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Jenkins responds, leaves CLAP unsatisfied

Members continue to fight for living wage

By JOE PIARULLI
News Writer

At 10 a.m. Tuesday, approximately a dozen members of the Campus Labor Action Project made their way to University President Father John Jenkins's office in the Main Building — where several stayed until 5 p.m. — to present petitions signed by more than 1,300 supporters requesting a task force be formed to evaluate the University's wage policies.

But the group's demands for change were met by a response from Jenkins affirming Notre

Dame's current practices — noting that University administrators have met with CLAP members five times already this year.

"For the most part, these have been amicable, productive meetings," Jenkins said in the statement.

Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves and Associate Vice President for Human Resources Robert McQuade have been "entrusted responsibility for this issue," Jenkins said. "I am confident of their skill, their good faith and their concern for the well being of our employees and the university as a whole."

The response left CLAP lead

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ALLISON AMBROSE/The Observer

CLAP members protested Notre Dame's labor policies outside of University President Father John Jenkins' office Tuesday. Jenkins did not meet with the group but did issue a statement declaring his position.

Dean Woo dines with Bush, Chinese president

By MEGHAN WONS
News Writer

Carolyn Woo, dean of Notre Dame's Mendoza College of Business since 1997, dined with world leaders last Thursday at a luncheon party in the White House — hosted by President George W. Bush and Mrs. Bush in honor of Chinese President Hu Jintao's first official visit to the United States.

Woo said she was one of approximately 180 guests, and estimated that 40 of those in attendance were Asian Americans. According to the Mendoza College of Business's

Web site, Dean Woo has an incredible breadth and depth of experience as a leader in the business world and has been honored by various organizations for her achievements.

But regardless of that achievement, she was surprised to be included in the event, which she attended with her husband Dave.

"We did not know why we were invited, but went out of



Carolyn Woo

curiosity and the desire for an experience," Woo said.

Woo has also been a member of the Committee of 100 — an organization of Chinese-American leaders devoted to enhancing relations between the United States and China and the full participation of Chinese-Americans in American life — since 2001.

Woo said her acquaintance and retired General John Fugh — the highest ranking Chinese-American General when he was in office — made her and her husband feel comfortable in the White House from the moment they arrived. Fugh is also the incoming chair of the Committee

of 100.

"General Fugh and I were the only representatives invited from the Committee of 100," Woo said. "He knew everyone, made sure that I was properly introduced and kept taking pictures of me in front of different presidential portraits."

The luncheon started at 11:30 a.m. and was held in various rooms in the East Wing of the White House.

"My favorite room was the yellow room — the sitting room for the Ladies' bathroom and where portraits of the First Ladies were hung," Woo said.

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ND may help fund museum

D.C. Catholic cultural center fights deficit

By MARY KATE MALONE
News Editor

The University is examining the possibility of helping a struggling Catholic museum in Washington, D.C. University spokesman Dennis Brown said Tuesday.

Brown emphasized that communication between officials from the John Paul II Cultural Center — which is facing a \$40 million deficit — and the University is "very preliminary."

"We're in the analysis process of taking a look at what role we might play on a number of levels, if any," Brown said. "Is this something that would be in our or the Center's best interest? That's why it's important for us to do due diligence."

Backed by Detroit Cardinal Adam Maida, the Cultural Center opened in March 2001 and sits on 12 acres. The museum houses art from the Vatican and a research center but, according to a May 2 article in the Detroit Free Press, has struggled to attract visitors.

Brown said the Center contacted the University earlier this year about what role it might play in the Center's future.

The dialogue between the University and the Cultural Center was reported in the May 2 Detroit Free Press article.

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Dining halls consider Grab and Go changes



ANN KELLEY/The Observer

Freshman Caroline Green picks an item from Grab and Go this week. Next year, students may have more choices for meals on the run.

By MEGHAN WONS
News Writer

Beginning fall of 2006, Notre Dame students may have more food options to consider when making their Grab and Go selections.

According to the Notre Dame Food Services Web site, Grab and Go was designed for students who

don't have time to sit down for a meal. With locations in both the basement of South Dining Hall and the north entrance lobby of North Dining Hall, Grab and Go currently offers a limited variety of prepackaged and portable foods such as sandwiches, veggie trays, bagels, drinks, chips, yogurt, cere-

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SMC update gives optimistic analysis

Budget, identity, building addressed

By LAURA BAUMGARTNER
News Writer

The Saint Mary's community experienced a resurgence of optimism Tuesday following three sessions of joint presentations, which provided updates on the College's budget, identity initiative and new academic building.

Vice President of Finance Laurie Stickelmaier began each of the presentations with a somber recollection of past years' budget projections.

"When we had the September 2004 budget conversation, things were not in real good shape," she said.

Stickelmaier said at that time the College had finished the last two years with

deficits — a trend that was projected to continue into the near future.

"We had projected, at that time, deficits for the years to come reaching from two to three million dollars," she said.

In order to deal with — and possibly reverse — this downward trend, Stickelmaier said the College considered many areas where budget cuts could be made.

Almost two years later — after a \$4 million transfer of Plant Fund Reserves to a quasi-endowment fund, reductions of non-salary expenditures, a decrease in costs of employee benefits, reductions in employee positions through attrition, retirement and restructuring, and leaving vacant positions open for longer periods of time — Stickelmaier said

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INSIDE COLUMN

The Churchill Down Low

It's that time of year again, the time when all inside columns begin with that same trite truism, as we all prepare to have our critical capacities tested.

By the end of this week, after tirelessly studying for every possible angle, we invariably ask ourselves, is all the

Tim Dougherty

Sports Writer

money we spend worth it. Tuition? Hell no. Gambling. The 132nd Kentucky Derby is Saturday and the only book these eyes are going to see is my bookie. So whether you're racing down to Louisville or placing off-track bets, I humbly offer to you some words of advice from a perennial Derby dilettante. (NOT a connoisseur — that's just another word for an addict.)

First things first, ignore the animal — neigh, athlete — who's picked first. The favorite never wins — that is unless he's the underdog. Since 1979, only two race-day favorites have won, Smarty Jones (2004) and Fusaichi Pegasus (2001); one almost died as a foal and the other was Japanese.

Instead focus on horses two through four and get yourself a racing book that contains all the horses' past performances — place, distance, track condition, and speed rating. Pay attention to speed ratings (it is the Greatest Two Minutes in Sports), which give a good indication of the horse's top ability as it faces the toughest competition in the world (e.g. Kentucky, where they take greater effort to breed their horses than they do their people.).

Once you've narrowed it down to a few contenders, here comes the most important part (you girls will like it, well that and the hats): pick the one with the best name. Seriously. Some find that a bit unscientific, but think about it, when a breeder thinks he has a great horse, he's going to honor it with a damn-fine name — one that rolls off the front of the tongue like a mint julep down the back of it.

Since 1990, the champion at tradition-steep(Oed Churchill Downs has had a name like Unbridled, Silver Charm, Charismatic, War Emblem. Throw in earlier Triple Crown victors like Secretariat and Citation and c'mon, pick the most awe-inspiring name — it behooves you.

Now comes the most essential part, betting. Don't bet to win, place or show; it's safe, spineless, and stupid if you want to make money. The combo bets are exactly what you want. Pick the exacta (top two in order). Or try the trifecta (top three in order) and if you're watching the race on TV with your ticket in one hand and a sandwich in the other, you're only a filly away from trifection. Or, ironically, you can box your horses to open up your chances, so that with an exacta-box (quinella) or a tri-box your horses can finish in those positions in any order.

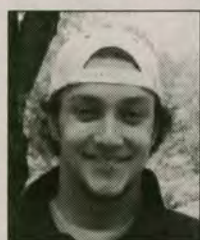
The secret of boxes is the key. A tri-key, which I strongly recommend, makes you pick the winner and then choose three other horses to finish second and third in any order. So you get one extra pick and it pays off between the value of a trifecta and a tri-box. I don't want to brag or anything (that's a bald-faced lie), but I made \$550 on a \$2 bet this way in the 2004 Derby taking Smarty Jones on top (that means to win) with Lion Heart (finished second), Imperialism (finished third) and Limehouse (did not finish in the money). (Note that Lion Heart and Imperialism aren't exactly summer camp horseback riding names.)

If all else fails, get buddies to throw in five grand each (like 2003 champ Funny Cide's owners) and buy a Derby winner yourself. Anything to horse around before finals.

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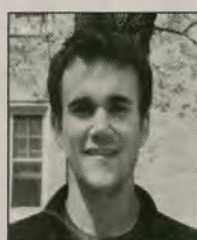
QUESTION OF THE DAY: How will you be spending your study days?



Paul Switaj

senior
off-campus

"Figuring out how to be more like Jed Eide."



Tom Johnson

senior
off-campus

"Competing not only for the pride of my hood, but for \$1,000 cash money."



Meghan Johnson

freshman
Cavanaugh

"Spending time with my brother because he is graduating."



Megan LaDriere

freshman
Cavanaugh

"Figuring out how to propose to the love of my life — Meghan Johnson."



Leah Miller

freshman
Lewis

"Eating the fruit my parents sent me in my fruit basket."



ANN KELLEY/The Observer

Notre Dame students and area children enjoy hot dogs at the annual end of the year Big Brother/Big Sister picnic celebrating graduating seniors and their involvement in the University community service program.

IN BRIEF

The End of The School Year Gospel Bash will take place tonight at 7 p.m. in Washington Hall. The event costs \$4 for students and \$5 for the general public.

Collegium Musicum, a small vocal ensemble from the Notre Dame community specializing in sacred and secular music from the Medieval, Renaissance, and Baroque eras, is performing tonight at 7 and 8:30 p.m. in the Reyes Organ and Choral Hall, DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Tickets are \$3 for all seats.

The Saint Mary's music department will host a spring choral concert Thursday from 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. in the Little Theater in the Moreau Center for the Arts. The concert will feature performances by the Collegiate Choir, Bellacapella and the Women's Choir.

The Irish baseball team will play Louisville at 6:05 p.m. Friday at Frank Eck Stadium.

Household and miscellaneous items will be for sale to students and general public at the ND-Surplus sale on Saturday from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. at 925 N. Eddy Street (next to the Robinson Center).

The Irish women's lacrosse team will close out its regular season against Vanderbilt at 12 p.m. Sunday in Moose Krause Stadium.

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

OFFBEAT

Age is not an apparent issue for Malaysian odd couple

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — A 33-year-old man in northern Malaysia has married a 104-year-old woman, saying mutual respect and friendship had turned to love, a news report said Tuesday.

It was Muhamad Noor Che Musa's first marriage and his wife's 21st, according to The Star newspaper which cited a report in the Malay-language Harian Metro tabloid.

Muhamad, an ex-army serviceman said he found peace and a sense of belonging after meeting Wook Kundor, whom he said he ini-

tially sympathized with because she was childless, old and alone, the report said.

"I am not after her money, as she is poor," Muhamad reportedly said. "Before meeting Wook, I never stayed in one place for long."

He said he hoped to help his new bride to master Roman script while she taught him Islamic religious knowledge.

The report did not say if any of Wook's previous 20 husbands are still alive.

Man found glued to toilet in Maryland Wal-Mart
SALISBURY, Md. — A 20-

year-old was found by a Wal-Mart employee in the bathroom Sunday night after he sat down and was glued to the toilet seat.

The man, whose name was not released by police, was taken to the hospital late Sunday night, said Lt. Cheryl Rantz of the Salisbury Police Department.

"The man had gone into the bathroom and sat down," she said. "He was banging on the wall when the employee came in."

Rantz said the man was treated and released.

Information compiled from the Associated Press.

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LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 78 LOW 52	HIGH 68 LOW 52	HIGH 65 LOW 44	HIGH 62 LOW 40	HIGH 55 LOW 37	HIGH 62 LOW 40

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NDSurplus recycles used office supplies

By EMMA DRISCOLL
News Writer

Rather than throwing away desks that are in good condition or keeping extra filing cabinets that will never be used, University Procurement Services — through its three-year old NDSurplus program — gathers superfluous equipment and supplies throughout the campus and makes them easily available to other departments, students, faculty and the public.

"We have computers, desks, chairs, wardrobes — anything you can think of that is out on campus is there," said Tim Gibney, vice president of business operations. "We have everything from coffee makers to computer peripherals."

Gibney described NDSurplus as a program that "take[s] Notre Dame product[s] that [have] been used by someone and — rather than going and being thrown in the dump — having it go for a good purpose."

Gathered products are offered to departments of the University on a weekly basis at no charge, which saves the departments money, Gibney said.

Faculty, staff and students can go to 925 North Eddy Street Thursdays, from 11 a.m. — 3 p.m. to purchase reused products that depart-

ments do not want. Quarterly Saturday sales are open to the public, students, faculty and staff, Gibney said.

The next Saturday sale will be this weekend from 8:00 a.m. — noon, according to the NDSurplus Web site. The Web site also includes a real-time list of surplus inventory to help people find what they need.

Gibney said NDSurplus also promotes and offers surplus properties to non-profits, including churches and schools.

As a "not for profit exercise," Gibney said the program is "really to get [surplus] out for additional use or to recycle." Proceeds from the sales go toward paying the recycler to recycle the product.

"We're not putting into the waste stream as far as dumping [product] — we're paying for a recycler to basically recycle it," said Gibney.

Gibney said the program, designed to save money rather than make money, created a savings "in [the] \$300,000 range" in the past year.

"When students see things being replaced, you can bet that the old product is going down to NDSurplus," he said.

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Professor stirs nuclear discussion

Lieber predicts U.S. will return to primacy

By BECKY HOGAN
News Writer

With one sentence, a Notre Dame professor has made some very big waves.

"The United States is on the verge of escaping a MAD [Mutual Assured Destruction] world," assistant professor of political science Keir Lieber said in a recent article, entitled "The Rise of U.S. Nuclear Primacy."

From Web logs to statements from Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, the comment elicited huge responses from the international community — most notably from Russia.

Lieber, together with University of Pennsylvania professor Daryl Press, wrote the article, which appeared in the March/April 2006 edition of Foreign Affairs Magazine.

"We did anticipate controversy [from the article], but we did not anticipate the nature of the response," Lieber said.

Lieber and Press' chief claim was that the United States "stands on the verge of attaining nuclear primacy" and that it may be possible "for the United States to destroy long-range nuclear arsenals of Russia and China with a first strike." In other words, the United States may have first-strike capabilities without the threat of a counter-attack.

Since the Cold War era, scholars have argued that the most powerful nations with nuclear

capabilities were equally vulnerable to attack — something that kept the world relatively peaceful.

"Nuclear war was tantamount to suicide," Lieber said. "Neither side dared to attack the other."

From computer models, Lieber and Press determined that the United States has outpaced Russia and China in developing its nuclear technologies.

"We've taken traditional models of nuclear attacks using calculations similar to those used during the Cold War," Lieber said.

Lieber said though he believes war with Russia is highly implausible — he and Press compared the United States nuclear arsenal to Russia's because Russia is the next strongest nuclear state, providing the hardest case against their claim of U.S. nuclear primacy.

