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Accepted students shatter records

Applications soar to 14,501; diversity rises

By ROHAN ANAND
News Writer

The selectivity rate for Notre Dame's Class of 2011 broke school records this year with a surge of 1,700 more applicants vying for spots in the freshman class.

A total of 14,501 high school seniors — including those who had applied for Early Action — submitted applications for consideration, said Dan Saracino, director of undergraduate admissions.

With such a boost in the size of the applicant pool, the

selectivity rate dropped to 23 percent — four percent lower than last year's 27 percent acceptance rate. While Saracino said he was "proud of the applicant pool," he said it was difficult to deny more students this year, since Notre Dame does not plan to increase the undergraduate population. The projected class size of 1,985 students will stay the same for next year.

"We made a lot of students happy these past few days," he said. "But when we have 1,700 more students to [evaluate] this year, and not any more are being admitted, then we have 1,700 more students to deny."

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Admitted Class Comparison

	Class of 2011	Class of 2010
Total Applicants	14,501	12,800
Selectivity Rate	23%	27%
Average SAT (Excludes writing score)	1414	1398
Average ACT	32.5	32
Percent Legacies	23%	17%
Projected Percent of Ethnic Minorities	25%	23%

Source: Office of Admissions
MATT HUDSON/The Observer

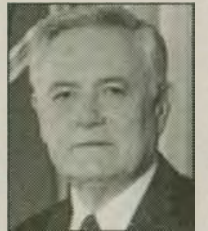
Honorary degrees to be awarded

Lithuanian president among recipients

By KEN FOWLER
News Writer

Notre Dame will award 10 honorary degrees at the University's commencement exercises May 19 and 20, including one to a foreign leader.

In addition to General Electric CEO Jeffrey Immelt, who will give the undergraduate commencement address,



Adamkus

nine others will receive honorary degrees, the University announced Monday.

Lithuanian President Valdas Adamkus, known as a force for democratization in his home country, will receive an honorary doctorate of laws. From 1970 until 1997, Adamkus served in the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. He was elected Lithuanian president in 1998 and served until 2003. His opponent in 2003, Rolandas Paksas, won the election but was impeached 14 months later. Adamkus ran for a second term and won with 52 percent of the vote in a runoff election.

Mary Sue Coleman, the

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WWII vet speaks about time at Iwo Jima

Seabee author Ivan Thunder discusses victory in Pacific under Admiral Chester Nimitz



CHRISTIAN SAGARDIA/The Observer

World War II veteran and author Ivan Thunder speaks Monday at the Pasquerilla Center about his memoirs and two books on the war.

By JOHN TIERNEY
News Writer

Anyone who has ever taken a high school American History class should at least be vaguely familiar with General Douglas MacArthur, but it was the work of Admiral Chester Nimitz that won World War II in the Pacific. That was the message Monday of Ivan Thunder, a Navy Seabee veteran who served at Iwo Jima.

Thunder, who has written two books about his experiences in the Pacific theater in the Naval Construction

Battalion, spoke Monday at Notre Dame ROTC classes. His talk focused on issues he addressed in his second book, "Iwo Jima and the Pacific War: Recollections and Essays," specifically the cult of adoration surrounding MacArthur, even though Nimitz was more influential in U.S. victory, Thunder said.

"We could have bypassed everything MacArthur did and it wouldn't have changed the outcome of the war," he said.

Thunder stressed that MacArthur's conquests only accounted for a small por-

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Assault investigation continues as 'rape' case

By JOHN-PAUL WITT
News Writer

Notre Dame Security/Police (NDSP) continued to investigate a sexual assault reported by a female student, and officials said they could not provide a timeline for any potential charges to be filed.

A female student was sexually assaulted on the weekend of March 24, according to an NDSP e-mail sent to the student body on March 26.

According to information released on the NDSP crime blotter, the assault occurred at 11 p.m. on March 25 near the Eck Tennis Center. The email states the assault occurred on March 24.

The blotter names the offense as "rape" and Notre

Dame Security Police Director Phil Johnson said that the case is currently "assigned to an investigator."

"The case remains under investigation," Johnson said. "The decision to file charges is up to the prosecutor."

Johnson said the amount of time it will take to be investigated is unknown, as it varies from case to case.

"It's hard to say," Johnson said. "The length of the investigation is determined by the complexity of a crime, interviews, and the evidence gathered."

Because the investigation is ongoing, Johnson declined to comment on the specifics of the case.

University spokesperson

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BOARD OF GOVERNANCE

Leaders grant co-sponsorships

By LIZ HARTER
News Writer

Saint Mary's Board of Governance (BOG) members awarded a total of \$1,950 to three co-sponsorships at the annual transition meeting for the board Monday night.

The old board that worked under current student body president and vice president Susan McIllduff and Maggie Siefert, respectively, met with their successors who took over under new student body president Kim Hodges and vice president Kelly Payne.

The transition meeting took place with all members of the old BOG board present so the new board could get a



Observer file photo

Former student body president Susan McIllduff and former vice president Maggie Siefert attended Monday's BOG meeting.

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INSIDE COLUMN

Read the Classifieds

How many of you pick up The Observer to read one section? I'm not talking about the horoscopes, the question of the day, the comics, or even the inside column.

I'm talking about the very best part of The Observer (except of course for the salacious articles that we publish daily) ... the Classifieds.

"The motion's good indeed, be it so, Petruchio ~ Hortensio."

Anyone who reads the Classifieds should know what I'm talking about.

To give a bit of background on the section, the person working for the sports section of the paper puts the Classifieds together each night. The Observer sells classified ads for 5 cents a character per day. The exciting thing about this section though is if the classified section is not filled with rooms and condos to rent, job openings, random Shakespeare quotes and/or ads for unplanned pregnancy help, the staff can promote something they want or have a little fun at the expense of their friends and their mishaps.

"Joe's giving front hugs now ... everyone get in line."

Oftentimes people give shout-outs to their friends, effectively getting their name in the paper for the next day.

"Look! Kristi, Jessie and Jared are in the paper today!"

Other times there are cryptic messages or inside jokes that only certain people will understand.

"Dear March, I hate you - Love, KP."

Either way, the message is generally funny in a sort of "should I really laugh at that?" kind of way.

"Florida just won...yay! Too bad my bracket was screwed up when Winthrop beat ND. I just lost \$55."

The Classified section can normally cheer you up better than if you were to find out that you are having a five star day according to the horoscopes. Whether you see an inside joke that you have with your friends, a joke at the expense of someone you know, or a quotation from one of our favorite movies, the classifieds can make you smile.

"You killed my father prepare to die. — Inigo Montoya"

What are you still doing reading this? If you've gotten this far in my column I suggest you immediately flip to the Classified page and read the hilarity that is sure to be there, if only because my column has come to an end. I know I'm headed to read the Classifieds right now.

...God I hope there's something good in there today, or else I'll look like a complete dork.

Oh yeah, I almost forgot. Since I'm not at work to put this in the Classifieds. ... Happy Birthday Kathy!

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Liz Harter

Production Editor

QUESTION OF THE DAY: IF YOU COULD HAVE A SUPER POWER, WHAT WOULD IT BE AND WHY?



Maria Bufalino

freshman Howard

"Teleport, because I would never be late to class."



Karen Carnevale

freshman PW

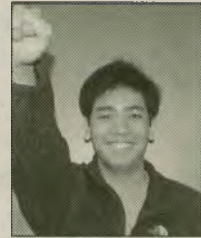
"Time travel. That way when Sunday comes, I could just go back to Friday night."



Paul Robbins

junior O'Neill

"I wish I had ESPN so I could tell when it was raining."



Aldrich Anderson

freshman Stanford

"Earth, water, heart. To improve Notre Dame's environmental ratings and end the global warming hoax."



Jonathan Spadea

fifth year off-campus

"The power to graduate ... finally."



CHRISTIAN SAGARDIA/The Observer

Campus construction affects the student body both day and night, with multiple projects going on at once. Crews are laying a new sewer line outside the Hesburgh Library and the CSC building.

IN BRIEF

Notre Dame men's baseball will play Oakland today at 5:05 p.m. at Frank Eck Stadium.

Campus-wide Stations of the Cross will be held tonight at 7 The procession will depart from the Grotto.

Notre Dame women's softball will play Valparaiso Wednesday at 5 p.m. at Ivy Field.

The Ballroom Dance Club will be teaching the Hustle and Mambo in 205 Rockne Memorial from 8 p.m. to 10:30 on Wednesday. All Notre Dame, Saint Mary's and Holy Cross students are invited with a valid ID. The cost is \$4 a night.

The Lord's Supper Mass will be held for Holy Thursday at 5 p.m. in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Notre Dame classes will be cancelled from Friday through Monday in observance of the Easter holiday. Classes will resume Tuesday.

Good Friday Mass to celebrate the Lord's passion will be held at 3 p.m. Friday in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

Ben Hur will be shown as a silent film with piano accompaniment by Dave Drazin on Friday at 7 p.m. in DPAC's Browning Cinema. The cost is \$3 for students.

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

Information compiled by the Associated Press.

OFFBEAT

Man arrives at DUI hearing drunk

YORK, Pa. — A man who arrived at court drunk for a drunken-driving hearing was again charged with driving under the influence, police said.

Paul H. Zeigler, 45, of Glen Rock, appeared at a preliminary hearing at the Shrewsbury district court on March 26 for a DUI charge from December.

Police said Zeigler appeared to be intoxicated at the hearing, according to police records.

After his court appearance, Zeigler failed a portable breath test for alcohol and

was taken into custody for a blood test, police said.

The second test revealed that Zeigler's blood-alcohol level was twice the legal driving limit and he was charged with DUI, police said.

Man, 101, passes driver's test

LANGLEY, Wash. — Alden Couch just celebrated his 101st birthday. And he passed his Washington state driver's test with flying colors, if you listen to him.

A resident of the Whidbey Island town of Langley, Couch planned to take a birthday drive — by himself — down to the local senior

center, where his friends had a party planned for him. Then he planned to drive home — by himself again.

The state's decision to give his father a driver's test took a lot of pressure off his 64-year-old son, Bill Couch, of Clinton. The son said he sometimes follows his father in his car to make sure his dad is driving safely.

"I feel a lot better about that," Bill Couch said.

Alden Couch's new license that he received in the mail a little more than a week ago expires in 2012.

	TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
LOCAL WEATHER						
	HIGH 70 LOW 40	HIGH 60 LOW 30	HIGH 43 LOW 27	HIGH 38 LOW 25	HIGH 35 LOW 20	HIGH 36 LOW 28

CORRECTIONS

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SMC creates emergency plan

By JENNIFER METZ
News Writer

To prepare for the possible outbreak of avian flu on campus, Saint Mary's has released executive summaries of its Pandemic Flu Report describing the College's readiness and emergency plan.

Two reports are posted on the school's Web site, one for students and parents and another for faculty and staff. The College plans to create a more comprehensive report accounting for all possible emergencies.

"Avian flu was very much in the news, so we wanted to plan ahead," said Executive Assistant to the President Susan Dampier, who chaired the Pandemic Task Force that Saint Mary's President Carol Ann Mooney created last summer.

In case of an outbreak, the task force said in its report, "It is better to be over-prepared, and ready for all contingencies, than to be taken by surprise."

The report said that if avian flu becomes "easily transmitted" from human to human, it will be contagious like the seasonal flu.

If cases of avian flu arise at Saint Mary's, quarantines are advised, and in the case of severe respiratory difficulties, sick people may need to be transferred to hospitals. Many of the College's daily

operations will continue, according to the report, but business will be conducted via the Internet as much as possible.

The report for faculty and staff said that "essential personnel" have been identified of their involvement in contributing to the "ongoing function of the College in a crisis situation."

In a College Forum address last August, Mooney said Saint Mary's had prepared for the "heightened concern about the possibility of an avian flu pandemic" through the creation of the Pandemic Task Force.

The American College Health Association set the guidelines for the task force, which worked for about a semester to put together its reports.

Other colleges have created similar plans, which Saint Mary's used as models. Loyola University of Chicago's plan was especially comprehensive, said Dampier, who chaired the task force. Loyola's Web site provides detailed information and instructions that relate to the possibility of an avian flu pandemic, as well as an emergency response plan. This plan pertains to natural disasters, bomb threats, civil disorders, hostage situations, utility failure and other hypothetical emergencies.

After issuing this plan, Dampier said the College's plan needed to be expanded,

making the pandemic plan one part of a broader emergency plan.

"The [avian] flu is the starting point. We're working on a more complete awareness plan for all kinds of emergencies, she said.

The next phase in the College's preparedness is starting now, and the committee will work through the summer, planning to finish a final report by the end of next year.

"We hope that a parent can go on [the Web site] and be comforted that [the College] has planned for all possible emergencies. It's reassuring to know that people are in charge," Dampier said.

In the course of planning, Dampier found that even members of the committee were not aware of the emergency plan already established by the College.

"I hope people will read the manual and be aware of what we've done and are prepared," she said. "Mostly, I hope that nothing ever happens."

The College recommends referring to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Web site for more information pertaining to the spread of avian flu and the possibility of a pandemic as well as checking the Saint Mary's Web sites for emergency updates.

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Thunder

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tion of the overall gains in the Pacific Ocean — those in the Philippines and New Guinea — while Nimitz controlled the entire ocean from Hawaii in the east to Okinawa in the west.

Additionally, Thunder said that Nimitz's victories are far more famous than those of MacArthur. He asked, "Have you heard of Guadalcanal, Saipan, Tinian, Guam, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa?" He then informed the audience that Nimitz led the American forces to the victories at each island.

"But, have you heard about Buna, Lae, Finschhafen, Hollandia, Sansapor, Biak, Numfor, Morotari, or Leyte? Probably not," he said of territory taken by MacArthur.

Thunder recalled a time shortly before he left for Hawaii — after he had already been in the Navy for some time serving in Panama — when he stopped in Chicago. During the visit, Thunder got his hair cut at a barber shop that was decorated with two posters — one featured President Franklin Roosevelt and another portrayed General MacArthur.

Thunder was perplexed by MacArthur's presence on the barbershop wall for 60 years, he said, until he uncovered a memo written by an aide to someone on the Joint Chiefs of Staff. The memo claimed that it was a group of newspapermen who promoted MacArthur, led by William Hearst and Robert McCormick, then head of the Chicago Tribune.

It is society's responsibility to remember Nimitz as the real victor in the Pacific theater, Thunder said.

"I don't know how many times I've heard history professors say MacArthur won at Iwo Jima, but he didn't. That was Nimitz," Thunder said.

While Thunder's second book puts a great emphasis on the Nimitz-MacArthur controversy and other historical debates of the war — such as the decision to drop the atomic bomb — his first book, "Her Last Letter," is an autobiographical narrative detailing the Seabee lieutenant's personal Iwo Jima story.

Thunder published the narrative, written in the third person under the pen name Michael Dalton, in 2004, nearly 60 years after the battle.

"I wrote the book because I felt it's a story worth telling. It includes romance and my life in Panama," in addition to the actual Iwo Jima battles, he said.

Thunder, 94, is a 1937 graduate of Illinois Institute of Technology with a degree in civil engineering. He entered the navy reserve shortly after graduation and received an active-duty commission as an ensign in April 1943. He was promoted to lieutenant shortly before leaving Honolulu for Iwo Jima. Unlike 24 percent of his non-combat construction Seabee battalion, Thunder survived the invasion and went on to receive more letters from his wife. Thunder currently lives in suburban Chicago with his daughter and her family.

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Degree

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president of the University of Michigan and commencement speaker for doctoral and master's degree graduates, will receive a doctor of science degree for work in "student residential life, interdisciplinary studies, ethics in society and health care," a University news release said.

Notre Dame graduate Robert Kiely will receive a doctor of laws degree for his 50 years of public service. Kiely was chair and CEO of the Metropolitan Transportation Authority in New York City from 1983-90 before serving as commissioner of transport in London from 2001-06.

Immaculée Ilibagiza, author of "Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust" and member of the United Nations

Development Program, will receive a doctor of humanities degree.

The president of Catholic Relief Services, Kenneth Hackett, will receive a doctorate of humanities. Hackett has led Catholic Relief Services since 2003, during which time the organization aided recovery efforts in the Gulf Coast states hit by Hurricane Katrina in 2005 and the Asian nations ravaged by the Indian Ocean tsunami of 2004.

Chicago sculptor Robert Hunt, whose works include "Jacob's Ladder" at the Carter G. Woodson Library in Chicago and "I Have Been to the Mountaintop" at the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial in Memphis, will receive a degree as doctor of fine arts.

Notre Dame Forum participant Dr. Paul Farmer, an attending physician at two hospitals and professor of medical anthropology at Harvard Medical School, will

receive an honorary doctorate of science.

Archbishop Elias Chacour, a Melkite priest in the Holy Lands, will receive a doctor of laws degree for his work on peace efforts in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. More

than 20 years ago, Chacour founded the Mar Elias Educational Institutions, which schools 4,500 students of all three major monotheist faiths.

Father P. Raniero Cantalamessa, O.F.M. Cap.,

who has served as the Vatican's preacher for the papal house since 1980, also will receive a doctor of laws degree.

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better understanding of how the meetings operate.

The first co-sponsorship presented to the boards was for a Saint Mary's Affiliates of the American Chemical Society (SMAACS). The group attended a conference in Chicago and asked for money to help defer the cost of the trip.

Three students presented research conducted at Saint Mary's in the chemistry and physics departments, senior Katie White said.

"We presented a poster on what [events] SMAACS has held this year and we received an outstanding chapter award," White said. "We were the only women's college to receive any award."

BOG awarded \$1,500 to help finance the trip, which took place last weekend.

The second co-sponsorship was awarded to three students who attended the 2007 Idealist Campus conference sponsored by idealist.org.

