Probably not dangerous in the literal sense — I don't think Cruise would hurt anyone. But Cruise is definitely at least dangerous to my sanity. How would it look if every time I saw Cruise on screen I instinctively cowered into the fetal position? Probably not very good, and this is a problem.

Don't get me wrong — I wish Cruise and his fiancée and their newborn daughter Suri the best of luck, I really do. But this new version of Cruise — the rambling, yelling, eccentric Cruise — is just a little too much "Vanilla Sky" and not quite enough "Mission Impossible" for me. And as much as it pains me to do so, I guess it's just the time that I say goodbye to the Cruise that "had me at hello."

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VIDEO GAME REVIEWS

'Katamari' rolls into

By TREVOR GASS
Scene Critic

Namco keeps the ball rolling with its latest release in the Katamari series — the outrageously outlandish yet enjoyably eccentric "Me and My Katamari." Not only is the game a dashing display of the undeniable prowess the Japanese possess in the ways of proper English grammar, but it is also a testament to their ability to create ridiculously wacky, dangerously addictive video games.

In a spring break blunder of preposterous proportions, the charismatic King of All Cosmos inadvertently creates a tsunami that washes out a number of nearby animal inhabited islands. It is now up to the young Prince to set things right by creating specialized katamari islands to fit each animal's needs.

Though the "Katamari" series has gained popularity since the release of "Katamari Damacy" for the PlayStation 2 (PS2) in September of 2004, it is still quite a niche game. For those unfamiliar, the premise is simple as rolling a snowball into a snowman. But instead of snow, the player picks up everything and anything in sight.

As the mass of the katamari grows, it is able to consume larger and larger objects. During the initial stages, attractive items to collect include thumbtacks, pencils and bananas. However, during later levels, people, cars, buildings, ocean liners and even the Eiffel Tower are ready to be rolled up and await the King of All Cosmos' island-creating Royal Puff. Think of it as combining the excitement of professional snowball rolling with the satisfaction of competitive rubber band ball assembling.

As opposed to earlier Katamari games where the sole goal was to turn a 10 centimeter katamari into a 10-meter katamari, "Me and My Katamari" adds different variables that need to be attended to. When a small worker ant requests a sweet-as-sugar island for its queen, the pint-sized prince is charged with the responsibility of creating a candied katamari packed with enough sweets to give a dentist nightmares. Points are awarded afterwards based on the relative happiness of the animal requesting the personalized playground.

Though the gameplay has not deviated too far from its predecessors, the control scheme has dramatically. The inescapable problems programmers propitiate when porting a platformer to the PlayStation

Portable (PSP) is the handheld's unfortunate lack of dual analogue controls. Gaining a basic understanding of the controls takes a couple rounds whereas complete mastery of the katamari art takes a considerably longer time.

The soundtrack offers little new material — simply a rehashed remix of tunes from previous katamari games. The

Me and My Katamari

Namco



'Streetwise' appeals

By MARK BEMENDERFER
Assistant Scene Editor

There is a fine line between continuing a successful franchise and bleeding it dry. Capcom's "Resident Evil" is an example of the former — it's a game-of-the-year experience.

But another of its recent releases, "Final Fight: Streetwise," is an example of the latter.

The original "Final Fight" was released back in the height of the arcade frenzy, where huddling in the dark with a bunch of guys around a glowing vertical video game unit was the epitome of cool for teenagers. A plethora of sequels followed quickly, but a nearly decade-long dry spell followed. Random "Final Fights" lit up the arcade scene as well as Super Nintendo and Sega Saturn, but there hasn't been a new one in recent memory, and for good reason.

The "Final Fight" games fit firmly into the side-scrolling fighting genre, much like "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles." The latest iteration features a three-dimensional facelift, creating a fully 360-degree brawling environment. The controls are also updated, giving a complex collection of catastrophic combos under the player's control.

The setting is still Metro City, the loca-

tion of the original game. Most of the original stars play a role in "Streetwise," including the original trio of playable characters. The player assumes control of Kyle, the younger brother of the original fighter Cody. Kyle is an underground fighter, making ends meet by scrapping with other combatants. Cody has aged a bit since the first game and is unable to fight anymore. However, his competitive nature lives on, and he disappears early into the game into shady circles. The rest of the game follows Kyle's search for his older sibling.

It is on this quest that he runs into many fan favorites, including ex-mayor and muscle man Haggar and karate master Guy. Other favorites also pop up — sometimes unexpectedly — but in ways that always delight fans of the series. Kyle can participate in pit fights throughout the story to earn money, and many of Capcom's coolest cameos appear during the fights.

For hardcore fans of the original, there are two additional modes included in addition to the story mode. A multi-player arcade mode — featuring multiple playable characters in addition to Kyle — and the original "Final Fight" can also be unlocked.

However, for everything the game does correctly, there is something done poorly.

One of the major omissions is the lack of a multi-player mode during the story mode. Included in the draws of the original was the ability to face the gangs of Metro City with a friend, which is sorely missing from this sequel.

The brutal nature of the fights is also dampened by a finicky camera — fending off hordes of drugged enemies is made more difficult by having

Final Fight: Streetwise

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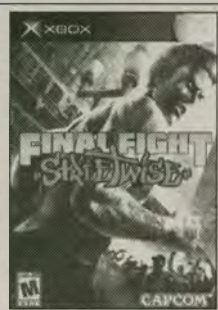


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While on Oprah Winfrey's daytime television show May 23, 2005, Tom Cruise created a spectacle in declaring his affection for Katie Holmes.

PSP gaming scene



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The Prince rolls the sticky katamari over a small town in the PSP exclusive "Me and My Katamari." This innovative game features a strong, quirky sense of humor.

pleasantly quirky melodies are interesting but nothing spectacular.

Graphically, "Me and My Katamari" is much like its PS2 counterparts. Objects and environments are intentionally blocky and unrefined. Even so, the PSP lacks proficient processing power to render all the objects on the screen, requiring periodic loading pauses during maps.

The replay for this game varies depending on the gamer. Hidden throughout the stages are the prince's cousins (also playable characters) as well as a wardrobe of items that can be equipped to create a customized character. However, level design is one area

where this latest katamari hurts. Layouts are repeated multiple times throughout the game, offering only minor changes dependent upon current gameplay progress. This setback can be combated by the fact that up to four friends can connect ad-hoc and race to grace by rolling the largest katamari.

Though lacking in some categories, Katamari is a solid game for fans on-the-go. But at the fearsome price of \$40 —double that of the first Katamari game — the wary should first experiment with their neighbor's copy for the PS2.