The responses from Russian citizens and officials indicate that there may indeed be weaknesses in the Russian nuclear arms program. According to several press accounts, the article had widespread influence in Russia and forced top political and military leaders to respond, including Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin, the former Russian Prime Minister Yegor Gaidar and Defense Minister Sergei Ivanov.

"No serious analyst of the Russian nuclear force would dispute how much Russia's nuclear arsenal has decayed," Lieber said.

The article said that while Russia's nuclear program seems to have "decayed," China's nuclear program has continued to develop — albeit at an extremely slow pace.

In addition, some reactions in

Russia question whether the article is a warning signal from the United States government. Foreign Affairs managing editor Gideon Rose told The Observer that it was ridiculous to assume that the article was a deliberate attempt to coerce Russia.

"The reason that it struck a cord in Russia was that it made public in a very provocative way something that many security experts understood, but that Russian citizens may not have [understood]," Rose said. "We thought it would provoke a response, but even we were surprised by just how strong the response was in Russia."

Lieber and Press expected the American government would deny attempting to attain a nuclear advantage as the article proposes, however no such statements have been issued.

"The focus on Iran and Iraq, while justified, has allowed us to miss what could be an equally significant — and potentially very troubling — nuclear development," Lieber said.

Although Lieber and Press said the United States has "nuclear primacy" for now, the issue could lead to a nuclear arms race if China and Russia choose to respond by building more nuclear weapons.

Lieber and Press began compiling data for the article about two years ago. Press said that he was motivated to study the issue because he felt it was important to open up debate about U.S. nuclear policy.

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'Old to Gold' prepares sale

Yearly event recycles items to aid charities

By KAITLYNN RIELY
News Writer

For students living in residence halls, the last two weeks is a scramble to pass room inspections, pack belongings and study for exams. And for these residents, it may seem easier to toss the carpet in the dumpster or throw away that coffee pot on the way out of the dorm rather than find a storage facility or stuff it in a crowded box.

But for the second year in a row, the "From Old to Gold" sale offers students a way to donate items they do not plan to use anymore and do not want to store over the summer.

Last year, 54 tons of items that may have gone to the dumpster found a new home in the South Bend area instead.

Alan Bigger, the director of building services and the organizer of "From Old to Gold," said he modeled charity yard sale after the "Trash to Treasure" event at Pennsylvania State University. Notre Dame debuted its program last year and raised over \$27,000 for local charities. This year's goal is to raise \$50,000 dollars to benefit 38 local charitable agencies, Bigger said.

Notre Dame organizers, along with workers from the United Way of St. Joseph's County, began collecting donations from each of the 27 residence halls this week.

"Last year the halls were really great," Bigger said. "If I could make an all around

applause I would."

He said student participation looks like it will be more impressive this year. On Monday, Bigger said he collected a greater number of donated items from the dorms than he did on the first collection day last year.

"From Old to Gold" is interested in electronics, carpets, futons, clothing and unopened food, provided they are in good condition, Bigger said. Signs outside each dorm indicate where students should place their items. Bigger asks that students tape up rolled-up carpets, bundle and tie pieces of wood and tie shoes together to facilitate the collection process.

"Last year we ended up with ten thousand shoes and we had to sort them all," Bigger said.

The "From Old to Gold" sale will be held Saturday, May 27 from 7-11 a.m. in Notre Dame Stadium. The sale is open to the public, but a \$5 early admission fee will be charged to customers who want to shop before 9 a.m.

Last year, nearly 4,000 people attended the first annual sale. Bigger estimates 2,000 people were lined up outside the stadium before the gates even opened at 7 a.m. Tables and merchandise took up 55,000 square feet of the Stadium's concourse, and all but four items were sold, Bigger said.

Electronics — televisions, computers, printers, and DVD players — were the most highly sought after items. Shoppers purchased every item from this department within fifteen minutes of the gates opening, Bigger said.

Bigger said he was amazed

by the quantity of some of the items at last year's sale. He said students donated two or three thousand pairs of jeans, as well as countless plastic storage crates and coffee pots.

"We would encourage people to give items that they would not have use for and then we could put them to use with other persons," Bigger said.

He said the great thing about the first "From Old to Gold" sale last year was that it took items that would have ended up in a dumpster and recycled them into the local community. An added benefit of the sale is that the money raised from the sale of the donated items goes to charities.

"It was like a closed loop system, and everybody benefited, and nothing went into the local landfills," Bigger said.

The Penn State program let students contribute to the local community in a beneficial way, Bigger said. He said he heard of people coming to the "Trash to Treasure" sale from over 200 miles away.

"The program tied the student body together with the community in a somewhat symbiotic relationship," Bigger said.

Bigger said "From Old to Gold" does not seem to have quite a wide-ranging draw yet, but he knows people come from all over the surrounding areas and he has received good feedback about the program from local residents.

"I think it really improves the town-gown relationship," Bigger said.

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CLAP

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organizer Kamaria Porter "very disappointed."

"They say it takes time, but how much time?" she said. "We'll fight until we win. This issue is not going away."

While CLAP did not have an appointment scheduled with Jenkins, the group arrived at the Office of the President at 10 a.m. and was stopped at the door by security members prepared for the planned sit-in.

CLAP members, all wearing yellow armbands, were told that Jenkins was not in. However, an assistant came out to receive the petitions and a letter to Jenkins.

In the letter, CLAP expressed its belief that the existing Staff Advisory Council — mentioned by Executive Vice President John Affleck-Graves in an April 19 statement as the appropriate venue for workers to raise concerns — is "ineffective in addressing the needs of workers."

"[Y]our administration has refused to give us a definitive response to our call for a task force that was first presented in September, responding that these things take time," the letter read. "We gather today to demand an answer on whether or not you're willing to establish a Just Employment Task Force, and to deliver signed petitions demonstrating our support base."

The group proceeded to sit outside the Office of the President, speaking with members of the media and asking passing individuals to sign their petition and include their name, address, telephone number, e-mail and affiliation with Notre Dame.

Around 10:40 a.m., two group members attempted to

enter the office and were told that no one was available to speak with them.

Jenkins returned to his office around 11:30 a.m. and delivered his statement to the group shortly after.

In the statement, Jenkins addresses CLAP's concern for social justice by saying University policy is grounded in Catholic social teaching.

"At Notre Dame, we value the contributions of every member of our staff, who help make this university the special place it is. And we are committed to paying fair and just wages and benefits to our workers, as a matter of justice and of fidelity to Catholic social teaching."

While the sit-in was planned to be an hour in length, four members of the group stayed until around 4:30 p.m., when approximately 30 people returned for a last effort. The supporters prayed a decade of the rosary and then chanted for a living wage as they left the Main Building.

Porter said the group could not let the semester end without trying to get Jenkins' attention one more time.

"We can't let workers go into the graduation weekend working basically overtime on these poverty wages and not do anything about it," she said.

Porter said the group plans to have another press conference in the near future and will continue to work toward their goals. CLAP's campaign began Sept. 29, 2005, she said, and will continue indefinitely.

"We got the same sort of non-answer," she said. "Even 30 members of the Notre Dame community couldn't get any recognition, so I don't know what it will take ... but we're gonna keep on going."

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Museum

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The news comes after a tense spring on campus marked by heated debates over academic freedom and

Catholic character and a student-initiated living wage movement.

Brown would not comment on what type of involvement the University would pursue or when the University would make a decision.

"There is no timeline on it

from our perspective," Brown said.

The Cultural Center is next door to Catholic University of America and behind the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Iran threatens Israel if U.S. attacks

TEHRAN, Iran — A Revolutionary Guards commander said Tuesday that Israel would be Iran's first retaliatory target in response to any U.S. attack, a provocative threat that reinforced the Iranian president's past call for Israel to be "wiped off the map."

"We have announced that wherever [in Iran] America does make any mischief, the first place we target will be Israel," the Iranian Student News Agency quoted Gen. Mohammad Fbrahim Dehghani as saying.

Dehghani, a top commander of the elite Revolutionary Guards, also said Israel was not prepared to go to war against Iran.

Official confirms terrorist's capture

KABUL, Afghanistan — A top al-Qaida strategist with a \$5 million bounty on his head and followers from Afghanistan to Europe has been captured in Pakistan, a U.S. law enforcement official confirmed.

Mustafa Setmariam Nasar, who once wrote a 1,600-page autobiographical book on ways to attack Islam's enemies, has been flown out of the country after being interrogated by Pakistani and American authorities, Pakistani officials told The Associated Press on Tuesday. They did not specify where he was taken.

Terror analysts said Nasar's capture has dealt a blow to al-Qaida and other militant movements he aided through his virulent anti-Western writings and weapons training. His movements have been traced to Sudan, Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Syria and two European capitals.

NATIONAL NEWS

Sago Mine hearing raises questions

BUCKHANNON, W.Va. — "Did our dad have to die?" Peggy Cohen wanted to know Tuesday as mine safety regulators opened an emotional public hearing on questions still surrounding the January disaster that left 12 men dying deep inside the Sago Mine.

Wives and children of the other miners followed her to the microphone, some clutching framed photos of the victims.

"We assure you, Mr. Politicians, that we're not going to let this rest," said John Groves, whose brother Jerry Groves was among the victims. "We know in our hearts that this can be corrected. It needs to be done immediately, it needs to be done now. And it's on you."

GOP leaders agree to extend tax cuts

WASHINGTON — Majority Republicans have reached agreement in principle on legislation to extend tax cuts on capital gains and dividends for two years and keep 15 million middle income taxpayers from getting hit with a tax designed for the wealthy, GOP aides said late Tuesday.

However, final passage of the measure is being linked by Senate Finance Committee Chairman Charles Grassley to achieving an agreement with House Republicans over the outlines of a second package of tax breaks, according to Republican staffers who spoke on condition of anonymity because the deal has not yet been announced by their bosses.

These aides said they expected the disputes on the contents of the second bill to be resolved quickly so that the legislation extending tax breaks for capital gains and dividends can win quick approval by the full House and Senate.

LOCAL NEWS

Trial seeks a non-Allen County jury

FORT WAYNE, Ind. — Jurors will be chosen from outside Allen County in the capital murder trial of a man accused of killing his wife and three daughters, a judge ruled Tuesday.

Attorneys for Simon Rios argued that pretrial publicity would make impartial jurors hard or impossible to find.

Rios, 34, of Fort Wayne is charged with four counts of murder in the Dec. 13 deaths of his wife Ana Casas, 28, and the couple's three daughters: 10-year-old Liliana, 4-year-old Katherinne and 20-month-old Thannya Rios.

Prosecutors announced Monday they would seek the death penalty in the case.

NIGERIA

Darfur talks to be prolonged

U.S. Envoy reports African Union will extend Sudan's peace pact deadline

Associated Press

ABUJA — A top U.S. envoy said the African Union will extend its Tuesday midnight deadline for a peace pact aimed at resolving the violence in Sudan's Darfur region.

Deputy Secretary of State Robert B. Zoellick spoke with time running out on the time limit for mediators to get rebels and the government to strike a deal.

U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Robert B. Zoellick said late Tuesday that the Africa Union planned to announce the extension, as he waded into the long-stymied talks, pressuring the various factions to strike a deal. British Cabinet member Hilary Benn joined him.

"I believe there has to be an end to this process," Zoellick said.

But as time ticked away, there was no word from the AU on an extension and rebels stuck to their demands for concessions on security and power-sharing.

The Sudanese government said it approved a draft of the peace deal to end fighting that has killed at least 180,000 people and left millions more homeless. The draft was first circulated last week at the African Union-hosted talks.

"We asked him [Zoellick] to put pressure on the government side so that we can have a balanced paper — and then we can sign it," said Ahmed Hussein, a spokesman for the Justice and Equality Movement, one of the Darfur rebel factions.

President Bush called Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir on Monday night about the importance of peace in Darfur, according to the official Sudan Press Agency and Frederick Jones, a spokesman for Bush's National Security Council.

Bush has described government-backed attacks on civilians in Darfur as genocide.



Sudanese tribal leaders attend the Darfur talks Tuesday at the venue of the Darfur peace talks in Abuja, Nigeria. The U.S. and Britain pressed for the peace deadline to be met.

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During the call, Bush urged al-Bashir to send his Vice President Ali Osman Mohammed Taha, who left Abuja Monday, back to the peace talks, White House press secretary Scott McClellan said. The president told al-Bashir to accept a U.N. peacekeeping mission backed by NATO logistics and training for Darfur.

Zoellick was dispatched to the peace talks after thousands of people rallied over the weekend in the United States calling for an end to violence and deprivation in Darfur.

Two main rebel groups both accuse the central government of neglecting impoverished Darfur,

though they also have battled each other for territory and at least one has developed its own internal factions.

The Justice and Equality Movement is closely linked to Islamic fundamentalists.

Decades of low-level tribal clashes over land and water in Darfur erupted into large-scale violence in early 2003. The central government is accused of responding by unleashing Arab tribal militias known as Janjaweed upon civilians. Sudan denies backing the Janjaweed.

Darfur has been a staging ground for Chadian rebels, who have risen up against the government there, and Sudan accuses Chad of sup-

porting Darfur rebels. The violence threatens to escalate: Osama bin Laden last week urged his followers to go to Sudan to fight a proposed U.N. presence.

The African Union had originally set a Sunday deadline for the end to peace talks, but extended that by 48 hours when the rebels rejected the AU-drafted proposed peace agreement.

The African Union has also selected five African heads of state to help ensure that any agreement on Darfur is accepted by all parties, said the Republic of Congo's U.N. Ambassador Basile Ikouebe, whose country is the current chair of the 53-nation bloc.

Debate delays interrogation policy

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A debate over whether to keep certain interrogation techniques secret is holding up the release of a long-awaited military manual on the treatment of detainees.

Coming more than two years after photographs surfaced showing U.S. troops beating, intimidating and sexually abusing prisoners at Abu Ghraib in Iraq, the new Army field manual was initially supposed to include a classified section.

In recent days, however, several members of Congress privately cautioned the Pentagon that keeping parts of the manual secret could raise suspi-

cions that the United States was violating international and U.S. laws and rules governing detainee treatment.

Those conversations led defense officials to privately debate which parts — if any — to keep secret, according to several Capitol Hill and senior defense officials. They spoke on the condition of anonymity because the discussions were private and the manual has not yet been made public.

The classified section was planned to provide detailed guidelines on what can and can't be done to detainees — for example, how long they can be forced to sit or stand in certain positions or exactly how hot or cold their holding areas can be kept.

The Pentagon and the Army have been reviewing a draft of the manual for more than a year and were about to release a final version last week when debate over it intensified. The Bush administration is treading carefully on the issue, mindful that detainee treatment has the potential to become a high-profile controversy once again, this time in an election year.

In a private meeting at the Pentagon last week, Sens. John Warner of Virginia and Carl Levin of Michigan, the top Republican and Democrat on the Senate Armed Services Committee, broached the issue of the manual's classified section with Deputy Defense Secretary Gordon England.

Meals

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als and fruit.

Each item is assigned a different number of points and students may fill their brown bags with seven points worth of food or beverages.