Sophomore Becky Faunce presented the co-sponsorship and said idealist.org helps students network to see what others are doing with advocacy and social change on their college campuses.

"We spent three days discussing what we're doing on our own campus, participating in workshops and getting our name out there as to what we're doing at Saint Mary's," Faunce said.

Faunce, senior Kirsten Kensinger and sophomore Alison Fleece want to implement what they learned in the three-day conference, which took place March 23-25. BOG awarded the stu-

dents \$150 with the stipulation that they create a concrete plan of how they are going to publicize the conference next year and what they will do to implement the ideas that they learned at this year's conference.

The final co-sponsorship was to provide funding for a group of women's studies students to travel to the national Women's Studies Association Annual Conference in St. Charles, Ill., in June.

The group of seven students will listen to speakers as they address the topic of this year's conference, "Past Debates, Present Possibilities, and Future Feminisms."

"It's looking at how far the discipline of women's studies has come since the first conference was held," said Faunce, who also presented this co-sponsorship.

BOG voted to award the group \$300 with the stipulation that those attending will host a luncheon to present what they gained from the conference.

In other BOG news:

♦ The Saint Mary's TOSTAL — the College's largest social event of the year — will take place April 26. The event will feature massages and caricatures in the student center, a showing of the movie "Dreamgirls" on the library green, canoe races on Lake Marion and a fireworks display.

♦ The second annual Saint Mary's Dance Marathon will take place on April 20 from 6 p.m. until 6 a.m. Dancer packets should be turned in to any hall director by Wednesday.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Nigerian foreign workers kidnapped

LAGOS, Nigeria — Gunmen seized two foreign workers Monday in Nigeria's southern oil-producing region, officials said, the latest kidnappings in an area where nearly 70 foreigners have been taken since the beginning of the year.

The attackers snatched the men from their work compound in southern Bayelsa state, said Godknows Igal, a government negotiator in the region.

A colleague of the two construction workers said they were Lebanese. The pair were taken after a prolonged gunbattle, but there were no casualties reported, said the colleague, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of company restrictions on dealings with the media.

Ukrainian parliament dissolved

KIEV, Ukraine — President Viktor Yushchenko dissolved Ukraine's parliament and called early elections Monday, but parliament refused to acknowledge the order and vowed to continue meeting as the country slipped further into political turmoil.

The deadlock follows months of maneuvering by Yushchenko and his rival, Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich, and signals the possible return of competing protests, tent camps and political rallies to the streets of Kiev — two years after mass protests helped propel Yushchenko to power.

After holding more than seven hours of talks with top lawmakers, Yushchenko accused Yanukovich's parliamentary majority of seeking to expand its power base in violation of the Constitution by recruiting members from pro-presidential factions of the Shatt al-Arab, a waterway that has long been a disputed dividing line between Iraq and Iran.

NATIONAL NEWS

Two Sept. 11 victims identified

NEW YORK — The city said Monday it has positively identified two more Sept. 11 victims from thousands of unidentified human remains that have been retested in recent months.

The new identifications were made in the past week, said Ellen Borakove, spokeswoman for Dr. Charles Hirsch, the chief medical examiner. The identified remains are from the "initial recovery effort" of victims' remains in the first year after the 2001 terrorist attacks, not from a renewed search at ground zero, she said.

Borakove would not say how many pieces of remains were identified or exactly when and where they were recovered. The names of the newly identified victims also were not released.

The city has been storing more than 10,000 unidentified bone fragments and other human remains, including more than 1,200 found since 2005.

Romney campaign raises \$23 million

BOSTON — Mitt Romney blew away the top-ranked Republican presidential candidates in fundraising during the first three months of the year, reporting he had raised an astonishing \$23 million. Rudy Giuliani and John McCain, favored in the polls, trailed far behind.

The former Massachusetts governor's first-quarter tally put him on a financial par with Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton of New York, the leading Democratic candidate. On Sunday, she reported raising \$26 million.

LOCAL NEWS

Three UAW labor unions merge

ANDERSON, Ind. — Three labor unions, including two that represent workers at closed or closing auto parts factories, have decided to join.

United Auto Workers locals 662, 663 and 1963 will merge to form a new amalgamated Local 1963 to improve "efficiency in providing services to our members," according to Christine Moraski, assistant director of public relations for UAW International.

She did not know a time frame for the merger. Union membership in Anderson has plummeted with the departure of 20,000 or more automotive jobs.

IBM donates translation technology

Defense Department, lawyers investigate acceptance of unusual offer

Associated Press

WASHINGTON, D.C. — To honor an employee's son who was badly wounded in Iraq, IBM Corp. plans to give the U.S. military \$45 million worth of Arabic-English translation technology that the Pentagon had been testing for possible purchase.

The offer — made from the highest reaches of the company directly to President Bush — is so unusual that Defense Department and IBM lawyers have been scouring federal laws to make sure the government can accept the donation.

The story begins one night in late February, when Army Sgt. Mark Ecker Jr., 21, on his second tour in Iraq, was on patrol in Ramadi.

Preparing to raid a house, Ecker's unit lined up along a side of the building. But an explosive device had been hidden in the wall, and when it went off, it wounded several soldiers. Ecker eventually lost both legs below the knee.

Ecker's father, an IBM mainframe sales specialist in East Longmeadow, Mass., shared the story of his son's ordeal with co-workers, and word spread through the company. Eventually it reached Chairman and CEO Samuel Palmisano.

IBM would not make Palmisano available for comment. But according to other IBM executives, Palmisano had heard from several IBM employees who have returned from active duty in Iraq that a shortage of Arabic translators has severely hampered U.S. forces' efforts to communicate.

With that and Ecker's experience in mind, Palmisano called and wrote Bush, offering to make IBM's Multilingual Automatic Speech Translator software, known as MASTOR, "immediately available for use by our forces in Iraq." Palmisano offered 10,000



President Bush visits with Sgt. Mark Ecker II, right, and his parents in the physical therapy wing of the Walter Reed Army Center in Washington, D.C. March 30.

copies of the MASTOR software and 1,000 devices equipped with it, plus training and technical support.

"Hopefully this will be helpful to our efforts," he wrote.

Separately, Anne Altman, who oversees IBM's federal sales in Washington, reached out to Adm. Edmund Giambastiani, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to reiterate the offer and get guidance on how to make it happen.

Giambastiani told IBM he appreciated the donation, although according to his spokesman, Lt. Col. Gary Tallman, "the offer is under evaluation right now" and "does not constitute acceptance" by the Department of

Defense.

"Part of the evaluation is to determine a proper legal way for acceptance," he wrote in an e-mail.

Indeed, it is very rare for a large defense contractor like IBM, which does roughly \$3 billion worth of federal business every year, to give the government a freebie. It is also worth noting that MASTOR has been undergoing testing by the Pentagon's Joint Forces Command, in addition to a rival two-way translation technology known as IraqComm from nonprofit SRI International. Both systems take English or Arabic that is spoken into a computer microphone, translate it into the other language and utter it

through the machine's speakers.

Joint Forces Command told The Associated Press last October that tests on IraqComm and MASTOR so far had been in quiet offices rather than noisy war-zone settings, and that it might be 2009 before the technology is widely used on patrols or other tense situations.

IBM's Altman said she hoped IBM's gift would accelerate the timeframe, and said other vendors should consider "similar donations." An SRI spokeswoman declined to comment.

But Altman added that she did not expect IBM's offer to end up cutting out SRI or any other potential providers.

CANADA

Annual national seal hunt begins

Associated Press

TORONTO — Canada's controversial annual seal hunt opened Monday in the southern Gulf of St. Lawrence, where the worst ice conditions in more than two decades have nearly wiped out the herd there.

Fisheries officials said the scarcity of seals in the area led to only two of 40 eligible boats participating in the start of the traditional spring hunt that is important to the livelihood of Canadian seal hunters and aboriginal peoples.

"The bad ice contributed to a high rate of drowning" of baby seals, Fisheries Department spokesman Phil Jenkins said. "The mortality from bad

ice is going to be fairly high."

The ice is broken and deteriorated and Jenkins said it is part of a trend seen over the past four or five years. Newborn seals cannot swim in the first weeks of life and need solid ice to survive.

The total quota for this year's seal hunt is 270,000 animals. That is 65,000 fewer than last year, a change made mainly because of the toll from the ice conditions. The seal population in Canada now stands at about 5.5 million.

Simon said the largest concentration of seals was in the more northerly Strait of Belle Isle, between Quebec and Newfoundland and Labrador. Ice conditions there are better and the area will

be open to hunters beginning Wednesday.

About 70 percent of the seals sought in Canadian waters will be taken in the third stage of the hunt — off northern Newfoundland. An opening date has yet to be announced.

Animal welfare groups condemned the government's decision to allow a hunt in the southern region.

"I've witnessed the hunt for nine years, and I've never seen ice conditions this bad," said Rebecca Aldworth of the Humane Society of the United States.

The United States has banned Canadian seal products since 1972 and the European Union banned the white pelts of baby seals in 1983.

Assault

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Don Wycliff said that the Notre Dame community is not immune from assaults and that the situation is "especially difficult in the case of an acquaintance committing the assault."

"We don't take the safety of any student, male or female, lightly," Wycliff said. "Notre Dame is not a sanctuary. Bad things occasionally happen."

University Victim's Resource Person Ava Preacher offered advice to students who are victims of assault.

"Immediately after being assaulted, go to the hospital and get an exam. Be careful not to shower or go to the bathroom, as that could destroy evidence," Preacher said.

In addition, Preacher said all people who are sexually assaulted should talk about their experiences to a professional counselor, as well as with someone who can inform them of their options depending on when a person chooses to report the assault.

Hall staffs are also concerned about sexual assaults on campus. Sister Denise Lyon, I.H.M., the rector of Badin Hall, said

that rapes at Notre Dame are "inevitable."

"There have been rapes, and there will be rapes," Lyon said. "After someone has been raped, it's [our job] to put the girl in touch with the people who can help her. Rectors, ARs, and RAs all receive training on how to help people with this."

While students are aware of this, Lyon said, it's important not to think that "[rapes] are going to happen, but not to me."

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Freshman

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On Monday, the Undergraduate Admissions Office was flooded with phone calls and e-mails from discouraged applicants who had not received admission, Saracino said. While he said the majority of them were probably qualified to study at Notre Dame, an intensely competitive applicant pool made that impossible.

"The situation is not whether or not [the candidate] could do the work at Notre Dame, but rather that it's a very self-selecting group, and we only have limited spaces to fill," he said.

To demonstrate the degree of truth to this statement, Saracino said approximately 868 applicants ranked first in their high school class and could have comprised more than 40 percent of the admitted freshman class. Still, only 427 of them were offered spots.

The average SAT score — with the combined Math and Critical Reading sections — was 1414, and the average ACT score was a 32.5. The average high school class

rank was in the top 4.2 percent of the applicant's class. Fifty-two admitted students also had perfect test scores, and 484 scored above a 1500 on the SAT, 23 percent of them being children of alumni.

"But we're not just looking at numbers," Saracino said, "and we're also not trying to brag. We looked at the whole picture of each candidate: academic rigor, passion and traits that they could bring here. We do this because we want to create a diverse, talented and exciting student body."

Additionally, the University hopes to enroll a class that consists of 25 percent ethnic minorities and three to four percent international students from 29 other countries, making it the most ethnically diverse in the history of the University.

Saracino mentioned the difficulty of enrolling more international students because it's harder to provide them with enough financial aid to attend the University.

"However, we're still meeting every need of all domestic students by 100 percent, and there aren't too many universities that can do that," he said. "It permits greater socioeconomic diversity."

The most highly represented states in the class include Illinois, Pennsylvania, New York, Texas, Florida and New Jersey.

While the University saw a swell in applications, other highly select top-20 schools generally hail a greater number of applicants each year — often surpassing 20,000 — even if their freshman class size is relatively similar to Notre Dame's.

Saracino speculated that the University receives 6,000 fewer applications not because it is less renowned than other institutions, but because most applicants apply to Notre Dame as their first choice and not a safety school.

"We're only one of 10 schools in the United States that admit less than 50 percent of the applicants and yield more than 50 percent of them," he said. "When students apply to Notre Dame, they're not fishing for schools — Notre Dame is actually one of their top choices, instead of third or fourth like the other schools with bigger pools. The majority of those who decline our admissions offers do so because of finding better financial aid elsewhere."

And as far as yield is concerned, the Undergraduate Admissions committee is using the wait list more heavily this year than last by admitting 114 fewer students than it did initially with the Class of 2010. This way, the University hopes to avoid the overflow problem that happened last year and give some attention to students on the wait list.

"There are some really outstanding students on the waiting list who want to be a part of this place," Saracino said. "So we're hoping that we can open up some spots for them."

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Fuchs to give Nieuwland lecture

Special to the Observer

Elaine Fuchs, Rebecca C. Lancefield Professor at Rockefeller University in New York City and an investigator at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute, will be the featured speaker for today's second day of the annual Nieuwland Lectures in Biological Sciences at the University of Notre Dame.

Fuchs is interested in understanding the molecular

mechanisms underlying the ability of multipotent skin cells to produce the skin's epidermis and its appendages.

She utilizes mammalian epithelial stem cell culture and mouse genetics as model systems. Her studies bridge an understanding of the normal biology of skin stem cells with an understanding of how these processes go awry in human diseases of the skin, including genetic diseases,

skin cancers and proinflammatory disorders.

Fuchs' opening lecture, "Stem Cells of the Skin and Their Lineages," was presented at 4 p.m. Monday in Room 283 of the Galvin Life Sciences Building.

Her second lecture, "Stem Cells: Biology and Clinical Promise," is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. today in Room 101 of the Jordan Hall of Science.

Today's lecture is free and open to the public.

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Core Council website and newsletter: www.nd.edu/~cc



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Dow Jones	12,354.35	+5.60

Up: 1,803 Same: 139 Down: 1,440 Composite Volume: 2,892,524,933

AMEX	2,174.90	+2.70
NASDAQ	2,421.64	+3.76
NYSE	9,621.82	-17.26
S&P 500	1,420.86	-1.67
NIKKEI(Tokyo)	17,287.65	0.00
FTSE 100(London)	6,308.00	-16.20

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S&P RECEIPTS (SPY)	+0.02	+0.03	142.00
CMGI INC (CMGI)	-6.19	-0.14	2.12
SUN MICROSYS (SUNW)	+0.84	+0.05	6.01

Treasuries			
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13-WEEK BILL	-0.20	-0.010	4.895
30-YEAR BOND	+0.39	-0.019	4.848
5-YEAR NOTE	+0.38	+0.017	4.537

Commodities		
LIGHT CRUDE (\$/bbl.)	-0.16	65.87
GOLD (\$/Troy oz.)	+1.40	669.00
PORK BELLIES (cents/lb.)	-0.63	100.40

Exchange Rates	
YEN	117.7300
EURO	0.7486
POUND	0.5081
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IN BRIEF

New Century files for bankruptcy

LOS ANGELES — New Century Financial Corp., once the nation's second-largest provider of home loans to high-risk borrowers, filed for bankruptcy protection Monday, the victim of its own financial missteps as well as pressures felt by its rival lenders.

New Century immediately fired 3,200 workers — more than half its work force — and said it intends to sell off its major assets.

The company made the move after exploring a variety of possible ways to stay in business, he said.

New Century was the latest so-called subprime lender to fall on hard times amid a spike in mortgage defaults caused by borrowers unable to make payments. More than two dozen subprime lenders have shut down in recent months and others are scrambling to stay in business.

Subprime loans target borrowers with low credit scores. The mortgages carry relatively high interest rates but can also offer low initial payments.

Global warming inaction criticized

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court rebuked the Bush administration Monday for its inaction on global warming in a decision that could lead to more fuel-efficient cars as early as next year.

The court, in a 5-4 ruling in its first case on climate change, declared that carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases are air pollutants under the Clean Air Act.

The Environmental Protection Agency has the authority to regulate those emissions from new cars and trucks under the landmark environment law, and the "laundry list" of reasons it has given for declining to do so are insufficient, the court said.

The politics of global warming have changed dramatically since the court agreed last year to hear its first case on the subject, with many Republicans as well as Democrats now pressing for action. However, the administration has argued for a voluntary approach rather than new regulation.

Tribune Co. sells for \$8.2 billion

Chicago real estate mogul Sam Zell purchases second-largest newspaper company

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Tribune Co. spent six months searching for the best way to boost its lagging stock price.

In the end, the solution was barely a mile from the media company's Gothic headquarters on the Chicago River.

After a board meeting that lasted until almost midnight, Tribune announced Monday morning that it would go private, selling itself for \$8.2 billion, excluding debt, to Chicago real estate mogul Sam Zell.

Zell, who earned a reputation for reviving undervalued properties, is now charged with turning around the fortunes of the nation's second-largest newspaper company, which like much of the industry is losing readers and advertisers to the Internet.

Among his first acts? Sell the storied Chicago Cubs baseball team and use the proceeds to pay down debt.

What's next for Zell, who stands to become chairman of the media conglomerate if the buyout offer is completed, remains unclear.

"I am delighted to be associated with Tribune Company, which I believe is a world-class publishing and broadcasting enterprise," Zell said in a statement. "As a long-term investor, I look forward to partnering with the management and employees as we build on the great heritage of Tribune Company."

Dennis FitzSimons, Tribune's chairman, president and chief executive, said there are no plans to cut the company's work force or sell its newspapers or TV stations.

"This is a good outcome for our shareholders and a good outcome for our employees," FitzSimons said in an inter-



Reporters in the Chicago Tribune newsroom watch a meeting called by Chief Executive Officer Dennis FitzSimons to explain the sale of the company to Sam Zell April 2.

view with The Associated Press.

The company's complex deal with Zell has a relatively small breakup fee — \$25 million — leaving open the possibility of another counter bid from Los Angeles billionaires Eli Broad and Ron Burkle, who also submitted \$34-per-share offers for Tribune.