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only to Capcom fans



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The protagonist of "Final Fight: Streetwise," Kyle, lands a left uppercut against the underground fighter Ghost. Numerous Capcom legends can be fought in the ring.

the players sight blocked by a stationary shrub. This can lead to some cheap hits by the opponents and even a death or two.

Artificially adding length to the game is a silly, pointless side quest. While they do add a little variety to the game, they are often repeated to the point of boredom. The final complaint is that the foes fit firmly the façade of standard video game fare. There are the Italian mobsters dressed in fancy suits, the Japanese girls

wearing school outfits and carrying kitanas, and other ethnic stereotypes. This can be a positive, however, as it continues the spirit of the original.

Fans of the original series may find this game a nice nostalgic novelty, but "Streetwise" won't convert any newcomers to the flock.

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DVD REVIEW

'Venom' solely for horror addicts



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The teens of "Venom" are assaulted by a new horror in the Bayou. All of the characters fit the standard Hollywood horror stereotypes.

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"Venom" is a hard film to review. Its artistic merits fall flat, with a ludicrous plot and unbelievable actors. However, that's really irrelevant.

The film is a throwback to the glory days of the slasher genre of horror films, movies that starred the iconic Jason Voorhees and Michael Myers. Those were the days where dialogue and plot was secondary to gallons of gore and excessive violence. The heroes were secondary to the villain

itself, who had to be over-the-top and completely evil. On that criterion, "Venom" is a masterpiece.

The handprints of director Jim Gillespie — the mind behind the mid-90s slasher "I Know What You Did Last Summer" — are evident in "Venom" as the gore is excessive, the plot is minimal, and the deaths are frequent.

The actual characters fit all the stereotypes and are treated as mere fodder for the killer within the movie. There's the small town girl who wants something more, the promiscuous girl and plenty of others. There's nothing that hasn't been seen before in a variety of ways.

Even the killer is a conglomeration of a variety of movie serial killers. Take a splash of the Creeper from "Jeepers Creepers," a hint of Michael Myers from "Halloween" and a heavy dose of Jason Voorhees from "Friday the 13th" — and you have the killer in "Venom."

The movie begins with an old woman digging up a suitcase in the middle of a bayou. She takes the suitcase with her, but on the way to her destination she is run off the road by a truck driver. While the truck driver

is helping her from the car, the car falls off a convenient bridge into a river, trapping him in it. To his surprise, the suitcase pops open, revealing a nest of snakes. Having been locked up for an indefinite amount of time underground, the snakes are not too pleased and attack the truck driver, poisoning him as the car sinks below the water.

Unfortunately for the people within the film — but fortunately for the audience — the snakes represent the evil spirits found within people. The truck driver dies, but is brought back by the plethora of spirits that now

reside in his body. These in turn drive him to commit murders and collect bodies as sacrifices to evil deities. They also slowly turn him reptilian as the movie progresses — creating a

Venom



Director: Jim Gillespie

Writer: Brandon Boyce, John Platten, Flint Dille

Starring: Agnes Bruckner, Method Man, Bijou Phillips, Jonathan Jackson

gradual, interesting process for the special effects people.

The movie also manages to play with many horror conventions. When the kids think they are safe within a voodoo protected house, the killer whips one with a chain and yanks him from the safety of the house. Overall, the house is ineffectual at keeping the killer out, as he finds an innovative — if not completely blunt — way of getting around the protective wards.

Like the Creeper, the killer also uses a giant truck as a secondary tool. It even manages to become its own character within the movie, as the sight of it is a good omen of bad things.

"Venom" is a horror film directed at horror fans. Other audiences will find little to like about the movie, but for its intended audience it's an entertaining ride.

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MLB

Nomar's grand slam lifts Dodgers to victory

Jones breaks out of slump with three-run home run as Cubs put up six in the eighth inning to beat the Marlins

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Nomar Garciaparra hit a go-ahead grand slam off Brad Lidge in the ninth inning for his first RBI with the Dodgers, sending Los Angeles to a 6-2 win over the Houston Astros on Monday night.

Andy Pettitte held the Dodgers hitless until J.D. Drew homered with one out in the seventh inning to tie the score at 1. Lance Berkman's eighth-inning homer put Houston ahead again, but Lidge (0-1) couldn't hold the lead.

After Kenny Lofton tripled with one out, the All-Star closer walked Drew and Jeff Kent. Garciaparra then drove a 2-2 pitch to left-center for his sixth career slam and first since June 22, 2004, with Boston against Minnesota.

Garciaparra was playing in only his second game since returning from a brief minor league rehab stint. He missed the first 17 games of the season with a strained muscle in his rib cage.

Mike Gallo replaced Lidge and gave up an RBI single to Dioner Navarro.

Lidge had been 7-for-7 on save opportunities this year. It was his first blown save since he gave up Albert Pujols' mammoth home run in Game 5 of the NL Championship Series last October against St. Louis. Lidge also had two losses in the World Series against the Chicago White Sox.

Danys Baez entered for the Dodgers with two on in the bottom of the ninth and closed it out for his sixth save. He got Brad Ausmus on a fly ball before Adam Everett grounded into a game-ending double play.

The Dodgers snapped the Astros' three-game winning streak. Houston had won seven of eight.

Garciaparra's shot spoiled the strongest start of the season by Pettitte, who yielded just one hit in seven innings. He struck out five and walked three.

Berkman connected off winner Takashi Saito (2-0).

Saito relieved starter Derek Lowe, who was almost as good as Pettitte. Lowe gave up one run and four hits in seven innings.

Ausmus had three of those

hits, including an RBI double in the second.

Philadelphia 6, Colorado 5

Cory Lidle struck out 10 and Bobby Abreu drove in three runs to lead the Philadelphia Phillies to a win over the Colorado Rockies on Monday night.

Chase Utley and Ryan Howard were instant hits in their new spots in Philadelphia manager Charlie Manuel's latest batting order. Manuel moved Utley from the fourth or fifth spots to second and batted Howard, their best power threat, fifth after stints in the six and seven holes.

Lidle (2-2) was the biggest beneficiary of the lineup swap, getting the most run support he had in four starts this season. He made it stand up, falling one strikeout shy of matching his career high and scattering six hits before he was chased with a 6-3 lead and two runners on and two outs in the seventh.

Clint Barmes doubled on Ryan Franklin's first pitch to make it 6-4, then the lefty retired Matt Holliday on a grounder to work out of the jam.