Student Government plans to administer surveys sometime this week to measure current student satisfaction with the system and to get feedback they can share with Notre Dame's Food Services, student body vice president Bill Andrichik said.

"We had experimented with on-line options but will ultimately be using a paper survey with pick-up and collection sites located in the dining halls and in LaFortune," Andrichik said. "The collection process will probably take place over study days and the first couple days of finals."

Andrichik said all of the items of the survey have been finalized.

"We are suggesting some items that are more traditional snacks,

some heated options and some items that are a little easier to bring back to the dorm and keep for a couple of days without having to use them right away," he said. "There will be nine or ten items in total on the survey and about three or four will be chosen based upon student response."

He said both Student Government and Food Services have approved Ramen, Easy Mac and microwaveable popcorn as a few of the feasible items.

Junior Kelly Hardy said she would like to see a greater variety of drink selections in the new Grab and Go system.

"Cans of pop would be nice instead of just milk or juice or water," Hardy said. "We're college stu-

dents; we need caffeine and some of us just don't drink coffee."

John Corboy, a busy civil engineering major who estimates he uses Grab and Go about two or three times a week for lunch, said he would vote for slices of pie to be added to the Grab and

Go mix.

"Cherry pie would be my first pick," Corboy said.

After contacting Food Services' Dave Prentkowski and talking with him about the feasibility of making changes to the Grab and Go options, Andrichik and current student body president Lizzi Shappell made Grab and Go changes part of their campaign platform when they ran for election earlier in the semester, Andrichik said.

"The Grab and Go choices were by far the most asked about part of our platform when we campaigned door to door," he said.

Since their election, Andrichik said he and Shappell have "followed up on the initial contact we made with Food Services in order to work with them throughout the process." Andrichik added that Food Services has been extremely helpful and have "gone through the trouble of contacting dealers, checking into space considerations, and researching prices for the suggested items. They have even provided point values for how much each item would cost students next year to aid in students' decisions when they are ranking the items."

Collaboration between Student Government and Food Services has resulted in "a survey that reflects student input and has the approval of Food Services," Andrichik said.

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Woo

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After greeting President Bush and being introduced to President

Hu Jintao, Woo said she "mingled with John and Gwen Bolton, shook the hands of Dick and Lynn Cheney, exchanged greetings with Condeleeza Rice as fellow Domers, discussed issues of China-U.S. trade relations with Carla Hills, gawked at Scott McClellan and stood in front

of Henry and Nancy Kissinger in the receiving line."

Woo said her table, at which Donald Rumsfeld was the host, was next to the table where Bush and Jintao were seated.

"There was a mystery guest seated next to President Bush," Woo said. "General Fugh, who was seated to my right, tapped her back and introduced himself as a member of the Committee of 100. She turned around and said, 'Yes, I remember you; the Committee gave me an award

when I was twelve.' She was Michelle Kwan."

Before the luncheon concluded at 2:50 p.m., a blue grass band played, Woo said.

"Bush loved it and Hu was ramrod straight," Woo noted.

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Carolyn Woo
Dean of Mendoza College of Business

The presidents took to a podium to address the luncheon attendees.

"I saw that the presidents wore practical, comfortable shoes," Woo said. "The Chinese President talked a lot about collaboration and the efforts for peace and he sounded sincere."

When asked if she had any personal hopes for China-U.S. relations, Woo said she hoped the two countries would develop a stronger bond.

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College

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the College is on its way to pulling out of the red.

The College also bolstered funds by using money left over from department budgets, reducing bills through water and energy conservation campaigns and increasing the use of consortia and cost-sharing arrangements, she said.

Stickelmaier said the College focused on increasing revenue to facilitate the move from deficit to surplus. She attributed the increase seen over the last year to a rise in bookstore and food services sales, increased private foundation and federal grant fundraising, and the implementation of a facilities fee to fund the Student Center operating costs and depreciation of the building.

Other potential revenue sources — which Stickelmaier said are under consideration — include the possible addition of more professional programs, an interim program over winter break and the expansion of the summer semester program.

"Summer sessions were successful last year and are looking to be even more successful this

year," she said.

Considering the budget cuts and increased revenues — as well as a "flat" projection for expenses besides increases in salaries, utilities, cost of goods sold and depreciation — Stickelmaier said "estimating conservatively" Saint Mary's should be "in the black for 2007, and in 2008 should have a surplus in the range of \$350,000."

Stickelmaier also said these figures do not include potential increases in enrollment for the 2006-2007 academic year.

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Laurie Stickelmaier
Vice President of Finance

Following Stickelmaier's presentation, vice president for enrollment management Dan Meyer and vice president of college relations S h a r i Rodriguez

provided an overview of the College's identity initiative progress, and lead architect Terry Steelman of Ballinger Architects described detailed plans for the new academic building.

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Stocks			
Dow Jones	11,416.45	+73.16	

Up: 2,046 Same: 156 Down: 1,186 Composite Volume: 2,457,178,650.00

AMEX	2,020.21	+14.30
NASDAQ	2,309.84	+5.05
NYSE	8,541.80	+80.05
S&P 500	1,313.21	+8.02
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	17,153.77	+228.06
FTSE 100(London)	6,082.10	+59.00

COMPANY	%CHANGE	\$GAIN	PRICE
NASDAQ 100 TR (QQQQ)	+0.27	+0.11	41.55
INTEL CP (INTC)	+0.51	+0.10	19.59
SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	+0.81	+0.04	4.95
MICROSOFT CP (MSFT)	-1.15	-0.28	24.01
JDS UNIPHASE CP (JDSU)	+1.15	+0.04	3.52

Treasuries			
10-YEAR NOTE	-0.41	-0.21	51.10
13-WEEK BILL	+0.75	+0.35	46.82
30-YEAR BOND	-0.52	-0.27	52.00
5-YEAR NOTE	-0.24	-0.12	49.77

Commodities			
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	+0.91		74.61
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+7.20		667.40
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-1.48		85.70

Exchange Rates			
YEN			113.3200
EURO			0.7929
POUND			0.5442
CANADIAN \$			1.1057

IN BRIEF

Visteon attains first quarter profit

DETROIT — Auto-parts supplier Visteon Corp. surprised Wall Street on Tuesday, swinging to a first-quarter profit and raising its full-year earnings outlook as its restructuring actions took hold and new business grew.

Net income for the January-March period totaled \$3 million, or 2 cents per share, compared with a loss of \$163 million, or \$1.30 per share, during the same period last year. Analysts, on average, had predicted a loss of 48 cents per share on revenue of \$2.97 billion, according to a poll by Thomson Financial.

Revenue declined 41 percent to \$2.96 billion from \$4.99 billion last year. The decline was primarily due to the shifting of 23 Visteon facilities to a Ford-managed business entity, Automotive Components Holdings LLC, in October 2005, the company said. Ford Motor Co. spun off Visteon in 2000.

Visteon has a plant in Bedford, Ind., about 65 miles southwest of Indianapolis, that employs more than 900 people.

Strong Verizon earnings lift stocks

NEW YORK — Solid earnings from Verizon Communications Inc. lifted stocks Tuesday, sending the Dow Jones industrial average to its best close in six years even as oil prices neared an all-time high.

Blue chip Verizon helped the Dow to its gains after saying its profit before special items topped Wall Street estimates. Elsewhere, Sirius Satellite Radio Inc. posted a smaller-than-expected loss amid sharp subscriber gains.

There were no new economic reports. On Monday, data on consumer spending and industrial activity showed the economy is expanding at a healthy pace, but comments from Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke reignited interest rate concerns and triggered a late-day selloff.

With the Fed saying it could be near the end of its rate tightening, investors have become sensitive to any inflation signs that might lead to further increases in short-term lending rates. Record energy and metals prices have some analysts questioning whether the central bank has done enough to stem inflation.

BOLIVIA

Leaders aim for more control

Leftist government plans to regulate mining, forestry as well as natural gas industry

Associated Press

LA PAZ — Bolivia's leftist government said Tuesday it would extend control over mining, forestry and other sectors of the economy after President Evo Morales nationalized the country's huge natural gas industry. Foreign governments warned relations could be damaged.

Soldiers were posted at 56 gas installations around the country a day after Morales issued a decree that analysts say could drive petroleum companies from South America's poorest nation and isolate Bolivia from important allies like Brazil and Spain.

The move solidifies Morales' role alongside Venezuela's Hugo Chavez and Cuba's Fidel Castro in Latin America's new axis of socialist-inclined leaders united against "capitalist, imperialist" U.S. influence.

Morales said Monday that the gas decree "was just the beginning, because tomorrow it will be the mines, the forest resources and the land." Morales' planning minister earlier this month spoke of plans for "drastic reforms" of mining laws.

On Tuesday, Vice President Alvaro Garcia Linera said mining companies could face higher taxes and royalty payments and that the government will intensify enforcement of existing laws to break up big underdeveloped land holdings, apparently to turn them over to the poor.

The government also will crack down on foreign timber companies violating conservation laws, Garcia said, and would steer companies to export finished



Bolivians ride bicycles past a disused gas station guarded by military officers in the city of Patacamaya, some 100 kilometers south of La Paz, Bolivia on Tuesday.

wood products rather than raw timber.

While the gas nationalization decree was not unexpected, analysts called Morales' use of the army extreme, the images of soldiers toting automatic weapons outside refineries and gas fields reminiscent of military dictatorships past.

"With this move, he risks alienating natural and otherwise sympathetic partners like Brazil and Spain," said Michael Shifter, a Latin American analyst at the Inter-American Dialogue think tank in Washington. "Ordering the military to seize the natural gas fields is unnecessarily confrontational and

antagonistic."

President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva of Brazil held an emergency Cabinet meeting to assess the impact on his nation — the biggest buyer of Bolivian gas and the owner of Petroleo Brasileiro SA, one of Bolivia's biggest gas producers.

Petrobras President Sergio Gabrielli said officials were seeking "to secure our rights" to Bolivian gas and the \$1.6 billion that Petrobras has invested in Bolivia since the mid-1990s.

Spain's Foreign Ministry summoned Bolivia's business attache to express "deep concern about the measure and the possible

consequences for bilateral relations."

The Spanish-Argentine Repsol YPF petroleum company is one of the largest foreign players in Bolivia and Argentina is the second-biggest market for Bolivian gas.

Spain's Deputy Prime Minister Maria Teresa Fernandez de la Vega said Tuesday that the nationalization "is definitely negative for Bolivia" and would likely deter foreign investment.

Besides Petrobras and Repsol, the biggest natural gas investors in Bolivia are Britain's BG Group PLC and BP PLC, France's Total SA and U.S.-based Exxon Mobil Corp.

Lay finishes testifying at Enron trial

Associated Press

HOUSTON — After exchanging some parting shots with his prosecutor, Kenneth Lay finished six days of testimony at his federal fraud and conspiracy trial Tuesday by professing love for Enron Corp., the company he founded, and the people who worked there.

"I loved Enron very much," Lay said in a brief response to the final question from his lawyer, George Seestr. "And I loved Enron's employees very much. I spent half my professional life running Enron. I think we built a great company. We changed energy markets around the world."

"I think the most painful thing in my life was watching Enron finally have to go into bankruptcy."

The comment was similar to his statement at the opening of his testimony last week. And as he has during more than a week on the

witness stand, Lay jostled with prosecutor John Hueston, this time over taking responsibility for the implosion of the once-giant energy trading company.

An accounting professor from the University of Southern California hired by the defense testified that Enron's accounting was sound.

Jerry Arnold spent much of Tuesday afternoon on the stand discussing accounting regulations in minute detail and offering an analysis of Enron's financial reporting. He focused on the third quarter of 2001 when Enron reported \$638 million in losses and a \$1.2 billion reduction in shareholder equity related to failed broadband and water-trading ventures as well as the unwinding of so-called Raptors, off-the-books financial structures backed by falling Enron stock.

The government alleges Lay knew many Enron assets were overvalued, that losses were coming and

misrepresented this to the public.

Arnold, who was to return to the stand Wednesday, said Enron accounting and financial reporting was proper.

He acknowledged that he was paid more than \$1 million for his work.

"I'm here to provide my expertise on facts and circumstances," he said, defending the expenses. "I'm not here, if you'll excuse the expression, to be a hired gun."

Earlier, Lay continued to cite deceit by former Chief Financial Officer Andrew Fastow as being "at the heart" of Enron's collapse.

"Your list of people to blame and events to blame did not include yourself, did it, sir?" Hueston asked him.

"Did I make mistakes?" Lay replied. "I'm sure I did, Mr. Hueston. I had to make real-time decisions based on the information I had at the time."

MEXICO

Migrants will have hot journeys

Border Patrol predicts new laws will force illegals to change routes

Associated Press

SASABE — Wearing tight jeans and a glittery "bebe" T-shirt, the 17-year-old scrambled out of a packed van as the temperature edged toward 90 degrees in this barren stretch of the U.S.-Mexican border.

Carrying no hat or sunscreen, the teenager who called herself Adriana Brenda said the longest hike she'd taken was through a shopping mall. But here she was, ready for a three-day trek across the desert.

She carried two gallons of water — enough, experts say, to keep her hydrated for two hours.

As temperatures rise, the U.S. Border Patrol and aid groups are gearing up for what they fear could be one of the deadliest summers for migrants sneaking into the United States.

The U.S. Senate is debating a bill that could lock the border tighter than ever, and activists fear the flow of migrants is moving to an even hotter and more remote section of desert than the current favorite, an area south of Tucson, Ariz., where hundreds of people have died since 1994.

The desert around Tucson is crawling with 2,400 U.S. Border Patrol agents. Rifle-bearing civilians known as Minutemen are also keeping watch.

In response, many migrants are crossing closer to Yuma, Ariz., where daytime temperatures can hover around 120 degrees — 10-15 degrees hotter than around Tucson.

Migrant deaths for the Yuma sector hit a record 51 in 2005, up from 36 in 2004 and 15 in 2003, according to

the Border Patrol.

Apprehensions have jumped 16 percent for the region — with 89,336 people caught from October through April, said Richard Hays, a spokesman for the Border Patrol in Yuma.

"We are already anticipating this shift in traffic and are working to ensure the safety of those who are determined to get into the United States in violation of the law," he said.

Those plans include erecting seven more rescue beacons in the Yuma sector — there are now 12 — and adding agents, Hays said.

Migrants have moved to more remote areas each time the U.S. has cracked down on a section of the 2,000-mile-long border, activists say.

The desert east of Yuma is one of the least forgiving. From the border, a migrant can walk for 50 miles before reaching an interstate.

In 2001, one of Arizona's worst migrant tragedies occurred in the area, when 14 people died in temperatures reaching 115 degrees.

Adding to the danger is the Barry M. Goldwater Bombing Range, where the U.S. Air Force drops bombs to train for the war in Iraq.

Last year, Border Patrol agents rescued five children, five women and four men from the bombing range after their smuggler aban-

doned them and they activated a rescue beacon. No one has been hit by a bomb, Hays said.

Migrant groups estimate 500 people died trying to cross the border in 2005. The Border Patrol reported 415 deaths in the fiscal year ending Sept. 30.