"A low break up fee could encourage a trumping bid from the Ron Burkle/Eli Broad partnership or another bidder, but this seems

unlikely given the lengthy and very public nature of the review process," Citigroup analyst William G. Bird wrote in a research note.

Representatives for the pair declined to comment Monday.

Zell plans to invest \$315 million in the media company and will eventually become chairman of Tribune's board when the buyout is complete sometime in the fourth quarter. The offer needs shareholder approval.

The buyout will be conducted as a two-part deal, the company said. The first stage, expected to be completed in the second quarter, will involve a cash tender offer of \$34 per share for 126 million shares, more than half of the outstanding Tribune shares. The remaining shares will be purchased later at the same \$34 per share price.

Tribune has about 240 million shares outstanding, according to a regulatory filing.

Seattle settles WTO protest claims

Associated Press

SEATTLE — The city's insurance company has agreed to pay \$1 million to settle claims from about 175 people who were wrongly arrested during a peaceful World Trade Organization protest in 1999.

The case went to trial in January, and a federal jury found Seattle liable for violating the protesters' constitutional rights by arresting them without probable cause. The settlement, announced Monday, avoids a damages phase to determine how much the city owed, and it resolves the last outstanding claims against the city from the protests.

"The police can respect the constitutional rights of protesters and at the same time protect the public safety," said Mike Withey of Washington, D.C.-based Trial Lawyers for Public Justice, which brought the lawsuit.

As part of the settlement, which a federal judge must approve, the city

will seal the arrest records and ask any law enforcement agencies that received copies to expunge them, Withey said. Each protester will be eligible to receive \$3,000 to \$10,000, and some of the settlement will be used to pay legal fees.

City Attorney Tom Carr said the city believes it would have won an appeal.

"However, the city's insurance company decided to settle the case rather than to continue to fund the appellate litigation," Carr said in a news release.

The insurance company is National Union, said Carr's assistant, Ruth Bowman. The company did not immediately respond to an e-mail seeking comment.

The trial stemmed from the mass arrest of protesters at a downtown park, where they were sitting and singing patriotic anthems. That week, 50,000 demonstrators had swarmed Seattle, overwhelming police and closing down parts of the WTO meeting.

The park was in a "no-protest" zone

established by the mayor, but officers made no effort to determine whether the protesters had other legitimate reasons to be there before making the arrests, the jury decided.

In a pretrial ruling, U.S. District Judge Marsha Pechman ruled the city had made the arrests without probable cause. Arrest reports were not filled out properly, she noted.

The city agreed in the settlement to issue copies of Pechman's rulings in the case to police cadets and officers to help prevent unlawful mass arrests, Withey said.

Lead plaintiff Ken Hankin, a Boeing worker, said he was pleased the settlement had been reached but added that getting a few thousand dollars seemed paltry compared to the violation of his rights. He spent three days in police custody and wasn't released until the WTO meetings had ended.

"I lost my right to protest the WTO," he said. "That's something I feel very upset about."

Assistant implicates her former employer in trial

Associated Press

CHICAGO — A former employee of the Hollinger International newspaper empire testified Monday that she mailed a \$2.6 million check to former media baron Conrad Black for signing a contract promising not to compete with a company Black himself controlled.

Angela Way, who worked in the Hollinger general counsel's office, testified she also sent checks of \$137,500 each to Hollinger executives John Boulton and Peter Atkinson for signing similar non-compete contracts.

Way was executive assistant to Black co-defendant Mark Kipnis at Hollinger and left the company last year. She took the stand as a government witness as Black's racketeering and fraud trial went into its third week.

She testified that on Feb. 8, 2000, she sent the checks — and contracts promising not to compete with American Publishing Co. — to Atkinson at Hollinger's Toronto office.

"The consideration is also enclosed," said a covering memo, referring to the checks. Way said she received a memo back from Atkinson saying the signed non-competition agreements were enclosed.

American Publishing Co., based in Marion, Ill., was a Hollinger subsidiary and as such was under the control of Black, who at the time was the company's CEO.

Prosecutors argue that such operations represented a grab for cash belonging to the Hollinger shareholders. But when Way returns to the stand Wednesday, defense attorneys are expected to portray that money as management fees wrongly characterized as non-competition fees.

Black, 62, is charged with racketeering, mail fraud and other offenses. Prosecutors say the Canadian-born British lord siphoned millions of dollars out of Hollinger International that belonged to shareholders.

Black is accused of illegally billing the shareholders for a lavish birthday party for his wife, a vacation on the Pacific island of Bora Bora and a luxury apartment on Park Avenue in New York.

But the heart of the charges against the former newspaper tycoon are that he sold hundreds of Hollinger-owned community newspapers in the United States and Canada and pocketed payments from the purchasers.

The payments were in return for agreements not to re-enter the markets where the newly

purchased newspapers circulated and compete with them.

Non-competition payments are common in the newspaper industry. And while most of the money went to Hollinger International, Black and other executives received millions of dollars in non-competition payments.

Prosecutors say that money belonged to the shareholders.

Black insists he did nothing wrong. His attorneys say that if anyone is to blame it is F. David Radler, the longtime No. 2 man in the Hollinger empire who is expected to be the government's star witness.

Besides going to Hollinger International, based in Chicago, millions of dollars in non-competition fees went to Hollinger Inc., a separate holding company based in Toronto and controlled by Black.

Executives of media holding companies that bought Hollinger papers testified that they did want non-competition agreements with Hollinger International but had no interest in such agreements with Hollinger Inc.

Earlier Monday, however, David Paxton, president and CEO of Paxton Media Group of Paducah, Ky., said under cross examination by defense attorneys that he may have received some legal benefit from the non-competition agreement he received from Hollinger Inc.

LEBANON

Pelosi's Syria visit criticized

Associated Press

BEIRUT — House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Monday shrugged off White House criticism of her impending visit to Damascus, saying she had "great hope" for reviving U.S. relations with Syria and changing its behavior.

Speaking hours after arriving in Lebanon, Pelosi indicated the Bush administration was singling out her trip to Syria while ignoring recent visits by Republican members of Congress.

"It's interesting because three of our colleagues, who are all Republicans, were in Syria yesterday and I didn't hear the White House speaking out about that," Pelosi said, referring to the Sunday meeting of Reps. Frank Wolf, Joe Pitts and Robert Aderholt with Syrian President Bashar Assad in Damascus.

"I think that it was an excellent idea for them to go," said Pelosi, who is to meet with Syrian leaders Wednesday. "And I think it's an excellent idea for us to go, as well."

In Washington, White House spokeswoman Dana Perino stressed Monday that the Bush administration objected to all visits to Syria.

"We ask that people not go on these trips," she said. "We discourage it. Full stop."

The State Department later said Pelosi was briefed by the Bush administration for her trip, but spokesman Sean McCormack



Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi reviews an honor guard in Beirut Monday during her trip to the Middle East.

said that did not represent an endorsement of the visit.

The United States has poor relations with Syria, accusing it of interfering in Iraq and Lebanon and sponsoring terrorists — charges that Damascus denies. Perino last week described Pelosi's visit to Syria as a "really bad idea."

Last year, a bipartisan commission known as the Iraq Study Group recommended the U.S. launch a new diplomatic initiative with Syria and Iran. The

Bush administration rejected the idea, but the U.S. did participate in a regional security conference in Baghdad last month that also included representatives from Iran and Syria.

Perino said it "sends the wrong message to have high-level U.S. officials going there (to Syria) to have photo opportunities that Assad then exploits."

But Pelosi said she thinks it is a good idea to "establish facts, to hopefully build the confidence" between the U.S. and Syria.

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Police official steps down

Superintendent does not discuss role in videotaped beatings

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The city's police superintendent said Monday he was stepping down as head of the beleaguered department, but he would not say what role two videotaped beatings involving off-duty officers had in his decision.



Cline

Last month, prosecutors filed felony charges against an officer accused of beating a female bartender. Six other officers were removed from street duty after being accused of assaulting four businessmen in a bar.

Superintendent Philip J. Cline took over in November 2003 and had been expected to retire later this year. On Monday, he referred to the highly publicized incidents only as "these times of challenge."

To the city's police officers, the 57-year-old Cline said: "I encourage all of them to rise above any controversy and stay focused on the mission."

Cline did not take any questions from reporters at a news conference.

Cline said he will stay on until a replacement was found, and

thanked Mayor Richard M. Daley for giving him "a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to lead the best police department in the country."

Daley would not say whether he asked Cline to leave; he said Cline had wanted to retire a year ago but stayed at Daley's request.

"The vast majority of Chicago police officers are dedicated, hard working professional men and women who perform their jobs diligently every day," Daley said. "Unfortunately, the actions of just a few officers" can tarnish the department's image.

The Rev. Jesse Jackson, head of the Chicago-based Rainbow/PUSH Coalition, said Cline was retiring under "a cloud of scandal." Future allegations of police misconduct should be subject to review by a civilian board, Jackson said.

"These videos have created an embarrassment for the mayor and for the city," Jackson said.

The department was internationally vilified after the bar surveillance footage of an off-duty officer pummeling a female bartender half his size was broadcast worldwide through 24-hour news channels and on YouTube.

Officials have been criticized for waiting a month to arrest Abbate and for initially charging him with a misdemeanor.

In his brief statement on Monday, Cline also alluded to the apparent effort by police officers to help Abbate enter and leave a court building without having to face the media outside. That caused an outcry in the media about the way police officers pro-

tect fellow officers accused of breaking the law.

Videotape of the other confrontation, on Dec. 15, has not been seen by the public. Police had been called to the bar that night, but a sergeant who was among the officers involved in the fight waved them off, Cline said. He announced last week that the six officers had been taken off street duty.

Cline said Abbate "tarnished our image worse than anybody else in the history of the department," and that he was "disgusted to witness this type of conduct" by officers.

After the beatings came to light, Cline said he would change the way the department responds to allegations of misconduct, including moving faster to get officers accused of misconduct off the street.

He stressed improvements Monday in the department of 13,500 officers and 3,000 civilians made under his leadership.

"Three and a half years ago, Chicago was the homicide capital of the country," he said. "Mayor Daley gave me a mandate as the new police superintendent to reduce homicides and shootings and to make Chicago the safest big city in America. Since that time the men and women of the police department have answered that call."

Cline was born in Chicago and began his police career in 1968. His first beat was the tough Cabrini-Green housing projects. He was named chief of detectives in 2001 and first deputy superintendent two years later.

Washington woman killed by ex-boyfriend

Associated Press

SEATTLE — A University of Washington researcher was shot to death in her office Monday morning by a former boyfriend who then turned the gun on himself, police said.

Officers responding to reports of gunfire found the two dead in an office on the fourth floor of Gould Hall, the university's architecture building, Assistant University Police Chief Ray Wittmier said.

The 26-year-old woman was granted a restraining order last month against Jonathan Rowan, according to court documents. University police said he was not affiliated with the school.

"I cannot find him but he can find me (knows my place of work)," the victim, identified by colleagues as Rebecca Griego, wrote in a restraining order petition filed against Rowan on March 6 in King County Superior Court.

About six shots were fired, and a handgun was found in the room. There were no eyewitnesses, and no one else was harmed, Wittmier said.

Lance Nguyen, who worked with Griego at the Runstad Center for Real Estate Research, said the victim had become increasingly worried about her former boyfriend

in recent weeks.

"She said it's a psycho from her past," Nguyen said.

In the restraining order petition, Griego wrote that Rowan had threatened her and her sister, and said he had threatened suicide "because he couldn't see me."

Campus police were not aware of the restraining order, Wittmier said. He also said he did not think the man had permission to carry a handgun on campus, where firearms are banned.

Student Meghan Pinch, 27, was in a first-floor classroom when she heard several loud bangs. She said that she did not think they were gunshots at first but that police then told everyone to evacuate.

"No one wanted to really think it was real," Pinch said as she waited outside to learn whether the victims were people she knew.

"We all are pretty close in this building," she said.

Gould Hall, built in 1972, houses three architecture department offices, a dean's office, a library, shop, lab, computer facilities and classrooms, according to the university's Web site.

The building, in an urban neighborhood on the edge of the campus, was closed for the day, with classes rescheduled elsewhere on campus.

Attention Seniors!

Notre Dame's Office of Undergraduate Admissions anticipates hiring Admissions Counselors this spring!

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Batman vs. Superman

Those of you who may have read my column in the past know that I have occasionally written about some controversial issues, from the fall election to the war in Iraq. Though these subjects can provoke arguments and long-lasting discussions, in my experience they pale in comparison to the debate over whether Batman or Superman is superior. I've seen good friends stop talking for days after stumbling into this hornet's nest, and when I have listened to these conversations, opinions have been surprisingly immovable and reactions quite hostile.



Jonathan Klingler

Forward the Revolution

I bring this topic up because I flew out of town for a graduate school visitation event last weekend, and while breaking the ice with some fellow prospects at a local pub, one of them posed the aforementioned question. As I braced in anticipation for the fight to come, another student proposed that Batman was a libertarian and Superman was a socialist. After all, he said, Stalin means "man of steel" in Russian, which also serves as Superman's title.

According to his theory, Batman is a libertarian because he is a brilliant entrepreneur who trained himself to master the martial arts, and uses skills obtained through merit to defend Gotham against criminals and its hopelessly corrupt government. On the other hand, Superman is a socialist because he wears a red cape and has a big "S" on his chest, embodies the belief that only those born well can prosper and spends his time fighting his archenemy, a rich businessman. In addition, while Batman is never truly able to eradicate the evil underworld of Gotham City, under Superman's benign control, Metropolis becomes open, modernist and democratic.

Though one could easily argue the opposite is true, this theory provides an

interesting perspective not only for dining hall comic book debates but also for government as a whole. Though crime fighting is clearly a core responsibility of local government, organizations like Habitat for Humanity, America's Second Harvest and Goodwill are able to grant a great deal of support to our neighbors in need when cities and counties fail to provide for those in need. We all have the opportunity to take matters into our own hands when we participate in service organizations like these and become a little more like the Dark Knight.

Like Batman, voluntary associations are often more efficient than local governments in addressing problems. In cities across the country, elected officials have worked to create partnerships with citizen groups so the people can enjoy better services with a smaller tax burden. For example, in Indianapolis, former mayor Stephen Goldsmith worked to create voluntary neighborhood councils that were empowered to help maintain parks, advise the city on the proper use of funds and report crime.

When citizen groups and individuals are empowered to help contribute personally to our counties and cities, there is greater accountability and more opportunity for democratic participation on a local level. A charity that is caught misusing funds will adapt quickly or face elimination, while corrupt or grossly inefficient local government programs (like the overabundance of snowplows in Chicago) are allowed to go on indefinitely. In Democracy in America, Alexis de Tocqueville observed a vibrant and effective democratic system in the town halls of New England, and as we all become increasingly detached from our government, it makes sense to bring policymaking back to the people. Cities and counties are able to do this because of their small size while state government cannot. Sensible local officeholders would be wise to expand the use of effective open decision making — not just "listening sessions" that look good on the news.

Batman would not be nearly as effective in his mission if it were not for his working relationship with Commissioner Gordon. Similarly, local governments would benefit greatly by actively fostering and working with volunteer organizations. Sometimes, the problems of collective action can prevent an association from forming. Local government support should provide the seed needed for new Habitat chapters, for example, to start in areas where they do not exist. Increased use of faith-based initiatives and public-private partnerships as well as increased civic education initiated by local governments all serve to support individual volunteer action and allow such a system of free associations to flourish.

You can decide for yourself whether or not Batman and Superman represent a libertarian or socialist worldview, respectively. Either way, there is a lot that can be learned from the situation and applied to local governments outside Gotham and Metropolis. By relocating non-coercive responsibilities of government closer to the people (whether it's from the state level to cities or the local level to citizen groups) the same services can be provided at lower cost and with greater accountability and oversight. This allows cities and counties to take on more responsibilities from state governments and foster the sort of one-to-one democracy this country was built to enjoy. Though none of us can be a lone Superman flying around South Bend, we can all be Bruce Wayne-style superheroes. As you go about your day, I challenge you to ask, "What Would Batman Do?"

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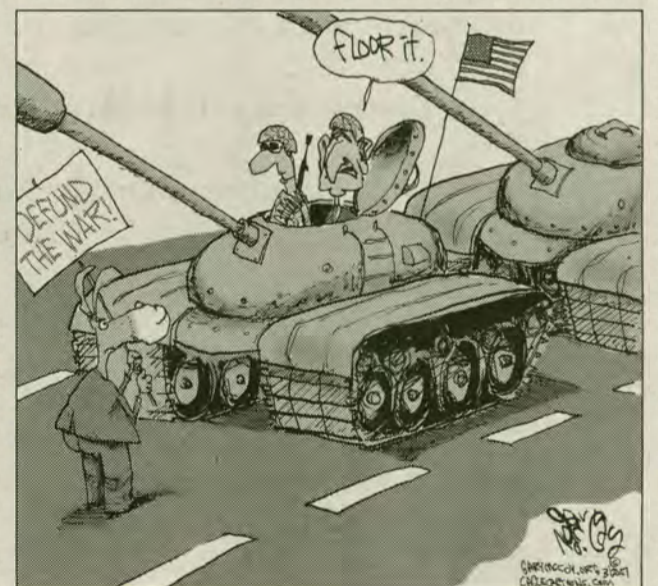
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QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Eternity's a terrible thought. I mean, where's it all going to end?"