Arthur Rhodes allowed a run in a shaky eighth, before Tom Gordon pitched a scoreless ninth for his sixth save in six chances.

The top of Philadelphia's order was particularly strong early against Colorado starter Josh Fogg (2-1) with Jimmy Rollins, Utley and Bobby Abreu going 5-for-5 with five runs scored and three RBI in the first three innings to help the Phillies take a 5-2 lead.

Utley had three hits and Howard finished 2-for-4 with two RBI.

The Phillies have finally shown some spirit at home, winning two straight at Citizens Bank Park for the first time this season. They lost eight of their first 10 games at home.

Cincinnati 4, Washington 2

Elizardo Ramirez pitched effectively into the eighth inning for his first major league win and the Cincinnati Reds rode some early offense to a victory over the Washington Nationals on Monday night.

Washington fell to 1-5 at home this season, and the



Los Angeles' Nomar Garciaparra is met at the plate by teammates Jeff Kent (12) and Jason Repko (17) after hitting a go-ahead grand slam in the ninth inning against the Astros Monday.

announced crowd of 19,264 was the smallest at 46,382-capacity RFK Stadium since baseball returned to the capital, eclipsing Sunday night's previous low of 21,569.

The 23-year-old Ramirez (1-0) was called up from Triple-A Louisville to make his first appearance for the Reds since a spot start on July 4, 2005. Throwing mostly in the high 80s and low 90s, the right-hander allowed two runs and six hits, five singles, in seven-plus innings. He walked one and even got his first big league hit.

The Reds, who have won five of six, did more damage against Hernandez (1-3) in the opening inning alone, taking a 3-0 lead against the All-Star by stringing together four hits, including doubles by Felipe Lopez and Edwin Encarnacion. They were helped by an error on right fielder Jose Guillen, who had trouble picking up the ball when Lopez's hit caromed off a wall.

Hernandez has allowed 12 first-inning runs in five starts,

and the Reds tacked on another in the second. Javier Valentin tripled past a diving Alfonso Soriano in left and scored on Lopez's single.

Hernandez went seven innings, allowing four runs and eight hits. His ERA actually dropped, from 7.11 to 6.68. Washington has lost eight of his last 10 starts dating to Sept. 1, 2005.

Chicago Cubs 6, Florida 3

Jacque Jones hit a three-run homer to cap a six-run eighth inning and the Chicago Cubs rallied against Florida's bullpen for a victory over the Marlins on Monday night.

Carlos Zambrano matched a career high with 12 strikeouts but remained winless in five starts this season because Chicago couldn't muster any offense until he was out of the game.

Trailing 3-0 after getting just one hit off lefty Jason Vargas in the first 6 1/3 innings, the Cubs broke through in the eighth against relievers Matt Herges

and Josh Johnson (1-2).

Ex-Marlin Juan Pierre opened the inning with a double for Chicago's second hit and Ronny Cedeno worked Herges for a walk. Johnson relieved and loaded the bases by walking Todd Walker.

Aramis Ramirez then hit a chopper to third, but Marlins catcher Matt Treanor couldn't hold onto Miguel Cabrera's low throw as Pierre scored on the fielder's choice to make it 3-1.

Johnson then struck out Michael Barrett before Matt Murton delivered a tying, two-run single. Jones, hitting just .200 entering the game and booed earlier after making an out, followed with his three-run shot to left, his third homer of the season.

David Aardsma (1-0) got the win with a scoreless eighth. Ryan Dempster closed for his fifth save.

Florida took a 3-0 lead on Cabrera's two-run homer in the first off Zambrano. Josh Willingham had an RBI double in the third.

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NBA

Artest suspended for Game 2 against Spurs

Sacramento feels the forward was hurt by his past reputation after being penalized for elbowing Manu Ginobili's head

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Ron Artest's reputation might have caught up to him at a terrible time for the Sacramento Kings.

The NBA suspended Artest on Monday for Game 2 of the Kings' first-round playoff series against the San Antonio Spurs.

Stu Jackson, the league's top disciplinarian, said Artest's elbow to Manu Ginobili's head in the series opener was egregious enough to warrant another suspension for the man who missed 73 games and the playoffs last season after one of the most infamous brawls in sports history.

But after their difficult playoff task got exponentially harder, the Kings suggested Artest was punished simply for being Ron Artest, possibly the most notorious player of his generation.

"You know with Ron's questionable past, they're going to look for a way to get him," said Bonzi Wells, who will get many of Artest's defensive assignments. "Whether it's minor or major, they're going to look at it

in a different way."

The one-game suspension caught both Artest's teammates and the Spurs completely by surprise, because neither club thought the personal foul was even worthy of postgame comment, much less a suspension nearly 48 hours after the fact.

Artest was at the AT&T Center for practice Monday, but the focal point of Sacramento's midseason turnaround won't be in uniform Tuesday night when the Kings play Game 2 against the defending league champions.

"I talked to Stu Jackson, which was encouraging," Artest said in a brief, apologetic statement after his usual post-practice shooting workout. "There have been a lot of things that have happened in my career which (were) unfair. I support my teammates, and hopefully they'll win the game, and I'll be back Friday (for Game 3)."

The league cited Artest for his foul on Ginobili in the third quarter of the Spurs' 122-88 victory. Ginobili caught Artest's elbow in his jaw while attempting to run through the lane, and

the Argentine star fell to the ground as Artest got a personal foul.

Though Spurs coach Gregg Popovich jumped off the bench to argue for a flagrant foul, Ginobili got right back up, and the game continued. Afterward, Ginobili said he wasn't injured on the play and didn't consider it particularly serious, while Popovich said he had no problem with Artest's aggressive style of play.

"I didn't even see the play, but it couldn't have been that bad," said Mike Bibby, who declared himself "amazed" by the league's decision.

"There was no flagrant foul or technical foul on the play. They look at things differently for certain people, you could say."

Popovich said the Spurs didn't even contact the NBA about the play, something many teams — including the Kings — will do for any questionable play, particularly in the playoffs.

Ginobili was shocked when he heard about the suspension after practice at the Spurs' suburban training complex.

"For us it's good, because he's

a great player, but we don't have much to do with it," Ginobili said. "It didn't hurt me. I said it after the game. But the league (watches) everything we do."

Artest was injured on the game's opening possession when Ginobili inadvertently elbowed him hard in the face while driving to the hoop. Artest's feet flew out from under him, and he stayed down for several moments before jogging around the court in pain from a cut that required three stitches to close.