While that number includes people who drowned in the Rio Grande, died in car accidents and succumbed to

cold, the desert's searing heat takes the heaviest toll.

In southern Arizona, Border Patrol agents routinely run across people vomiting uncontrollably in the summer heat, their skin clammy, their eyes glazed over, said Aerr Eltringham, a Border Patrol spokesman in Tucson. Some migrants are found dead.

On a recent afternoon, agents for the Mexican government's Grupo Beta aid group distributed pamphlets to migrants preparing to cross. The pamphlets recommend carrying plenty of water, food and salt, and advise migrants to keep their clothing on to avoid dehydration and sunburn. If the heat gets to be too much, the pamphlets advise setting a fire to summon rescuers.

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Border Patrol spokesman

Ice on wings caused Ebersol plane crash

Safety board advises cold weather safety guidelines

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A pilot's decision to visually inspect, but not to feel, the wings of his plane to check for ice caused a 2004 airplane crash in Colorado that killed the son of NBC Sports executive Dick Ebersol and two others, National Transportation Safety Board members concluded Tuesday.

NTSB members met to decide the probable cause of the Nov. 28, 2004, crash that killed 14-year-old Teddy Ebersol, the pilot and a flight attendant.

Board members issued several recommendations and renewed appeals to the Federal Aviation Administration to require all pilots to feel their aircraft's wings for ice and to train pilots on how to fly in winter weather conditions.

The NTSB has repeatedly asked the FAA to issue recommendations on checking for ice on wings.

"We have too long been advocating changes," said Mark Rosenker, acting NTSB chairman. "It's on our most-wanted list. This is a tragedy that should not have happened."

The plane crashed shortly after taking off from the Montrose airport on Nov. 28, 2004. Other victims were pilot

Luis Polanco-Espaillet, 50, and flight attendant Warren Richardson III, 36. At the time, the temperature was below freezing and there was snow on the ground and slush on the runway.

NTSB investigators said Tuesday they had repeatedly warned pilots to check for ice on the wings, even if it wasn't visible, by running their hands along the surface.

Before Polanco-Espaillet took off, he and his co-pilot looked out the window to check the condition of the wings of the twin-engine Canadair jet. According to the cockpit recorder, the pilot said "Looks clear to me."

Investigators have sifted through wreckage, examined pictures, transcripts and interviews of witnesses and passengers.

According to a preliminary report released earlier this year, Dick and Charlie Ebersol — another son, who survived the crash — reported seeing liquid or slush on the plane before takeoff.

The Ebersols were on their way from the airport near the ski community of Telluride, Colo., to South Bend, Ind., to take Charlie Ebersol back to college.

The plane skidded across the runway, ripped apart and burst into flames. Dick and Charlie Ebersol and the first officer were seriously injured.

"This is a tragedy that should not have happened."

Mark Rosenker
NTSB acting chairman

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Police find kidnapped teenager barely alive

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Ashley Reeves had been lying in the woods for more than 30 hours by the time searchers spotted her through the driving rain. The 17-year-old was covered with insect bites, her back was broken, and investigators were sure she was dead — until she took a breath.

A day earlier, authorities now believe, a high school teacher tried to kill her.

"It was almost disbelief that she was still alive," investigator Steve Johnson of the St. Clair County, Ill., Sheriff's Department, recalled Tuesday.

They had to clear brush and trees to get a stretcher to the girl, then rushed her to Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital in St. Louis, where she was in serious condition Tuesday.

Johnson is now helping build a case against the 26-year-old teacher and wannabe pro-wrestler, Samson Shelton, who is jailed on \$1 million bond and charged with kidnapping and attempted murder.

Authorities have said Ashley and Shelton had a "relationship," though Johnson wouldn't elaborate or say how the girl, who attended a different school, knew the older man.

The investigator would only describe Shelton as a known acquaintance of Ashley and say that Shelton was with investigators early Saturday when they finally found her in a desolate area of Citizens Park in the St. Louis suburb of Belleville, Ill. She had been missing since leaving her home Thursday afternoon for a job interview; the Jeep she was driving was

found eight hours later in another park in the area.

Shelton was a driver's ed teacher by day in tiny Freeburg, Ill., and a pro wrestler and country line dancer by night, authorities said.

No phone listing could be found for him in Smithton, Ill., listed as his home. He has declined a public defender and indicated he would hire his own attorney, though there was none of record as of Tuesday, a St. Clair County Circuit Court clerk said. His arraignment could come later this week, authorities said.

Johnson suggested that it might be difficult to determine what led the man to strangle Ashley with a belt and, according to the criminal complaint, use "his forearm with such force as to break the neck."

"With any human being, there's a lot to anyone. You can never predict human nature," Johnson said. When it comes to scouring Shelton's background, "we're definitely looking into it."

Ashley's family has declined to comment. No further information about her injuries or chances for recovery has been released.

Johnson said he hopes the details of what happened to the girl and why surface more quickly than the long and frustrating search to find her.

Teams with dogs and in helicopters had searched for hours but couldn't locate the girl, and even before Johnson and other searchers entered Citizen's Park with Shelton in tow, Johnson said, "we all believed she was deceased."

Politician accused of racism

U.S. Justice Department alleged Ike Brown discriminated against whites

Associated Press

MACON, Miss. — Ike Brown is a legend in Mississippi politics, a fast-talking operative both loved and hated for his ability to turn out black voters and get his candidates into office.

That success has also landed him at the heart of a federal lawsuit that's about to turn the Voting Rights Act on its end.

For the first time, the U.S. Justice Department is using the 1965 law to allege racial discrimination against whites.

Brown, head of the Democratic Party in Mississippi's rural Noxubee County, is accused of waging a campaign to defeat white voters and candidates with tactics including intimidation and coercion. Also named in the lawsuit is Circuit Clerk Carl Mickens, who has agreed to refrain from rejecting white voters' absentee ballots considered defective while accepting similar ballots from black voters.

Brown shakes off the allegations.

"They've been trying to target me for years, the attorney general and all them, because we're so successful," the 52-year-old says. "Hey, if you're a failure, nobody will mess with you. But we're successful in east Mississippi."

The Justice Department complaint says Brown and those working with him "participated in numerous racial appeals during primary and general campaigns and have criticized black citizens for supporting white candidates and for forming biracial political coalitions with white candidates."

Noxubee County — a rural area along the Alabama line named for a Choctaw word meaning "stinking water" — has a population of 12,500, 69 percent black and 30 percent white.

Whites once dominated county politics here, but now only one white person holds countywide office, and he says Brown tried to recruit an out-of-county black candidate to run against him three years



Mississippi politician Ike Brown, above, faces allegations of discrimination against whites under the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

ago.

The federal case against Brown, scheduled for trial this fall, represents a change in direction in the use of the Voting Rights Act, says Jon Greenbaum, director of the voting rights project for the Washington-based Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law.

The law was written to protect racial minorities in the 1960s when Mississippi and other Southern states strictly enforced segregation.

"The main concern we have in the civil rights community isn't necessarily that that DOJ brought this case," Greenbaum says. "It's that the department is not bringing meritorious cases on behalf of African-American and Native American voters."

Justice Department records show the department's last voting-rights case alleging discrimination against black voters was filed in 2001. Since then, six cases have been brought on behalf of voters of Hispanic or Asian descent in five states — plus the case involving white voters in Mississippi.

Justice Department spokesman Eric Holland would not comment on the

case, but provided stacks of documents, including the consent decree signed by Mickens, Noxubee County's chief elections officer.

Brown, a former tax preparer, served 21 months in prison in the 1990s on a felony conviction of preparing fraudulent federal income-tax returns. He retained his right to vote. The same federal judge who handled his earlier trial is now overseeing the Justice Department case.

"This case is real simple," Brown says, stretching back in a maroon chair during an interview in Mickens' office, where voter-registration records are kept. "Find me one white person that was discriminated against."

The main white person who makes the claim is Ricky Walker, the county prosecuting attorney who believes Brown recruited an opponent for him simply because he's white, an action Walker called "racist."

Walker says that when he qualified to run again in 2003, Brown brought in a black lawyer from another part of the state to run against him. A circuit judge found that the lawyer, Winston James Thompson III, had not established residency, and Thompson was not allowed on the ballot.

"I think he just wanted to have a person in that office that he had some control over, a black person," Walker says.

Brown, chairman of the Noxubee County Democratic Party since 2000, says Thompson recruited himself.

Brown's defense attorney, prominent black Republican Wilbur Colom, disagrees with Brown's political views but defends his right to speak.

"I think Ike does play race politics," Colom says. "He is a black political leader who fights the fight like we were still in the 1970s. He doesn't recognize the progress that we have made."

But Colom criticizes the Justice Department for filing a complaint against a black political consultant while ignoring similar behavior by white political operatives in Mississippi.

"It has overtones of politics and that's the wrong road for Civil Rights Division of the Justice Department," the attorney says. "It's going to destroy their credibility the next time they ask black people to listen to them."

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Copyright and its discontents

I am rather embarrassed to admit it, but there is almost nothing in the world that I love so much as words. In the art and science of writing, when everything falls into place there can be found fulfillment, spirituality, self-actualization and truth. It is a light that comes and goes — because I am as adept at writing garbage as anyone. But when words willingly flow I wonder whether or not humans themselves are just living words, and I think I understand what Genesis means when it says that the universe was spoken into being.

We are born to be creators — to shape the world and to call into being unimagined ideas. To be human is to be a creator, and vice-versa. It is for this reason that I, and many others, enshrine the freedom of expression above all other essential forms of good. After all, if you take away any other freedom it destroys a person's dignity or potential for fulfillment, but to take away the freedom to create is to crush a person's essential nature.

If you can understand the way that I feel about words — though perhaps in your particular case you understand through art, music or science — then you should have no trouble understanding my attitudes toward copyright in general. It does not take more than a touch of classical libertarianism to smell something rotten about the current copyright regime. The truth is, international copyright law is so staggeringly broken that I only have space here to address a single aspect that I find most troubling.

For the duration of a copyright, typically more than a century, it is forbid-

den by law for anyone to create and disseminate any work which is in any way derived from existing copyrighted material, without regard to the social value of such a derivative work. Only parody — which is very narrowly defined — is exempt. Contrary to popular belief satire is not protected in any way. Some may remember "The Wind Done Gone," and the JibJab.com political parody of "This Land is My Land," both of which nearly were consigned to oblivion by the estates of their creators.

It is troubling to think that there may exist many more works, and potential works, of great merit that will never see the light of day because of this "right" to censor another's work that has been granted to authors in the name of protection.

Copyright, as written in the Constitution, is a limited restriction with a specific purpose. It was created as a temporary protection to encourage authors to contribute their works to society. Today copyright has mutated into a form of intellectual entitlement. The term "intellectual property," a form of Orwellian doublespeak, is used to promote the notion that ideas can have owners and that these owners control both what they have made and anything similar created by anyone else.

You are a criminal if you adapt an author's ideas in your own way and share them with your friends. You are a felon if you explore an author's plots in forms that she did not envision, or if you pen unauthorized satire or social commentary in her words. Copyright has granted authors exclusive and unquestioned authority to determine what their works will mean for us, and to censor any form of reinterpretation that they do not approve of. We cannot make anything else of these ideas until copyright holders (and probably we as well) are long dead.

This situation is patently unconstitutional, because it amounts to the federal government granting a writ authorizing a person to censor another's ideas and the right to enforce a single interpretation of a creative work — "Gone with the Wind" versus the "Wind Done Gone" — as the only acceptable version. This has a long-term damaging impact on the natural spread and reinterpretation of ideas that is essential for the functioning of a free society, and it depresses the expression of the essential nature of humans as creators.

Fortunately there are ways to fight this problem and to rise up as supporters of the free exchange of ideas. If you visit my Web site, you will find a copy of this article and many others that I have written. All of these have been perpetually released under a Creative Commons License. This means that you can copy them, you can distribute them, you can perform them and you can create new works based upon them. You may use them to mock me, to praise me, to promote things that I agree with or to promote things for which I have the deepest disgust. The freedom is yours.

I strongly encourage other columnists for The Observer, other writers and indeed this entire newspaper to release their copyrights under similar terms. Freedom of expression and of adaptation is a human right, a civic virtue and the mark of a great university. We must commit ourselves to the preservation of this virtue.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Yearbook oversight disappoints team

I am writing a letter in light of the recent publication of the 2006 "Dome" yearbook. As a member of the men's cross country team, I feel I can speak for my teammates as well as the entire women's cross country team in saying how extremely disappointed I am that the yearbook staff forgot to include us in this year's publication.

Now I know that most likely the only people who noticed this oversight are the members of each respective team. Some might even be thinking, "we have a cross country team?" Things like that I'm fine with. After all, those that run cross country have never been into the sport for the glitz and glamour nor fame and fortune. These perks are reserved for other sports. But what I'm not fine with is the lack of including the men's and women's cross country teams in the yearbook — especially when the yearbook is supposed to recognize all the accomplishments and great moments that have happened in the past year at Our Lady's University. Both teams have been responsible for some great achievements for the University. Along with the Big East Championships on both ends, the men placed third and the women seventh at the NCAA Championships. Each team also had three All-Americans. On top of that, the men's team currently

has the highest point total (85) of any other team at Notre Dame this year for the NACDA Directors' Cup (formerly the Sears Cup — an annual award that goes to the best all-around college sports program in each division).

As a sport that rarely gets recognized, the "Dome" yearbook is one of the few things we can count on for being honored. But it's not even the recognition we are yearning for. What we really want is to have this yearbook and be able to turn to our section in the future and appreciate the time we spent at Notre Dame. Unfortunately the "Dome" yearbook has forever deprived us of this ability.

So I ask Editor-in-Chief Moira Madden and Sports Editor Mike Kim simply, how did this oversight occur? Every year in the past the yearbook has managed to include a section for both men's and women's cross country. I hope as a staff you have learned from this mistake and will ensure that it never happens again to anyone.

A.J. Andrassy

senior

Off-Campus

May 2

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"The ancient Greek definition of happiness was the full use of your powers along lines of excellence."

John F. Kennedy
Former U.S. president

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

'Common Proposal' must be followed

I was very heartened by University President Father John Jenkins' Jan. 23 address to the faculty on academic freedom and the Catholic character of Notre Dame, and while disappointed by his "Closing Statement" in which I thought he took a large step back, I finally concluded that if presentations counter to Catholic belief on campus were balanced by explanations of Catholic tradition (see quote from the "Common Proposal" that accompanied the "Closing Statement"), then such events might indeed have some value.

These explanations of Catholic truths would provide students and faculty ignorant of them insights and information they might not otherwise receive given the large number of non-Catholic faculty, the deplorable state of Catholic religious preparation of so many entering students and the very limited and inadequate instruction in theology and philosophy currently provided to undergraduates at Notre Dame. (As to the preparation of the faculty in Catholic teachings, I leave that to the Administration, and some there have expressed concerns on this point.) Having now followed the reports and statements in The Observer and elsewhere for several months, I fear that my initial optimism was badly misplaced.