Tom Stoppard
from *Rosencrantz and
Guildenstern are Dead*

The economics of Fair Trade: Responding to a complex problem

I've never seen such hope. Arias, a Ugandan coffee farmer and father of six, proclaimed assuredly, "Someday my children will go to secondary school!" Arias' hope is due in large part to his membership in Peace

Kawomera, a fair trade certified coffee cooperative in eastern Uganda. Since entering the Fair Trade market, members of Peace Kawomera are making unprecedented choices: where to purchase mosquito nets, how to invest in a community coffee mill, where to install a much-needed water pump and, perhaps most importantly, where to send their children to school. To spend time with Arias and his family was a privilege I will never forget, and a privilege that has consequences. When I purchase a cup of coffee, for example, I can't help but picture Arias' children making the daily trek to school. Convinced that my purchase can play a role, albeit small, in realizing this image, the choice to purchase fair trade coffee becomes obvious.

The same choice has also become obvious for an increasing number of consumers. The quality of Fair Trade coffee is exceptional; in many places it does not cost more than the conventional premium coffee; and its purchase empowers small family farmers. Who would object to this? Economists, it seems. Their critique goes something like this: The higher price guaranteed by Fair Trade not only encourages production, leading to further oversupply and therefore lower

prices for non-Fair Trade farmers, but also discourages necessary "adjustments" or "diversification." For the benefit of a few, many will suffer. This economic critique has its value, but fails to reflect the complexity of the coffee market as well as the larger story of Fair Trade. And so it stands in desperate need of clarification.

First, the truth of the argument along with some context. Coffee has experienced tremendous price fluctuations since 1989 when production quotas disappeared with the collapse of the International Coffee Agreement. Currently, prices have recovered from the latest plummet, but still signal a surplus, delivering an incredibly meager profit to farmers. Also, only 30 percent of coffee grown on certified farms is sold as Fair Trade. The remainder is sold on the conventional premium market. Together these realities certainly support the economic critique of Fair Trade, but several important factors are missing.

To begin, the coffee trade is riddled with injustice. It was common colonial practice to coerce farmers into growing cash crops or encourage plantations that relied on unjust labor practices. This began a poverty-stricken coffee dependency for most of the world's coffee farmers. Today, such dependence is perpetuated by both unjust trade policy and short-sighted development programs. Farmers in developing countries cannot compete with subsidized crops imported from the developed world, and so often flee for factory jobs or switch to coffee, if possible. Coffee farmers also suffer from

actions of the World Bank, which is largely responsible for a devastating coffee glut in the early 1990s as it pushed mass coffee production on Vietnam. Dependency is clearly a problem that must be addressed. To expect farmers to "adjust" or "diversify" is an unrealistic solution offered by the free market. Such an expectation certainly ignores the unjust context within which farmers operate. What can be done, then, to overcome dependency? Righting and preventing the above injustices is one important step. Two complementary solutions are offered by Fair Trade. Remember Arias? Not only will his children achieve unprecedented levels of schooling, but thanks to the shared resources offered by a cooperative structure and a partnership with a visionary roaster, soon he will be growing vanilla beans as a way of decreasing his dependency on coffee.

Another source of injustice within the conventional market system is found in the power imbalance between small farmers, making up two thirds of all coffee farmers, and buyers seeking the highest profit margin. Small farmers are taken advantage of in numerous ways, and it's getting worse. The most telling signal is the fact that while worldwide sales of coffee have doubled in the last 20 years, the percentage received by the farmer has been halved.

Lastly and most importantly, Fair Trade is more than a higher price. Its values, such as farmer empowerment, democratic decision making, business transparency, environmental health and

long-term relationships allow Fair Trade to be a vehicle for much needed social change. These values ensure that Fair Trade remains committed to human beings first and foremost. Does such a commitment mean that the Fair Trade movement ignores free market economics? Of course not. It attempts to transform it.

So again, I am presented with what I once thought was a simple choice about a cup of coffee, but those darn economists have complicated things. They have forced me to rely on more than a sentimental image to convince me of the right decision. Back to the original question: if I purchase Fair Trade coffee will I hurt non-Fair Trade farmers?

Theoretically it's possible, but it seems far more important to focus rather on the proven factors that affect the price farmers receive. The market system has failed coffee farmers, not because of any impact from Fair Trade, but because it is riddled with injustice. It is the system that must be transformed, because all coffee farmers have the right to a fair chance at a better life. A systemic and complex problem must be met with a systemic and comprehensive response, and while this includes buying Fair Trade coffee, it also means working for trade that is fair.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Low attendance at film series shows missed opportunity, poor priorities

This past weekend, Notre Dame was host to a truly wonderful cinematic event. The Decalogue, a series of 10 one-hour films by Krzysztof Kieslowski exploring each of the Ten Commandments, was shown at the DeBartolo Performing Arts Center. Sadly, the theater was nearly empty for every showing; only a handful of students bothered to show up.

The films, shown in groups of two over four days, are masterpieces. The contents of the Ten Commandments — adultery, murder, bearing false witness, taking the Lord's name in vain — were explored and questioned brilliantly. It should come as no surprise to the Notre Dame community that

the Browning Family Cinema was the site of such a unique and rewarding movie-going experience. The cinema manager, Jon Vickers, has a knack for putting together opportunities to experience important cinematic works in this intimate setting. If you are a fan of cinema, you should be grateful for the work that Vickers does to provide our community with a schedule that would rival the film offerings of most major U.S. cities.

Before one of this weekend's screenings, Vickers expressed sorrow that Kieslowski's masterpiece drew a meager crowd of around 20 audience members. I expect that he wasn't saddened by thoughts

of lost revenue, but by the fact that a remarkable cinematic and religious experience played to an audience of empty seats. I am not of the mistaken belief that there is an obligation to attend campus events merely because they exist. But this weekend's starkly empty theater was a missed opportunity and a sad commentary on the priorities of this community.

Chris McLemore
 graduate student
 off campus
 April 2

Teach for America fights to end educational inequality

As a 2005 graduate of Notre Dame, I will complete my two-year commitment to Teach for America in June. Upon reflection of my two years of service teaching middle school social studies in New York City, I am overwhelmed by the growth I have witnessed in myself, and more importantly, in my students.

Like most corps members, I came to Teach for America with a healthy dose of idealism but little experience in the rigors of the classroom. Teach for America met my desire to be an agent of change in low-income schools with intense yet rewarding support and professional development. As a corps member I completed a five-week institute where I was mentored by a veteran teacher. Such

mentorship ranged from direct instruction in pedagogical theory and praxis to feedback from the summer school lessons I taught. I left my five-week teacher training confident not only in my commitment to significant academic gains with my students but also in my abilities to achieve such results.

Teach for America's support did not end with my summer preparations. Over the course of my two years of service, I received a Master's degree in education and benefited from ongoing support via my Teach for America program director, regional staff, other corps members in my school and community, teaching toolkits and corps member learning teams as well as my school's principal

and veteran teachers.

From this support I found myself challenged to move beyond the complacent. Rather than simply survive in the classroom, I was guided to push my students to meaningful, data-driven gains. For me, Teach for America's emphasis on the students is at the heart of its support. As I consider my years with Teach for America, there are many highlights: Mayor Bloomberg invited my class to a private audience in his office; a renowned New York City chef brought my class to his five-star restaurant for lunch; and CNBC commentator Donnie Deutsch is scheduled to visit my classroom.

Yet my biggest takeaway from my par-

ticipation in Teach for America is that what matters most is the opportunity to ensure that my students attain an excellent education. My ability to measure and document my students' success, guided by Teach for America, is my proudest accomplishment of the past two years. Now more than ever, I believe that all children, when given the opportunity, can excel. I encourage all future graduates of Notre Dame to consider how they might serve in the movement to end educational inequality.

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MOVIE REVIEW

Sandler, Cheadle 'Reign' supreme in new film

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"I hate putting fake teeth on fake people," admits Alan Johnson to his wayward pal Charlie Fineman in one of the most earnest moments of "Reign Over Me." Like so many professionals his age, Alan (Don Cheadle) lives a routine, not a life: Drop off the kids, apply veneers at his dental practice for eight hours, hurry home, hit the sack by 10:30. Then rinse and repeat.

Charlie (Adam Sandler), on the other hand, lives the life any married 40-year-old would envy, or at least wistfully miss. He splits his time between eating Chinese food, watching Mel Brooks marathons, scouring for vintage LPs and motoring around town on his scooter. It's a care-free existence, but it's one tinged with sadness.

We learn early on that Alan and Charlie were roommates at dental school, but Charlie doesn't remember Alan upon their first encounter. Why Alan pursues Charlie so doggedly is never explicitly stated, although survivor's guilt may be the most obvious reason.

Charlie lost his entire family to the 9/11 attacks. He's been a shell ever since, isolating himself further with each passing year. Writer-director Mike Binder chose quite an ironic surname for Charlie,

because this character is far from fine. He prefers to turn the volume on his iPod to ear-splitting highs when confronted with the truth, or even the mere mention of it. Post-traumatic stress disorder is Charlie's psychological diagnosis, but that never deters Alan in his quest to restore Charlie to himself.

Over the course of this quietly moving and self-effacing film, we come to appreciate the two-way street of the narrative. Charlie may be more damaged, but Alan needs Charlie just as much. It's a subtle difference because Alan's life doesn't scream out for a savior. Binder smartly lets us sit with Alan in his seemingly untroubled — and rather boring — life to show the true impact of Charlie's reappearance.

Character-driven films like "Reign Over Me" succeed on the strength of their performances, and Binder brings together an unlikely but formidable duo in Cheadle and Sandler. Both actors are brilliant here. Beginning with the reserved comfort that accompanies the rekindling of a lost friendship, their relationship builds and evolves to one of deep trust.

The best scenes in the film are often the ones where Charlie and Alan are by themselves, zipping around New York City by night as they might have done decades ago. Their surface smiles and easy laughter are charming signs of a flourishing friendship.

When Cheadle's career draws to a close many years from now, we might not



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Don Cheadle (left) and Adam Sandler star in Mike Binder's "Reign Over Me," a sweetly endearing tale of the enduring power and strength of friendship.

remember "Reign Over Me" as his finest performance, but rather one more example of how brilliantly consistent he was at his craft. He is one of our finest performers, able to exude the sincerest of emotions with ease.

While Cheadle's performance is to be expected, Sandler's turn as Charlie is a revelation. He brings a nuanced, child-like wonder to the role that is miles away from the childish tantrums that made his fame. His previous effort in "Punch-Drunk Love" hinted at this range, but "Reign Over Me" offers only our second glimpse at his potential for affecting drama. Like Jim Carrey before him, Sandler is on the cusp of shedding his

comedic typecasting for roles that are far meatier, and hopefully far more rewarding.

After another late night out with Charlie, Alan tries to explain himself to his vexed wife. "I was stuck in Charlie World. I couldn't leave," Alan pleads.

Looking past his sheepish spousal façade, it's easy to see why Alan didn't want to leave Charlie World, and the feeling is mutual. Their swelling friendship anchors this warm-hearted film, one that's genuine, sweet and sentimental without ever becoming sappy.

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DVD REVIEW

'Patton' released on a four-star special edition

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With one of the most famous opening monologues in the history of the cinema, "Patton" begins as its namesake lived: fierce and calm, pious and callous, genius and insane. When Patton says, "When you stick your hand into a pile of goo that a moment ago was your friend's face ... you'll know what to do," a primitive fierceness easily convinces the audience that nothing more brilliant could ever be said.

And so opens 20th Century Fox's newest DVD release of the Oscar-winning, critical-

ly acclaimed "Patton" as part of its Cinema Classics Collection. Starring the surly George C. Scott in one of the finest roles of his career, this film is less about the war it portrays than how one man deals with that war. A controversial figure in American military history, George S. Patton was one of the most brilliant, crazy, loved and hated figures to emerge from World War II.

Scott lives this role and emerges victorious not only on the battlefields of Ardennes and North Africa but also in the Academy Awards where he won (and infamously declined) the award for Best Actor in a Leading Role. With panache and gusto, Scott's Patton is one of the most memorable American war film roles. While Tom Hanks was marvelous in "Saving Private Ryan," few actors deftly live a character like Scott does. With aplomb and his own rough-and-tumble grace, Scott becomes Patton.

"Patton" also stars Karl Malden as the professional, look-before-you-leap General Omar Bradley. Similar to the situations of the characters portrayed, Malden's placid Bradley lives in the shadow of Scott's churlish Patton. However, this does not stop Malden from reveling in the role. He is the perfect counter to Scott — their arguing and pleading characters form one of the best duos in any film.

The film is shot in a beautiful 2.20 to 1 widescreen that allows director Franklin Schaffner to visit the ominous deserts of North Africa and the imposing forests of France in all their natural glory. It also provides for the best opening scene in the latter half of the 20th century.

Schaffner's direction, Fred Koenekamp's



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George C. Scott (left) stars in the titular role of "Patton," the 1970 war classic that has recently been rereleased in an outstanding special edition version.

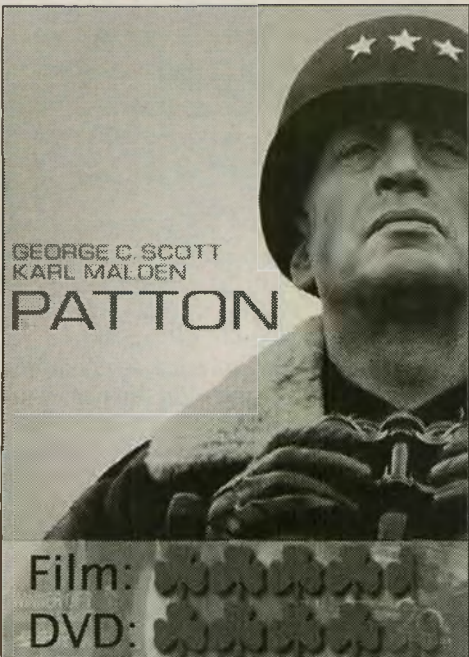
photography, Francis Ford Coppola and Edmund North's screenplay and Scott and Malden's acting make this film a must-have for aficionados of history and the cinema.

The DVD release marks the first time a special edition of this film has been released — and 20th Century Fox has spared no expense for a film that truly deserves it. The film transfer is top-notch, the 5.1 sound is truly surrounding and the extras are insightful and plentiful. "The Making of 'Patton'" documentary is a true gem that explores what Schaffner and crew went through to make this film. There are also historical documentaries that compliment the film nicely along with

an audio commentary by famed filmmaker and "Patton" screenwriter Francis Ford Coppola, which gives a new and interesting perspective on this film.

Released in 1970 at the height of the Vietnam War protests, this movie is still relevant in more contemporary situations. When Patton famously declares that America will never lose a war, the phantoms of Vietnam and the quickly developing skeletons of Iraq materialize. This glorious and vainglorious man only knew happiness in battle, and this film deserves all of the laurels it has ever received.

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Summarizing trailers ruin magic of the movies

As a film fan, I naturally find myself a fan of movie trailers. Sometimes going into a film, I'm more excited to see the trailers than the film itself. The spring is always a big time for movie trailers because studios want to drum up hype for their upcoming summer blockbusters.

This spring is no exception with trailers for "Spiderman 3," "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End," "Shrek 3" and "Transformers" — to name a few — playing in theaters. For a trailer addict like myself, these are the ultimate gratification — especially since I can watch them over and over in high-definition at apple.com.

However, while watching the trailers in front of "Blades of Glory" this past weekend, I became distinctly aware of how frequently previews these days are condensing entire films into three-minute montages.

I feel like I could relate to someone the entire plot of "Spiderman 3" in chronological order just from having seen the latest trailer. The same goes for "Pirates 3" and "Shrek 3." Trailers like these take away any suspense or surprise movies can contain.

Often, trailers for comedies give away

all the funny moments of the film, leaving nothing left for audiences to laugh at during the movie. All four funny jokes in "Nacho Libre" were in the trailer, making the film largely an unfunny waste of time. "Blades of Glory," thankfully, did not do this. In fact, most of the jokes for that film's trailer weren't even in the movie.

More trailers should be like this — giving enough to generate enthusiasm for a film without giving away the whole thing months before it arrives in theaters. The original trailer for "Knocked Up" was done in this style, and it was both refreshing and delightful.

The film, from the creators of "The 40-Year-Old Virgin," follows what happens after a drunken slacker unexpectedly (Seth Rogen, "The 40-Year-Old Virgin") impregnates an up-and-coming journalist (Katherine Heigl, "Grey's Anatomy") in a one-night stand. The original trailer was short and only showed clips from one scene in the movie, establishing a basic plot and a continuity that allowed viewers to connect with the stars.

Unfortunately, producers have since come out with a longer trailer along the lines of "Spiderman 3" that shows scenes from nearly the whole movie and seemingly gives away the entire plot.

So much for the hope that things were changing for the better.

If there's a solution to this problem, it's not on Hollywood's end. Movie studios need to market their films, and they have determined that enough people will see them no matter how detailed and reveal-



Photo courtesy of movieweb.com

Recent movie trailers, like the one for the latest "Pirates of the Caribbean" installment, tend to summarize the films and eliminate elements of surprise.

ing the trailers are.

One could stop watching the trailers and just wait for a film to arrive in theaters, but this also seems unrealistic, at least for me. I mean, when you were young, if you could have gotten a peak at your Christmas presents early, wouldn't you have done it?

Hollywood will likely continue to make movie trailers that give away the premise of a film in order to sell as many tickets as possible. Accordingly, people like me will continue to watch these trailers no

matter how redundant it might seem to basically see a movie in its entirety and then go see it again later.

Speaking of trailers, there's a new trailer for "War, Inc.," the latest John Cusack film, on the Internet now, so you'll have to excuse me.

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Blogs deliver laughs at expense of unlucky celebs

With just a few clicks of a mouse, you can quickly learn the extent of Paris Hilton's self-absorption, decide that Lindsay Lohan is only a few steps behind Britney's level of crazy and see that every celebrity looks "fugly" sometimes.

It used to be that the average celeb-voyeur had to wait for print issues of celebrity rags to hit the local supermarket stand. Now you only have to wait a few seconds for the most up-to-date news about the antics of the rich and famous.