Ginobili alluded to the Kings' theory that Artest was being punished partly for his history of misbehavior and hard-nosed play, which also included aggressive shots to Tim Duncan and Tony Parker in Game 1.

Popovich wouldn't speculate on such ideas, instead finding a way to worry about how the absence of the Kings' emotional leader and defensive star actually could hurt the Spurs.

"Sometimes it can be your worst nightmare when a good player is out on another team, because everybody else can pick up their games," Popovich said. "We're not going to change a

whole lot. I'm more concerned about the mental part of the deal for us."

Artest mostly guarded Ginobili in Game 1 and scored 16 points on 7-of-21 shooting. The Spurs routed Sacramento with a 41-point second quarter, taking a quick 30-point lead and turning the entire second half into garbage time.

Kevin Martin will move into the Kings' starting lineup at guard, with Wells moving to small forward. Martin probably will get the unpleasant task of guarding Parker, who burned the Kings for 25 points in three quarters.

Artest's defense made little difference while the Spurs scored 73 points in the first half of Game 1, making 68 percent of their shots and cruising to a 34-point lead. And perhaps his absence will inspire the passion that was missing in his teammates while San Antonio won Game 1 — or perhaps the Kings are headed for an 0-2 deficit heading home.

"I think the Spurs are going to play the same no matter who's out there," Kings coach Rick Adelman said. "When I looked at the tape, I thought it's possible they'll send a message and (upgrade) it to a flagrant foul, but I had no idea they would suspend him."

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CLUB SPORTS

Water polo clinches national bid at home match

Men's rowing cleans up at Indianapolis Invitational, takes home two bronzes and a gold in petite division

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame hosted the MCWPA championships this weekend at the Rolfs Aquatics Center. A second-place finish secured a bid to the national championships, to be held at Northwestern in two weeks.

The Irish opened play with a 16-2 victory over Washington before defeating Eastern Michigan 11-7. Almost every player on the squad scored in the opener, and seven players scored in the Eastern Michigan game. Irish freshman Kelly Horner led the attack with three goals, while Katie Lancos and Bridget O'Neill each found the net twice.

Sunday morning, the Irish squared off against Grand Valley, with the trip to nationals on the line. Lancos led the scoring with a hat trick, followed by O'Neill and Horner each registering two goals. Kristy Bohling and MC Cimino each scored a goal to secure the 9-4 victory. The Irish fell 9-5 to Miami in the gold medal game, with Bohling, O'Neill and Horner accounting for all of the Irish scoring.

Men's Rowing

Notre Dame returned to Indianapolis' Eagle Creek

Reservoir Saturday to compete in the Indianapolis Invitational. The morning racing featured two Irish eight-man crews racing in qualifying heats, and two more racing in grand finals. In the afternoon, all four of the Notre Dame eight-man crews raced in a final event.

The novice eight crew of coxswain Bryce Chung, stroke Karol Grzesiak, Tom Mazzacavallo, Andrew Matasic, Ray Schleck, Brendan McNutt, Matt Napierski, Taylor Donaldson and Rob Bowen finished fourth in their heat to qualify for the petite finals. In the afternoon racing, the novice boat took first in the Petite Final over Northwestern, Miami and St. Thomas, with Matt Degnan rowing for Karol Grzesiak.

The next event for a Notre Dame crew was the second varsity eight grand final. Coxswain Julie Lambe's boat of stroke Scott Campbell, Michael Lucci, Evan Donoghue, William Blosky, Brandon Carroll, Andrew Baker, Nick Kluesner and Michael Giordano took the bronze medal behind Michigan and St. Joseph's. The Irish boat (6:45.6) held off Purdue (6:48.5) and Ohio

State (6:51.8) to secure the medal. In the afternoon compilation Grand Final, which included the top three finishers from each the second varsity eight and the lightweight eight races, and the top finisher from the third varsity eight race, the Irish boat finished sixth with Michael Lutkus rowing for Brandon Carroll.

The third varsity eight of coxswain Tara Morin, stroke Matt Degnan, Tomas Castillo, Michael Lutkus, P.J. McAward, Dan Murphy, Johann deSousa, Craig Wiborg and Jordan Frankel also claimed a bronze medal in 7:15.7, just edging out Ohio State (7:17.2). Radhika Deva coxed the boat to sixth in the afternoon compilation Petite Final, with Carroll rowing for Lutkus.

The last races of the morning were the first varsity qualifying heats. Because Joe Blakely was out with a knee injury, the first eight had to depend on the yeoman-like effort of Karol Grzesiak, who accommodated the necessary lineup adjustments by rowing in two events. In the first of three heats, the Notre Dame boat of coxswain Gigi Gutierrez, stroke Dan Pearson, Nick Mathew, Jake

Teitgen, Grzesiak, Teddy Hawks, Steve Maher, Kane Pithey and Nicky Catella qualified for the grand finals by finishing second to Michigan in their heat, outpacing three other boats. The varsity eight finished seventh in the afternoon grand final.

Cycling

Eight members of the Notre Dame cycling club competed at the regional championships hosted by Illinois this weekend. The event consisted of a nine-mile team time trial and a criterium on Saturday, as well as a road race on Sunday.

Mike Lavery, Tim Campbell, Matt Prygoski and Geoff Gisler raced as the four-man team in the B division, finishing in third place.

The criterium was hotly contested with NCAA points at stake, and numerous crashes marred the race. Andy Steves took points in two prime sprints and rode to a fifth place finish. Prygoski, Gisler, Lavery, and Campbell finished No. 13, No. 15, No. 19 and No. 32 respectively in the 52-man field. Freshman Ben Johnson raced in the D division, winning a prime sprint on his way to a seventh-place finish.

Sunday's road race featured

several steep hills and a stream crossing. Prygoski finished third to pace the Irish contingent.

Sailing

Notre Dame hosted the MCSA women's qualifiers this weekend at Diamond Lake. The Irish finished fourth overall in the nine-team field. Michigan and Wisconsin captured first and second to qualify for nationals. Minnesota took third, followed by Notre Dame. Northwestern, St. Thomas, Michigan State, Iowa and Ohio State completed the field in that order.

Jaci Chase and Katherine Hoodecheck finished third in the A division for the Irish, while teammates Tricia Huges and Amy Becker were fourth in the B division's nine races.

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Streak

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"I'm hoping that it's going to be a great crowd just like we had this weekend," Notre Dame coach Paul Mainieri said. "Obviously, playing on national TV is a great opportunity, and I think everybody's excited."