Readers may recall that in his clos-

ing statement Jenkins, wrote: "As long as the Gospel message and the Catholic intellectual tradition are appropriately represented, we can welcome any serious debate on any thoughtful position here at Notre Dame."

He continued, "The only exception I can imagine would come in the case of expression that is 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. This sort of expression is not at issue in the current debate, nor do I expect it to be an issue in the future."

Finally, he noted, "Thanks to the efforts of some faculty members, this year's performance of 'The Vagina Monologues' was brought into dialogue with Catholic tradition through panels which followed each performance. Panelists presented the Catholic teaching on human sexuality, and students and faculty engaged one another and these issues in serious and informed discussion."

I am troubled by these statements of Jenkins on two counts. First, I believe a fairly large segment of the "community," particularly if that includes graduates, indeed did find "The Vagina Monologues" to be "overt and insistent in its contempt for [their] values and

sensibilities." Jenkins' assertion that the play was not at issue with the values and sensibilities of a very large part of the community simply mystifies me. Rather than to simply assert this, it would have been useful had he explained how he arrived at this conclusion, and I hereby invite him to do so publicly.

Second, I have seen practically nothing in The Observer or elsewhere on how the panels that followed presentation of "The Vagina Monologues" appropriately presented Catholic tradition as called for in Jenkins' closing statement. Indeed, with the exception of Fr. Paulinus Odozor's comments at the panel on the evening of Feb. 14, the other panel participants were quite supportive of the presentation and dismissive of Catholic tradition and teaching as set forth in the statements of Bishop D'Arcy, Frs. Bill Miscamble and John Coughlin, David Solomon and many others who have commented on the play.

I have not changed my mind about the opportunities for education and enlightenment of students and faculty that presentation of materials counter to Catholicism might offer. However, Jenkins needs to step forward now and ensure that the tenants of the "Common Proposal" are adhered to fully and, if they are not, to take

appropriate action.

Given the statements of professors Robin Darling Young, Cathleen Kaveny, Jackie Smith, Carolyn Nordstrom, Mary Doak, Jean Porter and Mary Rose D'Angelo that followed the presentations of the play (as reported in The Observer), I am not at all confident that some faculty members, perhaps even a good number, plan to follow the "Common Proposal" in good faith. Five of the panelists named above are members of the Theology department and all but Odozor defended the presentation. How could they defend in the context of Catholic teaching this vile piece of pornography that so debases women? And how could they justify its sexual violence as serving to defend women from sexual violence? These panelists pursued their own agendas, and to them I would suggest that there are a good number of secular universities that would no doubt welcome their applications, having thus so clearly demonstrated their contempt for the Catholic Church. This would also offer an opportunity to repopulate the Theology department with theologians who believe in and defend the faith.

William A. Sigler
alumnus
Class of 1958
April 24

Catholic conscience and war

In an April 26 Viewpoint article, Clare Feeney wrote on the decision of Notre Dame Catholic Peace Fellowship (NDPF) to refrain from protesting this year's ROTC Pass in Review. Instead, Feeney offered a forum for dialogue between with ROTC proposed for next year. Already, NDPF has worked with ROTC in past semesters to host several of the thought provoking dialogue sessions.

However, I think many aspects of the article regarding ROTC need to be clarified, and many other questions need to be asked.

First off, NDPF does not seek to "alienate" or "offend" any members of the ROTC program. In years past, the protests may have unfortunately caused offense, but this was never their intent. While wishing to question the appropriateness of ROTC on our campus, we never argue that the students enrolled in ROTC are bad people. That must be understood.

Secondly, the Catholic view of warfare has two responses — either "just war" or total non-violence. Participating in any war the U.S. government dictates does not coincide with the Catholic principles of either view. Indeed, the approach of "just war" (the most popular among Catholics in America) is actually illegal when in military service. If you do not declare yourself a pacifist, you are required to fight in any and all wars as a soldier. This is the current system in place — one endorsed by the ROTC program.

Members of ROTC have little say in where they go upon graduation, as military contracts (binding for most ROTC students after their freshman year) leave the deciding up to military command. But what if, like the majority of our military, they end up in Iraq? Will they participate, with the training given to them on our campus, in a conflict condemned by the Catholic Church? Or will they refuse to be an instrument of an unjust

war?

Many argue that it is far better to have soldiers trained at Notre Dame, where they will receive some type of philosophy and theology before graduation. But, with the ROTC curriculum standardized by the Department of Defense, can the ideas of just war and Catholic thought be required in the ROTC curriculum? If not, are we truly giving soldiers every tool they will need to face the hard questions of conscience that they will inevitably face? Will a soldier trained at Notre Dame be any less likely to partake in unjust war because of the education we have provided them?

Finally, it is no secret that many students in ROTC enlist in the program to pay for their college education. The scholarships offered are tempting and the government provides stipends and health care coverage for most ROTC members. But, with an endowment hovering around three billion dollars, can we not provide another option for these students? Scholarships must be created to ensure all that wish to attend Notre Dame have the funds necessary. However, that is

an issue — like many others dealing with ROTC on our campus — that the Notre Dame administration has yet to address.

In writing this article, I hope that all members of the Notre Dame community begin to think about our identity as a Catholic university and the presence of ROTC. I hope that you will be part of the dialogues that will take place next semester. I challenge you to think about the hard issues of conscience posed by the Catholic teaching on war. Now, more than ever, we need to be thinking about the issues of war and peace.

Michael Angulo
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May 2

Senior proud of Jenkins

In regards to University President Father John Jenkins' closing statement, I would like to applaud our President's courage for tackling such a controversial issue in his first year. Certainly, such actions could be deemed as political suicide but great visionaries burden themselves with audacious goals.

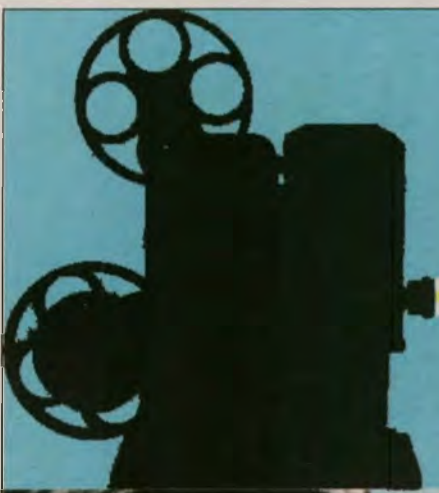
I am still gripped by a state of ambivalence on the issue. I have read the opinions of both supporters and detractors in the viewpoints; likewise, I've dialogued with members of the administration, faculty, alumni and fellow students. Often, Notre Dame is considered "too Catholic" by academics in the intellectual community — a bastion of community, courage and commitment. It is my impression that Jenkins' course of action will not change that impression.

As one administration official explained to me, "Notre Dame's BHAG (Big Hairy Audacious Goal) is to be an elite academic institution while maintaining the core values of the Catholic Church." Initially, I thought that Jenkins was submitting to political pressure for fear of being perceived as unpopular. However, I now believe that Jenkins' statement was driven by a "bend but not break" mentality. In considering the life of President Emeritus Father Theodore Hesburgh, many did not always consider his progressive outlook to be exactly aligned with the Catholic Church. Nevertheless, history proved his detractors wrong, and Notre Dame was both empowered and blessed to have had such an extraordinary leader at the helm for over three decades.

As Thomas Aquinas once said, "virtue lies in the middle." I am not implying that Jenkins compromised the integrity of the Catholic Church and sold out to the secular crowds. Being a devout child and, more importantly, leader of the Catholic Church does not always entail acquiescing to the status quo. Rather, it involves seeking and challenging the greater truths of the present, and consequently shaping a better path for the future. Those who advocate the position that Jenkins is playing a dangerous game on a slippery slope have their warranted concerns. As for me, I consider it an honor to graduate in the first class under the administration of Jenkins.

Matt Somma
senior
Off-Campus
May 1





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Hollywood braces for a

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Mission: Impossible III (May 5)

The plot: Secret agent extraordinaire Ethan Hunt (Tom Cruise) returns for more highly improbable antics in the third installment of the franchise. After a ruthless arms dealer (Philip Seymour Hoffman) threatens Hunt's girlfriend, Hunt must assemble his old crew, including Luther Strickell (Ving Rhames) in order to take down his most dangerous enemy to date.

The buzz: Cruise has proven himself as Hunt, but will Philip Seymour Hoffman be a convincing bad guy? Despite his recent Oscar win for "Capote," Seymour Hoffman is still remembered by many for his goofy role in "Along Came Polly." As always, Ving Rhames should be solid, but is this the right cast to breathe new life into the series?

The bottom line: Where the first "Mission: Impossible" confused audiences with its faux-intellectual spy antics, the second insulted their intelligence with a simpleton plot line and overuse of the "fake face" mask trick. While a slick preview trailer seems to promise top-notch explosions, will M:I 3 find a happy medium between its predecessors, or is it just a "threequel" cash cow?

The DaVinci Code (May 19)

The Plot: Based on the best-selling Darlows a murder investigation at the Louv
gist Robert Langdon (Tom Hanks) is cal
hidden inside the works of famed artist I
closer to finding the truth, Langdon thr
gious secret.

The buzz: No one doubts Hanks' talent. Hanks may face his toughest challenge: wig. Dan Brown's immensely engaging Audrey Tautou, Ian McKellen and Paul B.

The bottom line: As if the mere can weren't enough, "The DaVinci Code" is director Ron Howard. As the intellect behind "A Beautiful Mind" and "Cinderella with Hanks" (their past work together in sound effort).

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Cars (June 9)

The plot: In a world populated by cars that steer themselves, rookie race car Lightning McQueen (voiced by Owen Wilson) has the cocky swagger to complement his stylish exterior. But en route to a big race, McQueen gets sidetracked in rural Radiator Springs, forcing him to take an introspective pit stop amongst the counsel of the townsfolk.

The buzz: As Pixar's first theatrical effort since merging with Disney in a \$7.4 billion coup, "Cars" has a lot of torque riding down on its tires. But if Pixar manages to keep their unprecedented string of animated blockbusters alive, the company will continue to retrace the road to animation immortality paved by the legendary Walt Disney decades ago.

The bottom line: "Cars" was shifted back six months from its original November 2005 release date — enough time to raise eyebrows from cynics. Fortunately, Pixar wunderkind John Lasseter sits behind the director's wheel for the first time since "Toy Story 2," reason enough to give the Pixar faithful hope for critical appeal and box office bullion.

Nacho Libre (June 16)

The plot: As a young man who works where he was raised, Nacho (Jack Black) ended home from certain financial ruin. By seeking to become a luchador, or a traditional tournament to grab a few quick pesos and

The buzz: The director of 2004's hit indie combination of Hess' knack for unconventional wrestling spandex would seem to be a sur-

The bottom line: The film appears to be a blockbuster, but if "Napoleon Dynamite" can live up to its title, "Nacho Libre" could very well field this summer. While Jack Black may have an opportunity to showcase his grasp of the Spanish language, "Nacho Libre" promises to be interesting.

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Pirates of the Caribbean 2: Dead Man's Chest (July 7)

The plot: The second installment in the Pirates franchise follows Captain Jack Sparrow as he repays a blood debt to the ghostly Davey Jones and his motley crew of sea monsters. All the original cast favorites, plus some new additions, return to cavort around the Caribbean in another swashbuckling adventure on the high seas.

The buzz: Disney's plan to shoot two sequels back-to-back indicates a clear vision and strategy for the series, which is a good sign for "Pirates" fans. In addition, director Gore Verbinski and the original "Pirates" writers return, which promises that this blockbuster will maintain the distinct style of the first.

The bottom line: The huge popularity of the first film and a massive marketing campaign will ensure that this movie makes hundreds of millions at the box office, but the talent of Johnny Depp and Gore Verbinski is what promises to make "Pirates of the Caribbean 2" well worth the price of admission.

Lady in the Water (July 21)

The plot: The newest film from young Paul Giamatti as an apartment building su thinks is a young woman from the pool he plot of his film closely guarded, as it is li twists.

The buzz: After his last movie, "The Villa" flopped at the box office, Shyamalan switched from Lionsgate to Warner Bros. Fans are cautiously optimistic that his next movie, "Lady in the Water," will restore his

The bottom line: With a lead actor like well acted and will accordingly receive good whole turns out to be good or bad, it will thanks to the hype and mystery that all movies

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World Trade Center (August 11)

The plot: "World Trade Center" takes place in the immediate aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001 disaster in New York. It tells the true story of John McLoughlin and William J. Jimeno, who were the last two survivors pulled from the rubble of Ground Zero.

The buzz: Boasting a cast that includes Nicholas Cage, Maria Bello and Maggie Gyllenhaal, with Oliver Stone as its director, "World Trade Center" has gained a fair amount of buzz. The recent release of the critically-acclaimed "United 93" could prove to be either a plus or a minus for this film. On one hand, its acceptance proves that America is ready for a film about Sept. 11. On the other hand, it could lose the interest of audiences since it has a much later release date.

The bottom line: If "World Trade Center" lives up to the potential of its cast and director, it could easily be as well-received as "United 93." If not, it could just as easily be forgotten in the midst of this summer's heavily competitive movie season.

Snakes on a Plane (August 18)

The plot: It's snakes... on a plane. On a assassin trying to kill someone in protective snakes in the plane. Nelville Flynn (Samuel I mayhem that ensues.

The buzz: A cult following has sprung up a few could have predicted. The name of the changed to "Pacific Air Flight 121," but it "Plane" after an outcry from fans on the Internet script on the basis of the title alone. The have more nudity, profanity and snakes in or

The bottom line: "Snakes on a Plane" is movie-marketing tool. Producers listened to the people what they want — and more — and made a good movie in the Oscar-worthy sense of entertaining good time.



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9/11 MOVIE A BRAVE, BOLD ACHIEVEMENT

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Scene Critics

Paul Greengrass' "United 93" is not a lot of things. It is not a film that tries to answer tough, ever-lingering questions. It is not a film that tries to explain the scope of the events of Sept. 11, 2001. It is not a film that tries to examine the bigger picture.

Yet these traits (or lack thereof) make it a stronger and better picture, and make its impact and conviction resonate that much more.

What "United 93" does accomplish is putting the audience in a front-row seat to watch the events unfold. Critics and detractors have asked why this is being done now — everyone saw the events unfold in great detail on every television across the country (if not immediately, then soon after).

However, one of the movie's great strengths is that it removes (rather than adds to) the gloss of reporting that networks like CNN and FOX news create. The audience is there — on the plane, in the aircraft control rooms, in the military centers — seeing the confusion, frustration and emotion of everyone involved.

The plot follows the real people involved in these events, both on the ground and in the air. In fact, many of the air control personnel, such as Ben Sliney, and military officers, such as Major James Fox, actually portray themselves in the film.

Greengrass also received permission from the family members of the United 93 victims and thoroughly researched each person on the flight. Greengrass' typical use of a stripped-down, faux-documentary cinematic style assuage the usual Hollywood gloss and allows the audience to connect more easily with the on-screen action.