Web sites like thesuperficial.com, perezhilton.com and gofugyourself.com have rapidly grown in popularity for their caustic wit and easy ability to bring every celebrity down a peg or two. Although every site is known for ragging on celebrities, each fills its own special niche and, for the more serious celeb-voyeur, presents unique material to the public.

If witty, sarcastic one-liners are your cup of tea, then look no farther than thesuperficial.com. Frequently updated, thesuperficial is known for its succinct descriptions of recent celebrity antics, which are always accompanied by truly laugh-worthy images. Recent articles have featured such stars as Tara ("Tara Reid's bikini almost fits"),

Bam ("Bam Margera loves Lance Bass") and Hilary ("Hilary Duff thinks she has boobs"). The author has also brought the term "clown-whore" back into common vocabulary, a term of derision that he frequently applies to the Olsen twins and the Simpson sisters. Always timely — and always hilarious — thesuperficial.com is a great stop to add during daily procrastination attempts.

Perezhilton.com takes the same basic approach as thesuperficial, and while it contains a little less wit in its written entries, it uses random picture-editing to provide much of its humor. And if laughing specifically at Paris Hilton, Lindsay Lohan or Hilary Duff is what you need, perezhilton helpfully tags all of its entries so you can search for a specific celebrity. Although it is similar in content to thesuperficial, they tend to not overlap material, making both very valuable sources.

If it's witnessing a particularly heinous celebrity fashion faux pas that makes you feel like a better person while warming your heart, then gofugyourself.com is the site for you. Co-written by two fiery and caustic young women, Jessica Morgan and Heather Cocks (a Notre Dame alum), gofugyourself focuses solely on celebrity fashion gone-wrong, to the point that the ensemble is declared "fugly." They sum up their project by explaining that "fugly" is "a self-inflicted state, and no one seems to excel at dwelling in the depths of fug quite like pretty people with money to spare and little sense of how to spend it." Each writes their own



Photo courtesy of thesuperficial.com

Images of celebrities, like Gisele, grace the pages of celeb blogs with comments such as "[The shoes look like] kindergartners decorate them during arts and crafts."

entries, and they each have their own particular fashion pet-peeves that they tend to focus on. They each also have a slightly different sense of humor and frequently write creative entries from the point-of-view of the celeb in dire fashion straits (for example, Britney's posts are almost always written as letters from Britney).

Although it is a little like watching a car wreck, it is undeniably fun to learn that Paris Hilton has a droopy eyelid

and has to custom order all of her designer shoes since her feet are so large or to see the most recent ghoulish image of the Olsen twins — and these Web sites are the just the places to go for that personal ego boost.

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MLB

New Royal Meche leads K.C. past Red Sox

Indians hot hitting in opener leads to easy win over White Sox; Renteria's blast in extra innings gives Braves win

Associated Press

More than 41,000 fans got on their feet and gave Gil Meche a standing ovation.

Very few of them would probably ever admit to being among the many critics who accused Kansas City of paying too much for the 28-year-old right-hander. The big deal paid off, for one outing at least.

In his first start since the Royals gave him a club-record five-year, \$55 million contract, Meche went 7 1-3 solid innings and led his new team to a 7-1 victory over the Boston Red Sox and an ineffective Curt Schilling.

Settling down after a shaky first inning, Meche gave up six hits and one run. He struck out six and walked only one in the longest outing by a Kansas City starter on opening day since 1988.

"I've never admitted to being nervous before a game ... but this one was a little nerve-racking," he said. "I felt fine until I actually got across the white lines and thought to myself, 'This is opening day. This is a big deal.'"

"I've always been nervous opening day, and I've never pitched opening day."

When he was relieved by Joel Peralta with one on and one out in the eighth, the crowd of 41,257 stood and applauded.

"It was great, something I'll never forget, being a part of this," Meche said. "The standing ovation was an unbelievable feeling for me."

Mark Grudzielanek went 3-for-5 and drove in three runs and Tony Pena Jr. hit two triples in his Royals debut as Schilling lasted just four innings. The six-time All-Star gave up five runs on eight hits, with two walks and five strikeouts in his shortest outing in almost a decade.

"Physically, I felt fine. I just didn't execute and didn't adjust," Schilling said. "One thing I've always preached to young pitchers is about the ability to make a mistake on a pitch and come back and make an adjustment on the very next pitch. I didn't do that today."

Now 1-3 in five career starts at Kauffman Stadium, Schilling had gone 281 starts since being lifted after 2 2-3 innings on May 22, 1997 against the New York Mets.

He was in trouble from the beginning, forcing in a run in the opening inning with his first bases-loaded walk since Aug. 7, 2005.

Schilling had also gone only two innings on July 18, 2001, at San Diego before a light bank blew and forced the game to be suspended. Randy Johnson took the mound when the game resumed the next day.

Boston manager Terry Francona said there was no chance of bringing Schilling back for a fifth inning.

"Four innings, 89 pitches. Those were four hard innings," Francona said.

Three of Meche's strikeouts came against Julio Lugo, the free-agent shortstop the Red Sox signed during the winter to add speed and pop in the lead-off spot.

Grudzielanek, the second baseman who won his first Gold Glove last season, had an RBI single in the second inning and then put the Royals on top 5-1 in the fourth with a two-run double. He also scored twice, on Schilling's bases-loaded walk in the first and Mark Teahen's RBI single in the sixth.

Cleveland 12, Chicago (AL) 5

Grady Sizemore set the tone for the Cleveland Indians with his first swing.

Sizemore homered off Jose Contreras on the game's second pitch, and the Indians added four more runs in the first inning on their way to a 12-5 victory over the Chicago White Sox in the season opener Monday.

"You're definitely excited," Sizemore said. "I was a little jacked up up there. The crowd was getting into it."

Then, he unloaded. And his teammates followed his lead.

The 12 runs were the most for the Indians on opening day since 1925, when they scored 21 against St. Louis.

After winning just 78 games last season, Cleveland knocked out Contreras in the second inning and pounded out 13 hits overall.

Sizemore's homer was the Indians' first leading off an opener in 19 years. He went 2-for-4 with an RBI and three runs scored.

"That gave everybody else confidence," said Travis Hafner, who had two hits and scored three times.

"Huge," starter C.C. Sabathia said. "Second pitch of the year and he goes deep. Hopefully, that'll be a tone-setter for our season."

Trot Nixon had three hits and scored three runs in his Indians debut, while Victor Martinez and Jhonny Peralta each had two hits and three RBIs.

That was plenty for Sabathia (1-0), who pitched well enough after taking a line drive to the



Kansas City closer Joel Peralta, left, is congratulated by catcher John Buck after the Royals' 7-1 win over Boston Monday.

left forearm in his final spring start. He allowed three runs and eight hits, struck out two and walked one in six innings.

Newcomer Darin Erstad hit a two-run homer in the first inning for the White Sox. Paul Konerko added a solo shot in the third, but the game was out of reach by then.

"They're a great offensive club," Konerko said. "They've been like that for the last few years. The good news is it was only one loss. It felt like it should have counted for more."

A year ago, the White Sox raised the 2005 championship banner before beating Cleveland in the opener in a game that was delayed nearly three hours by rain and stretched into the next day. This time, they fell flat.

Atlanta 5, Philadelphia 3

Next time Edgar Renteria squares to bunt against the Philadelphia Phillies, the pitcher might try to hit his bat.

After twice failing to execute a sacrifice, Renteria ripped his second homer — a two-run shot — in the 10th inning to lead the Atlanta Braves over Philadelphia 5-3 in the season opener Monday.

Renteria's solo shot off starter Brett Myers with two outs in the eighth inning tied it at 3.

"He couldn't get a bunt down, but he could hit a homer," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said of Renteria.

Last July, Renteria hit a tiebreaking RBI double off Myers after he failed to bunt in the ninth inning of a 5-1 win in Philly.

"I'm a bunting guy," said Renteria, who has 82 career sacrifices. "I'll try and move the guy to second every time. That's my game. Sometimes you hit the ball good and the ball goes out."

John Smoltz went six innings, Bob Wickman (1-0) pitched out of a jam in the ninth and Chad Paronto tossed a scoreless 10th for the save.

Kelly Johnson walked to start the 10th against Ryan Madson (0-1). Renteria fouled off two bunt attempts before hitting a liner into the right-center field seats.

"It's very disappointing to let my teammates down," said Madson, a key part of an oft-criticized bullpen.

Jimmy Rollins homered and Myers pitched 7 2-3 strong innings for the Phillies.

Brian McCann hit a two-run homer for the Braves.

Myers retired seven straight before Renteria ripped an 0-2 pitch off the brick wall beyond the center-field fence to tie it at 3.

"I thought I had him looking for an off-speed pitch and tried to throw it by him," Myers said.

"I didn't make the pitch and he did what he was supposed to do with a bad pitch."

"The bullpen's performance was terrific," said Bobby Cox.



Cleveland second baseman Josh Barfield hits a two-run triple in a 12-5 win on opening day over the White Sox.

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NHL Standings

Eastern Conference

team	record	pts.	last 10
x-Buffalo	50-21-7	107	6-2-2
x-New Jersey	47-24-8	102	5-5-0
x-Atlanta	41-27-11	93	5-4-1
x-Ottawa	47-24-8	102	8-1-1
x-Pittsburgh	45-23-11	101	7-2-1
NY Rangers	41-29-9	91	7-2-1
Tampa Bay	43-32-4	90	5-5-0
Montreal	41-32-6	88	8-2-0
Toronto	38-30-11	87	5-3-2
Carolina	39-32-8	86	5-4-1
NY Islanders	36-30-12	84	2-6-2
Florida	34-30-15	83	5-3-2
Boston	35-38-6	76	2-7-1
Washington	26-39-14	66	2-6-2
Philadelphia	21-46-11	53	2-8-0

Western Conference

team	record	pts.	last 10
x-Detroit	48-19-12	108	5-2-3
x-Anaheim	47-20-12	106	6-3-1
x-Vancouver	47-24-7	101	6-2-2
x-Nashville	49-23-7	105	4-5-1
x-Dallas	48-24-6	102	8-1-1
x-San Jose	49-26-4	102	8-1-1
x-Minnesota	45-26-4	98	7-2-1
Calgary	43-25-10	96	7-3-0
Colorado	41-30-7	89	7-1-2
St. Louis	32-33-13	77	3-4-3
Columbus	32-40-7	71	5-5-0
Edmonton	31-41-7	69	1-8-1
Chicago	29-40-9	67	3-7-0
Los Angeles	26-39-14	66	4-5-1
Phoenix	29-44-5	63	2-6-2

x-clinched playoff spot

NCAA BASKETBALL



Florida forward Joakim Noah cuts down the net at the NCAA National Championship for the second year in a row. The Gators defeated Ohio State 84-75 Monday night in Atlanta. Noah had eight points in the win.

Gators grab second consecutive title

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Some 3-pointers are worth more than others.

Florida specializes in those 3s, the ones that not only put three points on the scoreboard but steal momentum from an opponent.

The Gators hit 10 3-pointers Monday night in the 84-75 victory over Ohio State that sealed their place in college basketball history as the first repeat champion in 15 years.

Not all were the back-breakers from beyond the arc, but enough were.

The Buckeyes had two problems: They couldn't

stop Florida from making 3s and they couldn't make any themselves. They kept missing and missing and missing.

Lee Humphrey, Corey Brewer and Taurean Green — Florida's trio of 3-makers — started hitting early against Ohio State and didn't stop, finishing 10-for-18. They combined for 43 points with Green getting 16, Humphrey 14 and Brewer 13.

"I think it was just taking what the defense was giving us," Green said. "Coach always tells us, once you have a crack, let it go, shoot the ball with confidence.

When they made runs, I think we did a good job of

just coming back and knocking down 3s."

They'd done this before in this NCAA tournament, starting with the regional final win over Oregon after many had questioned Florida's ability to put away opponents early in the first three rounds.

On Monday night, Brewer, just a 33 percent 3-point shooter, hit the first of the big ones.

Greg Oden, Ohio State's 7-foot freshman, pinned a shot by Brewer against the backboard and the crowd at the Georgia Dome reacted heartily for the first time. Ohio State's Jamar Butler missed a 3 at the other end and Brewer came right

back down and hit a 3, giving a little skip as he passed the Buckeyes' bench and extended the Gators' lead to 20-13 halfway through the first half.

Then it was all three of the Gators' shooters hitting big shots.

Ivan Harris hit Ohio State's second and last 3 of the first half with 5:37 to go to bring the Buckeyes within 24-22 and again bring the fans to life.

Humphrey, the most prolific 3-point shooter in NCAA tournament history, hit one 16 seconds later. Brewer nailed another with 4:28 left after Al Horford had grabbed an offensive rebound.

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team	avg.
1 Stanford	91.92
2 NOTRE DAME	89.42
3 Florida	86.86
4 USC	84.42
5 Georgia	82.07
6 California	81.64
6 Georgia Tech	81.48
8 Clemson	79.63
9 Miami (FL)	78.55
10 Northwestern	75.61
11 UCLA	64.83
12 William and Mary	64.81
13 North Carolina	60.48
14 Texas A&M	58.93
15 Fresno	54.92
16 Baylor	53.49
17 Wake Forest	52.00
18 Florida State	51.55
19 Arizona	48.81
20 Duke	47.96
21 Vanderbilt	47.32
22 Pepperdine	46.36
23 Kentucky	45.61
24 Oregon	40.81
25 Florida International	39.32

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IN BRIEF

Purdue wide receiver to be released from hospital

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — A Purdue wide receiver who was stabbed in the chest during a fight at a nightclub is expected to be released from the hospital later this week, the university said Monday.

Receiver Selwyn Lymon remained hospitalized in satisfactory condition Monday afternoon, Purdue said in a news release.

"While there are still a number of unanswered questions that surround this matter, we are relieved that Selwyn is on his way to making a complete recovery," head football coach Joe Tiller said in the release.

"His well-being always has been our primary concern. I will meet with him as soon as he is released from the hospital."

Tiller said he was considering possible disciplinary measures against Lymon, who started 12 games as a sophomore last season, after he was stabbed March 30 during a fight at Nick's Nightclub. The stabbing is being investigated by police.

Hawkeyes names Lickliter new head basketball coach

IOWA CITY, Iowa — Iowa hired Todd Lickliter as its new coach Monday night, replacing Steve Alford with the coach who turned mid-major Butler into a NCAA tournament regular.

Lickliter will be introduced by the university at a news conference Tuesday.

He was 131-61 in six years at Butler, taking the Bulldogs to the tournament four times.

This season was his best yet at Butler. The Bulldogs finished 29-7, losing to Florida in the NCAA tournament's round of 16.

The Bulldogs won the NIT Season Tip-off championship and were ranked in The Associated Press Top 25 for 16 consecutive weeks.

Lickliter takes over a program that won just one NCAA tournament game in eight seasons under Alford, who left for New Mexico on March 23.

Heath agrees to 5-year contract with South Florida

TAMPA, Fla. — Stan Heath's stint without a job lasted one week.

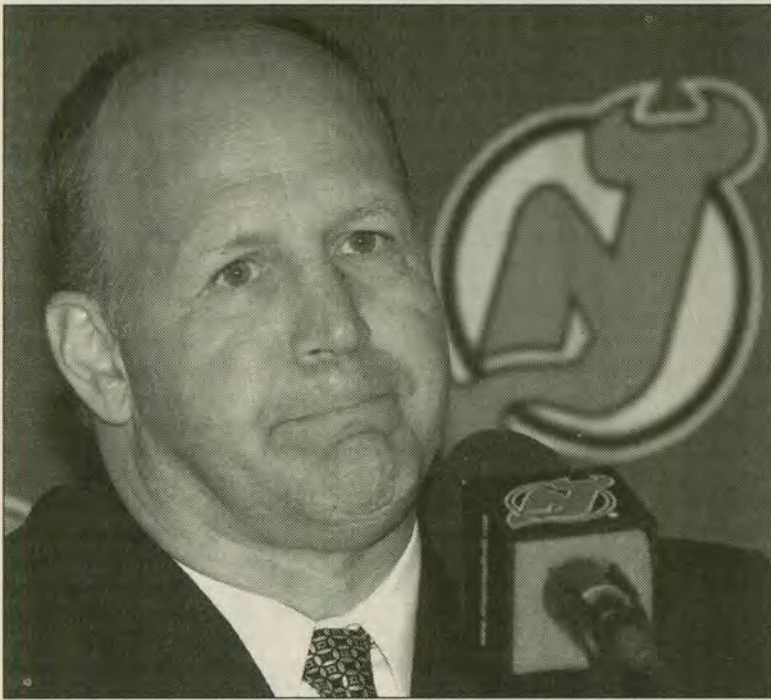
The fired Arkansas basketball coach agreed Monday to a five-year contract to take over South Florida's struggling program and try to transform the Bulls into a contender in the Big East. Including incentives, the deal is worth up to \$4.275 million.

Heath, 42, will be introduced Tuesday at a news conference on the USF campus, said assistant athletic director John Gerdes. He replaces Robert McCullum, who was fired last month after losing 28 of 32 conference games in the school's first two seasons in one of the nation's toughest leagues.

USF athletic director Doug Woolard, who met with Heath during the Final Four in Atlanta, is counting on the new coach's experience rebuilding Arkansas in the Southeastern Conference to benefit the Bulls.

NHL

Alone in first, New Jersey fires Julien



New Jersey coach Claude Julien speaks at a press conference Monday following his firing as head coach of the team.

Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Having the New Jersey Devils in first place in the Atlantic Division with a week to go in the regular season got coach Claude Julien fired on Monday.

Sound strange?

When you work for general manager Lou Lamoriello, it's all about winning Stanley Cups.

Feeling that Julien didn't have the team ready to make a Cup run with the playoffs scheduled to start next week, Lamoriello fired him on Monday and took over behind the bench for the second straight year.