The contest comes a day after Notre Dame jumped eight spots to No. 8 in College Baseball Newspaper's top-30 and six spots to No. 12 in Baseball America's poll. The team benefited as 22 of the top-25 teams lost at least one game last week, with 18 losing to lower-ranked squads.

"You'd much rather be recognized by the pollsters and the people in the community than not," Mainieri said. "The thing we have to guard against is living in the past."

Notre Dame first baseman Craig Cooper earned Louisville Slugger national player of the week honors Monday after batting over .500 in the team's previous five games. Cooper furthered his now-22-game hit streak, batting .526 (10-for-19) with 13 RBIs, four homers and nine runs. He was 8-for-11 with three homers and nine RBIs in Notre Dame's weekend sweep of Rutgers (17-18-1, 7-8 Big East).

Mainieri will send sophomore left-hander Wade Korpi to the

mound against Purdue.

Korpi is 4-1 with a 1.80 ERA — No. 2 in the Big East — in seven starts. He has held opponents to a .208 batting average while striking out 58 and allowing 33 hits in 45 innings.

Purdue did not name its starting pitcher Monday. Boilermakers sophomore Allan Donato started the team's last mid-week contest, a 9-8 victory over Illinois State April 12. Donato did not earn a decision in the game. He allowed four runs and six hits in four innings.

"Whoever it is, we'll get a little preparation for them and we'll get ready to go," Mainieri said. "My guess is that they're probably going to split up the game with a number of pitchers, but I don't know that for a fact."

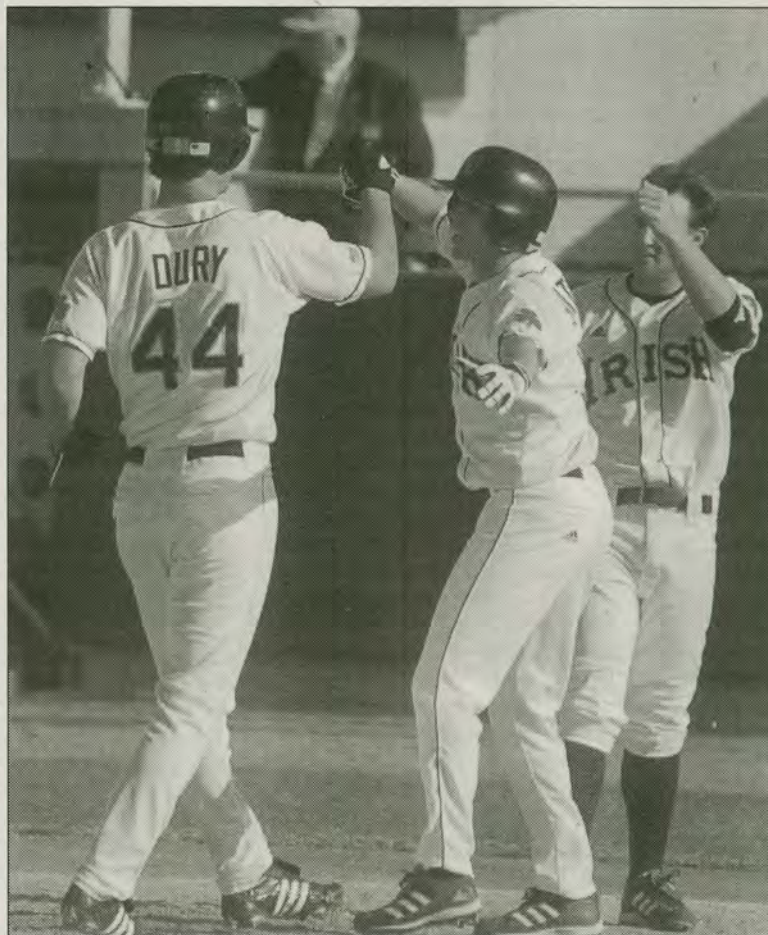
Boilermakers infielder Mitch Hilligoss leads the Purdue offense from the top of the lineup. A third-team All-American in 2005, Hilligoss enters the contest with a .407 batting average, five homers and 28 RBIs.

"Purdue has a really good team," Mainieri said. "We're expecting a real dog fight. ... We're going to have to be at the top of our game to be able to beat them."

Purdue first baseman Eric Wolfe hits third and enters batting .386 with four homers and 33 RBIs.

Notre Dame has won the previous two matchups in the series, including last year's 9-7 extra-inning victory at Coveleski Stadium in downtown South Bend.

The Boilermakers dropped two of three games from Michigan in West Lafayette,



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Designated hitter Mike Dury, left, celebrates with teammates after his home run in an 8-2 win over Ball State April 12.



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Irish right fielder Danny Dressman makes a backhand catch against Ball State in an 8-2 win April 12.

Ind., this weekend but rebounded with a 10-5 victory Sunday.

Notre Dame leads the all-time series 75-38-3.

Despite the team's 22-game winning streak, Mainieri is not fully satisfied with what the Irish have done.

"We still have a long way to go, and we still haven't accomplished any of our goals yet," he said. "We haven't won a regular-season title — we haven't

achieved an NCAA tournament bid."

Notre Dame takes on Bowling Green Wednesday at Frank Eck Stadium and then flies to Storrs, Conn., for a three-game weekend series with the Connecticut Huskies, who currently own second place in the Big East with a 13-3 conference record.

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the second game Saturday, but moved to right field to give her arm a rest. Sullivan said the team hopes the rest will allow Amram to return to full power.

While the Belles' scheduled matches against Goshen have been cancelled in the past two years, Goshen played Kalamazoo on Saturday and lost both games 6-5 and 2-1.

The Maple Leafs are in a 21-game losing streak and have struggled offensively. They posted only three hits in their 9-0 and 3-0 losses against their rivals, the University of St. Francis, on April 15.

Goshen will look to rely on sophomore pitcher Erin Layman, who recorded a single against St. Francis and went one for three from the plate.

But Saint Mary's hopes to shut down Goshen early. If the Belles can get an early lead, Sullivan said, she believes they will hold it.

The Belles head into their match against Goshen with the MIAA tournament only 10 days away.

Sullivan said the team wants to finish the season off strong and look toward the postseason and the possibilities there.

"We want to secure our spot in the conference tournament," Sullivan said.

Saint Mary's plays Goshen at 3:30 p.m. today at home.