"United 93" is basically a minute-by-minute account of everything that happened on the ground as well as what happened on the flight itself. One of the hardest things about this movie is remembering what it was like before that day. There are scenes of questionable airport security and general relax-



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Saeed Al Ghamdi (Lewis Alsamari), left, and Ahmed Al Nami (Jamie Harding), portray two of the terrorists on the failed suicide bombing in "United 93."

ation, which shock the post-9/11 viewers. When Ben Sliney, head of air traffic control (9/11 was his first day on the job) first gets word that a plane might have been hijacked, the other officials at the meeting make light of the situation ("Wow, a hijacking, we haven't had one of those in what? 20 years?") — another element which is shocking to viewers today.

The overall confusion is also highlighted in stark detail. No one is able to efficiently communicate with anyone else, which makes the tragedy resonate powerfully since the audience knows how it all ultimately ends. The air traffic controllers have trouble convincing the military about the situation, the military in turn cannot communicate with

the FAA or with a member of the executive branch. The military, in fact, was not even aware of the whole situation until they watched the first plane on CNN.

There are several moments in which both the air traffic control and military personnel were completely clueless — when the World Trade Center went up in flames, it did not dawn on them that it was one of the commercial flights that were suspected hijackings. The film emphasizes the system-wide failure, leaving the audience to wonder if tragedy could have been averted had

just one piece of the chain worked properly.

While all of this ground activity is going on, the passengers on United 93 remain unaware, until one of the terrorists gets anxious and jumps the gun. Instead of waiting until they were closer to DC, the terrorists took over the plane too early — they then quickly realized they had to be able to hold everyone in control for two hours instead of 30 minutes.

Eventually some of the passengers take the risk to call their families — upon learning about the towers, they realize that they are part of the terrorist plot and decide that to take action against the hijackers who have taken control of their plane.

While it is hard not to sympathize with the members of the plane, Greengrass does not really give a portrait of who these people are/were. Instead, the passengers on the plane are mostly nameless — the audience feels their emotions as they go through this traumatic experience, but do not get to know any of them as individuals. This anonymity is a little troubling, since the film is ostensibly about people — without the connection to the characters, the emotional power of the denouement is diminished, albeit only slightly.

The "cinema veritae" editing and cin-

ematography (a particularly modern and stylish approach) certainly evokes the "you-are-there" feeling that the filmmakers obviously wanted, but it also makes some of the events confusing and sometimes difficult to follow.

Greengrass' methodology and obvious respect for the material is a good fit — his reverent, powerful "Bloody Sunday" was sharp and insightful, and "The Bourne Supremacy" was a slick, well made Hollywood blockbuster. "United 93" falls somewhere in between, casting a professional Hollywood sheen over the serious and socially aware subject matter.

An accomplished director, Greengrass' ability to veer from politically charged drama to spy thrillers meshes well with the inevitable emotional undercurrent that surrounds "United 93." At once sympathetically passionate and coolly and objectively professional, the film walks a tightrope of balancing truth, entertainment, respect and understanding. "United 93" does it all, if not perfectly, then very well.

Ultimately, "United 93" is a straightforward, stripped down retelling of the momentous events which occurred on Sept. 11. The love and care that went into making the picture is obvious through the striking amount of detail and research — though there is obviously some artistic license, Greengrass understands that the event itself was riveting enough without bogging the film down with melodrama.

One of the big questions surrounding the film is its timeliness — is it too soon? Is five years enough time? Arguments have been made that a half-

decade simply isn't enough time because we still remember.

But such an argument is missing the point. Greengrass knows we remember. Greengrass knows we'll always remember. But what he really wants to do, and what the detractors of "United 93" fail to see, is that he doesn't want us to remember. He wants us to never forget.

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United 93



Director: Paul Greengrass

Writers: Paul Greengrass

Starring: Kate Jennings Grant, Opal Alladin, Liza Colon-Zayas, and Omar Berdouni



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The passengers aboard the real-life United 93 retook control of the plane and crashed it in rural Pennsylvania, foiling a terrorist attack on the Capitol.



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To increase authenticity, some of the actual people involved in the September 11, 2001 tragedy play themselves, such as FAA operations manager Ben Sliney.

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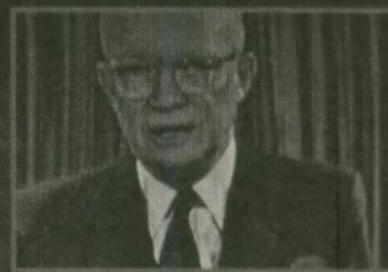
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NBA PLAYOFFS

Bryant ejected as Suns stay alive against Lakers

Spurs ride late run to go up 3-2 on Sacramento; Wade scores 28 as Miami wins; Carter leads Nets over Pacers

Associated Press

PHOENIX — The NBA's most improved player kept the Phoenix Suns alive in the playoffs, and Kobe Bryant wasn't even around to see the finish.

Boris Diaw — presented with the most-improved trophy before the game — had 25 points, 10 rebounds and nine assists, and the Suns rolled to a 114-97 victory over Bryant and the Los Angeles Lakers on Tuesday night.

The Lakers still lead the best-of-seven series 3-2 with Game 6 Thursday night in Los Angeles.

Bryant, who scored 29 points, was thrown out after drawing his second technical foul with 3:11 to play. His nemesis in the series, Raja Bell, was tossed after throwing Bryant to the floor for his second technical with 7:33 left.

The two had been called for a double-technical in the second quarter.

Kwame Brown scored 14 points on 6-of-6 shooting for the Lakers, but was plagued by foul trouble. He started hours after Los Angeles police said he was being investigated for a possible sexual assault. Before the game, Brown issued a statement through the team office saying he was "completely innocent of any wrongdoing."

Steve Nash scored 22 points and Shawn Marion 21 for the Suns in their highest-scoring game of the series. Tim Thomas added 13 and Leandro Barbosa 11.

Lamar Odom added 18 for the Lakers.

Spurs 109, Kings 98

The San Antonio Spurs refused to be pushed around by Bonzi Wells and Ron Artest — no matter how many points the Sacramento pair scored.

Tim Duncan, Manu Ginobili and Tony Parker helped the Spurs overcome a combined 62 points from Wells and Artest, going into the lane for five straight baskets down the stretch to pull out a victory Tuesday night for a 3-2 lead in their first-round series.

Eighth-seeded Sacramento

still has a chance to pull off the upset, but it won't be easy. The Kings must win Friday night at home to force a Game 7 in San Antonio on Sunday.

Ginobili, coming off a three-point, four-shot performance in Game 4 when Artest constantly kept him out of his rhythm, led the Spurs with 27 points, nine rebounds and four assists. He scored 13 points in the final quarter, including six straight free throws.

Duncan had 24 points, nine rebounds and five assists. Parker added 21 points and defensive specialist Bruce Bowen scored 16.

Wells scored 38, including half of Sacramento's first 56 points. Once he cooled off, Artest got going, scoring 14 of his 24 points in the final period.

Wells made a 3-pointer that tied it at 91 with 3:36 to go, but the Spurs went right back on the attack, starting with a layup by Ginobili.

They continued charging the rim, getting a short hook by Duncan that put them ahead for good and kept it going with a finger roll by Bowen, another layup by Ginobili and another basket from Duncan.

Heat 92, Bulls 78

Dwyane Wade raised three fingers skyward, the number of wins the Miami Heat now have in this series.

Moments later, he raised just one — indicating how many more the Heat need to advance.

With his hip smarting and bruised from a frightening first-half tumble, and his team trailing by five in the season's biggest game, Wade returned to save the Heat's day — and perhaps their season — in a victory over the Chicago Bulls on Tuesday night.

"I sent word to the locker room," Shaquille O'Neal said, "that we needed him."

Wade scored 28 points, 15 of them coming after a scary stint in Miami's training room, and the Heat took a 3-2 lead in the Eastern Conference first-round series.

"A little shot in the butt," Wade said, describing the

painkilling shot he took. "It started kicking in after a couple minutes out there and I felt good after that."

Wade didn't expect to be able to play more than a couple of minutes after the shot, even telling some teammates his return would be brief. He didn't come out, though, until the game was decided.

"He's our guy," Heat forward James Posey said. "For him to come back out here and tough it out ... he knew how important this game was to us."

Antoine Walker scored 17 points and O'Neal, playing one day after he became a father for the sixth time, added 16 points and 10 rebounds for the Heat, who can close the series out in Chicago when Game 6 is played Thursday night.

"A must-win for us," Bulls center Michael Sweetney said. "We've got to come out ready to play and play like it's our last game."

If it's not, the teams return for a winner-take-all Game 7 on Saturday night.

"The worst thing that can happen is that this thing goes to seven games and maybe we'll have him absolutely healthy," Heat coach Pat Riley said, referring to Wade. "But we're planning on trying to go up to Chicago and closing this thing out."

Andres Nocioni had 23 points and 10 rebounds for the Bulls, who managed to shoot only 35 percent. Sweetney had 16 points and Ben Gordon added 10 for Chicago — on 3-for-16 shooting, only slightly worse than backcourt mate Kirk Hinrich's 3-for-13 effort.

"We feel like we got good looks," Hinrich said. "I thought all my shots were going in. When they don't, you get frustrated. We've just got to find a way."

Sweetney hit a pair of free throws with 4:47 left to draw Chicago within 77-73 — but Miami sealed it with a 15-0 run over the next four minutes.

Wade hit a 3-pointer — the play where he raised the three fingers to the sky — with 4:02 left, Posey added another 3-



Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant dunks in the Lakers' 114-97 loss to Phoenix Tuesday.

pointer a minute later, and the Bulls were done.

Nets 92, Pacers 86

The Nets got great performances from all three stars, including a spectacular last-minute, left-handed dunk by Vince Carter with the game on the line.

All that, and New Jersey still barely managed to beat Indiana on Tuesday night, pushing the Pacers to the brink of playoff elimination.

Carter had 34 points, 15 rebounds and a game-clinching, high-flying slam with 28 seconds to play as the Nets beat the Pacers to take a 3-2 lead in their best-of-seven first-round series.

While he hit 13 of 24 shots, Carter's dunk over Pacers rookie Danny Granger is what had everyone talking after the Nets' second straight win in the series.

"It's not so much the type of shot he hit, but the importance of the shot," said Nets forward Richard Jefferson, who scored 24 points, including a clutch 3-pointer with 1:22 to go to give New Jersey an 87-81 lead.

"Vince has hit some of the craziest shots in the history of this league," Jefferson added. "But the importance of that shot is what I am most proud of for him."

Carter insisted all he was trying to do was put the ball in the basket with New Jersey clinging to an 89-86 lead.

"A big basket was needed," Carter said. "If we don't make it, it would give them the opportunity to tie or cut it to one. I just wanted to be patient and take what I could get."

Carter got a step on Granger and brought down the house at the Continental Airlines Arena and the Pacers all in one high-flying swoop.

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Major League Baseball

American League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Boston	15-11	.577	4-6	-
NY Yankees	13-11	.542	6-4	1
Toronto	13-12	.520	6-4	1.5
Baltimore	14-14	.500	3-7	2
Tampa Bay	11-15	.423	3-7	4

American League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Chicago Sox	18-8	.692	7-23	-
Detroit	18-9	.667	8-2	.5
Cleveland	14-13	.519	4-6	4.5
Minnesota	10-16	.385	2-8	8
Kansas City	5-18	.217	3-7	11.5

American League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Texas	15-12	.556	7-3	-
Oakland	14-12	.538	7-3	.5
LA Angels	12-15	.444	4-6	3
Seattle	12-16	.444	5-5	3.5

National League East

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
NY Mets	17-9	.654	6-4	-
Atlanta	12-14	.462	4-6	5
Philadelphia	12-14	.462	5-5	5
Washington	9-18	.333	2-8	8.5
Florida	6-18	.250	2-8	10

National League Central

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Cincinnati	19-8	.704	8-2	-
Houston	17-9	.654	6-4	1.5
St. Louis	17-10	.630	6-4	2
Milwaukee	15-12	.556	7-3	4
Chicago	14-11	.560	5-5	4
Pittsburgh	8-20	.286	3-7	11.5

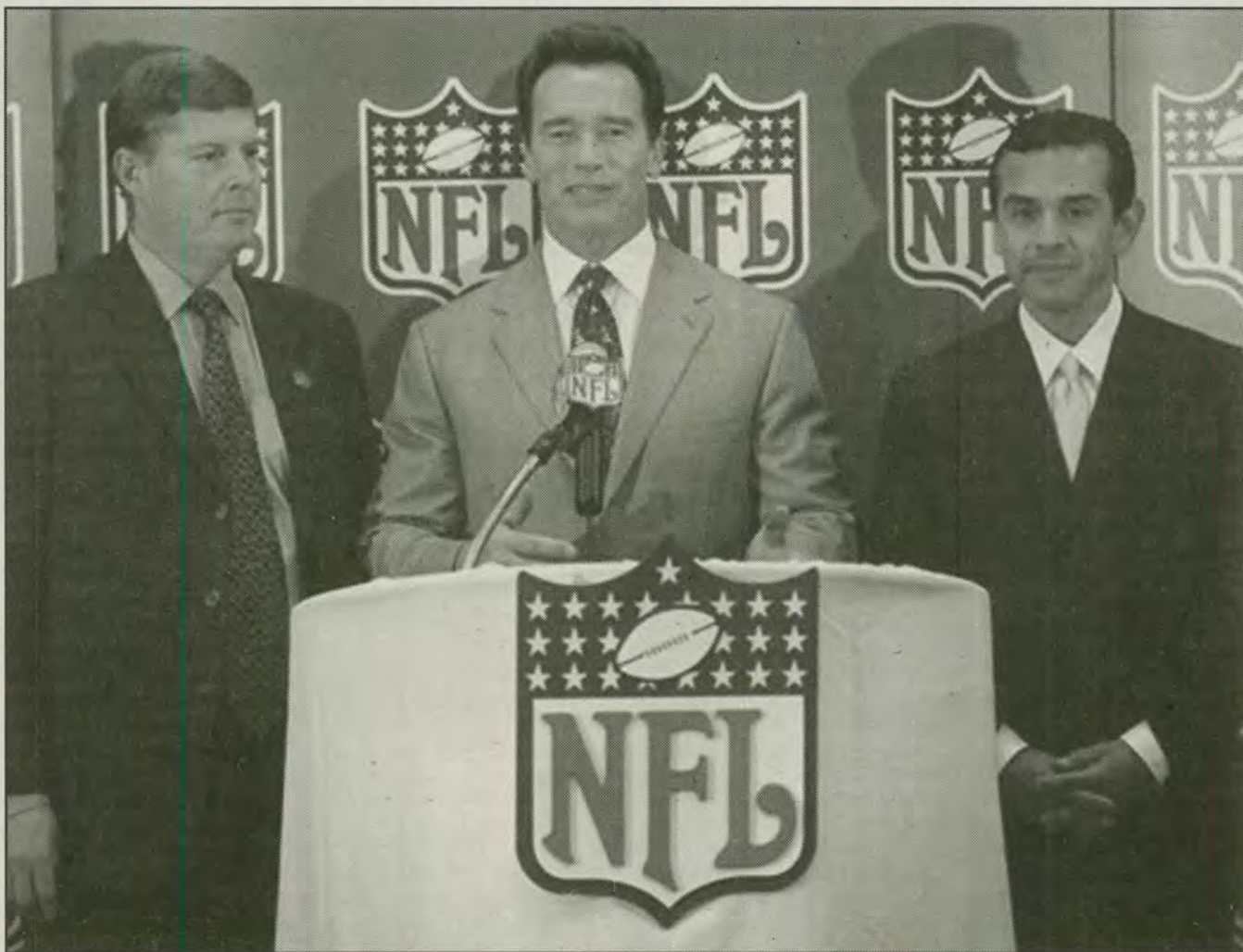
National League West

team	record	perc.	last 10	GB
Colorado	15-11	.577	6-4	-
San Francisco	13-13	.500	4-6	2
Arizona	13-13	.500	6-4	2
LA Dodgers	12-14	.462	5-5	3
San Diego	11-15	.423	4-6	4

Inside Lacrosse Men's Lacrosse Media Poll

	team	record	previous
1	Virginia	13-0	1
2	Hofstra	14-1	2
3	Cornell	10-2	5
4	Maryland	9-4	3
5	Georgetown	9-2	4
6	Navy	10-3	61
7	Johns Hopkins	7-4	61
8	Syracuse	7-4	8
9	Princeton	9-4	9
10	Pennsylvania	10-2	11
11	Towson	8-5	12
12	Denver	12-4	14
13	UMass	9-4	10
14	UMBC	8-4	13
15	NOTRE DAME	9-4	15
16	Penn State	8-4	16
17	Army	8-6	18
18	Loyola	6-5	20
19	Delaware	12-4	NR
20	Colgate	11-3	17

NFL



California governor Arnold Schwarzenegger, middle, Anaheim mayor Curt Pringle, left, and Los Angeles mayor Antonio Villaraigosa discuss the possibility of an NFL team in Los Angeles at a press conference in Grapevine, TX on Tuesday.