"I don't think we're at a point of being ready both mentally and [physically] to play the way that is necessary going into the playoffs," Lamoriello said outside an empty Devils locker room at the Continental Airlines Arena. "I am not saying that is going to change. But I think there has to be better focus going forward."

The stunning move came less than a day after the Devils beat Boston for their fourth win in five games. New Jersey's 102 points is tied for the second most in the Eastern Conference.

Julien, who was informed of his dismissal on Monday morning by Lamoriello, was not immediately available for comment. He posted a 47-24-8 mark in his first season in New Jersey.

Lamoriello refused to say how long that he has been considering the move, noting that Julien did nothing off the ice to get fired.

"He certainly understands," Lamoriello said.

Lamoriello, who replaced Larry Robinson as coach on Dec. 19, 2005, would not say whether Julien will remain with the organization.

A practice scheduled for Monday was called off after Lamoriello discussed the move with the team.

"Our job is to listen to what has been said and why the decision was made," Devils captain Patrik Elias said. "Management said it gives us

the best chance to accomplish what we want to accomplish and that is to win the [Stanley] Cup."

Lamoriello would not say specifically what was wrong with the team. The Devils, who have struggled scoring all season, have slumped recently, winning seven of 15 games with forwards Brian Gionta, John Madden and Elias sidelined by groin injuries.

However, the three have returned to the lineup in the past week, helping to turn things around.

"You don't always judge by wins and losses as far as where you are at," said Lamoriello, who built three Stanley Cup winning teams in New Jersey the previous 11 seasons. "The way we put ourselves in this organization, you have to look at the big picture. To say that 102 points today isn't an excellent accomplishment, it's extremely positive. But I have to look at a lot of factors."

Julien was handicapped by roster problems because the Devils have been up against the NHL salary cap all season. Injuries have forced him to play several minor league players.

"I think everybody takes responsibility, including me," Lamoriello said.

Monday's firing isn't the only time Lamoriello made a late-season coaching move. He fired Robbie Ftorek with eight games left in the 1999-2000 season and Robinson led the team to its second Stanley Cup title.

Lamoriello didn't consider the change in 2000 in deciding to replace Julien, the Devils seventh coach since 2000, which includes two stints by Robinson.

"You don't think of those things," Lamoriello said. "Nothing makes it any easier, believe me. The day anything like this becomes easy, or when it's trading a player or when you have make these decisions and it becomes easy, that's the day you look for a different position."

Julien previously coached the Montreal Canadiens from 2003 until January 2006.

CLUB SPORTS

Women's water polo takes third

Special to The Observer

Notre Dame finished third with a 4-1 record at the Miami Ohio University Tournament this weekend.

The Irish opened with a 15-5 victory over Illinois Friday night. M.C. Cimino led the scoring with four goals, while Bridget O'Neill and Kelly Horner each added three. Cristina Romano had another two, while Kat Kennifer, Meghan Pearl, and Kristin Schmitt completed the scoring. Betsy O'Neill and Maggie Hyde split the relatively uneventful goal, having four and two saves, respectively.

The Irish faced a tough Michigan squad Saturday morning, but came away with a strong 7-4 win. Schmitt had two goals, and Romano, Cimino, Horner, O'Neill and Kristen Harchut each added another. O'Neill kept the cage with nine saves.

The second contest of the day was against Purdue, with the Irish coming out on top 15-4. Horner led with three goals, while O'Neill, Schmitt and Cimino each had a pair. Romano, Kennifer, Harchut and Paige Change added another. Goalkeepers O'Neill and Hyde combined for nine saves.

The third match of the day pitted the Irish against No. 3 Cal Poly. Cal Poly pulled away in the second half, and although O'Neill made 17 saves, the game resulted in a 9-4 loss. Bridget O'Neill led the scoring with two goals, and Schmitt and Horner

each had one.

Sunday morning the Irish played for third place against Michigan State. The game was close through three quarters, but four fourth-quarter goals gave the Irish an 8-5 victory. Romano, Harchut, Schmitt and Horner each had a pair of goals, and O'Neill had five saves.

Gymnastics

This past weekend, the gymnastics club hosted the 25th Annual Clover Classic. Eighteen women's teams and 12 men's teams participated, providing great competition for the event. It was also senior night for the Irish.

President Wendy Jo Svetanoff led the way, placing fifth on beam and tying for third on floor. Paul Kane, Maura Steed, Cecilia Torres, and Alya Holowatyj also turned in exceptional senior performances. Anne Krishnan placed fifth on vault and second on floor, and Kelleen O'Leary placed fifth on bars.

Kelsey Ingram, Sophia Troy, Katie Wanserski, and Jacquelyn Carney contributed to the Irish women's third place finish. Penn State won the women's division, beating Miami of Ohio by .025.

On the men's side, Zach Gagnon placed second on high bar and Danny Nolan also contributed to the team total. Penn State won the men's team title as well, with Illinois placing second and Northern Illinois third. The final meet for the Irish will

be the NAIGC National Championships in Columbus, Ohio.

Equestrian Club

Brittany Gragg qualified for Nationals in novice fences this weekend at the Zones, held at Lake in the Hills, Ill, to continue the outstanding post-season performances for the NDSMC equestrians.

Eight riders qualified for Regionals this year, including Gragg, Claire Freeman, Kelsey Ostberg, Katie Baron, Krista Jones, Catherine Germer, Alisha Wilkinson, and Nicole Gonsalves.

From this group, two advanced to Zones. Gragg finished first in novice fences at Zones as well as Regionals, while Ostberg finished a very strong fourth in open fences.

Men's Volleyball

Notre Dame again posted six victories in eight matches over the weekend. The Irish opened play with a 25-19 win over Grand Valley State on Saturday. The squad dropped the next match to Illinois, 29-27, 25-19, and then rebounded with wins over Western Michigan, 25-16, 27-25, and Wisconsin, 25-18, 25-17 to close the Saturday competition.

On Sunday, the Irish again started strong with wins over Northwestern, 25-13, 25-18, and Illinois State, 25-27, 25-27, 15-12. After taking a third victory for the day against Marquette, 25-22, 25-12, the Irish closed the tournament with a second loss to the Illini.

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NBA Heat star Wade practices for first time since injury

Associated Press

MIAMI — Seeing Dwyane Wade drive toward him during a scrimmage Monday, Dorell Wright backed away, taking every precaution not to hit his superstar teammate's still-healing left shoulder.

Wade was not happy about that. "Dorell is a great shot blocker. I saw him look at me and just jump out of the way," Wade said. "I told him, 'Ain't nothing wrong with my body.'"

Wade began trying to prove that

Monday, when he returned to practice with the Miami Heat nearly six weeks after suffering the dislocation that threatened to end his season. He worked out on-court for 90 minutes, absorbing some contact for the first time, and followed that with weights and physical therapy.

Most importantly, he was pain-free, another sign he'll be able to start playing games before the playoffs.

"The fact that he's back practicing is huge," Heat coach Pat Riley said. "You go back to Feb. 23, it

didn't look like there was going to be any of that stuff. So this is great."

Wade thought so, too.

The reigning NBA finals MVP was smiling and relaxed after his on-court work, even acknowledging that he may play in more regular-season contests than the "a game or two" plan he offered Sunday when announcing he'd return to practice.

For now, there is no timetable. Wade eventually will set one in consultation with the Heat medical staff and his physical thera-

pist.

"Trust me," Wade said. "When I take the court, I'll be all right."

Miami (39-34) has nine games remaining in the regular season, one that'll be undoubtedly remembered for a plethora of injury woes. Heat players have missed 171 games this year with injuries, 66 of those by their best two weapons, Wade and Shaquille O'Neal, who've been together for only 13 starts all year.

Soon, that total will almost surely begin rising again, now that Wade's return is getting clos-

er.

"Just happy to see him out there running and smiling," Heat guard Eddie Jones said. "I think it's a great thing to have guys together again."

Wade was averaging 28.8 points when he was hurt in a collision with Houston's Shane Battier on Feb. 21. The Heat are 13-7 since, are a half-game behind Washington in the Southeast Division and play a huge game against Toronto — a team Miami is chasing for home-court advantage in the first playoff round — on Tuesday.

Should Miami beat the Raptors, it'd hold the tiebreaker by winning the season series 2-1. Should Miami lose, the Heat would essentially fall four games (three in the standings, one more with the tiebreaker) behind Toronto with eight games left, meaning chances of earning home-court for Round 1 would be slim.

"It's a big game, there's no doubt," Riley said. "Our guys understand it. We know what it's about. ... It's all about positioning and seeding and home-court advantage. They know it's huge."

Wade won't play on Tuesday, but the defending NBA champions may get Jason Kapono back in the lineup.

Kapono, the NBA's leading 3-point shooter, hasn't played since spraining his left ankle against Atlanta on March 5. The team will decide his status after Tuesday morning's shootaround.

"I assume that I'm playing. I want to be out there," Kapono said. "Unless something happens from now until Tuesday night, which I don't see, I expect to be out there."

Wade is hoping to say the same soon. He'll travel with the Heat to Cleveland and Boston later this week so he can continue practicing and "learning the plays again," as he put it, and will continue rehabbing the shoulder daily to keep building strength.

"I haven't had a day off," Wade said.

Wade's biggest challenge right now, he said, is denying his risky instinct of reaching for every ball that he comes near defensively and instead using his feet to get into better position. But his explosiveness was still there on the offensive end, proven by the way he ended a 4-on-4 scrimmage with a strong dunk.

"He looked real good to me," Wright said. "He's got all the moves. Nothing's changed. He's probably just a little winded, I bet, sitting out that long. But he's been working hard every day, trying to get back."

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ND WOMEN'S TENNIS

No. 2 Irish to take on visiting Boilermakers

By DAN MALOOF
Sports Writer

No. 2 Notre Dame will look to improve to 19-1 as it takes on No. 50 Purdue at 2 this afternoon at the Courtney Tennis Center.

The Irish are coming off of another successful weekend in which they defeated No. 28 Wichita State and No. 38 Tulsa each by a score of 5-2.

After playing shorthanded in the two contests, the Irish will look to get some of their players back this week, coach Jay Louderback said.

"Colleen Rielley is going to be able to play tomorrow," Louderback said.

"Brook Buck is still struggling a little bit so we're going to wait a few more days and see how

she's doing. A couple of others we're going to decide on tomorrow, but we should be at almost full strength, we're hoping."

Purdue, currently 10-3 overall, has won eight of its last nine matches. The team's one loss was a 7-0 shutout against No. 10 Northwestern Sunday. While the Boilermakers are ranked only 50th, Louderback said they will challenge the Irish.

"They're a tough team and they're a team that's better indoors," Louderback said. "It's a team we definitely were hoping to play outside, but it looks like we're not going to get to because of rain tomorrow. They're a bunch of big

hitters. They have a lot of fire power and on the right day they're a tough team to play."

The Irish struggled against Purdue in last year's matchup, barely escaping with a win over the underdog Boilermakers.

"We beat them last year at their place 4-3 and the clinching match was Brook Buck, and she was down 5-2 in both sets," Louderback said.

The Irish, meanwhile, have been on a tear with 13 consecutive victories, but they will be coming off a weekend road trip that forced them to return to campus early Monday morning.

"We got in at 3 o'clock [Monday] morning from our trip, so it was late. We didn't work on anything really — we just let them hit a few balls, and plus we got to get them outdoors, because it was such a nice day."

While Louderback said Purdue's low ranking is somewhat misleading, he is confident that his players know what they have to do to be successful today.

"They're a team that's not ranked real high but they're very dangerous, especially indoors," Louderback said. "Our kids know that though because they went through it last year, so they know these guys can play."

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Irish coach

SMC TENNIS

Belles look to rebound against winless Adrian

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Saint Mary's will travel to Adrian this afternoon as it tries to rebound from two tough weekend losses at the Wheaton Invitational.

The Belles currently boast a conference record of 2-0 after crushing Olivet 8-1 in their home opener and narrowly beating Calvin 5-4. The Belles' overall record is 6-6 so far this season.

Belles coach Dee Stevenson is optimistic about her team's chances in the match against Adrian.

"I go into every match expecting to win," Stevenson said. "And usually Adrian is one of the weaker teams in the league, so I have high expectations for this match."

This year the Bulldogs have yet to win a match and have an overall record of 0-11.

In last year's conference matchup between the two teams, the Belles dominated game play, crushing Adrian 9-0.

As a junior, Kelly McDavitt won her match in the No. 2 singles spot in two straight sets. This year, as the senior captain of the Belles squad, McDavitt will return to play in the number one

singles spot.

Other notable performances from last year's match include current sophomore Mary E. Campbell's two-set win in the No. 4 singles spot, senior Tara O'Brien's two-set win in the No. 5 singles spot and senior Grace Gordon's two-set win in the No. 6 singles spot.

The Belles also dominated in doubles play during last year's contest, taking all three matches in two straight sets.

The team will look to learn from this weekend's losses to host Wheaton and Olivet Nazarene. Gordon was the only Belles player to win a match in the two contests, competing as the No. 6 singles player. Gordon defeated Olivet's Anna Engelbrecht Saturday afternoon after the team was shut out by Wheaton the day before.

"We just got back from the Wheaton Invitational and we played against a lot of good players," McDavitt said Monday.

"Tomorrow we are going to use what we learned over the weekend and hope to be able to have good match play."

The Belles put their skills to the test starting at 3 this afternoon.

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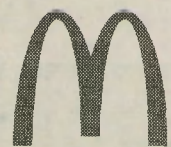
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Irish rowers reach Grand Final for first time

Ultimate squad loses in semifinal matchup against Loyola-Chicago after winning first 5 games of tournament

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Notre Dame sent two eight-man crews to San Diego to compete in one of the premier rowing events on the West Coast.

On Saturday at the San Diego Crew Classic, the varsity eight crew of Gigi Gutierrez, Ray Schleck, Tedd Hawks, Karol Grzesiak, Jake Teitgen, Michael Lucci, Steve Maher, P.J. McAward and Kane Pithey finished third in their preliminary heat, qualifying for the Petite Final. The Irish (6:11.07) finished behind UCLA (6:04.40) and UC Davis (6:08.43), while upsetting the higher-seeded crews from Texas (6:15.22) and University of San Diego (6:11.77), along with Sonoma State (6:23.84) and San Diego State (6:33.69).

Later on in the morning, the second varsity eight (6:46.67) of Julie Lambe, Michael Lutkus, T.R. Mazzacavallo, Matthew Degnan, Andrew Baker, Andrew Matasic, Matt Napierski, Nick Kluesner and Michael Giordano finished second in their preliminary heat, losing only to Cal (6:17.60) while beating UC Irvine (6:55.39), Santa Clara (7:14.77), and USC (7:10.70). The second place finish sent the Irish crew to Grand Final, marking the first time that any NDRC boat has done so.

Sunday's racing kicked off with the varsity Petite Final in which the Irish (6:27.71) finished third, just four seconds behind winner USC. Although the race was not as well rowed as the heats, the finish represents the highest for an NDRC varsity eight at the Crew Classic. In the second varsity Grand Final, the Irish crew was lined up between Oregon State and UC Davis, two varsity programs.

Over the first 500 meters, Cal got out to a comfortable lead that it would maintain all race, while the Oregon State Beavers opened up a five seat advantage over the Irish, who were neck and neck with the UC Davis Crew.

The Irish crossed the 1,500-meter mark still trailing Oregon State by over half a boat and UC Davis by two seats. With 400 meters remaining, Notre Dame shifted into its sprint, bringing up the stroke rate two beats to a 35. The Irish sprinted up on Oregon State and finished only 1.6 seconds behind. The strong UC Davis crew failed to match the Notre Dame sprint,

and the Irish edged Davis, securing a third-place finish by 0.6 seconds.

Coach Kurt Butler was pleased with his team's performance, citing the fact that both crews finished several places ahead of their seeded positions. He was especially pleased by the second varsity boat's performance, which made the first medal-position finish by an Irish crew in San Diego.

While NDRC's top two crews were racing in San Diego, the remainder of the team raced in Grand Rapids at the Lubbers Cup Regatta. Notre Dame's novice eight finished fifth behind the highly talented crews from Grand Valley, Michigan, Western Ontario and Michigan State. The novice eight broke down into fours to compete later in the morning.

The first novice four finished fourth behind Grand Valley, Michigan, and Western Ontario, while finishing ahead of Michigan State and Northern Michigan. The second novice four finished third behind Grand Valley and Michigan's second N4+s, but ahead of the third N4+s from those same schools.

Notre Dame's lightweight 4+ achieved the best finish of the day, taking second in the lightweight event. They beat Grand Valley's second LW4+, Northern Michigan and Michigan while losing only to Grand Valley's first LW4+.

Women's Ultimate

Notre Dame traveled to Champaign, Ill. this Sunday to play in a one-day scrimmage hosted by the University of Illinois. This event provided an opportunity to play regional rivals before the College Championship Series April 14-15 in Naperville, Ill. The 30-35 mph winds proved to be the greatest foe of the day, however, making play extremely difficult for all teams involved.

The women's first game of the day was against University of Illinois in Chicago. This first game turned out to be a frustrating one, composed of very long arduous points caused by the wind's constant control of the disc. Junior handlers Libby Whiting and Shannon Morrison had their work cut out for them working against the wind. Despite the defensive play of the Irish, Chicago was able to score an upwind point in a game of otherwise down-winders to take the vic-

tory 5-2.

Notre Dame's next opponent was Northwestern, a regional rival and frequent opponent. This game was more of the same, however, Gung-ho was able to score an upwind point, the difference in the game with a final score of 8-5.

The third game of the day was against host Illinois, a team that boasts a tall line with skilled handlers. The winds increased to the highest level of the day, making throws difficult for all involved. The offensive cuts of juniors Loretta Brown and Shields Duss kept the offense moving, but Illinois took the victory 9-2 in a very disappointing game for the Irish.