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Victory

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The Belles were led by a pair of seniors, as Megan Mattia shot rounds of 78 and 82 to finish with a team-best 160, while Kirsten Fantom finished with team second-best 175 after shooting rounds of 87 and 88. Mattia's 160 was good for second place in the tournament, finishing behind Franklin's Katie Tewell, who shot a composite 152 behind rounds of 80 and 72.

Despite Tewell's performance, Franklin finished with a team score of 721, landing the team in a distant third.

O'Brien finished the weekend with the median Saint Mary's score, shooting back-to-back 88s to finish with 176. Senior Nicole Bellino, who shot a pair of 91s, and freshman Alex Sei, who shot a 94 both days, rounded out the Belles' scoring five, finishing with total scores of 182 and 188, respectively.

"I think all of us were pretty consistent this weekend. ... We went there, got our job done."

Katie O'Brien
Belles sophomore

"I think all of us were pretty consistent this weekend," O'Brien said.

The Belles will now have to wait and see whether their performance over the course of the season will earn them a bid to the NCAA Div. III Championships, which will be held in Howey-in-the-

Hills, Fla. on May 9-12.

"Hopefully the hard work we put in pays off," O'Brien said. "We all left the course feeling pretty good about ourselves."

After this weekend's victory, the Belles have at least somewhat improved their chances for selection.

"It's always important to come out on top — that will look real good to the NCAA committee," O'Brien said. "We went there, got our job done and took the tournament."

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- ◆ No. 18 Bookmakers vs. The Sharpshooters II

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five points, most of them acrobatic lay-ups through multiple defenders.

Irish Hockey tried to use its size advantage as much as possible, muscling its way to close lay-ups. Freshman Christian Hanson, a center for the Irish during the winter, led all scorers in the game with eight buckets.

"I was just trying to look good out there," Hanson said. "We had a couple of chances to get back in the game but we just didn't make the baskets when we needed to."

After falling behind early, Irish Hockey mounted a comeback to pull within one point on three different occasions, but Rule No. 76 managed to hold them off each time.

Wes O'Neill and Tony Gill also added to the offense for Irish Hockey, scoring three and seven points, respectively.

The main problem for the team was getting into early foul trouble. 76's Danny Nesbitt took the brunt of the fouls and was one-for-two on foul shot attempts. He also scored four other points down low.

"I think we did pretty well out there — we're excited for the next round," Martin said.

Huggie's Place 21 Duffy's Girl 12

Ty Martin dropped 10 points last night as Huggie's Place advanced to the round of 32 with a 21-12 win over Duffy's Girl.

Huggie's Place got off to a slow start as it struggled to find good shots against the quick 2-3 zone that Duffy's Girl had mastered. But with Martin leading the way the team came up with a 6-0 run to finish off the first half with an 11-8 lead.

"We started off a little slow, but once we calmed down and started breaking down their zone we were fine," Martin said.

Martin was helped by his brother, Beau — who had three points — and Ernest Berni, who played point guard and had five baskets of his own.

Andrew Crow, an outside shooter, rounded out the scoring for Huggie's with three.

Duffy's Girl cooled off after its quick start and struggled to keep the game close, plagued with turnovers throughout the second half.

The team's biggest offensive contributors were Michael Duffy and Pete Vandeventer, with four points each. Duffy was able to use his size early on and consistently won position under the hoop for easy layups. Vandeventer, the team's outside threat, used his speed to find openings in the defense for his four baskets.

Duffy's Girl members left before they were able to be reached for comment.

Sparkle Motion 21 Guards R Us 14

Darius Walker made his first — and last — appearance in the 2006 Bookstore Basketball Tournament Monday, as his Guards R Us fell to Sparkle Motion, 21-14.

Sparkle Motion members knew they were in for a tough game when they saw Walker walk out on the court.

"We knew they were going to be athletic, so we just had to play fundamental basketball out there," Sparkle Motion's Chris Merino said. Merino's prediction came true as

Sparkle used a team-oriented game to open up a quick 8-3 lead early in the first half. Sparkle was able to move the ball very well on offense, while restricting the offense of Guards R Us. All five of the Guards players struggled from the field, missing early and often both from inside and out.

After another quick run by Sparkle fueled by fast-break layups, Guards was able to heat up from the field. Riding the hot hand of their two guards, Guards was able to close the Sparkle lead to 10-8 before Sparkle made a free throw to send the game to half-time 11-8.

In the second half, Walker was able to find his shot, hitting two quick long-range shots.

The story of the second half, however, was the tough play and hard fouls by both teams. With each team trying to establish dominance inside, neither avoided contact, and a number of players found themselves on the ground. In such a physical game, both teams voiced their fair share of complaints to the refs. Walker was particularly frustrated following the game.

Fittingly, after such a hard-fought game, the game was decided on a free throw.

Leading 20-14, Merino was fouled hard on a breakaway lay-up. His foul shot hit nothing but net, giving Sparkle Motion the victory.

Saltines 21 Must Be 30! 14

When the No. 12-seeded Saltines took on Must Be 30! Monday, it was a battle between youthfulness and experience. Unfortunately for Must Be 30!, youthfulness prevailed as the Saltines forced Must Be 30! into early retirement, 21-14.

Down 5-7 midway through the first half, the Saltines were struggling to find their rhythm. "We came out a little slow. I think we were tired from yesterday's game and it showed early on," Saltines forward Dan Ott said.

From there, however, the Saltines went on a 6-1 run to close out the half. Using their superior height and athleticism, the Saltines were able to speed up the game and open it up with a series of fast breaks to open up the three-point advantage.

At the start of the second half, both teams traded baskets. From there, however, Saltines again went on a 10-3 run to open up a 20-13 advantage. That 20th point came on one of the more exciting plays of the game as freshman Carl Andersen was on the receiving end of an alley-oop. While not the prettiest looking shot of the game, it was good enough for Andersen.

"I just came off a screen and the ball was there," Andersen said. "I messed up the 'oop' part of it, but it turned out alright."

After a quick layup by Must Be 30!, the Saltines answered with a simple lay-up to seal the 21-14 victory.

While Must Be 30! lost the game, Paul Miniffee was proud of his team.

"We are all very happy with our performance," he said. "We're not necessarily in the prime of our careers, so to have the tournament we had, that's something to be very proud of."

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Duffy's Girl's Pete Vandeventer, left, drives against Ty Martin of Huggie's Place in their game Monday afternoon. Duffy's Girl fell 21-12 in the round of 64.

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long time. In recent years, the games between Valparaiso and Notre Dame have been blowouts. Since the 2003 season the Irish have outscored Valparaiso 45-1 in five meetings. The one run came on a wild pitch in the third inning of the April 23, 2003 matchup.