Los Angeles hopes for new NFL team

Associated Press

GRAPEVINE, Texas — Arnold Schwarzenegger doesn't want one NFL team in Los Angeles. He wants two.

The California governor will probably have to be satisfied with half of his wish — at least in the near future.

Commissioner Paul Tagliabue and a committee of 11 owners heard presentations Tuesday from officials representing Los Angeles, Anaheim and Pasadena, three cities that want a club. The area has been without an NFL franchise for more than a

decade.

Schwarzenegger went first. After meeting with the owners, the actor-turned-politician emerged to say he was there to make sure "we're getting not only one NFL team to the Los Angeles area, Southern California, but to actually get two teams. That's why I came. Why limit it?"

New York Giants chairman Steve Tisch, a long-time Los Angeles resident who is on the committee, said that was highly unlikely.

"I'd be shocked if the suggestion internally to recommend two teams

ever comes up. I think the numbers are too big. I think it would be an overwhelming suggestion," Tisch said.

Added Tagliabue: "One team is our immediate goal. Long term, I think two is a realistic goal."

The 11 owners spent six hours listening to California politicians and deemed it a significant step in getting the NFL back to nation's second-largest television market. Tagliabue has made that a priority since both the Rams and Raiders left after the 1994 season.

"The fact that we're here and doing what we're

doing is better than anything I could say," Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "This is the strongest effort I've seen on the league's part."

Los Angeles plans to construct a stadium within the shell of the existing Los Angeles Coliseum. Anaheim is offering a 53-acre tract of land for the stadium and economic development. Pasadena, considered a longshot, provided an update on the Rose Bowl.

"Everybody came away feeling it was some of the best time they've spent on NFL business in recent months," Tagliabue said.

IN BRIEF

Damon takes Fenway boos lightly in Yankee uniform

BOSTON — Johnny Damon still flashed his endearing smile. He still showed his sense of humor. And he stood patiently at his Yankees' locker reliving the boos from his former fans.

One day after being jeered on every at-bat during his return to Fenway Park in the hated pinstripes, the happy-go-lucky Damon took it all in stride.

"You kind of just sit back and smile and say, 'Whatever you want to do, you're not going to break me or my character,'" Damon said Tuesday night before the second and final game of the series was postponed by rain. "I'm very happy with the person that I am, the way I play this game."

Boston fans cheered his effort and passion the past four seasons when he played center field for the Red Sox but turned against him Monday. They were ready again on Tuesday before the game was called.

Nifong facing tough challenge in re-election campaign

DURHAM, N.C. — The district attorney prosecuting the Duke University rape case faced two challengers in the Democratic primary Tuesday as voters weighed his handling of the headline-grabbing case.

The allegations against team members have turned what might have been a low-key election into a referendum on Mike Nifong's performance.

"I don't think he did his job," said Antonia Weeks, a writer who has lived in Durham for 29 years. "I don't know who did what, and I'm not pretending to know, but I've seen a lot of cases handled in this community, and I've never seen one handled this way before."

The winner of Tuesday's Democratic primary vote among Nifong, Freda Black and Keith Bishop will likely be the next district attorney since no Republicans are running.

Lakers forward Brown to be investigated on assault charges

LOS ANGELES — Police Tuesday were investigating a report of a sexual assault involving Lakers center Kwame Brown.

The alleged assault occurred early Saturday, hours after the Lakers beat the Phoenix Suns in Game 3 of their NBA playoff series, Los Angeles Police Department spokesman Jason Lee said.

"The Los Angeles County district attorney's office has been made aware of the investigation," said Lee, who declined to provide further details. The case is under investigation by the department's Robbery Homicide Division.

The Lakers were in Phoenix to play the Suns in Game 5 of their Western Conference playoff series Tuesday night. Lakers spokesman John Black said the 24-year-old Brown was with the team but wouldn't comment further.

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SMC SOFTBALL

Third seeded Belles look for MIAA title

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

Saint Mary's enters the MIAA Tournament as the No. 3 seed after posting an 11-5 league record, and will face off against No. 2 seed Alma on Friday at 11 a.m.

Alma (12-4) fell to the Belles, 9-1 and 8-1, on April 8.

The Scots' only other two losses came against No. 1 seed Hope College on April 15. Hope swept Alma 5-0 and 12-1.

The second game of the day takes place between Hope and No. 4 seed Olivet.

Hope (12-1) suffered one conference loss the entire season, falling 1-0 to Saint Mary's on April 5.

Olivet enters the tournament with a 10-6 record. Olivet swept St. Mary's 2-1 and 6-4 on April 22.

Even though the Belles fell to Olivet, senior pitcher and outfielder Bridget Grall does not feel that this should be a problem for the team.

"We are going in starting all over," Grall said. "Starting back at the basics and perfecting things."

Grall said the team hopes to

focus on improving their already successful season. In order for this to happen, Saint Mary's will have to continue to play loose and not be distracted.

Grall also said the Belles' motivation all season has to be to have fun. If the team is not having fun, then they do not play well.

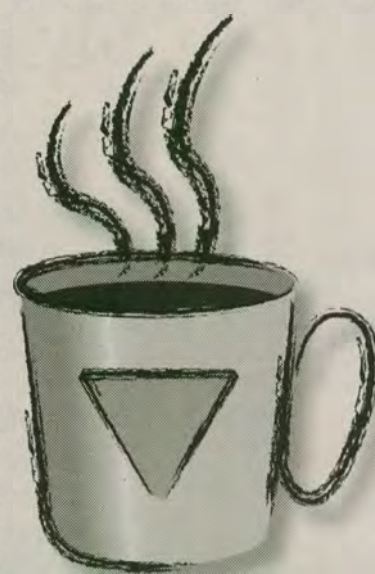
Grall, along with fellow seniors Audrey Gajor and Meghan Marenkovic, play on Friday with the hope that their game against Alma will not be their last.

"I think it is easier as a senior to get fired up [for the tournament] than it is for the underclassmen," Grall said. "They have years ahead of them."

Belles coach Erin Sullivan said the team wants to continue far into the post-season, to ensure that Friday will not be last time the underclassmen walk onto the field with the senior class.

"We really want to win that tournament [MIAA tournament] and advance to Regionals," Sullivan said. "That has been our goal all season long."

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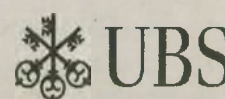
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ND WOMEN'S LACROSSE

Team will face Vandy as NCAAs loom

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will look to earn its best record in team history Sunday in a 12 p.m. game at Moose Krause Stadium against Vanderbilt.

The Irish (12-3, 4-1 Big East) are coming off an 11-10 victory against No. 13 Syracuse with a last second goal, and hope to continue winning in their last tune-up before the NCAA Tournament in May.

"At this stage, we are playing mainly for seeding and home field advantage," Irish coach Tracy Coyne said. "We just need to bring our game."

As always for the Irish, Coyne said the goal in the days leading up to a contest is to perfect various aspects of play in order to continue developing on the field on a game-by-game basis.

This week is a little different for Notre Dame, as Coyne is preparing her team not only for the Vanderbilt game, but also for the NCAA Tournament.

"We want to win it all," Coyne said. "We are just five games away from playing in the championship game and we feel that if we keep playing our game we can do it."

A win for the Irish would do more than just give them good positioning in the postseason tournament. It would also give them the best record in school history, something Coyne is very proud of her team for accomplishing.

This year's team has already won nine more

games than last season — in no small part to the addition of freshman Jill Byers and especially the outstanding play of senior attack Crysti Foote.

Byers has 41 goals and 20 assists going into Sunday's game. She has also provided a passing option for Foote, leaving her frontline partner more space and less attention from opposing defenses so either can be a threat to score.

Foote has 60 goals, 29 assists, and 41 draw controls — all records for the Irish.

"Crysti is leaving as the best player ever to wear a Notre Dame lacrosse jersey," Coyne said. "Her success is unparalleled — she has earned the

right to be that player."

Her incredible statistical effort combined with her fearless play and strong leadership on and off the field earned her a Tewaaraton award nomination this year. Coyne said she believes Byers should be a finalist for the award due to not only her play in college, but the fact that she is one of the few international-level players at the college level.

Byers played for Coyne as part of the Canadian World Cup team last year, leading Team Canada to a fourth place finish at the event.

"Foote is probably the most underrated player named for the Tewaaraton trophy this year," Coyne said. "It will be very competitive, but I believe the number speak for themselves."

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"At this stage, we are playing mainly for seeding and home field advantage."

Tracy Coyne
Irish head coach

TRACK AND FIELD

Irish take on beasts of the East

Squads aims to take yet another title in Storrs, Connecticut

By FRAN TOLAN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame feels well prepared as it heads to Storrs, Conn. this weekend for the Big East championships, after strong showings in its most recent events.

"At this point, we're about as ready as we're going to get [for the Big East]," Irish sprinters coach John Millar said.

Last weekend, at the Hillsdale "Gina" Relays and the Drake Relays, the Irish added seven more Big East qualifying marks to their already strong outdoor record.

Notre Dame looks to reclaim their conference title after finishing in second place last year, and winning in 2003 and 2004.

The men's team is excited as it prepares for tough conference foes, including Louisville and tournament host Connecticut.

"We've been training really hard all season and we're definitely looking for a win," Notre Dame junior Geoff Bennett said.

Bennett qualified for the 110-meter hurdles last weekend at the "Gina" Relays in Hillsdale, Mich.

Meanwhile, the women are in position to record an impressive Big East "triple crown" this year with titles already in cross-country and indoor track and field.

The last conference school to do that on the women's side was Villanova in 1987-88, prior to Notre Dame's entry into the Big East.

The women's team will be up against stiff competition, including a tough Pittsburgh unit that won last year's Big East Championship in Piscataway, N.J.

Coach Millar called this event the one that the Irish put the most emphasis on from a team perspective.

"The NCAAs are more about individual goals, but we ask a lot out of the athletes at the Big East," Millar said.

Millar pointed out that, in order to help the team, some athletes are asked to compete in more events than they are typically used to.

"We really just want to rack up as many points as we can and, hopefully, it's more than everyone else has," Millar said.

The meet will be held this Friday through Sunday at the George J. Sherman Family Sports Complex in Storrs, Connecticut.

"The last week has given [the athletes] an opportunity to fine-tune," Millar said. "I think we're well-prepared."

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surrendered three earned runs on seven hits in her three innings of work.

Bargar came into the game with a 4-2 lead, but found herself in a first inning jam after surrendering two singles and a walk. But the Irish pitcher recovered after a runner was caught stealing and a pop-up to left.

Bargar would not be so lucky in the next two innings, giving up two runs in each of the sixth and seventh innings.

"I believed in Bargar and thought she could beat these guys," Irish head coach Deanna Gumpf said. "She just couldn't get it done."

In the sixth, mental errors

hurt the Irish. Two of the Ramblers' three hits were bunt singles, including one single in which catcher Erin Glasco and first baseman Linda Kohan ran into each other, allowing all runners to advance without an out being made.

"There was absolutely no communication," Gumpf said. "Everyone was waiting for someone else to lead the team."

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Deanna Gumpf
Irish head coach

Bargar's performance wasted a strong outing by starter Heather Booth, who pitched four innings, gave up two runs, two hits and struck out three. But Bargar had little run support after she entered the game, as the Irish had

only three of their nine hits after the fourth inning. The offense was also unable to drive in runners in scoring position in the final three innings of the game.

"I think we just didn't come out with an intense attitude," Irish third baseman Meagan Ruthrauff said. "We've been playing on our heels a lot and that's become a trend for us lately."

With only four games left this season — a pair of doubleheaders this weekend against Seton Hall and St. John's — Notre Dame will need to rebound quickly to get back to its win-

ning ways before the Big East championships start May 11.

The final four Big East games will be crucial for the Irish to build momentum heading into the postseason.

"This weekend hugely affects us for the postseason," Gumpf said. "If you are set to play us in the postseason, you are looking at us and thinking we are tanking at the wrong time of the season."

As for the postseason itself, the team cannot start to get ready for the Big East tournament because getting back on the right track is more important at this point.

"We need to get four wins out of this weekend," Ruthrauff said. "It is crucial for our morale to turn it up a notch."

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The Professional Development Committee of the University Libraries would like to invite you to a lecture by Judith Krug, director of the American Library Association's Office of Intellectual Freedom, Thursday, May 4 at 4PM in the Hesburgh Library Auditorium:

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Irish attack John Greaney follows the play with Ohio State captain Jason Bloom in pursuit during Saturday's 10-8 victory over the Buckeyes.

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making the NCAA Tournament, that ranking may not be enough for the Irish.

"I'm not worried about the polls right now, but things are going to have to fall just right for us to get in," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said.

Of the 16 available spots, seven go to conference champions and nine are awarded to at-large bids. A committee determines who receives the at-large bids.

"The polls are inaccurate at best because the committee doesn't go by the polls," Corrigan said. "The only way to be certain to get in is to get into the top ten in the

eyes of the committee."