The final game was against the University of Chicago, whom Notre Dame has seen multiple times already this season. This game was all trading downwind points, with both teams unable to advance much farther than their own end zone throughout the game. Chicago took the 6-5 victory since it won the opening toss and had the extra downwind point.

The game was Notre Dame's final tune-up before the College Championship Series in two weeks.

Men's Ultimate

Notre Dame traveled to Mount Pleasant, Mich., for a tournament at Central Michigan University. The team sent both the A and B squads to compete against many regional opponents and had a fairly successful weekend in preparation for the sectionals in two weeks.

The A team started off with three solid wins Saturday. The Irish started by taking down Wheaton (IL) 12-9 and followed with wins over Toronto (11-4) and Western Ontario (13-7).

Junior Mike Florack provided stability at the handler position throughout the games, while junior Jesse McGannon led the way on defense. Freshman Andrew Schroeder scored multiple times in the third game of the day to secure the win over Western Ontario.

Notre Dame was able to keep control throughout Sunday's game with Western Michigan and come away with a commanding 13-2 win behind great play from sophomore Eric Shappell and junior Tim Peterson.

After a first round bye in

bracket play, the Irish beat Wheaton for the second time to advance to the semi-final game against Loyola-Chicago. Notre Dame faltered early on to let Loyola take the halftime lead at 8-4. The Irish were not ready to quit though and depended on intense defense from junior Nick Chambers and freshman Bill Carson to fight back into the game. Unfortunately, time ran out on the comeback, and the team fell short 12-9. This ended the tournament for the A team and gave it a lot to work on to prepare for the sectional tournament of the College Series.

The B team got a great amount of experience this weekend. Playing against some of the top teams in the region, such as Michigan State, the B team was able to hold its own in some close games. The team finished 2-5 on the weekend, led by co-captains junior Dave Tighe and senior David Farley. Fellow senior Andy Crutchfield also provided some much-needed experience to the team comprised mostly of freshmen and sophomores. Patient handling by freshman Shea Bettwy and smart cutting by freshman Chris Barron were also key to the team's success.

Cycling

Notre Dame had another outstanding weekend of racing at Western Michigan and remains on track to qualify for the Nationals.

The first of two races was a long, flat road race on Saturday with 12 Irish riders competing. Bryce Hummer placed 6th in his Notre Dame debut in the Men's D field. Barry Kessler also made his debut in an Irish uniform, placing with the pack in Men's C in difficult conditions.

The Men's B field included Andy Steves, Ty Baker, Mike Ryan and Matt Byrnes. Steves instigated a three-man break late in the 57-mile race, taking the sprint for his fourth win of the season. Ryan, Baker and Byrnes all finished with the front of the pack for top-25 finishes. The 35-mile Women's B race included Jenn Perricone and Meghan Johnson for the Irish. Building on last week's results, Johnson and Perricone finished third and fifth, respectively.

The final race was the elite 70-mile Men's A race. Matt Prygoski, Mike Lavery, Neil Griggs and Tim Campbell all lined up in the sub-par condi-

tions for the Irish. Prygoski made an early break away with five other strong riders. The break had only a 90-second lead on the pack, but thanks to the efforts of Lavery, Griggs and Campbell to slow the pack and prevent any attacks, the break stayed secure. Prygoski was rewarded with a sixth place finish while Griggs and Lavery placed 13th and 17th. Campbell flatted at mile 60 and was unable to finish the race.

Sunday's circuit race was a 2.75-mile loop with two steep climbs, one of which led to the finish. Hummer was up first again for Notre Dame in the Men's D field and placed third, completing an outstanding debut weekend. Perricone was the only Women's B racer on the day, and once again put up solid results with a fourth place finish.

The 36-mile Men's A race proved to be tough for all riders involved. Lining up were Campbell, Prygoski, Lavery, Griggs and Steves, who upgraded categories. All Irish riders missed an early break and paid for it by setting tempo for the pack. Griggs was unable to finish after dropping off the pace, while Campbell suffered mechanical problems after pushing the tempo for his teammates and finished outside of placing. Prygoski finished 13th while taking the field sprint with Steves right behind in 15th, an exceptional debut in the A field.

The club will take Easter weekend off and will be in action again at Marian College and Purdue University on April 14 and 15.

Sailing

Notre Dame raced split squads at three venues this weekend. The top Irish sailors finished third among 11 schools at the Iowa Regatta. Tricia Hughes, Joe Peris, John McNeil, Karen Wiborg and Nasha Baughman raced for the Irish.

In the Big Ten Team Race at Michigan, John Dailey, Ali Donahue, Chris May, Kerry Kilbourn, Jaci Chase and Tim Roy sailed for Notre Dame. At the April Fool's Regatta at Miami Ohio, Paul Cordes, Amy Becker, Tiim O'Brien and Anne Peterson represented Notre Dame. Final results have not yet been posted from the regatta committees, but the Irish were doing very well at both venues.

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Weis said he has seen dramatic improvement as well. "He's night and day from where he was last year," Weis said. "Last year, he was never really healthy. I didn't see his second gear much last year."

Joining power backs Thomas and Aldridge are the quicker — but much less experienced — Allen and Jabbie. Allen, who enrolled at Notre Dame in January, has impressed the Irish special teams staff with his quickness on kick returns. Weis said that even though wide receivers David Grimes and George West will be back next fall, he prefers to use a younger player

as return men in order to avoid tiring the starters. "When it's otherwise even, you use a back up," he said. But the coaching staff has not ruled out Allen appearing in the offensive backfield as well, Weis said. "He hasn't looked like a freshman," the coach said. Weis said Jabbie, a former cornerback without a career carry for Notre Dame, is working hard to see the field next fall.

"I've been very encouraged by Junior Jabbie," he said. "I'm not just giving the party line. I've been very encouraged by what we've seen."

Rising sophomore Munir Prince, a former running back that rushed for 21 yards on 14 carries last year, began the spring at running back but has since moved to cornerback.

At fullback, rising junior Asaph Schwapp returns after missing most of last season with an injury. Weis said Schwapp, a 6-foot, 255-pound bruiser, is completely healthy and has regained his toughness as a lead blocker. But he has a way to go as a runner.

"He's not hobbling around any more," Weis said. "But he has room for improvement."

Rising sophomore Luke Schmidt will also compete for playing time at fullback, Weis said.



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Rising sophomore running back James Aldridge runs through drills in Monday's practice while competing for a starting spot.

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ing all-time between the Irish and the Wildcats. Notre Dame holds a 6-4 advantage over Villanova, earning victories in each of the previous six matchups, including a 10-7 win at Villanova last year. In that victory, Irish senior attacker Brian Hubschmann scored four goals and added an assist, while Irish junior goaltender Joey Kemp earned the win with seven saves.

This time around, Notre Dame will follow the lead of freshman attacker Will Yeatman. He tops the Irish with 26 points and 11 assists so far in his rookie campaign.

Sophomore attacker Ryan Hoff leads the team with 17 goals. Hubschmann is a close second with 16 tallies of his own, and Yeatman comes in with 15.

Kemp anchors the team on the defensive end once again this season as he has all eight decisions as goaltender along with a 7.05 goals-against average and a .604 save percentage.

Villanova, a member of the Colonial Athletic Association (CAA), is led by senior midfielder Eric Heidenberger, who has 12 goals. Junior attacker Chris MacDonald has a team-high 16 points on six goals and 10 assists.

On the defensive side of the field for the Wildcats, sophomore goaltender Andrew DiLoreto owns a 4-2 record. He has a 7.43 goals-against average to go along with a .566 save percentage.

"I am very impressed by how hard Villanova plays," Irish coach Kevin Corrigan said. "They have a lot of different guys to look out for. That's what makes them so dangerous. They are really good on defense."

The contest will be Notre Dame's third game this year at home.

"We are very glad to be home again," Corrigan said. "It is tough to open with five out of six games away from home. Hopefully we've learned from the first half of the season, and we've saved our best lacrosse for the second half."

Today's matchup begins a four-game home stretch for the Irish, during which they will face Air Force, Denver and Lehigh. Notre Dame will not travel again until the end of the month when it takes on Ohio State in Columbus April 28.

Notes:

♦ Junior midfielder Taylor Clagett has been the face-off specialist for the Irish this year. He has won 88-of-155 (.568 percent) of the face-offs this season. His career winning percentage is .601 (345-of-574).

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Grizzlies

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struggled to come up big in conference play, Lilley noted that there is still a lot of baseball to be played.

"As a team we really have to bounce back," he said. "It's very early on in the season still."

The game against Oakland will afford Notre Dame the opportunity to smooth out some mistakes before heading to Cincinnati for another Big East series.

The Irish and Oakland last faced off in April 2006. Notre Dame had little trouble with the Golden Grizzlies, cruising past them in a 15-1 decision at Frank Eck Stadium.

Oakland heads into South Bend after sweeping Rochester in a two-game series this weekend.

Senior Drew Jenison led the Golden Grizzlies' offensive

drive in Saturday's 16-3 victory over Rochester. The outfielder drove in a career high five RBIs while going 3-for-4 from the plate with three runs scored and two walks. Sophomore Justin Wilson followed in Jenison's footsteps, leading the team to an 18-5 win Sunday. The outfielder posted home runs in two straight at bats and finished 3-for-4 at the plate with a career-high five RBIs.

The Irish will look to cut down on Oakland's offense as they attempt to put their mistake-filled weekend against Pittsburgh behind them. Lilley said the team is ready

for the challenge.

"We definitely have the ability to win these games," he said. "It's just right now things aren't really working out in our favor. ... We really just have to start performing more consistently."

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Brett Lilley
Irish shortstop



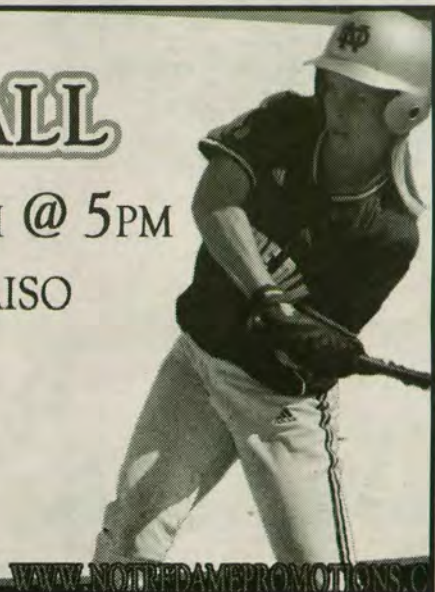
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Senior shortstop Brett Lilley picks up a hit in Notre Dame's 14-4 victory over Chicago State at Frank Eck Stadium March 28. Lilley is currently hitting .385 for the Irish with 31 runs scored.



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hung around late in the game, 386 went on a four-point run to finish the game.

Gleason acknowledged that the difference in offensive speed was due to fatigue.

"They were in much better shape," he said. "We put on weight over the holidays."

Los Tigres Del Notre 21, Team 644 15

Los Tigres Del Notre held on and defeated Team 644, but given 644's resurgence in the second half, Los Tigres were lucky to come out on top.

Los Tigres started quickly, scoring the first four points and six of the first seven. While their shots weren't falling at first, they were in good position for put-back baskets.

"We wanted to come out strong," Tigre David Saucedo said.

Saucedo led Los Tigres on offense, his size and speed allowing him to get to the hoop. Neal Kumar played well on the perimeter, driving when he needed to, but sinking key jumpers at times.

Team 644 scored three consecutive points before the half, but it was 644's second-half play that almost brought them back. Team 644 traded baskets with Los Tigres, at one point bringing the score to 15-12.

"If we played like we did in the second half like we did in the first half, we would have lost," Saucedo said. "I give the girls a lot of credit. They weren't selfish."

Team 644's passing always found the open man, usually in the lane or on the baseline for a high-percentage shot.

Saucedo, Kumar, Fede Vielledent, Javy Macias and Brian Wierson pulled together to score three of the last four points for Los Tigres. The team still feels it needs improvement, however.

"We're undersized, so we want to work on our defense," Saucedo said.

Sbarro Bandits 21, Team 646 7

According to Pat Pirozzi, the Sbarro Bandits' goal for their opening round contest was to get Jason Coleman, who Pirozzi described as 5-foot-4, to dunk. While that goal was not reached, the Bandits managed to defeat their opponents, Team 646, rather easily.

Before the start of the game, however, Team 646 exuded confidence.

"We're gonna come at them like bulls," 646 member Danielle Fedele said.

Teammate Kirsten Shoshone fed off of Fedele's intensity.

"Those Zahm girls have nothing on McGlenn," she said.

Unfortunately for Shoshone, Fedele, and their teammates, Team 646 experienced an off night shooting the ball. A reasonably efficient offense yielded few results, as few shots fell for them, especially in the first half.

They began to get in a groove as the second half wore on, but it was too little, too late, as the physically dominant Sbarro Bandits had already used their superior inside game to pull away. The Bandits also converted several fast-break opportunities as Team 646 began to show some signs of fatigue toward the end of the contest. Fedele, however, was not at all disappointed in her team's performance.

"We played miraculously," she said, beaming with pride.

Absolut Curlies 21, P-Dub Football 5

In a hotly contested and very physical game, the Absolut Curlies managed to come out on top against the overmatched P-Dub Football.

The girls of Pasquerilla West were looking to extend their interhall football prowess onto the basketball court. They believed that championships are in their blood, and so they expected nothing but success. The Curlies, however, had other plans.

When asked what the strategy was for claiming victory in the contest, Absolut Curlies' Austin Dwyer laid out the team's main objective and then went on to describe how they planned to achieve it.

"Win, win, win, win, win," he said. "We have a special play. We're going to use the hook and ladder. No one knows what it is yet. Not even anyone on our team."

Bryan Hayes of the Curlies contributed a slightly different form of pre-game analysis that came in the form of an inspirational quote written on his right shoulder that read, "My need for self-worth does seem to outweigh my abilities."

Hayes controlled the tempo from the start, running the point efficiently for the Curlies, while Dwyer was an unstoppable force inside. Turnovers by P-Dub Football proved to be its undoing, as Sean Bradley converted several steals into uncontested lay-ups for the Curlies.

Hayes made it clear where his team's focus was after the game ended.

With a look of unbridled inten-

sity, he exclaimed, "Round 2: Fight!"

Sodium Free Saltines 21, Hormonal Rage 7

At bookstore court No. 4, Sodium Free Saltines received a favorable draw and advanced easily into the next round over Hormonal Rage.

Hormonal Rage, a team of five girls, suffered from an unfortunate break when sophomore Lauren Cummings sprained her ankle. At first it appeared as though she would be able to continue, but the swelling and pain forced her out of the contest.

Sodium Free Saltines got out to an early lead using their height and athleticism over the girls to gain the advantage. One of the contests highlights came when Morrissey sophomore Paul Aleman drove through the lane and finished with a pretty reverse lay-up.

Hormonal Rage was on the verge of getting shut out until sophomore Caroline Green scored the team's first points with an open look. Hormonal Rage put together a string of baskets and closed the wide gap between the teams, thanks in part to baskets from Green and sophomore captain Jennifer Kang.

Captain Corey Arvin from Morrissey helped rebound and move the ball in transition on the way to gain some effortless points, as Sodium Free Saltines cruised on their way to a rout.

SDH exit ladies 21, Gumbel 2 Gumbel 12

In a matchup that was closer than the score indicated, the SDH exit ladies pulled off a victory, gaining points when they needed them most.

Point guard play was the key in this contest as SDH exit ladies' sophomore Marcus Young elevated his play, giving his team the edge. Throughout the contest, Young penetrated and then either finished strong or dished it

to one of his teammates.

The contest started out with some good looks and quality baskets, but the tempo quickly slowed down, as both teams missed open shots. Gumbel 2 Gumbel's combo of seniors Josh Hugo and Joe Ptasinski rebounded well, converting SDH exit ladies' missed opportunities into fast break chances.

Once the game had been drawn to a lull, Young stepped up his defense taking several steals coast-to-coast, creating a rally that would help his squad down the stretch. On one occasion, Young found sophomore Matt Barra on a nice fast break assist during the run.

Gumbel 2 Gumbel tried to go to the post with Hugo's technique with his back to the basket, but Barra's height helped defend against the majority of the shots in the paint. In the end, Young's ability to drive to the basket and poor defense from Gumbel 2 Gumbel gave the SDH exit ladies a victory leading them into the next round.

Steve Scheffler's Chest Hair 21, Team Censored 4

Even though Steve Scheffler's Chest Hair was missing one player, it completely obliterated Team Censored. From the moment the game began, it was obvious that Team Censored was no match for the amazing prowess that is Chest Hair.

"If [the Censored players] score once, it will be a moral victory," spectator Adam Sims said shortly before halftime.

Chest Hair's awe-inspiring defense was relentless for the entire game, holding Team Censored to only four points. The only time the pace slowed was when an unknowing elderly man wandered onto the court. Team Censored giggled, but the Chest Hairs never lost their focus. In the end, the Chest Hairs matted down the competition for the 21-4 win.

Huge in Asia 21, Paralelepipido 12

The all-female team Paralelepipido put up an amazing effort, but suffered a heart-breaking loss to the all-male Huge in Asia.

Paralelepipido is a Portuguese word for some type of rock that may or may not be found in Brazil.

From their lime green shirts to their electric blue knee-high socks, it was obvious that Team Paralelepipido came to dominate. But when Patrick Burns of Huge in Asia sunk a unexpected shot from long range within the first three seconds, Paralelepipido's hopes were slightly diminished. Despite their smaller stature, Paralelepipido played tough woman-to-man defense.

Huge in Asia point guard and Bengal Bouts finalist Patrick Burns noted that playing against Paralelepipido was "worse than boxing."

"These girls play better defense than any guys I know," Huge in Asia's Josh Shumway said.