Along with their prolific offensive numbers, the Irish have held the Crusaders to four hits in the last six meetings and recorded at least one no-hitter each season since 2003. In 2004, pitcher Stephanie Stenglein threw a perfect game in a 9-0 rout.

Senior pitcher Heather Booth is coming off of her own perfect game Sunday against Rutgers. She will get

the start in today's game where she will look to continue her dominance against the Crusaders.

"Every day is a new day and I hope that she takes the same thought process into the Valpo game," Gumpf said.

The key to her success will be shutting down the top two hitters in the lineup — outfielders Ann Sievert and Karen Korb. Sievert, a senior, hits leadoff and has an on-base percentage of .320. Korb bats second and has 13 steals in her rookie season.

If Booth can keep the two speedsters off the base paths, she will minimize the potential damage from the middle of the order. By working her full arsenal of off-speed pitches, Booth could keep Sievert and Korb off balance.

Gumpf said she wants to

see the team get off to a good start offensively by staying patient and focused at the plate. Notre Dame will look to stay back on pitches to maintain offensive momentum.

"We tend to get too aggressive and pop up a lot," Gumpf said. "I want to concentrate on hitting line drives and hard ground balls."

As the pressure begins to mount towards the end of the season, picking up the win this afternoon would be crucial to keeping momentum down the final stretch.

"I think you always feel a little extra pressure at this time, but I hope that at this point they want that pressure," Gumpf said. "As the going gets tough we get even

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Irish first baseman Linda Kohan makes a putout at first during a 6-0 win over Ball State April 11.

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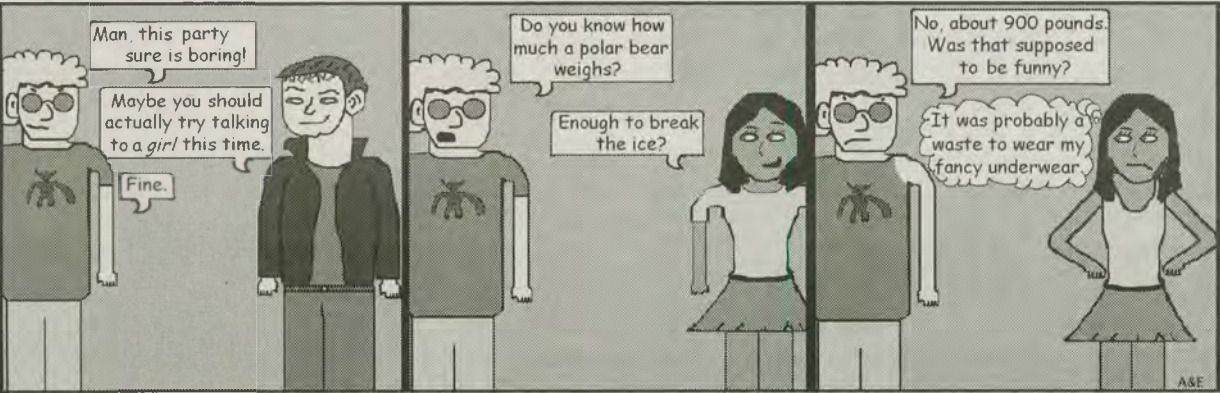
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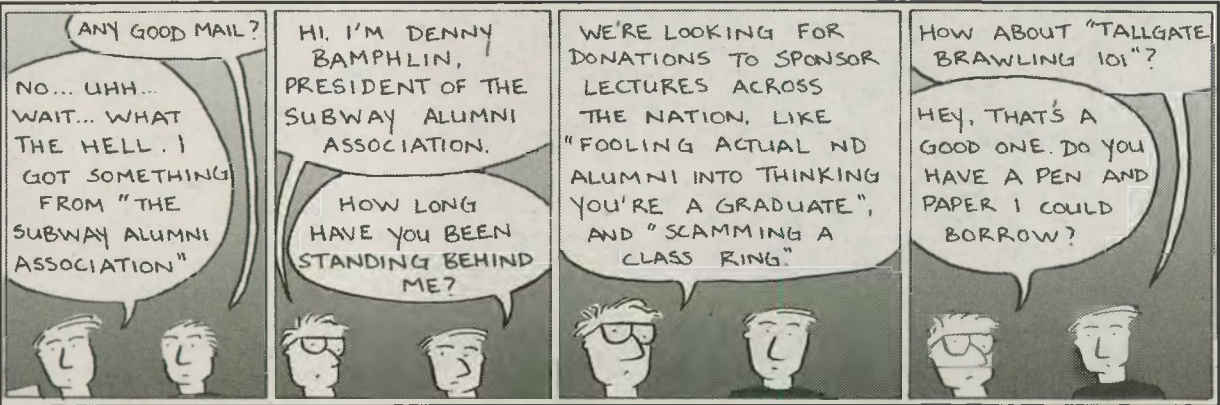
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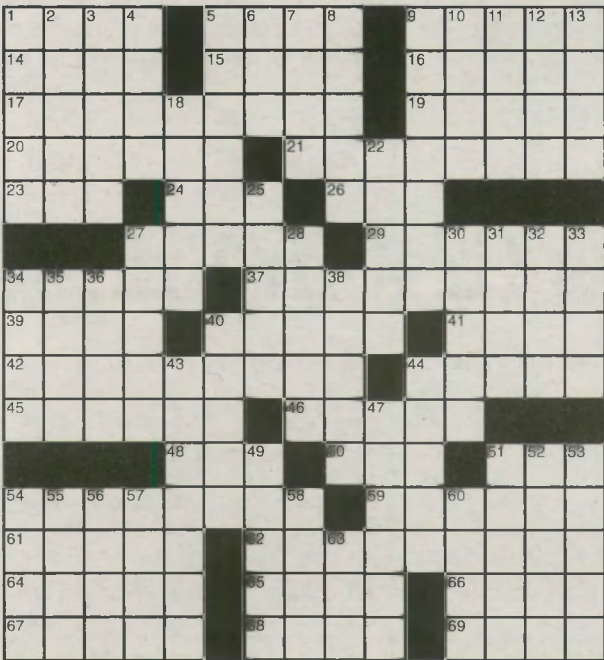
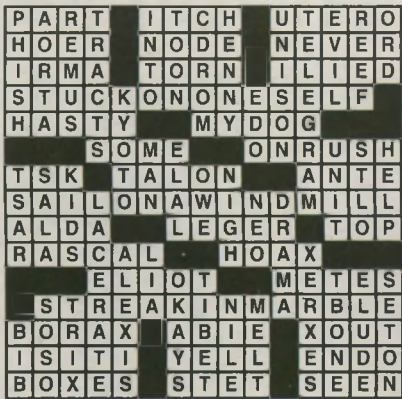
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TAURUS (April 20-May 20): A blast from your past can be expected. Reconnect with people you used to know and you will discover some interesting things about yourself. Visit old familiar places and the memories you have will spark all sorts of old feelings. Love is in a high cycle. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't expect others to understand what you are trying to do. You will be inclined to become upset about personal issues. Assess the situation before you make a comment that may work against you. Keep your personal and professional lives separate. **