Getting into the top ten in the country might be a bit of a stretch for the No. 15/18 Irish, but there are some teams in reach. No. 16/15 Penn State (8-4) plays No. 5/5 Georgetown this weekend for the championship of the East Coast Athletic Conference (ECAC). With a loss, the Nittany Lions would miss out on the ECAC's automatic bid and finish with a worse record than the Irish.

Another team that Notre Dame could pass is No. 11/12 Towson. The Tigers (8-5) play Delaware (11-4) in the semifinals of the Colonial Athletic Association on Wednesday night. A loss would deprive Towson of their fourth consecutive CAA championship and would guarantee it finishes

with a worse record than Notre Dame.

But Coach Corrigan knows that all his team can do is try turn in an impressive performance this Saturday against Quinnipiac, and he sees it as a last chance opportunity to make a statement to the committee.

Quinnipiac (7-5, 1-3 in the GWLL) is coming off an impressive 12-9 win over conference rival Butler.

"It's the only thing we can control," Corrigan said. "The biggest statement we can make is to beat them. I'm not going to worry about the margin because we need to focus on winning the game."

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Vikings

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Jeremy Barnes drove in three of the runs with his second home run of the year.

Long pitched 3 1-3 innings, allowed nine runs on eight hits and walked four.

Notre Dame starting pitcher David Gruener threw just one inning, giving up two hits in a scoreless first. He was replaced by senior left-hander Tom Thornton, who threw two scoreless innings, allowing no hits and striking out one.

Thornton, who usually starts for the Irish on Sundays, missed the final game of the Connecticut series with a leg injury. Mainieri said he hasn't decided if Thornton will start this coming Sunday against Louisville or if sophomore lefthander Wade Korpi, who pitched against the Huskies, will replace him.

"The test is going to be tomorrow, if his knee swells up and how he feels," Mainieri said.

Four other pitchers, sophomore Joey Williamson and freshmen Brett Graffy, David Phelps and Sam Elam, combined to pitch the last six innings for Notre Dame. The four combined to allow one run on one hit and struck out seven Vikings.

Graffy (2-1) was credited with the win.

Cleveland State scored its lone run in the fifth inning. Designated hitter Sam Clyde walked to start the inning, advanced to second on a walk by center fielder John Westra, took third on a wild pitch and scored on a groundout by shortstop Bobby Cash.

Irish rallies in the first, second

and third innings were cut short by base running mistakes. In the first, right fielder Danny Dressman was doubled up at second on a fly-out to center. In the second, first baseman Craig Cooper was thrown out trying to stretch a single into a double, and, in the third, second baseman Ross Brezovsky was doubled up on second after a line drive out.

"I watch big-league games and the same things happen," Mainieri said of the baserunning errors. "Sometimes we want these kids to be perfect, but they make mistakes here and there. The important thing is they learned from it."

Notes:

♦Mainieri was able to empty his bench late in the game, giving at bats to seniors Steve Andres and Eddie Smith, juniors Mike Dury and John Seabaugh, sophomore Chris Soriano and freshmen Eddie Mendiola and Evan Sharpley. In total, 23 Irish players saw playing time.

"It's good to be able to get guys into the game that are practicing just as hard as the starters but don't always get a chance to play," Mainieri said.

♦Starting catcher Sean Gaston did not play Tuesday due to stomach discomfort. Mainieri said he did not expect the illness to keep the junior out of any more games.

♦The Irish will be in action again Friday, Saturday and Sunday at Frank Eck Stadium in a conference series against Louisville. Friday's game will start at 6:05 p.m., Saturday's game will begin at 1:05 p.m. and Sunday's first pitch will be thrown 12:05 p.m.

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finals — and the NCAA tournament, Bayliss has been working the team harder.

"We're continuing to try to emphasize a stronger doubles presence," Bayliss said. "Also, we've been playing more competitive sets than normal because during the season you're competing a lot, and you need to go back to fund all the time. But at this time we'll be almost three weeks without competing."

The loss in the Big East tournament may have motivated the Irish going into the postseason.

"There were a lot of ramifications there, not just the Big East title," Bayliss said. "It's hopefully a good lesson for us next year. I think there's a renewed sense of purpose and urgency in what we're doing and I'm pretty confident that we'll play well in the NCAA tournament."

Notes:

♦ Captain Patrick Buchanan is one of five Notre Dame recipients of the Arthur Ashe Sports Scholar award. Buchanan, who recently applied to medical school, received the distinction based on athletic, academic and community service excellence.

"They were looking for people who had out GPA's but who had also excelled in other areas, both athletics and in community service, and Patrick's certainly been a great representative in that sense," Bayliss said.

♦ Freshman Brett Helgeson was named to the Big East All-Tournament team, as was the doubles duo of Ryan Keckley and Eric Langenkamp. The pair is No. 28 nationally and hoping for an NCAA bid.

"Maybe this is a little bit of consolation for them, although I doubt any of our guys are worried about post-season awards," Bayliss said. "I'm sure each of them would have traded it for a win over Louisville."

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Champs

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their advantage," Irish junior Christian Thompson said. "But we played well and everyone got the job done."

In the conference championships, Catrina Thompson cruised to her second consecutive singles MVP title while dropping only five games throughout the tournament.

"She goes out to every match and competes at her best," Christian Thompson said. "She made a significant impact both years during the regular season and the tournaments [Big East Championships and the

NCAA tournament]."

However, it was Louderback who guided Thompson and the rest of her teammates to the title and the successful regular season this year. Notre Dame went from being ranked No. 22 in the preseason to No. 2 after the Big East tournament and is 24-1 so far this season. Louderback is No. 7 among active NCAA Division-I women's tennis coaches in career victories and is just the 10th coach ever to reach 500 career wins.

"The seniors this year won three out of four Big East titles [during their collegiate career] and that is pretty special,"

Christian Thompson said. "Before this season's [Big East championships, Louderback] read us a printed article that said South Florida was going to walk away with the title and this really inspired us to prove them

"We have had a great season and hope it will help us to be able to play at home during the first two rounds."

Christian Thompson
Irish junior

wrong." After earning the title, the Irish are focused on the NCAA Tournament. The first

two rounds will be played on campus sites from May 12-13 and the final four will be held at Stanford from May 18-21.

The NCAA pairings will be held at 8:30 p.m. with the Irish hoping to be one of the four initial sites for the first rounds of the tournament.

"We have had a great season and hope it will help us to be able to play at home during the first two rounds," Christian Thompson said. "This week we are working hard and hope the tough practices and conditioning will lead us into the NCAA's with a lot of confidence."

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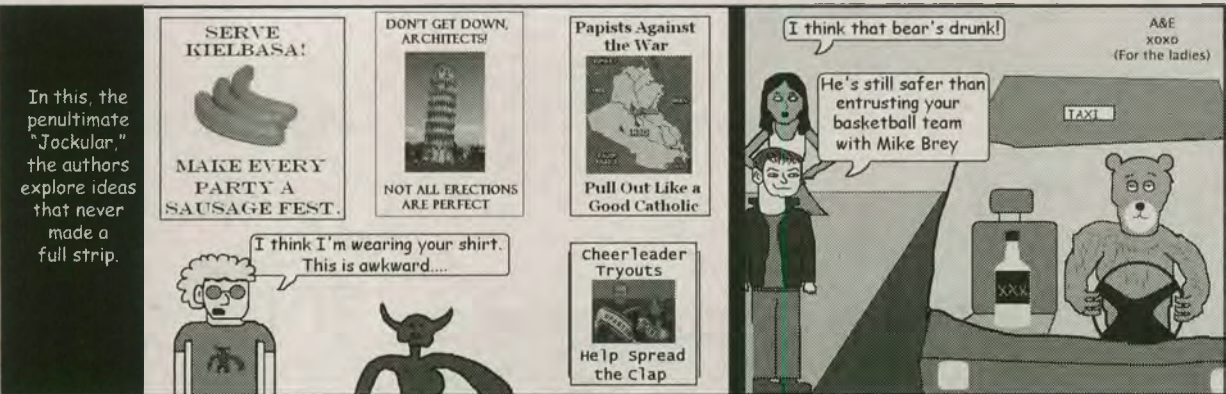


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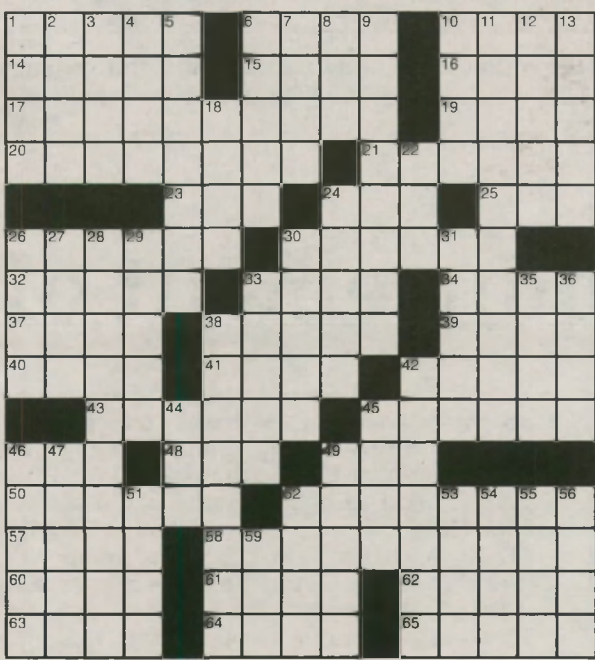
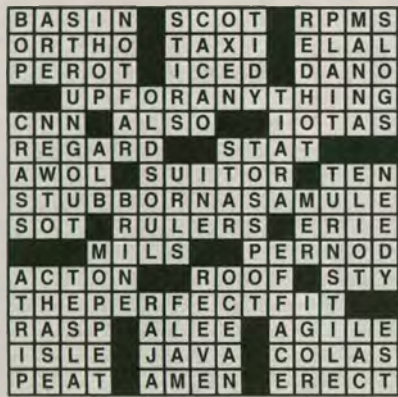


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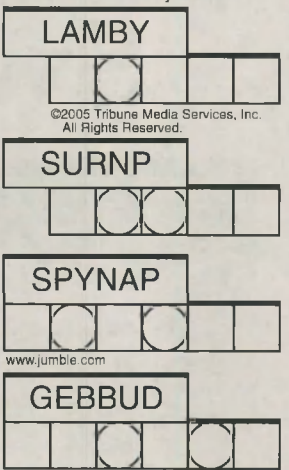
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BASEBALL

Sweet 16

Irish belt out 16 hits in their 12-1 victory over Cleveland State

By CHRIS KHOREY
Associate Sports Editor

Notre Dame banged out 16 hits Tuesday, cruising to a 12-1 victory over Cleveland State at Frank Eck Stadium.

The Irish (36-9-1, 16-1-1 in the Big East) scored in six of their eight innings. The Vikings (8-30, 6-14 in the Horizon League), though, managed only three hits for the game and just one after the first inning.

"It's always good for my heart to have a game like today when we win a game pretty handily," Notre Dame coach Paul Mainieri said.

Already leading 4-0, Notre Dame blew the game wide open in the fourth, scoring five runs on three hits and driving Cleveland State starting pitcher Brian Long out of the game. Third baseman



Irish pitcher Brett Graffy tags out a Cleveland State runner while first baseman Craig Cooper looks on during Notre Dame's 12-1 win Tuesday. The Irish used six pitchers in the victory.

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Irish hope for best in postseason

Quinnipiac comes to Moose Krause Stadium for Saturday matchup

By GREG ARBOGAST
Sports Writer

The Irish know they control the outcome against Quinnipiac in their final regular season game this Saturday, but a few extra trips to the Grotto this week can't hurt.

Notre Dame will learn between Wednesday and Saturday if they have a realistic chance to make the NCAA Tournament. The team is 9-4 (2-2 in the Greater Western Lacrosse League) and ranked No. 15 by the Inside Lacrosse Men's Media Poll and No. 18 by the STX Coaches Poll. With only 16 teams

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MEN'S TENNIS

Team awaits announcement of tourney field

By KATE GALES
Associate Sports Editor

It is a time for waiting, but the Irish are ready right now.

The NCAA Tournament field will be announced tonight, and the No. 18 Irish have an outside chance at being

named a host site as a top-16 seed.

"An interesting wrinkle has come up," Notre Dame coach Bobby Bayliss said. "[No. 8] Illinois is not going to be allowed to host ... that's one of the penalties the NCAA has if you didn't get rid of your Native American mascots."

No. 17 Florida State is just 0.55 points ahead of the Irish in the computer rankings. Notre Dame beat Florida State 4-3 in a head-to-head match on March 14.

"There's still a very slight chance that we would host, but I doubt it," Bayliss said.

The team is unable to start

preparing for specific matchups, but they have been training hard nonetheless.

"We don't know whether we'll be here or somewhere else," Bayliss said. "I've gotten a number of phone calls from coaches all over the country who are trying to figure [it] out."

"I haven't wasted one bit of sleep over it or given it one bit of thought ... it's something I have no control over."

Because of the long break between the Big East tournament — which ended with an Irish loss to Louisville in the

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

Big East champions prepare for title run

NCAA tournament commences May 13

By DAN TAPETILLO
Sports Writer

The newly crowned Big East champion Notre Dame will head into the NCAA tournament starting May 13 with hopes of capturing the national title.

Not only did the No. 2 Irish earn the conference

title in Tampa, Fla. April 23, they excelled on the individual level as well. Irish coach Jay Louderback earned his sixth Big East Coach-of-the-Year Award, and junior Catrina Thompson repeated as the tournament's MVP.

"It was great to repeat the Big East victory because the conditions were extremely tough and playing on South Florida's home turf [in the finals] was definitely to

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ND SOFTBALL

Diamond woes prolonged

By JAY FITZPATRICK
Sports Writer

Loyola-Chicago left fielder Nora Schober drove a 2-1 pitch from Irish right-hander Brittney Bargar to the gap in left-center field for the go-ahead runs in the Ramblers' 6-4 win against Notre Dame Tuesday.

The loss to Loyola-Chicago (16-37, 8-8 Horizon) was Notre Dame's (34-18, 14-4 Big East) fourth in a row. It was especially tough for Bargar, who

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PHIL HUDELSON/The Observer

Irish first baseman Linda Kohan snags a putout throw at first base during Tuesday's 6-4 loss to Loyola-Chicago.

SPORTS AT A GLANCE

WOMEN'S LAX

Vanderbilt at Notre Dame

Sunday, noon

The Irish end the regular season against the Commodores.

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TRACK AND FIELD

Notre Dame journeys to Storrs, Conn., for the Big East championships this weekend.

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SMC SOFTBALL

No. 3 seed Saint Mary's will play Alma in the first round of the MIAA tournament Friday in Holland, Mich.

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MLB

**Padres 6
Giants 3**

San Francisco outfielder Barry Bonds hits home run No. 712.

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MLB

**Indians 7
White Sox 1**

Cleveland pitcher C.C. Sabathia picked up his first win of the year.

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MLB

**Pirates 8
Cubs 0**

Pirates pitcher Zach Duke continues his domination of the Cubs with win.

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