Even though Paralelepipido's defense was stellar, their offense was hesitant to shoot, allowing Huge in Asia to lead for most of the game. Inspired by the half-time water break and a pep talk from coach, Shea Doyle, team Paralelepipido staged a late comeback attempt. But it was too little to late.


Despite their loss, Paralelepipido made a lasting impression on Huge in Asia.

"We didn't get embarrassed, and we're happy," Burns said.

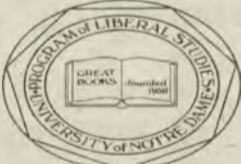
Huge in Asia teammate John Peterson responded quickly: "Actually, I'm a little embarrassed," he said.

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7:30-9:00 PM
Co-Mo Lounge

Featuring:

- Louis Nanni, Founder of SB Center for Homeless and Vice President for University Relations, ND**
- Sean O'Brien, Asst Director, Center for Civil and Human Rights, ND Law School**
- Jeffrey Speaks, Asst. Prof. Philosophy, ND**
- Fr. Daniel Groody, Theology, and Director, Center for Latino Spirituality and Culture**
- Susan St. Ville, Therapist, Madison Center and Theologian and Catechist**

Refreshments and Conversation

All Students Interested in Learning About PLS Invited

APRIL IS UBWELL MONTH

Look for a variety of wellness activities!

Mindful Eating


Wed, April 4, 7pm,
Oak Room - South Dining Hall

Eating is conditional, it provides comfort or combats boredom; Feeding is purposeful, conscious consumption. Learn to feed vs. eat in this workshop.

Men & Eating Disorders

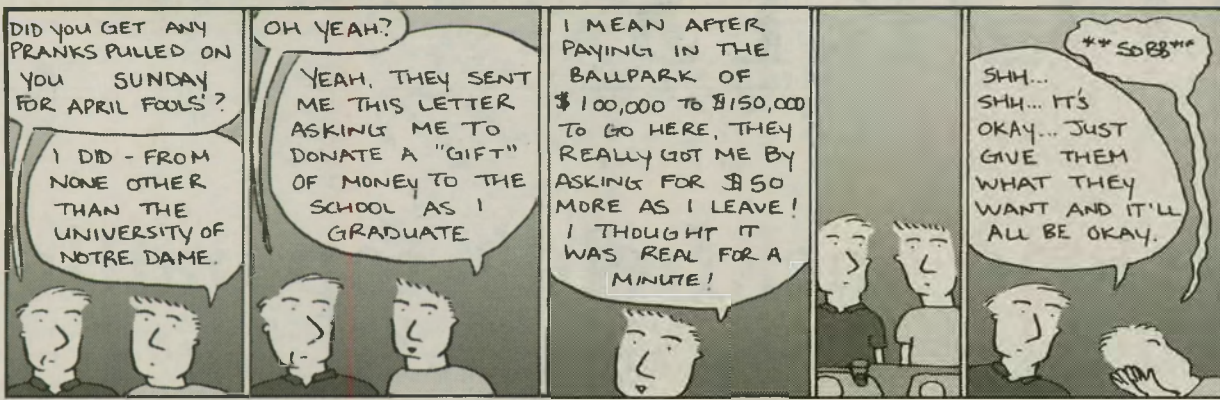
Tues, April 10, 7pm
Oak Room - South Dining Hall

Eating & body image issues affect men too. Learn how these issues impact males in our culture.



CROISSANTWORLD

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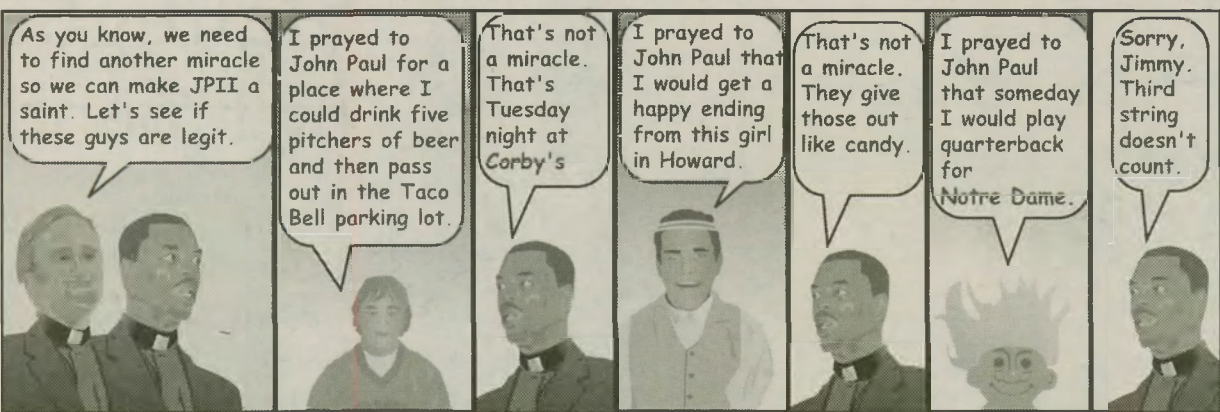
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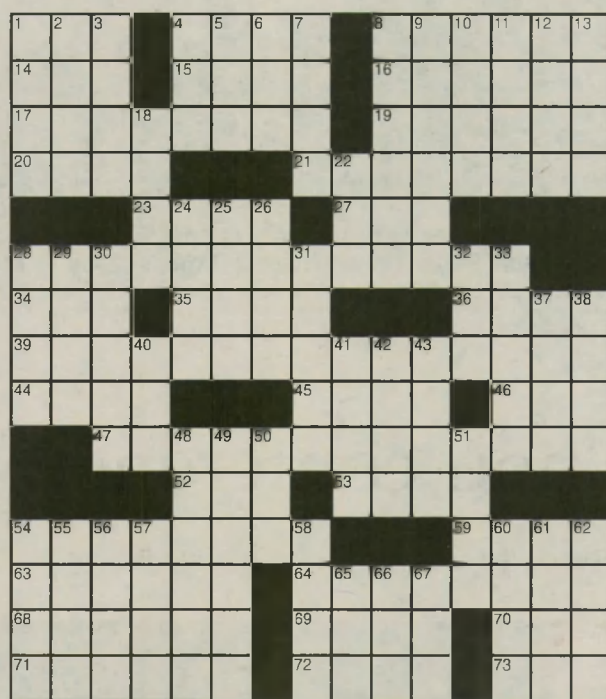
LIAM MORAN



CROSSWORD

WILL SHORTZ

- ACROSS**
- 1 Island, Bahamas, boyhood home of 47A
 - 4 Jack's partner
 - 8 Brook sound
 - 14 Egg cells
 - 15 Cookie since 1912
 - 16 Discomfort
 - 17 With 64A, film for which 47A won an Oscar for Best Actor
 - 19 President with an airport named after him
 - 20 Shangri-la
 - 21 Autobiography of 47A
 - 23 Noisy to-dos
 - 27 VCR button
 - 28 Film starring 47A with a chart-topping title song
 - 34 Squeeze (out)
 - 35 Computer acronym about faulty data
 - 36 Bygone U.S. gas brand
 - 39 Broadway play (and later film) starring 47A
 - 44 Bamako's land
 - 45 Ripped
 - 46 "All bets ___ off"
 - 47 Actor born Feb. 20, 1927
 - 52 Michael Stipe's band
 - 53 Brontë heroine
 - 54 Debut film for 47A, 1950
 - 59 Relative of an ostrich
 - 63 Kind of acid used in bleaches
 - 64 See 17A
 - 68 Fine wool
 - 69 River to the Seine
 - 70 ___-mo
 - 71 Naval banner
 - 72 Tampa/St. ___
 - 73 Grp. that gave 47A a Life Achievement Award in 1999
- DOWN**
- 1 ___ slaw
 - 2 Eager
 - 3 Legend
 - 4 Cup of ___
 - 5 Apr. 15 check recipient
 - 6 Preceder of Virgo
 - 7 Gallery
 - 8 Classic cigar brand
 - 9 Intl. grp. for which 47A was named an ambassador
 - 10 Sincere
 - 11 Gift givers
 - 12 Jet set?: Abbr.
 - 13 Artist Magritte
 - 18 Letters on a cross
 - 22 Regal inits.
 - 24 Grps.
 - 25 1940's conflict, for short
 - 26 Affix one's John Hancock
 - 28 Nets or Jets
 - 29 Gumbo ingredient
 - 30 Closes tightly
 - 31 Hoity-___
 - 32 Neckline shape
 - 33 Bit of French writing
 - 37 "Certainly!"
 - 38 Lollapalooza
 - 40 Afternoon hour on a sundial



Puzzle by Jonathan Gersch

- 41 "Uh-uh"
- 42 King Priam's home
- 43 Prince, e.g.
- 48 Evaporating, with "up"
- 49 Reader of The Weekly Standard, perhaps
- 50 Relative of an ostrich
- 51 Actress Hatcher
- 54 Iditarod's finish
- 55 Plow pullers
- 56 Punic ___
- 57 Et ___ (and others)
- 58 Sporty car feature
- 60 Gas company with collectible toy trucks
- 61 Jazzy Fitzgerald
- 62 Work like ___
- 65 Make haste
- 66 Round fig.
- 67 Price of admission

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE



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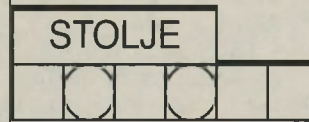
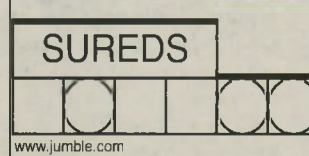
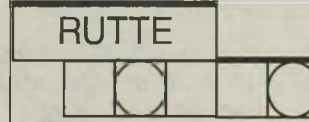
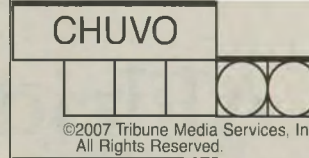
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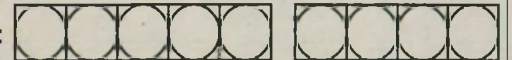
JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirion

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Answer here:



(Answers tomorrow)
Yesterday's Jumbles: GRIEF KAPOK CIRCUS PROFIT
Answer: Why she worked at the coffee shop — FOR THE "PERKS"



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

HOROSCOPE

EUGENIA LAST

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Cody Block, 22; Emmylou Harris, 59; Linda Hunt, 61; Leon Russell, 64

Happy Birthday: Take everything you've learned in the past and apply it to what you want to do this year. You have to take action while you have the stamina to follow through and finish what you start. Money matters can be resolved and investments made that will ensure that you will have a stable future as you age. Your numbers are 12, 23, 26, 39, 41, 46

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Being a participant will be what counts today. You will have the competitive edge so don't be afraid to join in the games. You will be able to get to the bottom of any troubles you have been facing. *****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Focus on what you want to accomplish in the upcoming week. A professional move can be made if you are quick to pick up on an opportunity. Be honest about what you can and can't do. ***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't let your emotions get involved if you are trying to help someone with his or her personal problems. Be objective and offer common sense alternatives. A level head will ensure you have someone to cover your back when you need it. ***

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Sudden events will take you on an adventure. Don't be a stick in the mud and refuse to participate. Try something a little different. The knowledge you gain from the experience will help you out when you least expect it. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Getting involved in group outings will lead to romance and exciting new friendships. Get involved in neighborhood or community activities. Take any opportunity you get to travel or revisit your past. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Think for yourself. You don't have to do what others are asking of you. Stand up for your rights and beliefs. Your hard work and labor on a project will pay off. Ignore complaints and innuendoes. **

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Everything is turning in your favor so don't give in when you are about to get your way. A chance to travel or get involved in something entertaining and creative is apparent. You will shine today. *****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Focus on developing one of your talents further. Speak out and let others know what you want to do and how you are going about it. A chance to get involved with someone who gets what you are into is apparent. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You will find yourself in a very unstable position if you have been exaggerating lately. You will have to do some fancy talking to clear your name. Be careful not to offend someone along the way. **

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Spend time taking care of personal matters. A little time spent with someone you love will go a long way. You can make amends for some of your neglect of the people who count in your life. Social activities will secure your personal objectives. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Group efforts or getting out and doing something nice for yourself will turn out well. If you change your image, you will have a new perspective on life and your future. Physical activity will stimulate a moneymaking idea. *****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will be on edge so make sure you use your time and energy wisely. An argument can be avoided if you focus on keeping busy and refusing to disagree. Let the ones you love have an opinion -- you'll spare yourself a lot of grief. **

Birthday Baby: You love to be in control and to give orders. You are a leader, unafraid to put yourself on the line to get things done. You have spunk and integrity.

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FOOTBALL

Thomas, Aldridge lead backfield's top battle

By CHRIS KHOREY
Sports Editor

Although Notre Dame must replace Darius Walker and his 1,267 rushing yards next fall, Irish coach Charlie Weis said Monday that he is "very encouraged" by the progress of his running backs this spring.

Four tailbacks — senior captain Travis Thomas, rising sophomore James Aldridge, ris-

ing senior Junior Jabbie and early entry freshman Armando Allen — are in contention to replace Walker, who accounted for 77 percent of Notre Dame's carries by running backs last season.

"The competition is every day and in everything we do," Aldridge said.

Thomas is the most experienced player of the four and, as team captain, is the leader of the group. But he played out-

side linebacker last year, making 35 tackles in 11 games. He saw spot duty at running back, gaining 78 yards on 13 carries and scoring two touchdowns.

In 2005, Thomas was the second leading rusher for the Irish. He ran for 248 yards on 63 carries with five touchdowns in his sophomore season.

Back full time at running back, Thomas started the spring as the top backfield option for Notre Dame, but Weis

said Aldridge is pushing to at least split carries next fall.

"He's definitely challenging," Weis said of Aldridge.

Aldridge was the team's second-leading rusher last season, gaining 142 yards on 37 carries, mainly in mop-up duty. He played in seven games despite suffering a knee injury before the season started.

But now, Aldridge says he's healthy and ready to show an explosiveness that he lacked

last season.

"I'm getting used to bending my legs like I want to and exploding up," he said. "I'm just trying to get better."

Aldridge said the simple act of removing the knee brace has improved his explosiveness.

"I'll be a lot quicker [than last year]," he said. "My lateral movement will be back to what it used to be."

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MEN'S LACROSSE

Perfect 10

Notre Dame goes for double-digit winning streak on home field

By PAT O'BRIEN
Sports Writer

Notre Dame will look for its 10th straight home win, a streak dating back to 2005, against Villanova today at 4 p.m. at Moose Krause Stadium.

No. 13 Notre Dame (5-3) enters the contest fresh off an impressive 11-3 victory over then-No. 20 Brown Saturday. It was the second win in a row for the Irish and the second time that they have held an opponent to only three goals this season. Notre Dame also defeated Bellarmine 11-3 March 20.

Villanova (4-3) enters the match coming off a 9-8 win over Hofstra.

Today marks the 11th meet-

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LAURIE HUNT/The Observer

Junior midfielder Michael Podgajny looks to set up a play during Notre Dame's 11-3 win over Bellarmine March 20 at Moose Krause Field. The Irish are 2-0 this season at home.

BOOKSTORE BASKETBALL

Blowouts highlight first round

Annual tournament underway with many lopsided matchups

By BILL BRINK,
CHRIS DOYEN,
LORENZO REYES and
DANIELLE KELLER
Sports Writers

In a game that featured two vastly different playing styles, Team 386 defeated Ballin' to the Backer 21-10 in the first round of Bookstore Basketball. Led by Mike Mattingly, Team 386's slow, measured approach outlasted Ballin's fast-paced, pass-happy game.

Team 386 started fast, scoring the first four points of the game, but Ballin came back with two quick scores. The first, on a dish to a cutter in the lane, demonstrated their ball movement. The second, from what would have been three-point range, displayed their shooting ability.

"They should have gotten a bye," 386's Kevin Gleason said.

Up 10-4 at the break, 386 faced a two-three zone in the beginning of the second half.

"They played zone pretty solid," Gleason said. "We wanted to penetrate, but we resorted to shooting over it. We couldn't dribble."

Alongside Mattingly and Gleason, teammates Cutter Brenton, Dave Riege and Gene Noone contributed to the victory. Team 386 out-rebounded Ballin' to the Backer and forced turnovers off of bad passes, their main source of fast-break opportunities.

Mattingly lived in the lane, often driving from the perimeter either with the ball or while looking for a pass.

Ballin's offense revolved around screens, and they would drive to draw a double-team and dish the ball out rather than take it to the basket. While they

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BASEBALL

Irish return home for non-conference game

Notre Dame will look to eliminate 'freebies' against Golden Grizzlies at home this afternoon

By DEIRDRE KRASULA
Sports Writer

Notre Dame is hoping its luck will return at home today as the Irish take on Oakland at 5:05 p.m. at Frank Eck Stadium. The Irish enter the non-conference matchup on the heels of a two-game road sweep at the hands of Pittsburgh this weekend.

The set against Pittsburgh proved to Notre Dame that there are many holes in the defensive lineup that need to be worked out. The Irish have struggled recently, allowing opponents the advantages of what Notre Dame coach Dave Schrage calls "freebies." On Saturday, the Irish aided Pittsburgh in its 5-0 shutout

with 11 of these freebies — two walks, three hit batters, three errors and three stolen bases allowed.

In the second game of its home series against South Florida on March 24, Notre Dame allowed eight walks, two hit batsmen, four passed balls and three errors.

Junior shortstop Brett Lilley noted that the finger can't be pointed at one person for the combined easy bases for — and losses to — Pittsburg and South Florida.

"It's a group effort, it's not one person's fault when we lose," Lilley said. "When we give up a lot of freebies it's the whole team giving them up."

Even though the team has

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DUSTIN MENNELLA/The Observer

Notre Dame first baseman Mike Dury fields a ground ball during the team's 8-4 loss to Central Michigan March 27.