CANCER (June 21-July 22): There will be plenty going on in your life. Don't sit back waiting for people to come to you. The sooner you start the process of getting what you want, the easier your day will become. An opportunity to make some extra money is evident. *****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Invest in your surroundings. Real estate or other long-term investments will bring you added security. An unusual moneymaking opportunity will interest you. Find out all you can but prepare to move ahead quickly. ***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Not too many people will understand your motives but you will have everything worked out in your own mind. Stick to your game plan and you will accomplish exactly what you set out to do. Business and personal partnerships are favored. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take a unique approach to something you want to do professionally. Respond quickly to the reactions you get from others and you will make a lasting impression as someone who can take charge. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): A fresh new look will help you unleash some of the ideas you've been keeping to yourself. Mix business with pleasure. You will be recognized for your talent if you aren't too shy or secretive to let others know what you can do. *****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Slow down and take time to think before you spend money or make changes that will affect others. You will face plenty of opposition today if you are pushy or demanding. You may know what you want but getting it will be another story. **

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Focus on work, money and getting ahead. You will interest people who are looking for someone with your kind of talent so let your ideas be known. Romance is in a high cycle. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Take a closer look at your future. If you've been pondering over the past, you probably need a wakeup call. Set goals that will help you move forward. Change can be a good thing so let the past go. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't let your emotions get the better of you. Take care of yourself today. Money matters can be resolved if you set up a budget with a goal in mind. Contact someone from your past. ***

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BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL XXXV

Dwindling draw

Rule No. 76 advances to round of 32 teams

By JOE QUINN and DAN MURPHY
Sports Writers

Making no excuses, Rule No. 76 held on to an early lead to defeat Irish Hockey 21-18 at McGlinn courts Monday.

Rule No. 76 — which had three scorers with more than five points — was led by Jay Dozel with seven. Dozel went down hard in the first half, injuring his arm, but was able to overcome the pain to score four more points in the second half.

"They were some pretty big boys out there and they were bumping us around pretty good," teammate Tyler Martin said.

Martin slashed his way to

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Left, U Got a Bad Draw's Chris DeVitt drives to the basket. Right, Pete Vandeventer, center, of Duffy's Girl dribbles between Ty and Beau Martin of Huggie's Place.

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ND SOFTBALL

Team faces Crusaders in rivalry

Irish have won 24 in a row against Valpo

By DAN MURPHY
Sports Writer

Notre Dame has beaten Valparaiso the previous 24 times — and the Irish will look to continue this impressive streak when they visit the Crusaders at 5 p.m. today.

"I'm sure that Valpo knows [about the streak] too and that will make them want us even more," Notre Dame coach Deanna Gumpf said.

The Crusaders (18-25) are having their best season in a

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SMC GOLF

Saint Mary's places first in Franklin tournament

By ERIC RETTER
Associate Sports Editor

Saint Mary's ended its season on a high note Monday, winning the 2006 Franklin College Lady Grizzly Spring Classic at

The Legends of Indiana Country Club in Franklin, Ind.

The Belles took control of the tournament from the beginning, finishing the opening round Sunday with a total score of 344 — 14 strokes lower than their

nearest opponent, Olivet, which shot a 358 on the day.

"I think that we knew we needed to play well, and we went there and got the job done," sophomore Katie O'Brien said.

On Monday, the Belles

again put together a strong outing and shot a composite 349, the third-best team score of the round. In part because of the large cushion Saint Mary's had going into Monday, the team's lead was never seriously challenged, and the Belles' final score

of 693 topped the seven-team field by nine strokes.

"We're excited that we got first," O'Brien said. "We wanted to play well for the seniors, because this may be their last tournament."

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SMC SOFTBALL

Belles take on Goshen in doubleheader play

Saint Mary's faces last non-MIAA opponent

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

The Belles head into their last non-conference game of the season today against Goshen, hoping to redeem themselves after a disappointing showing Saturday against Olivet. The Belles dropped both games on the road, 2-1 and 6-4.

Belles head coach Erin Sullivan said Saint Mary's

will turn to powerhouses like McKenna Corrigan, who gave the Belles their only run in the first game.

"We want to score early," Sullivan said. "And score often."

Saint Mary's showed power from behind the plate Saturday, Sullivan said, but Olivet was able to shut the team down.

Freshman right-hander Kristin Amram will work to once again be a force from the mound. Amram pitched the first three innings of

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BASEBALL

Irish swing for another W

Victory would be team's 23rd straight

By KEN FOWLER
Sports Editor

It's back under the lights for Notre Dame.

The red-hot Irish (32-8, 15-1 Big East) put their program-record 22-game winning streak on the line tonight at 7:05 p.m. against Purdue (21-14, 8-8 Big Ten) at Frank Eck Stadium. ESPNU will broadcast the contest, marking the Boilermakers' first-ever nationally televised game.

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ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

Irish second baseman Ross Brezovsky makes a throw against Ball State in a 15-1 victory April 11.

SPORTS AT A GLANCE

WATER POLO

Irish women clinch national berth

A No. 2 finish in the NCWPA championships this weekend secured a bid at Nationals.

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NBA

Artest suspended for Game 2

The temperamental basketball player, recently traded to the Kings, must sit out against the Spurs.

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NBA

Miami 115 Chicago 108

Dwayne Wade's 21 points helped put the Heat over the Bulls 2-0 in the series.

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NCAA LACROSSE

Alumni speak about scandal

Several Duke alumni spent their reunion weekend questioning the decision to cancel the lacrosse season.

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NCAA FOOTBALL

Bush addresses NCAA issues

2006 Heisman Trophy winner Reggie Bush tried to refute claims of NCAA violations Monday.

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MLB

Phillies 6 Rockies 5

Cory Lidle struck out 10 as the Phillies try to regain ground in the NL East.

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